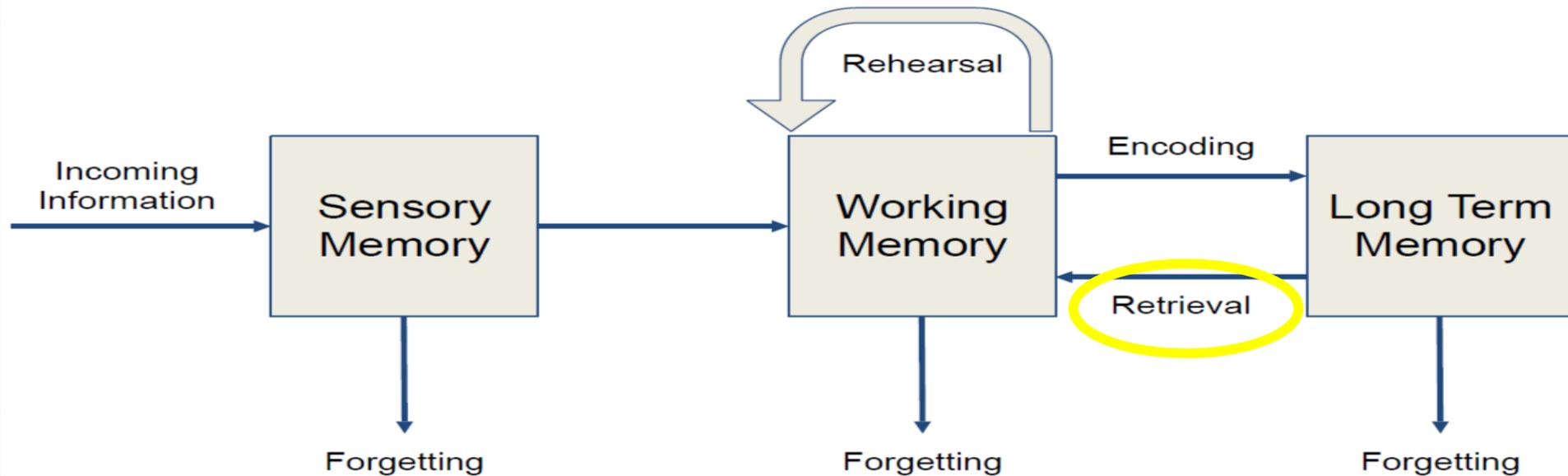




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PART 1: Retrieval and revision

