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Wellbeing and study success

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Session 4: Active Learning



What is this program all about?



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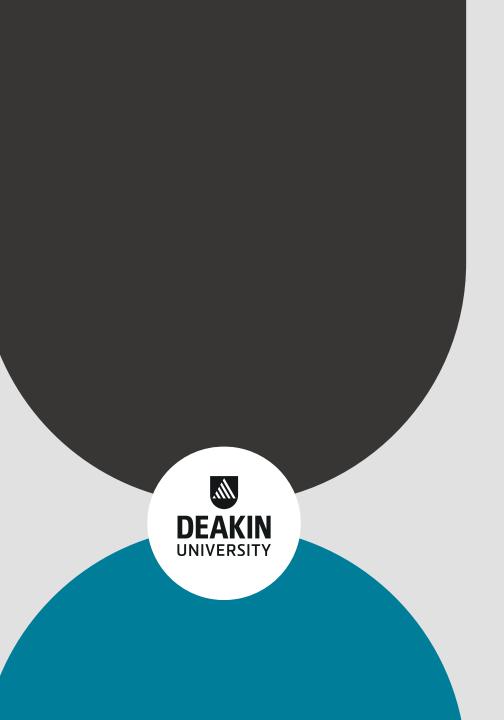
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Learning

What does it mean?



Learning

The acquisition of knowledge and skills through applied study, experience, or being taught.



Learning

- Acquisition
- Consolidation
- Recall

▶ Acquisition

Passive vs Active



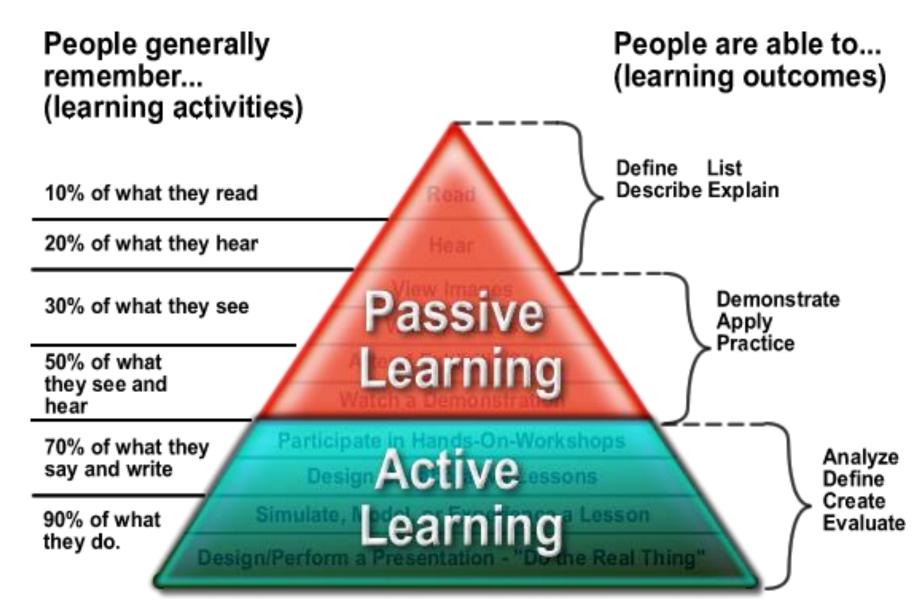
► Active Learning

Active learning is any activity that ensures student participation with the learning material as opposed to passively absorbing the information.



Active Learning

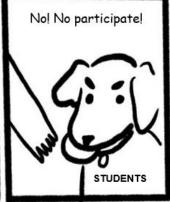


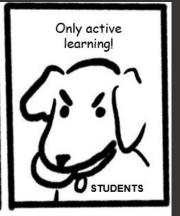


► Why not?

Why don't we always engage in active learning?







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► Active or Passive

- 1. Reading the textbook
- 2. Attending a lecture
- 3. Attending a seminar
- 4. Taking notes
- 5. Watching a video





► Active Learning

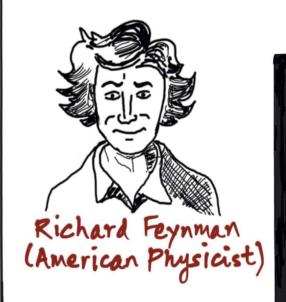
- 1. Active techniques are unique to the individual
- 2. Relate to self
- 3. Make it novel
- 4. More neuron use = More acquisition

Feynman Technique



THE FEYNMAN TECHNIQUE

STEP1 - Pick and study a topic



STEP 2-Explain the topic to someone, like a child, who is unfamiliar with the topic... and at their Level of understanding. Use simple language.

STEP 3 - Identify any gaps in Your understanding STEP 4 - Return to the Literature to understand better

▶ Consolidation

When does it happen?





► Consolidation

Sleeping for at least 30 min after learning increases recall by about 35%.

New neuronal connections only really grow when asleep, so not getting enough sleep actually reduces a persons ability to recall.

Yes, this is encouragement to nap after studying!

► Recall

Recall is rarely the bottleneck

Practice can mildly increase speed of recall



What will you take away from today?

The goal is *Progress* not *Perfection*

