

# **Making It Stick: Research-Validated Practice Procedures**

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## MAKING IT STICK:

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### Research – Validated Practice Procedures

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For additional information on practice see Chapter 8 in:

Archer, A., & Hughes, C. (2011). *Explicit Instruction: Effective and Efficient Teaching*. NY: Guilford Publications.

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### Practice

It is virtually impossible to become proficient at a mental task without extended practice.  
Willingham, 2009

Use it or lose it. Anonymous

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### How can we optimize practice?

1. Deliberate practice
2. Retrieval practice
3. Spaced practice
4. Varied practice
5. Mixed practice

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### Deliberate Practice

Deliberate practice is **goal-oriented** practice **consciously** devoted to **improvement** of a skill.

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### Deliberate Practice? Why?

Why is A an example of *deliberate practice* and B is not?

- A. As you write your paragraph, stop and reread your paragraph to be sure it makes sense. Add transition words or phrases to make your paragraph flow.
- B. Using your paragraph plan, write a paragraph.



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## Retrieval Practice

The effect of **retrieval practice** is the finding that long-term memory is increased when some of the learning period is devoted to retrieving the to-be-remembered information.

The effect is also sometimes referred to as **testing effect** or **test-enhanced learning**.

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## Two Little Lessons

Lesson 1 – Traditional Review

Lesson 2 – Retrieval Practice

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## MATH REVIEW

Traditional Review

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## Review - Integer

### Integer

- whole number
- no fractional or decimal part
- can be positive and negative

Examples

+3   -3   -16   198

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## Review – Rational Numbers

Informal Definition: A rational number is a number that can be written as a **simple fraction**.

Formal Definition : A rational number is a number that can be in the form  $\frac{p}{q}$  where  $p$  and  $q$  are integers and  $q$  is not equal to zero.

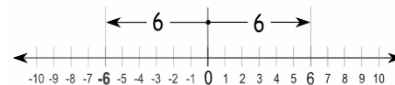
Examples

$\frac{1}{2}$     $1.5 = \frac{3}{2}$     $-0.1 = -\frac{1}{10}$

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## Review - Absolute Value

- An absolute value is the distance a number is from zero.
- Absolute values are positive.





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## MATH REVIEW

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Retrieval Practice

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### Review – Integers

Write down the integers.

-5 1.43 1  $\frac{3}{4}$  97 .09

3.14 43

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Show and explain why 0.75 is a rational number.

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$$0.75 = \frac{75}{100} = \frac{3}{4}$$

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Show and explain why 0.6 is a rational number.

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$$0.6 = \frac{6}{10} = \frac{3}{5}$$



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### Retrieval Practice – Why

Retrieval Practice makes learning **STICK** far better than re-exposure to the original material.

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### Retrieval Practice – Why

Retrieval Practice **strengthens memory** and interrupts forgetting.

Retrieval Practice makes that knowledge **easier to retrieve** in the future.

**Neural pathways** that make up a body of learning get **stronger**.

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### Effortful Retrieval Practice

Learning is deeper and more durable when it's **EFFORTFUL**. Learning that's easy is like writing in sand, here today and gone tomorrow. Brown, Roediger, and McDaniel (2014)

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### Retrieval Practice – Teacher - Guided

Example Procedures :

1. Practice without scaffolding
2. Rapid retrieval practice
3. Retrieval Practice Games
4. Quick write
5. Quick draw
6. Flash cards
7. Multiple-choice items using hand signals, Clickers, or Plickers
8. Written answers



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## Retrieval Practice

### Example

## Rapid Retrieval Practice

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## Irregular Verbs

- The suffix ed is NOT used to form the past tense of irregular verbs.

Today I speak.	Yesterday I spoke.
Today I write.	Yesterday I wrote.
Today I go	Yesterday I went.
Today I drink.	Yesterday I drank..
Today I swim.	Yesterday I swam.
Today I see.	Yesterday I saw.
Today I sing.	Yesterday I sang.
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## Retrieval Practice - Teacher- guided Quick Write

### Example

List some benefits of retrieval practice.

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## Retrieval Practice - Teacher- guided Flash Cards

<p><b>Set # 1</b></p> <p><b>New Content and Difficult from the past</b></p>	<p><b>Set #2</b></p> <p><b>Mastered Content</b></p>
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## Retrieval Practice - Teacher-guided Hand Signals, Clickers, or Plickers

Select the best answer.

- Retrieval practice that is effortful promotes more learning.
- Retrieval practice should occur after modeling and guided practice.
- Retrieval practice reduces forgetting and strengthens learning.
- All of the above.