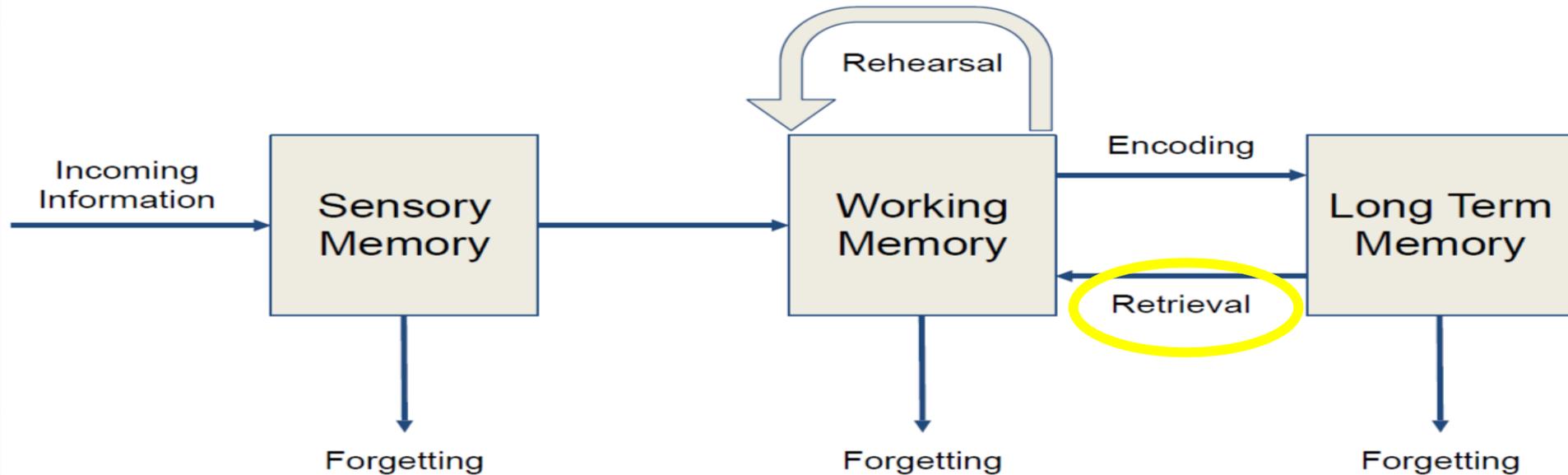




How we remember

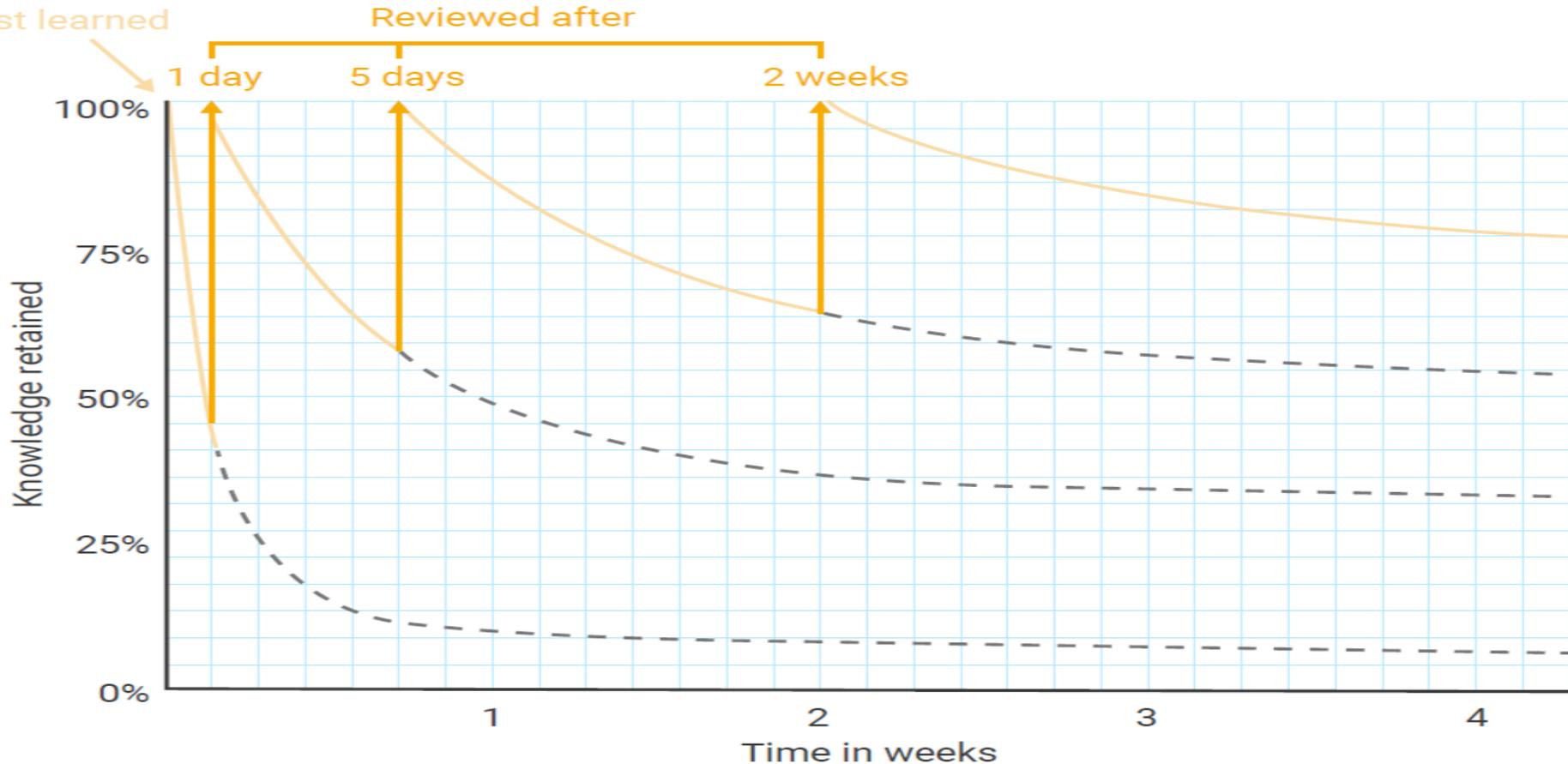
Information is stored in your working memory for 10-30 seconds.

