

Step #1: Read your text one paragraph at a time. List the **WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, WHY, & HOW** words from each paragraph.

Step #2: Summarize those **WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, WHY, & HOW** by writing a short paragraph.

Step #3: Draw a creative picture story of what was stated in the paragraph. This will improve your ability to understand and remember!

Step #1

List the Individual Facts: The **WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, WHY, & HOW** words (1 word per line, 1 paragraph at a time) from your text.

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Step #2

To understand your notes, use the above individual facts, write a short paragraph that summarizes the overall meaning of those words.

Step #3

To remember your notes, draw a mnemonic picture story that illustrates the meaning of the information you wrote above.

~~~~~**REPEAT THE PROCESS**~~~~~

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# Vocabulary Study Sheet

Class/Subject: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter/Section: \_\_\_\_\_

| Write the word you want to study and learn. | Write the meaning or definition of the word.<br>Draw a picture if needed. |
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| 1.                                          | 1.                                                                        |
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Fold Vocabulary Study Sheet in half to use as a self test! Take a piece of paper to write out your answers to the folded study sheet.

# 5 Types of Mnemonics

Mnemonics are memory tools that help you to connect thoughts or words you already know to thoughts or words that you need to remember. These connections are what your brain uses to file the information in the correct filing cabinet.

## 1. Picture Words

Draw a picture out of the words so that when you see the words on a test you will remember the picture and connect it to the meaning of the word.

Ex. Longitude and Latitude. Lines of longitude run vertically and lines of latitude run horizontally.

## 2. Word Association

Look for key words within words that can help you to remember the meaning of the word.

Ex. Unison. The act of doing something or speaking at the same time as another person or thing.

U-N-I-SON Draw a picture of you and I with a son.

## 3. Coined Sentences

Make up a sentence using the first letters of the items in an order.

Ex. Biology taxonomy classification. Kingdom, Phylum, Class, Order, Family, Genus, Species

**King Phillip Come Out For Goodness Sakes**

## 4. Rhymes

Rhyme a new word with words that can help you trigger the meaning of hard-to-remember words.

Ex. Diversity means variety: Diversity sounds like "Diver city" – The diver city is filled with diversity because like most cities, it has a lot of people who go to a university.

## 5. Acronyms

Use the beginning letters of a list of words to create a word or group of letters that stand for actual words.

Ex. PEMDAS **P**lease **E**xcuse **M**y **D**ear **A**unt **S**usie for Order of Operations in Math - Parenthesis, Exponents, Multiplication, Division, Addition, Subtraction

**THE WACKIER THE BETTER!** The wackier you make the words you are learning, the easier they are going to be to remember! Make up picture stories that you can relate to because your brain likes to remember crazy, unusual images!

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