

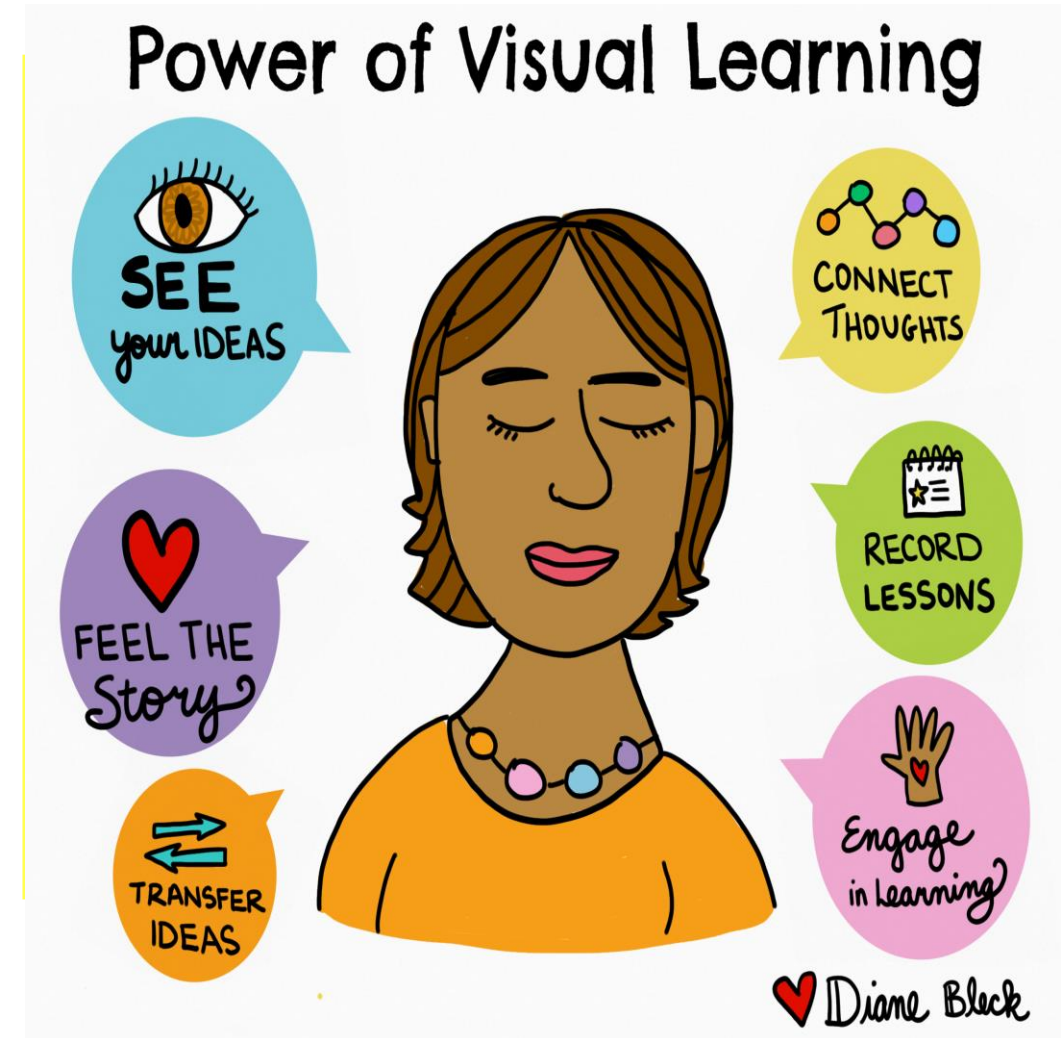
VISUAL LEARNERS

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WHAT IS A VISUAL LEARNER?

- A learner who best interacts with information that is presented as visual images like photos, graphs, and diagrams.
- A learner who prefers to view material rather than listen to someone present information

Fun Fact: Visual learners make up 65% of the population.