We need to transfer it to your long-term memory by **using and applying it**





Over time memories are lost, if we don't use them



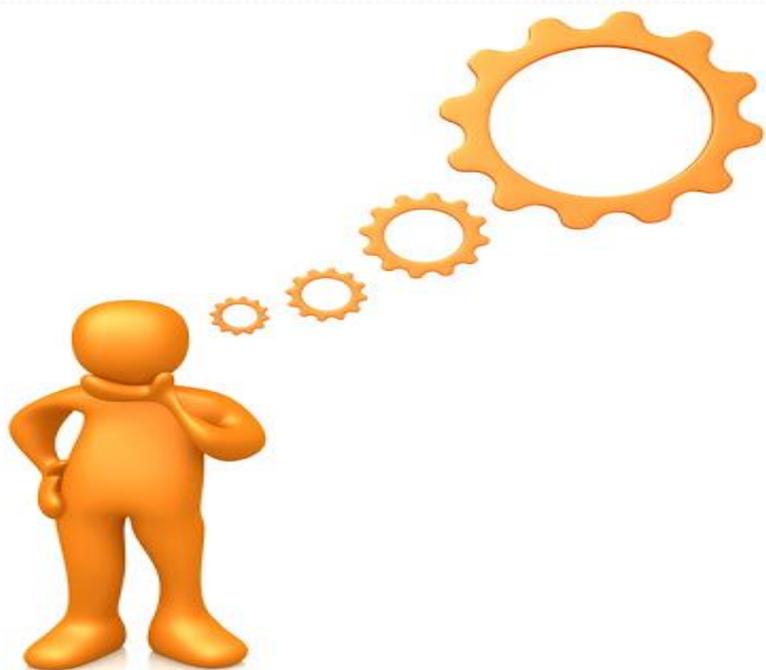
We can keep memories in our long-term memory if we practice **retrieving** them





What can we do?

Retrieval practice is when you see what you can remember without any help.



6 REASONS THE TESTING EFFECT IS IMPORTANT

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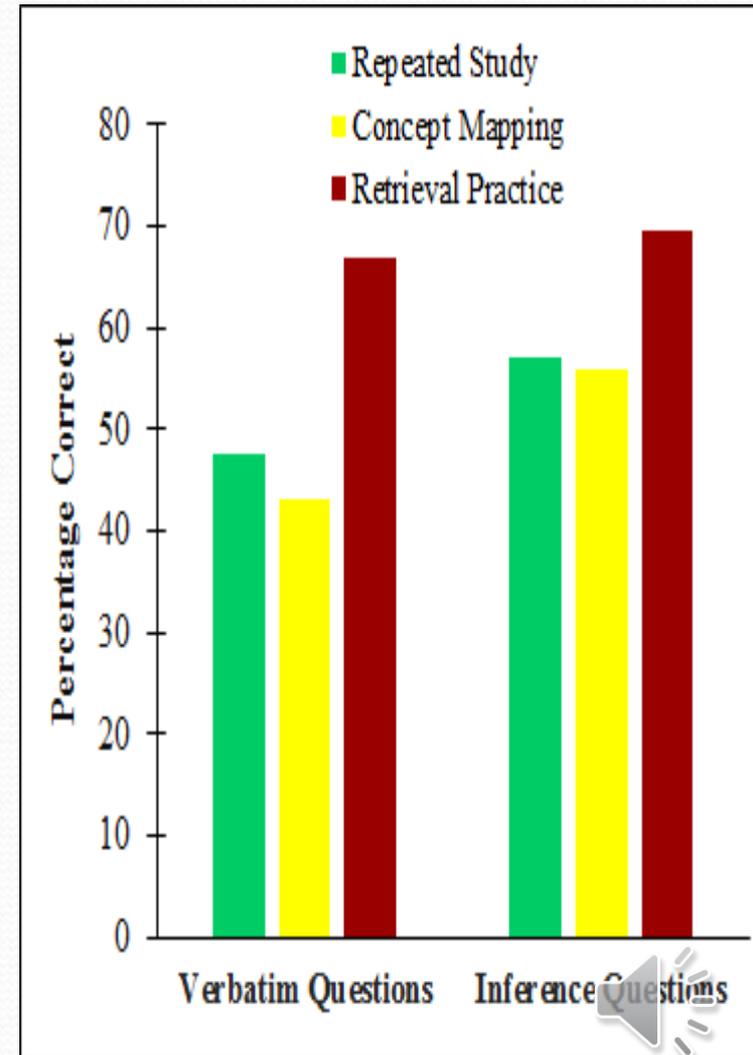
Retrieval: does it work?

