

Teaching For Success: Go Mobile Teaching Tip

Six Rules for Increasing Knowledge Retention

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Here are six rules for increasing retention that you should be able to recall:



1. What is unusual is remembered in greater detail; eliminate dull learning routines and you improve retention automatically.
2. Organize the material; categories make new material much easier to remember.
3. Make information as tactile as possible; it's easier to store in memory, and it's the reason students love real-world examples that illustrate abstract concepts and principles.
4. Visual memory is very powerful; thus the more a subject is illustrated, charted, diagramed, pictured, colored, and textured, the more effortlessly it can be committed to memory, especially when students create their own visuals.
5. Review early and review often; review is the process whereby stronger and stronger memory links are forged; time spent on review can double, triple, or even quadruple recall.
6. We remember more when we decide to remember; invite your students to make a conscious decision to remember, and they will!