



SuperStar Study Skills Classes

Memory Words and Phrases

Acronyms or memory words are useful in learning and studying. An acronym is a word formed from the first letters or groups of letters of other words. If you have several words or phrases to remember, make a memory word out of the first letter of each word or concept. When you need to remember the information, think of the memory word.

Tips for using memory words or acronyms:

1. Using the first letter of each word or phrase you need to remember, make a new word or nonsense word. The word does not have to be a real word, just something you can remember as a cue to recall the study information. You can add vowel sounds when you say it to make it sound like a word.
2. If the order of the information is not important, you can rearrange the letters. If the order is important, keep the letters in the same order.
3. You can also make a nonsense phrase, making a phrase or sentence from the initials instead of a word. The more nonsense the sentence or phrase is, the more likely you are to remember it. Draw a picture to go with the nonsense phrase to make it even more memorable.
4. Use flash cards as shown below to make it easier to remember memory words and phrases.

Examples of memory words and phrases:

Memory Word

Parts of Speech

pronoun
adjective
preposition
adverb
conjunction
noun
verb

PAPACNV

Say it as:
Papa Can Vote

Memory Phrase

Types of Sentences

imperative
declarative
interrogative
exclamatory

Insane Dogs In Elevators

