

Tips and Tricks

Visual Learner:

- Sit near the front of the classroom
- Use flashcards to learn new words.
- Try to visualize things that you hear or things that are read to you.
- Write down key words, ideas, or instructions.
- Draw pictures to help explain new concepts and then explain the pictures.
- Color code things.
- Avoid distractions during study times.
- Utilize graphic organizers such as charts, graphs and diagrams.
- Redraw your pages from memory.
- Replace important words with symbols or initials.
- Highlight important key terms in corresponding colors.
- Put things out of order and then put back into order

Auditory Learner:

- Sit where you can hear.
- Use flashcards to learn new words; read them aloud.
- Read stories, assignments, notes, or directions aloud.
- Record yourself reading your notes and then listen to the recording.
- Study new material by reading it out loud
- Talk it out. Have a discussion with others to expand upon your understanding of a topic.
- Explain your notes to your peers/fellow “aural” learners.

Tactile or Kinesthetic:

- Do many hands-on activities like acting out historical scenes.
- It is OK to chew gum, walk around, or rock in a chair while reading or studying.
- Use flashcards and arrange them in groups to show relationships between ideas.
- Trace words with your finger.
- Take frequent breaks during reading or studying periods (frequent, but not long).
- It is OK to tap a pencil, shake your foot, or hold on to something while learning.
- Use a computer to reinforce learning through the sense of touch.

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- Use shorthand and slang when taking notes
- Organize notes
- Utilize practice tests and spread out your study sessions
- Chew the same gum while studying that you will when taking the test
- Study/Read the hardest material right before bed (No phone usage)
- Study for around 40 minutes and then take a 10 minute break