In this experiment students had to remember a piece of Science writing for a test a week later.

Green- students read the text a lot (repeated study)

Yellow- students read the text and used it make a concept map

Brown- students studied and then practised retrieving the text.





Retrieval: does it work?

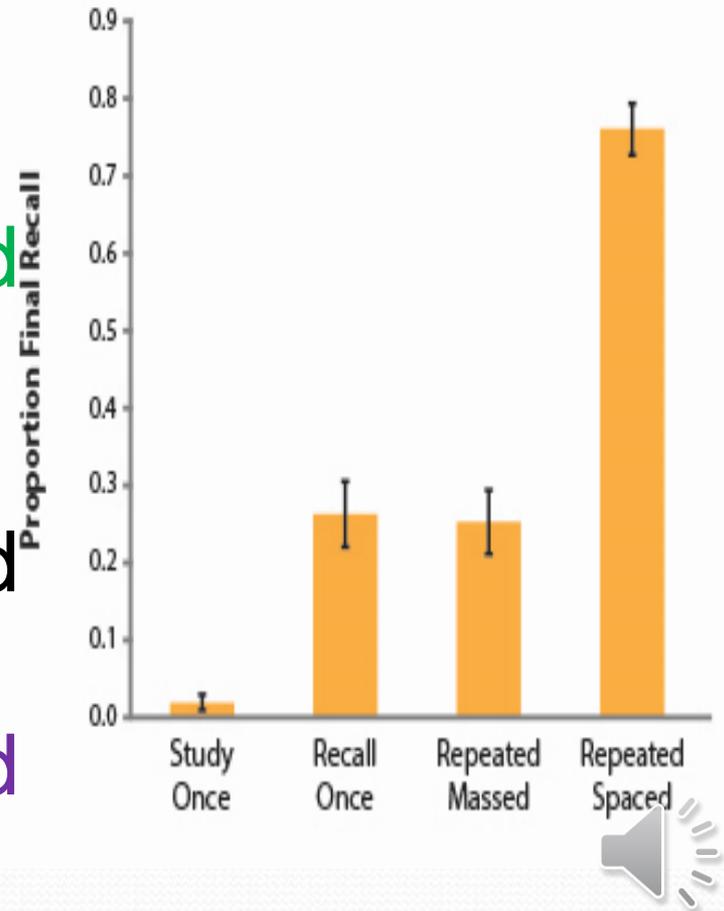
In this experiment students learnt words in a different language for a test a week later.

Bar 1 - no retrieval.

Bar 2 - students who practiced retrieval until they could remember every word once.

Bar 3 - students who practiced retrieval 3 times in a row.

Bar 4 - students who practiced retrieval 3 times with gaps.





Retrieval strategies

Retrieval roulette: <https://achemicalorthodoxy.wordpress.com/2018/08/18/retrieval-roulettes/>

An Excel spreadsheet of questions and answers that allows you to generate 5 random questions by inputting the relevant numbers. There are premade ones online or they can be adapted.

A 1-10

B 11-20

C 21-30

VIDEO EXPLAINING HOW TO USE THEM

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q-41GySfa2Q&t=3s>

	Question from bank	Question	Answer
Topic Questions	20	6 Which objective lens should we start using?	Low power objective lens
		10 What is the function of a scale bar?	To allow us to calculate the actual size of the sample using $I=AM$
		1 How do we calculate the total magnification of a microscope?	Eye-piece lens x Objective lens magnifying power
		3 Define 'resolution'.	The ability to distinguish between two separate points that are very close together
		7 Which focus knob should be used during low and medium power magnification?	Coarse focus knob
		2 State the equation that links magnification, image size and actual size.	Image Size = Actual Size x Magnification





Retrieval strategies

► **Retrieval grids:** <https://www.retrievalpractice.org/strategies/2018/9/28/retrieval-grids>

A grid of questions taken from different time intervals, with points awarded accordingly. Retrieval grids allow spacing of retrieval. Each box is colour coded for the time when students first learned or encoded the concept: concepts from the last lesson are in blue, last week in red, two weeks ago in green, etc.

Retrieval Practice Challenge Grid!

 What's your score? 

