

MNEMONICS (Memory-Aid Devices) are simple 'methods' to help you to recall something that you find difficult to remember.

To help you start thinking 'mnemonically' look at the following examples:

Maths: To remember the values of Pi 3.1415827..

“How I wish I could remember it rapidly.” (The number of letters in the words gives the value of pi.)

Geography: To remember the six counties Northern Ireland

“fat dad”

(Fermanagh, Armagh, Tyrone, Down, Antrim, Derry)

Anatomy: To remember the cranial nerves:

"On Old Olympus' Towering Tops A Fat Angelic Girl Viewed Spanish Hops."

(Olfactory, Optic, Oculomotor, Trochlear, Trigeminal, Abducent, Facial, Auditory, Glossopharyngeal, Vagus, Spinal Accessory, Hypoglossal)

Astronomy: To remember the order of the planets from the sun:

"Mary Very Easily Makes Jam Saturday Unless No Plums."

(Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, Pluto)

Biology: To remember the classification of living things

"Kings Play Cards On Fairly Good Soft Velvet."

(Kingdom, Phylum, Class, Order, Family, Genus, Species, Variety)

Colours of the Spectrum: To remember the order of the colours of the spectrum:

"Roy G. Biv"

(Red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, violet)

Roman numerals in order for 50 (L), 100 (C), 500 (D) and 1000 (M).

Lucy Can't Drink Milk.

Roman Numerals 1 to 1000 in Order

I Viewed Xerxes Loping Carelessly Down Mountains.

* I = 1

* V = 5

* X = 10

* L = 50

* C = 100

* D = 500

* M = 1000

Factoring Binomials

Use FOIL

- First
- Outer
- Inner
- Last

Maths: To remember units of measurement:

Kangaroos Hop Down My Driveway Carrying M&Ms.

(Kilo, Hecto, Deca, Meter, Units, Deci, Centi, Milli, Meter)

Marine Navigation: To remember the names of a ship's side and the light colour of each side:

"PORT is a red wine and red is the left side of politics."

(The left side of the ship is called Port and has a red light) or (PORT has four letters, as does LEFT)

Economics: To remember that a "tight labour market" means there are many jobs available:

"Tell your boss to fly a kite, when the labour market is tight."

