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Study Strategy: Mnemonics

What is a mnemonic?

- a memory aid to help you remember larger amounts of information
- two common types of mnemonics: acronyms and acrostics

ACRONYM

- a new word created from the **first** letter of each word in a list

example: colours acronym

- red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, violet

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Now your turn:

create an acronym to remember the parts of an atom:

neutrons, protons, electrons

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ACROSTICS

- a sentence where the first letter of each word is a clue to the things you need to remember in the list

example: directions acrostics

- north, east, south, west

never eat shredded wheat

Now your turn:

create an acrostic to remember the continents:

**Africa, Antarctica, Asia, Australia, Europe,
North America, South America**

EXAMPLES OF ACRONYMS

Create your own OR ask a subject teacher for one to use in your class.

<p>The five Great Lakes: HOMES</p> <p>Huron Ontario Michigan Erie Superior</p>	<p>Stages of the cell division: IPMAT</p> <p>Interphase Prophase Metaphase Anaphase Telophase</p>	<p>For order of operations in math: BEDMAS</p> <p>Brackets Exponents Division Multiplication Addition Subtraction</p>	<p>For trigonometry rules: SOH CAH TOA</p> <p>Sin = <u>O</u>pposite Hypotenuse</p> <p>Cos = <u>A</u>djacent Hypotenuse</p> <p>Tan = <u>O</u>pposite <u>A</u>djacent</p>	
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<p>The nine planets in order: My Very Educated Mother Just Served Us Nachos</p> <p>Mercury Venus Earth Mars Jupiter Saturn Uranus Neptune</p>	<p>The taxonomy categories in biology: King Phillip Could Only Find Green Socks</p> <p>Kingdom Phylum Class Order Family Genus Species</p>	<p>The Roman numerals: I Value Xylophones Like Cows Do Milk</p> <p>I 1 V 5 X 10 L 50 C 100 D 500 M 1000</p>	
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