TRAITS OF A VISUAL LEARNER

Characteristics

- Great at spelling
- Good at sign language
- Take detailed lecture notes
- Good at reading body language
- Good at remembering names
- Good readers
- Memorize things by seeing them on paper
- Well-organized
- List makers
- May think in pictures
- Possess strong visual-spatial understanding of things like sizes, textures, angles, etc.
- Makes eye contact while speaking
- Skilled at making graphs, charts, and other visual displays
- Prefer art to music
- Prefers to see words written down
- Prefer to sit at the front of the classroom

Difficulties

- Tend to talk too fast
- Tend to interrupt others
- Often know what to say, but can't always think of the right words to use
- Struggle to remember verbal instructions
- Difficulty focusing during verbal activities
- Easily disrupted by background noise and movements
- Struggles to work in groups, especially composed of different types of learners
- Have difficulty with tasks that require physical coordination



IN-CLASS TIPS FOR VISUAL LEARNERS



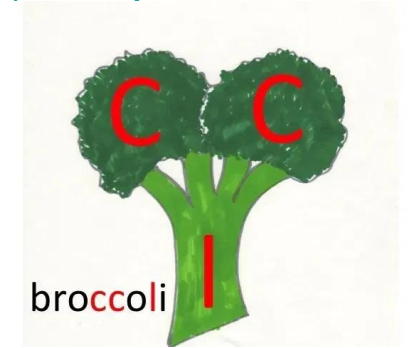
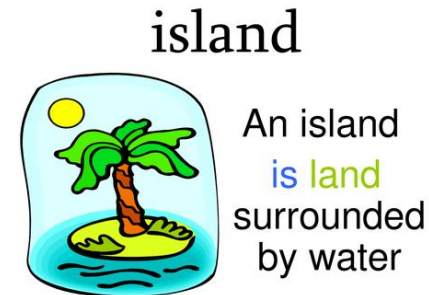
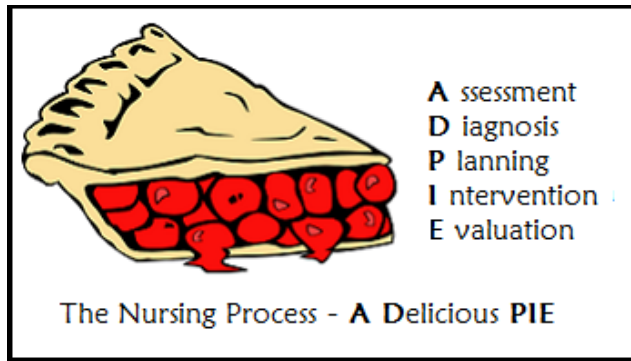
1. Make sure you are well-rested before class. Sleep is imperative for the brain of a visual learner. Rest and sleep work as a reset button. You can better observe, process, and grip details when you have plenty of rest.
2. Read and review previous class notes before class.
3. Request handouts before class so you can review them during the lecture.
4. Whenever possible, ask your teacher for a visual demonstration. You'll have an easier time understanding a concept and recalling it later when you see it in action.
5. When you hear a new vocabulary word, write it down and add a few, quick context clues.
6. Sit in the front of the classroom and look at professors when they're talking.
7. Take thorough notes during class. Try to write down what your professor writes on the board. Use question marks to label concepts you do not understand so that you can follow up and request help later.

STUDY TIPS FOR VISUAL LEARNERS

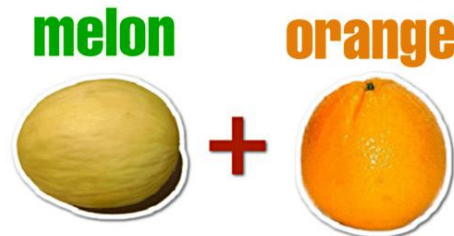
Picture Mnemonics

What is a Picture Mnemonic?

