

# Memorization Strategies



Strategy #1: How to Memorize Quotes and Poetry - A simple strategy for learners who are readers.

- 1) Write the quote/recitation on the board.
- 2) Say it several times together.
- 3) Ask for a volunteer to come up and erase 2-3 unnecessary words.  
(The first and last words need to stay until later on in the process.)
- 4) Say it several times together making sure that repetition is fluent before continuing.
- 5) Ask for another volunteer to come up and remove another word or 2.
- 6) Again say it until fluent.
- 7) Keep removing words until they are all gone.

\*\* Suggestion for individual memorization: Individuals use small white boards to complete process.

Strategy #2: For non-readers: Break the quote into short segments and use repetition.

Strategy #3: Add a rhythm when appropriate.

Strategy #4: Have learners draw a picture about what the quote means to them.

Strategy #5: Review during transition times using as a chant when waiting or going from one place to another.

Strategy #6: Practice by using as a callback. (see below)  
Starting with a simple phrase or other sentence, the teacher begins saying the first part and the students finish it. This same process works with longer pieces.

a. Simple phrases:

Teacher: "Ready Set"

Students: "You Bet!"

Teacher: "Building Success"

Students: "Believe, Achieve, Success!"

Teacher: "R-E-S-P-E-C-T"

Students: "Show respect for you and me."

b. Using quotes.

Teacher: "Done comes"

Students: "with the Doing."

Teacher: "Where there's a will"

Students: "there's a way."