





RETRIEVAL PRACTICE IN FIRST YEAR OF SECONDARY EDUCATION





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Let's play!

We pair up

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We thank my partner for what we have learnt together and... Change partners!

Zodiac signs

This time it's going to be different, as I'm going to give you a clue with the illustrations.

Let's see if you manage to complete them all.



Zodiac signs



What do you usually do when...

- you start the class session?
- you want to link to something that has come before or that the learners might know?
- you want to know what they know (e.g., to be able to adapt)?
- you explain how to learn (to remember, to apply...)?

1 minute to write them down individually

The above activities could be used at the beginning of a class session (or at other times as well).

For example, let's focus on the beginning of the session.

What activities do you usually do? 1 minute to write them down individually What key ideas or elements of learning have emerged from these reflections and from thinking about the activities you do at the beginning of the sessions?

Retrieval Practice: one of the most effective strategies for learning

It consists of trying to retrieve what we have learned from our memory, either to explain it, to interpret a new situation or to solve a problem.

Key concept: It is to make the **effort** to remember it

Evocation helps us to recognise what learning we have not been able to acquire with sufficient fluency.

But how do we know what we know?

First we have to look for it in our memory – and we may not find it.

Secondly, when we reread a text rather than recall it, it feels familiar and this feeling can lead us to assume that we 'know' it

(although rereading and underlining are not effective learning strategies).

But there is a big difference between being familiar with something and being able to recall it when needed (e.g. in an exam).

Therefore, students who use retrieval practices for studying, and do self-testing, can make better decisions about what they need to review for reinforcement (goal setting).

Teachers also benefit from the information that emerges from an assessment (graded/scored or not) to make decisions about what to do next.

This is the basis of formative assessment: using the evidence of learning provided by an assessment activity to guide the next steps in the teaching-learning process.

And to give learners responsibility for their own process.

Recalling what has been learnt helps to consolidate it much more than re-studying it. (Reminder: underlining and rereading are not very effective strategies). If retrieval is unsuccessful, having tried to recall it makes the following review more effective

(this knowledge is "sensitised" and what is not known is identified).

A few more ideas:

- Increases self-efficacy
- Reduces exam anxiety and prevents blank slates
- Facilitates what needs to be learned next and making connections

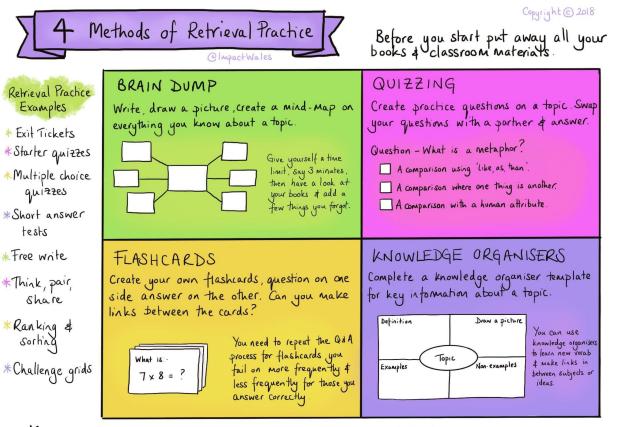
Key ideas:

- Make the effort to retrieve without looking at class materials.
- All students participate
- Start individually = 100% participation, all students reflect, everyone has an opinion, etc.
- It is better if students write down their reflections or learnings they have evoked on paper.

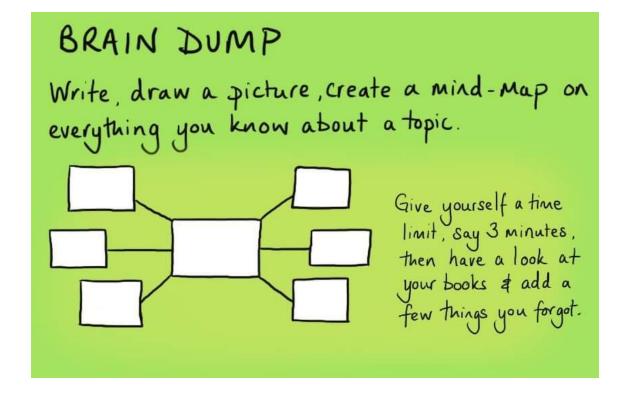
In the light of the above, what activities do you do in class along these lines, or what new or adapted activities can you think of?

Let's take a look at some ideas





After you have retrieved as much as you can go back to your books & check what you've missed. Next time focus on that missing information

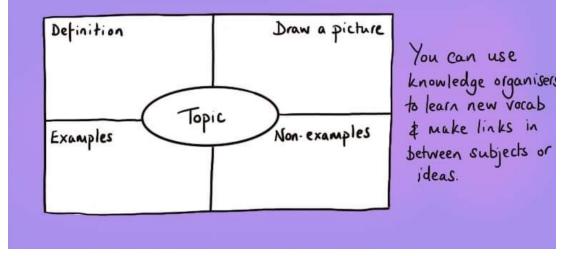


FLASHCARDS Create your own flashcards, question on one side answer on the other. Can you make links between the cards?

