

ACTIVE RECALL STUDY GUIDE

Active recall improves learning by testing what you can remember, not what you can recognize. Ask yourself, "Can I explain it from memory?"

How to Practice Active Recall

Cover and Recall

- Read a section of your notes, then cover it and explain the main ideas in your own words before checking your accuracy.

Practice Questions

- Complete textbook problems, practice exams, or create your own questions based on lecture material.

Blank Page Recall

- Without looking at your notes, write down everything you can remember about a topic. Compare your work with your notes to identify gaps in your understanding.

Teach the Material

- Explain a concept aloud to a friend, classmate, or even to yourself. If you can teach it clearly, you're more likely to remember it.

Use Flashcards

- Quiz yourself on vocabulary, concepts, formulas, or processes. Spend extra time reviewing the cards you miss instead of the ones you already know.

Make Active Recall More Effective

- Practice over several study sessions instead of cramming.
- Focus on retrieving information before checking your notes.
- Spend more time reviewing concepts you struggle to recall.
- Mix different topics or problem types during a study session.
- Explain ideas in your own words rather than memorizing exact phrases.

Quick Self Check

Before moving to the next topic, ask yourself:

- Can I explain this without looking at my notes?
- Could I solve a similar problem on my own?
- What do I still need to review?



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