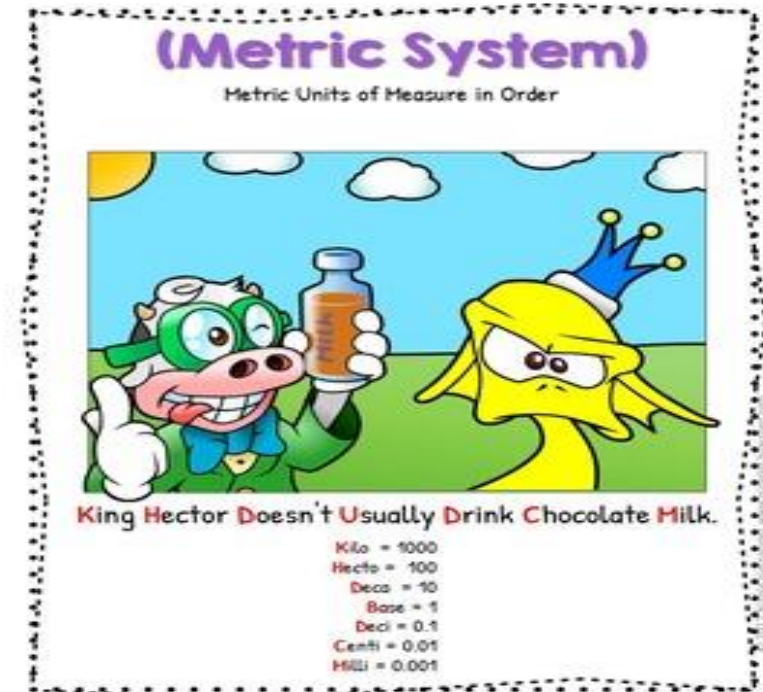
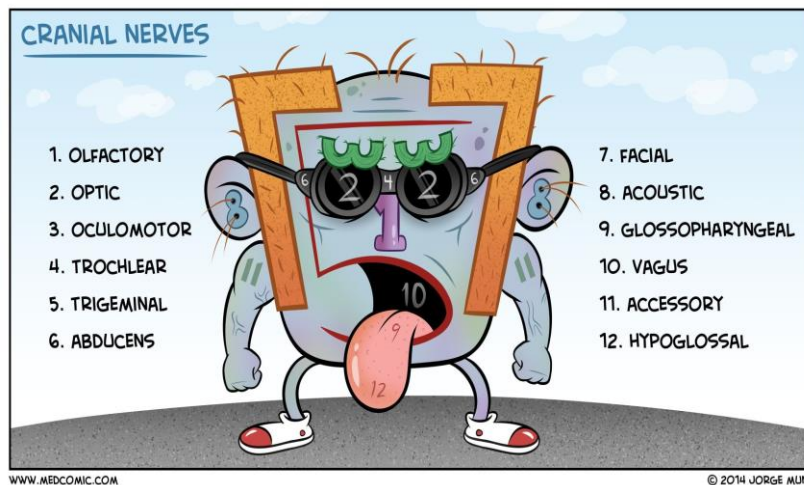
--A method of learning where a word is superimposed onto a picture that represents it, or a picture is drawn into one or more of the letters of the word.



melange:
[mey-LAHNJ]
-noun
mixture; medley



= **melange**
(a mixture)