What is:-7 x 8 = ?

You need to repeat the Q&A process for flashcards you fail on more frequently & less frequently for those you answer correctly.

KNOWLEDGE ORGANISERS Complete a knowledge organiser template for key information about a topic.



*Starter quizzes *Multiple choice quizzes *Short answer tests

- EdTech: Kahoot, Socrative, Google Forms, Plickers...
- Project the questions on the screen and students write down the answers on a sheet of paper.

- Etc.



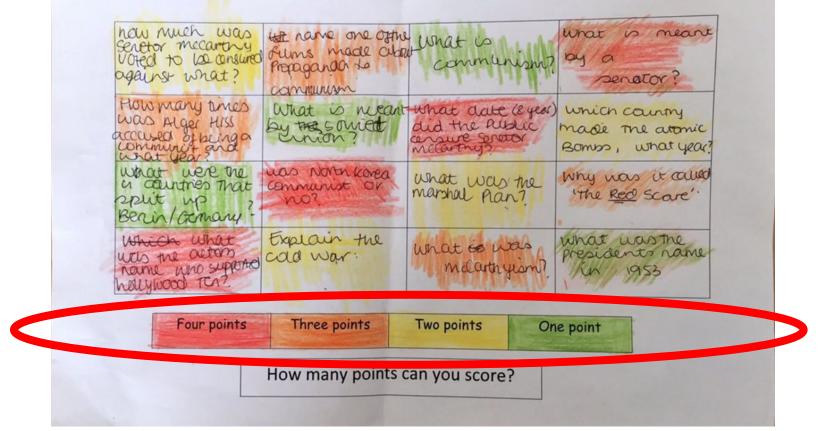
Example of an exit ticket:

- A question about today's lesson (something that was not clear to me).
- Two important things I learned
- Three things I can work on, review...

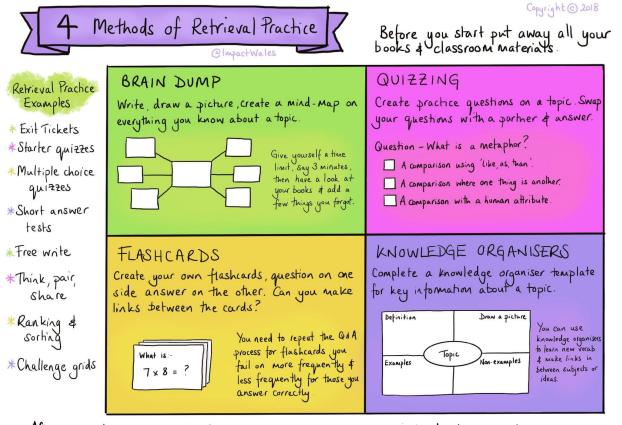
*Challenge grids		CHALLENGE		
Write about three aspects of this topic		Explain a concept that has been difficult for you to understand in the last week		What skills related to this topic have you learnt that you could use in other contexts?
Write a question you would like to ask about this topic from last week		How could you use what you have learned outside the school?		How has your view/perspective/opinion on the topic changed in the last two weeks?
What skills have you used in the last two weeks?		What key words did you learn in the last session?		How does this relate to the content/topic?
Last session	Last week	Two weeks ago	Much further back	Use case



Challenge grid





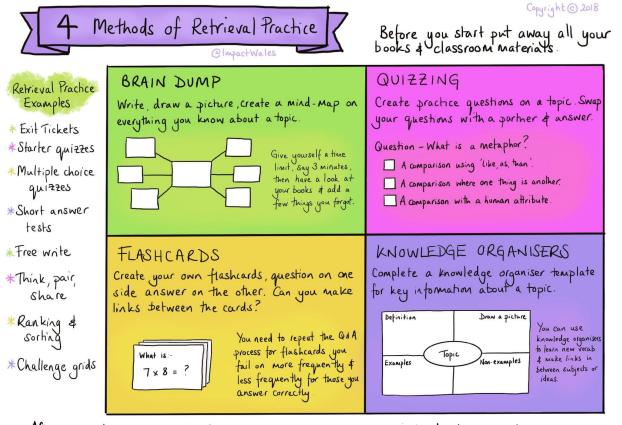


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What activities could you implement in your subjects with these new ideas?

(I show them again in the next slide)

(1'30" to think and write individually and then share)



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Additional resources:



Exit ticket

(we write individually and then share or, if there is no time, we share directly):

- **A doubt** that comes up for me from today's session: it could be something that hasn't been clear, it could be a doubt about how to fit it with some group, etc.
- **Something you'd like to address in the next session**, whether it's for doubt, to go deeper, to move forward, curiosity, etc.
- **Two golden nuggets that I take away**: said by Joos or said by a colleague who does it with his/her group and I found it wonderful.

Thanks!