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### Corrective Feedback

- more learning

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## Spaced Practice

**Spaced practice** (also known as **distributed practice**) is a learning strategy, where **practice** is broken up into a number of short sessions - over a longer period of time.



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### Mass vs Spaced Practice

Mass Practice vs Spaced Practice –  
Effect size  $d = 0.71$  Hattie, 2009

Gains achieved in massed practice are transitory  
and melt away quickly. Brown, Roediger, McDaniel, 2014

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### Spaced VS Mass Practice – Why?

Same time  
Same effort  
but Remember More

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### Spaced VS Mass Practice – Why?

“Distributed learning, in certain  
situations, can double the amount  
you remember later on.”

Carey, 2014

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### Spaced Practice

- Initial Practice
- Distributed Practice
- Cumulative Review

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### Spaced Practice

#### Initial Practice

- Occurs under watchful eye of the teacher
- Provide numerous practice opportunities within the teacher-directed lesson to build accuracy. Provide immediate feedback after each item.

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### Spaced Practice

#### Distributed Practice

- Studying or practicing a skill in short sessions overtime.
- Distributing practice overtime (versus massing practice in one session) aids retention in a variety of academic areas.



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## Spaced Practice

### Cumulative Review

- Provide **intentional review** of previously taught skills/strategies/concepts /vocabulary/knowledge.
- Goal is to increase long-term retention.

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## Spaced Practice

### What interval?

- Enough time that a little forgetting has set in leading to more effort.
- Not so much time that retrieval requires relearning of the material.

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## Spaced Practice

To retain factual information, foreign vocabulary, scientific definitions, use a schedule such as:

- Initial practice and study
- Retrieval practice one or two days later
- Retrieval practice a week later
- Retrieval practice a month later

(See Super Memo)

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### Example – Spaced Practice

Vocabulary – Core Reading Program

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Introduction of vocabulary for Passage A	Quick retrieval practice		Quick review and elaboration of difficult words	
Introduction of vocabulary for Passage B	Quick retrieval practice		Quick review and elaboration of difficult words	Game - Mixed practice of difficult words A and B
Introduction of vocabulary for Passage C	Quick retrieval practice		Quick review and elaboration of difficult words	Game - Mixed practice of difficult words A, B, and C

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## Varied Practice

**Varied practice** refers to use of a variety of practice tasks so that the performer is confronting novel examples of the to-be-learned information.

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## Varied Practice

Vary the practice conditions to increase ability to apply the skill or strategy to a new setting.

**Non- example** – 1<sup>st</sup> grade decoding

Day #1	Day #2	Day #3	Day #4
man	ran	can	van
pan	ban	Jan	ban
fan	can	man	Jan
tan	Dan	Nan	fan
ran	fan	tan	ran



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at	am	an	had*
am *	sad*	Pat	ram
Sam	nap	lad*	Pam*
ad	mad	sap	fans
fan*	Sam*	had	map
man*	man	Nan*	taps*
rat	mat*	tap*	ham
The rat ran.	The man had a nap.	Pat and Nan sat	Pam and Pat had
Sam had a fan.	Sam is a sad man.	on mats.	fans.

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### Varied Practice

Non-Example	Example
bake + ing = baking	ride + ing = riding
rake + ing = raking	fame + ous = famous
make + ing = making	excite + ing = exciting
brake + ing = braking	excite + ment = excitement
	race + ist = racist
	shame + ed = shamed
	shame + ful = shameful

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### Mixed Practice - Interleaving

Name \_\_\_\_\_ LESSON 88B  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

Write a number sentence for the story. Write the answer with a label.

1. Some children chose blueberry chip cookies. How children chose ice cream, and eight children chose peanut butter cookies. How many children chose cookies?  
Number sentence: \_\_\_\_\_

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Circle the numbers that are between 40 and 50.  
54 47 50 49 43

3. Estimate how a line of symmetry in each shape. Circle the shape with the correct line of symmetry.

4. Find each answer.  
 $35 - 10 = \underline{\quad}$      $52 - 69 = \underline{\quad}$      $21 - 84 = \underline{\quad}$   
 $38 + 10 = \underline{\quad}$      $4 + 30 = \underline{\quad}$      $4 + 10 = \underline{\quad}$      $10 - 10 = \underline{\quad}$

5. Color one fourth green.  
Color one eighth yellow.  
Color one half red.

6. What time do you usually go to bed at night?  
Show the time on the clock.

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### Recommended Reading

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