



MEMORIZING

The purpose of memorizing information is to store it in your head and to make it easier to recall during test. It takes time and practice to memorize information. Fortunately, there are few tricks to help you keep information in your head once you've placed it there. To memorize information:

- Use mnemonics: List the first letter from each word you need to memorize. Arrange these letters to form a word. For example, the names of the great lakes, Huron, Ontario, Michigan, Erie, and Superior, could be remembered as “homes” / Make up a rhyme or phrase. For example, “my dear aunt Sadie” reminds us to multiply and divide before we add and subtract.
- Chunk: work on all the vocabulary words that begin with the same letter / Group facts that are related or that sound alike.
- Repeat: repeat in writing or by talking out loud to yourself / Repeat a word and its definition / Repeat each foreign language word and its English meaning / Repeat memorization assignments several times / Repeat formulas / Repeat main ideas and their key points / Repeat what you are memorizing to a friend or classmate / Use flashcards alone or with a friend.
- Practice: Do all the math problems instead of just the even or odd ones / Make up new problems for additional practice / Practice recalling information when you're walking to class or before you fall asleep.

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