

The foundation level to our pyramid

How to make and use a Mnemonic

*Factual
revision*

Mnemonic

Explain topic
to others

Flash
cards

Q&A
cards





Word Mnemonics

Word mnemonics are created when the first letter of each item in a list is arranged to form a phrase (acrostics) or word (acronym).

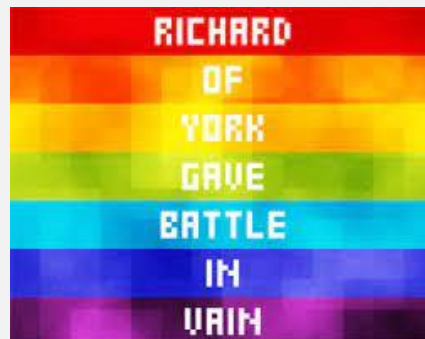
This allows us to make associations between the information being remembered and the catchy phrase or singular word.

Here's a couple you might recognise:

The colours of the Rainbow

Richard of York Gave Battle in Vain

RED
ORANGE
YELLOW
GREEN
BLUE
INDIGO
VIOLET



The order of Maths operations

BODMAS

BRACKETS
ORDERS
DIVISION
MULTIPLICATION
ADDITION
SUBTRACTION

Order of Operations	
B Brackets	$10 \times (4 + 2) = 10 \times 6 = 60$
O Order	$5 + 2^2 = 5 + 4 = 9$
D Division	$10 \div 6 + 2 = 10 \div 3 = 13$
M Multiplication	$10 - 6 \times 2 = 10 - 8 = 2$
A Addition	$10 + 4 + 7 = 40 + 7 = 47$
S Subtraction	$10 + 2 - 3 = 5 - 3 = 2$

Visual Mnemonics

Most people find it easier to remember things they have seen, rather than things they have read on paper or are told about.

This is because images stick in our minds easier than written information.

Because of this try creating a visual mnemonic for revision. Follow these steps:

1. Write down the concepts, items or facts that you wish to remember
2. Create a sketch that includes a visual cue (hook) for each item of information you want to remember
3. Keep looking at your sketch, associating each element of the image with the corresponding information
4. Visualise the image without the physical sketch and practice recalling the information