Who was Head of the Cheka in 1917?	Explain the term bourgeoisie.	Who was Anatoly Lunacharsky?	List four different enemies of the Cheka.
Describe Khrushchev's attitude towards religion.	Explain the term 'Proletkult'.	List three aims of the NEP.	What was the October 1917 Decree on Land?
Explain the term 'show trial'.	Who was Patriarch Tikhon?	What were the aims of agitprop?	Describe one strength and one weakness of War Communism.

Last lesson (1) **Last week (2)** **Two weeks ago (3)** **Further back (4)**



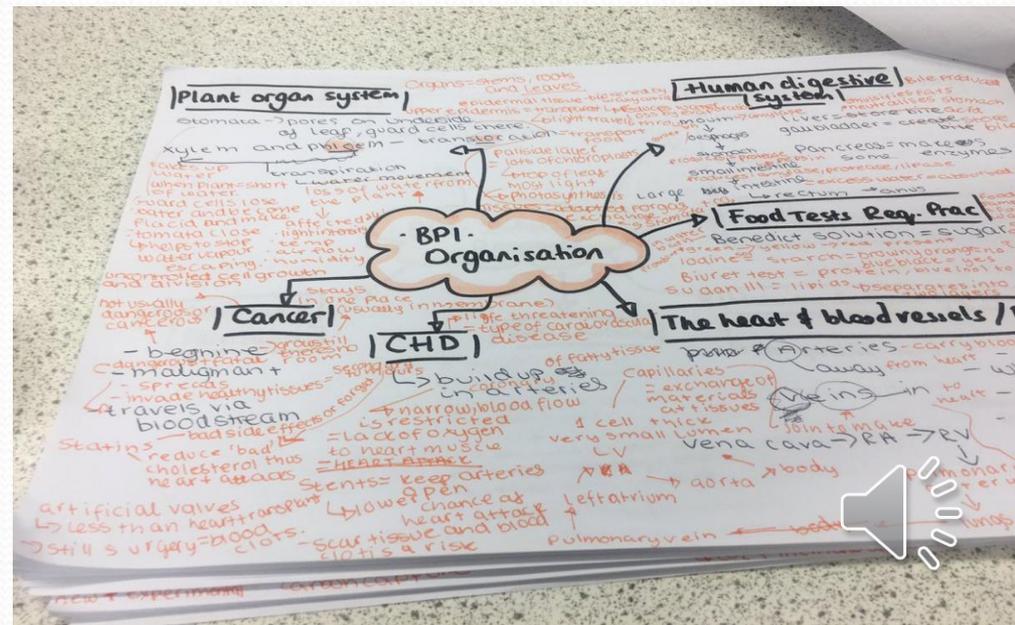


Retrieval strategies

Mind maps from memory (brain dumps)

Students write everything they can retrieve about a topic in one colour, this is called a brain dump.

They can then review the topic and add in what they missed in another colour OR swap with another student who adds in what they've missed in another colour.





Retrieval strategies Seneca

1. Create an account as a parent
2. Click invite student in the top right
3. Once they click the link, you have joined the account
4. More information here:

<https://help.senecalearning.com/en/collections/1434432-parent-faq#monitoring-my-child-s-progress>



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MATH TEST (B+)
TEST (B)
TEST (A)

