



Performing Arts Virtual Learning

Acting & Debate

Memorization Unit: Part 2

April 20th, 2020



6th - 8th Grade Acting & Debate

Lesson: April 20, 2020

Objective/Learning Target:

Th 8.1.a Memorizes lines as needed for a performance

Background

How did chunking your lines help you memorize?

Take the next 3 minutes to practice your storytelling. If you forget a part, skip it and move on to the next thing you remember.

3 Minute Timer





How did you do? Let's learn another method or two.

SPACED REPETITION

STEPS

- 1. Review notes and then look away trying to remember.**
- 2. Within the same day try to remember. Check back with your notes to add in what you forgot.**
- 3. Every 24 hours go over your script. Give yourself a mental test. Speed read what you forgot.**
- 4. Several days before the test/performance study in detail.**



SPACED REPETITION CONTINUED

Watch this video to help you.

[How To Master Spaced Repetition](#)


Spaced Repetition is scientifically based. It is a skill teachers often use in class.

Here is how it works.

[Spaced Repetition: The Most Powerful Study Technique.](#)



Record Your Script

In order to practice without a  partner/script keeper, you can record your script.

In this method, you will listen to your script as well as rehearse along with the recording.



Record and Listen

- **Record yourself saying your lines.**
- **Listen to your lines often**
- **Say your lines along with the recording.**



Recording Options



You don't need a fancy studio

- **Use any cell phone or tablet to record.**
- **[ScreenCast-O-Matic](#)**
- **[ScreenCastify](#)**
- **[App: Script Rehearser](#)**
- **[App: Lines 2 Memory](#)**



Tips for recording



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- **Speak at an understandable rate. SLOW DOWN...**
- Say your script with as much emotion and character as you can.
- **Speak clearly with diction.**
- Project and be sure your volume is easy to hear.
- **If you mess up, keep going. You can always edit out the mistake later or you can leave it in. This recording was made by YOU and for YOU. No one else will be judging it.**
- Get over how you sound. Most people do not like their recorded voice. Focus on the words and understand that this is for the purpose of memorization.



Practice

After recording your script, practice your lines along with your recording.

**the MORE
YOU PRACTICE
THE BETTER
YOU GET**

Try to practice for at least 10 minutes today using the your personal recording.



Additional Resources

[Spaced Repetition in Memory Theory](#)

[How To Study Better - Best Study Techniques](#)

Last Slide for April 20th

Background/Warm Up

I can't remember!



Did you ever just forget?

A name... A school assignment... To feed your fish...

Lets test how good your memory is!

Click on the link below to do a 2 minute memory test

[MEMORY TEST](#)

QUICKWRITE: Get out a separate piece of paper or take notes on a google doc. On your notes, list all of the ways you can think of that people use to memorize lines.

[2 minutes timer](#)



Quickwrite Expectations

- Keep focused on your work.
- Write for the entire time.
- Do not worry about spelling, grammar, or punctuation.

ACTIVITY DIRECTIONS & PRACTICE

As we go through, add the memorization techniques not listed in your quick write to your notes.

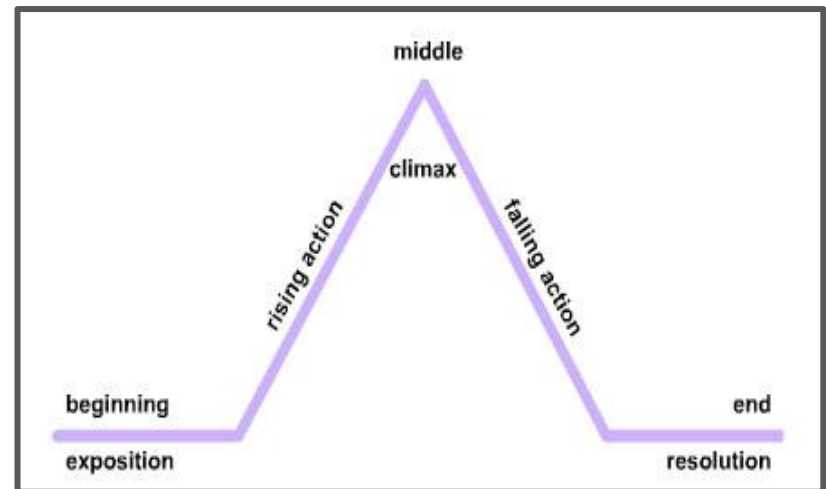
#1: Chunking

Remember this device?

We used chunking when learning lines for the plays we performed in class

Divide Script By

- Scene
- Plot Structure
- Emotion
- Objective/Goal
- Line Count





Application

Watch the sample video below

How To Chunk A Script

This example was for a monologue or one person talking.

Yours will be a little different since you have several characters.

If you want to choose this method go through and chunk your script by drawing lines between your chunks. Being careful to think about your storyline.

Time to Memorize



Find a quiet place to work

Memorize the 1st chunk -Say it over and over again until you don't have to look.

Once you can say it without looking, memorize the 2nd chunk.

Once you can say the 2nd chunk without looking, say the 1st and 2nd chunk together. Remember your brain needs to make connections.



Additional Practice

Watch the following videos on how Chunking works.

[Chunking: Learning Technique for Better Memory](#)

Or try this one.

[How to chunk information for Memorization](#)