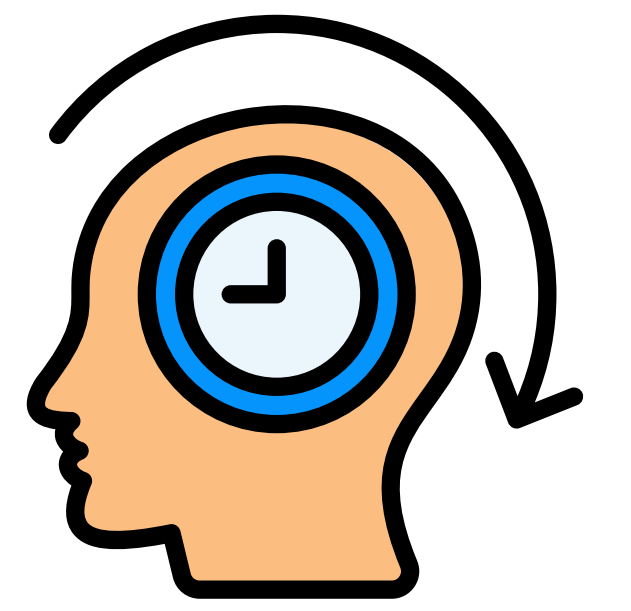




# Retrieval Practice Toolkit



## 20 Quickfire Ideas for Any Subject, Any Lesson

Retrieval practice works best when it's little, often, and varied. This toolkit gives you 20 quickfire strategies that save planning time while maximising recall. Print it, pin it up, and share with your team.

- 1 🎟️ **Entry Ticket Quiz** – 3 questions from last lesson.
- 2 📝 **Last Lesson in One Sentence** – students summarise yesterday's topic.
- 3 ❓ **Odd One Out** – 3 correct, 1 misconception. Spot the error.
- 4 🔑 **Keyword Match** – terms and definitions mix-and-match.
- 5 🖐️ **Mini Whiteboard Race** – fastest accurate recall.
- 6 🌿 **Concept Map Gap-Fill** – pre-made schema with missing links.
- 7 🧠 **Brain Dump** – write everything remembered on a topic in 3 minutes.
- 8 📅 **Flashback Friday** – retrieval from 1, 2, 4 weeks ago.
- 9 💡 **Explain It Like I'm 10** – simplify a complex idea.
- 10 ✅ **True/False with Twist** – correct the false answers.
- 11 🎨 **Sketch Recall** – diagram/doodle key concepts.
- 12 🔄 **Multiple Choice Misconceptions** – 3 right, 1 “almost right.”
- 13 📖 **Exit Quiz** – 2 questions linking to today's learning.
- 14 🗣️ **Silent Debate** – respond in writing to recall prompts on the board.
- 15 ⌚ **One-Minute Verbal Recall** – talk nonstop on a topic.
- 16 📊 **Timeline Rebuild** – reorder events, processes, or steps.
- 17 ÷ **Fill in the Formula** – maths/science equations with blanks.
- 18 🔗 **Recall Chain** – each student adds one fact in sequence.
- 19 ⚠️ **Spot the Mistake** – teacher models a solution with an error.
- 20 📖 **Past Paper Pop Quiz** – one real exam item for spaced retrieval.

Use a selection of these tools fairly consistently to increase certainty and confidence in accessing them. For the right groups, you might consider a league table with awards for top performer, most improved and 'recall of the week'.