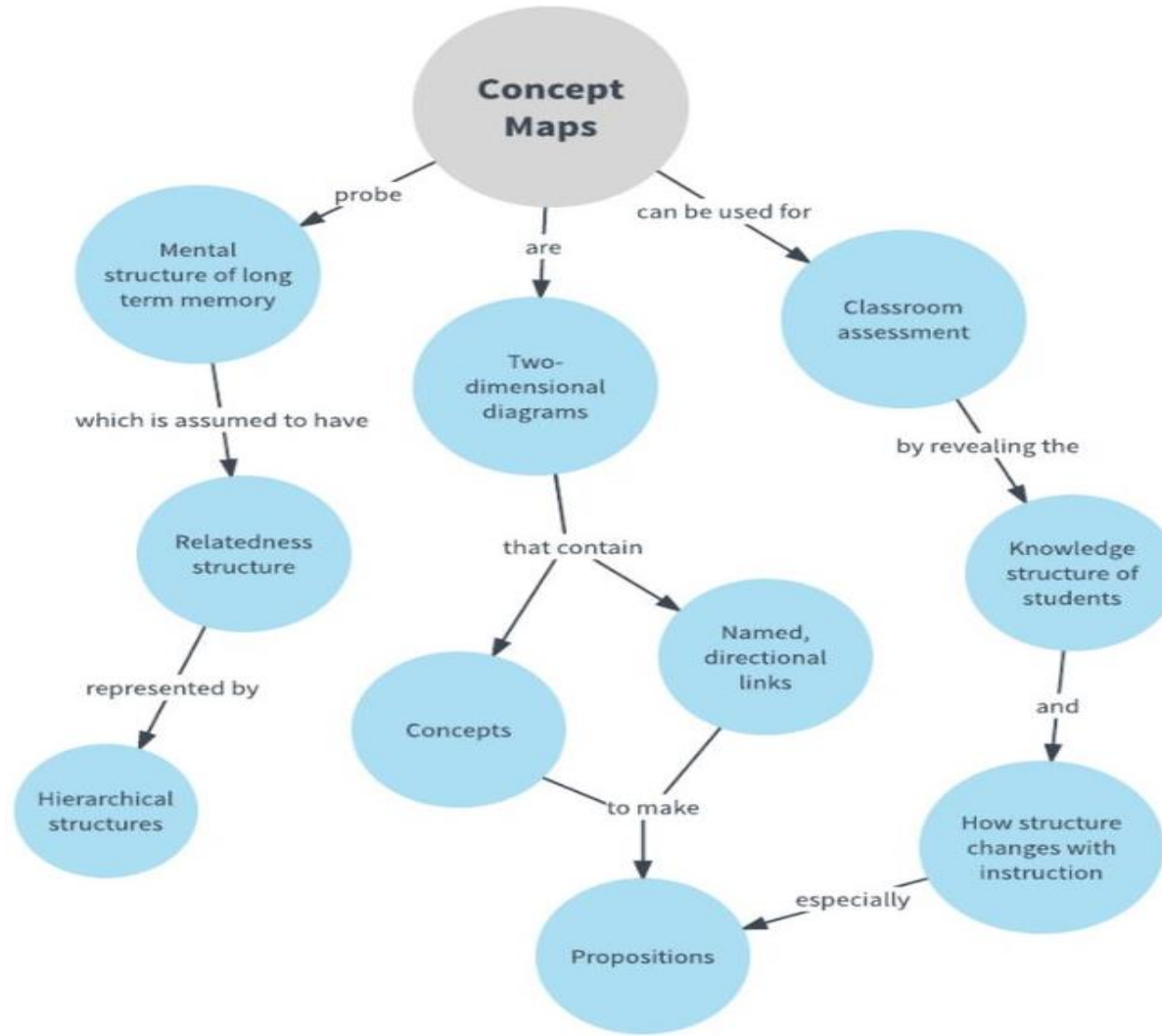


MORE STUDY TIPS FOR VISUAL LEARNERS

Concept Maps

What is a Concept Map?

--A concept map is a diagram that shows the relationships between different ideas. This helps you understand how they're connected.



MORE STUDY TIPS FOR VISUAL LEARNERS

- Write new vocabulary words on colored index cards (or write in color on white index cards) with short definitions on the back. Carry these with you and review them at odd moments or whenever you have spare time - for example, before class or when waiting in line.
- Color code by assigning colors to common themes in your notes, textbook, and handouts.
- Consider watching documentaries or videos. When you are a visual learner, it helps to secure that knowledge through media like documentaries or videos rather than just through textbooks.
- Add drawings and illustrations to your notes and summaries to have a visual connection with a concept.



READING NOTES FOR VISUAL LEARNERS

When completing assigned reading in your textbook, follow these steps:

Step 1

- Read assignments in 25-minute intervals.
- You lose 85% of your input after reading for 25 minutes.

Step 2

- When beginning a textbook chapter, read the chapter overview and summary first to get a general idea of the information. Then begin reading.
- While reading, underline main points with a neon highlighter.

Step 3

- After 25 minutes, take a one-to-five minute break.
- Be sure to disconnect totally from your reading. Consider walking around the room, stretching, looking out the window, eating a snack, taking a restroom break, etc.

Step 4

- Review your underlined/highlighted material after your break.

Step 5

- Read for another 25 minutes, take a 1-to 5-minute break, and review underlined material.

Step 6

- Just before closing your book, review all underlined material read that day to reinforce your learning

TEST TAKING STRATEGIES FOR VISUAL LEARNERS

- When taking a test, visual learners should attempt to recall an image of the study materials.
- For essay tests, they should use scratch paper to plan and organize responses.
- During application tests (math or sciences), visual learners can use a color-coding system while solving.
- If a visual learner gets stuck, he or she should write down any related information to help trigger recall.

Best Test Type: Diagramming, reading maps, essays

Worst Test Type: Listen and respond tests





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APPS FOR VISUAL LEARNERS

 **Lucidchart**

Create and view diagrams, flowcharts, Venn diagrams, mind maps, org charts, ER diagrams, and UML activity diagrams on your Android device. Even import and view your Microsoft Visio files

popplet

Create "Popplets" on a board. That can be filled with text, drawings, images, or video and then connected to other, related Popplets, to create a mind map, like an interactive outline of related ideas.



padlet

Padlet is a platform in which you can create a single or multiple walls that are able to house all the posts you want to share. From videos and images to documents and audio, it is literally a blank slate. It's collaborative, too!

Sutori

Sutori is an interactive tool that lets users create story timelines that can include photos & documents. Sutori gives users full control over how they present their topic with a variety of different options available for use. These different sections are then compiled into one page, essentially creating a full teaching module.



Visuwords is a graphical dictionary allowing users to look up words to find their relationships to other words. The app produces diagrams in a mind-map fashion. Each node of the mind-map is a word, which can be clicked on to discover its meaning, word associations, synonyms, and antonyms. The mind-map is interactive, and allows users to pan, zoom, click and drag for further exploration.