

# Memory Strategies

Strategy	Description	Example
Clustering	Linking or categorizing lists of items.	By color, starting letter, topic, etc.
Acronym	Take the first letter of each item in a list of words. Scramble them to create a word that will remind you of the list.	HOMES-The Great Lakes (Huron, Ontario, Michigan, Erie, Superior)
Number Rhyme	To remember lists in specific orders, use key pegwords to create phrases to remember them by.	To remember the ten plagues of Egypt, you would create phrases based on these set rhymes. 1 - Bun The bun was made with water. (water to blood) 2 - Shoe There was a frog in my shoe. (frogs) 3 - Tree The tree was covered with gnats. (gnats) 4 - Door The flyswatter hung by the door. (flies) 5 - Hive The bee hive attacked the livestock. (livestock die) 6 - Bricks After getting hit by a brick, she was sore. (boils/sores) 7 - Heaven Hail fell from heaven. (hail) 8 - Skate As I skated, the sidewalk was full of locusts. (locusts) 9 - Line A line of lightning filled the darkness. (darkness) 10 - Hen The hen cried out as her chick died. (firstborn)
Acrostic	Create a phrase that each word starts with the letter of the items in a list or order.	My Dear Aunt Sally-Order of Operations (multiple, divide, add, and subtract)
Peg Connections	Connect information with vivid pictures or locations.	For the steps of a math formula, picture each step in a different room of your house. Then walk through the house, doing each step.
4 R's	Review, Reread, Recite, Rewrite	As you study, review what you learned, rereading sections you do not remember. Recite your knowledge out loud and then rewrite the knowledge in your own words.
Rhyme	Create a rhyme to remember key items.	
Method of Loci	Picture items in places you are familiar with.	If you need to remember presidents from a certain time period, picture them in your house--in certain rooms or locations.
Chaining/Story Method	Create a story to remember key people, places, lists, or ideas.	To remember the Fireside Poets, picture Longfellow in long underwear by your fireplace that Whittier is whittling on. Lowell is lying on your couch from Lowes watching Bryant on the tv playing basketball as good as Kobe Bryant. While Holmes investigates all the claims about Bryant's scandals.