Past papers

2

Practice tests

3

Quizzes

4

A B C
? O O X
? O X O
? X O O

Multiple choice tests

5

Essay answers

6

Answering a spoken question

7

Testing yourself on what was on your flashcards

8

Making your own questions and answering them

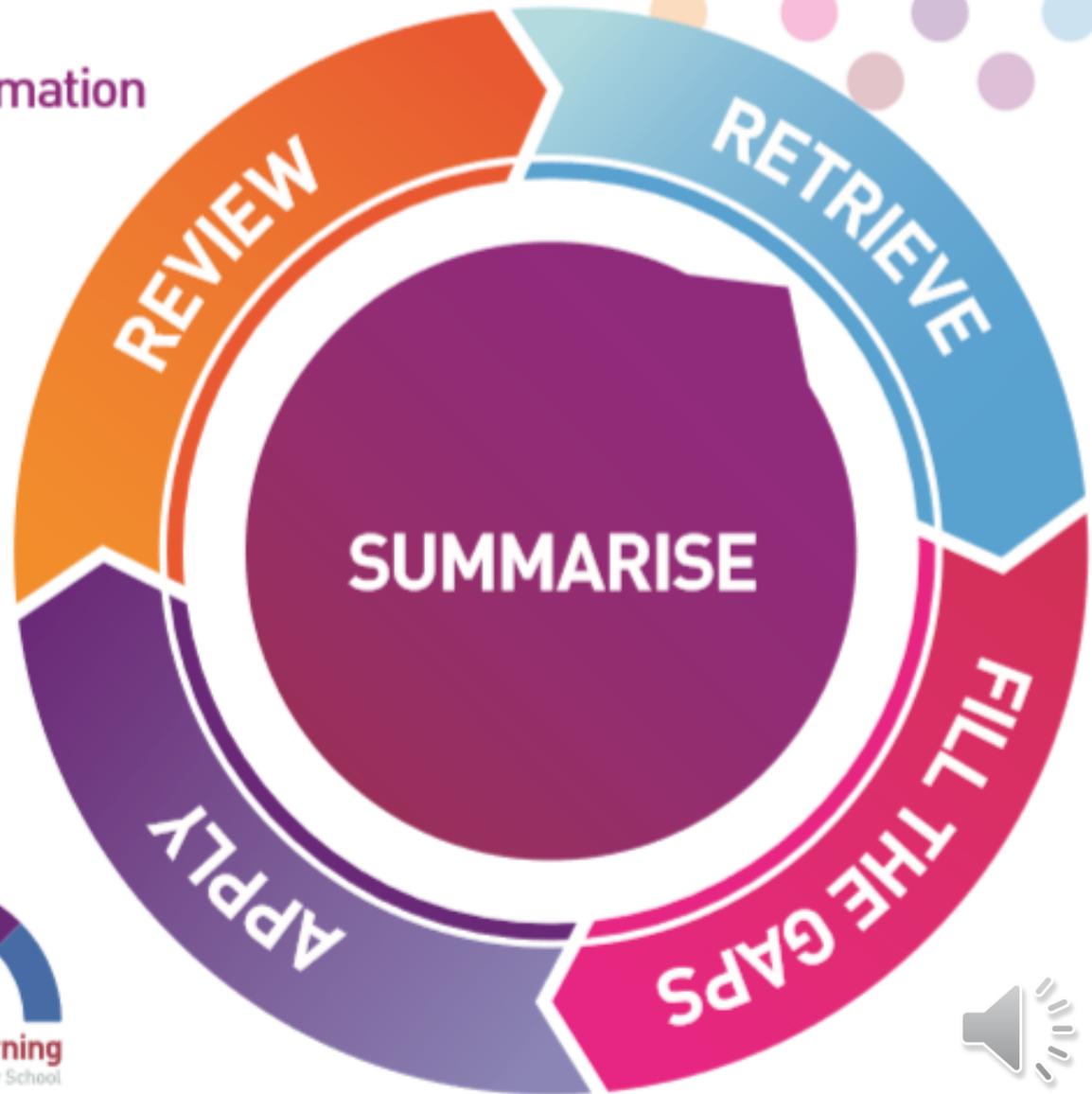
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Having someone ask you 3 questions about a topic



Revision Cycle

1. **SUMMARISE:** shorten information
2. **RETRIEVE:** find out what you know
3. **FILL THE GAPS:** look at what you don't remember
4. **APPLY:** practice using the information
5. **REVIEW:** reflect on how you have done and repeat



Retrieval further reading (or viewing)

1. <https://www.cultofpedagogy.com/retrieval-practice/> Overview
2. <https://www.learningscientists.org/blog/2016/6/23-1> A guide for students
3. <https://www.teachertoolkit.co.uk/2019/04/23/retrieval-practice-for-revision/> A set of activities with useful links
4. <https://teacherhead.com/2019/03/03/10-techniques-for-retrieval-practice/> 10 techniques for retrieval practice
5. <https://achemicalorthodoxy.wordpress.com/2018/08/18/retrieval-roulettes/> Retrieval roulettes updated with a video link to show parents how to use them.
6. <https://reflectingenglish.wordpress.com/2014/06/12/memory-platforms/> A way to use retrieval and include spacing and interleaving
7. <https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/news/does-research-on-retrieval-practice-translate-into-classroom-practice/> A review of the research
8. <https://cogscisci.wordpress.com/2019/07/23/module-retrieval-practice/> An entire module on retrieval practice
9. <https://ndhsblogspot.wordpress.com/memory-and-retrieval-links/> A list of further reading links
10. <https://www.doddlelearn.co.uk/retrieval-practice-webinar/> A webinar from Doodle



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