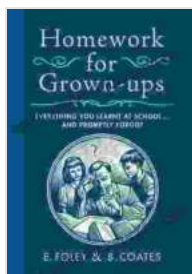


# Everything You Learnt At School And Promptly Forgot

We all have memories of sitting in school, learning about things that we thought we would never forget. But as the years have gone by, it's become clear that we've forgotten a lot of what we were taught.

So what happened to all that knowledge? Did we just not pay attention in class? Or is there something about the way we learn that makes it difficult to retain information over time?

There are actually a number of factors that can contribute to forgetting. One factor is the way that our brains store information. When we learn something new, it is stored in our short-term memory. This is a temporary storage system that can hold information for a few minutes or hours. If we want to remember something for a longer period of time, we need to move it from our short-term memory to our long-term memory.



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The process of moving information from short-term memory to long-term memory is called consolidation. Consolidation occurs when we repeatedly recall information. When we recall information, we are essentially strengthening the neural pathways that encode that information. The more times we recall information, the stronger the neural pathways become, and the more likely we are to remember that information in the future.

Another factor that can contribute to forgetting is interference. Interference occurs when we learn new information that is similar to information that we have already learned. When this happens, the new information can interfere with our ability to recall the old information.

For example, if you learn a new language, you may have difficulty remembering the vocabulary for the old language. This is because the new vocabulary interferes with the old vocabulary.

Finally, forgetting can also be caused by lack of use. When we don't use information, we are less likely to remember it. This is why it is important to review information regularly. If you want to remember something, you need to keep it active in your mind.

Here are some tips for remembering information:

- **Pay attention in class.** This may seem obvious, but it's important to pay attention to what is being taught in class. If you're not paying attention, you're less likely to remember the information later.
- **Take notes.** Taking notes can help you to remember information by providing you with a written record of what was taught. When you take notes, try to write down the main points of the lesson.

- **Review your notes regularly.** Reviewing your notes can help you to strengthen the neural pathways that encode the information. Try to review your notes at least once a week.
- **Use flashcards.** Flashcards are a great way to test your memory and to help you to remember information. Write down the main points of the lesson on one side of the card and the answer on the other side. Then, test yourself by looking at the question side of the card and trying to recall the answer.
- **Teach someone else.** One of the best ways to learn something is to teach it to someone else. When you teach someone else, you have to think about the material in a different way. This can help you to understand the material better and to remember it more easily.

Forgetting is a normal part of learning. However, there are things that we can do to reduce forgetting and to improve our memory. By following the tips above, you can learn to remember more of what you learn.

### **What are some of the things that you have forgotten from school?**

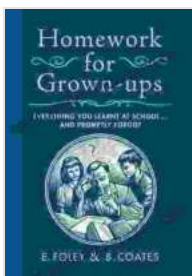
Here are a few of the things that I have forgotten from school:

- The names of all the bones in the human body
- The periodic table of elements
- The Gettysburg Address
- The quadratic equation
- The Pythagorean theorem

I'm sure that there are many other things that I have forgotten, but these are just a few of the things that came to mind.

It's interesting to think about all the things that we have forgotten from school. It's a reminder that we don't always remember everything that we learn. However, it's also a reminder that we can learn anything if we are willing to put in the effort.

So next time you're feeling discouraged about your memory, just remember that we all forget things. The important thing is to keep learning and to never give up.



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