

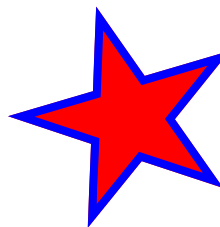
Tips for Memorizing Your Lines of Dialogue

- Record your lines on your i-Pod and listen to them over and over again while riding to and from school.
- Write your lines in a notebook. You may find that reading lines does little for memorization. Writing them may help with recognizing the information learned.
- Use imaginative tricks for memorizing particular challenging parts within a scene. For example, connect to some personal experience.
- If the scene is written in a difficult language or pattern, you write the scene in your own words and then change it back into the language of the playwright.

Learning to memorize is something that everyone needs to get better at. We hope that this tutorial will help you improve your chances of getting the part you want when you audition for plays, or... for whatever you need to remember!

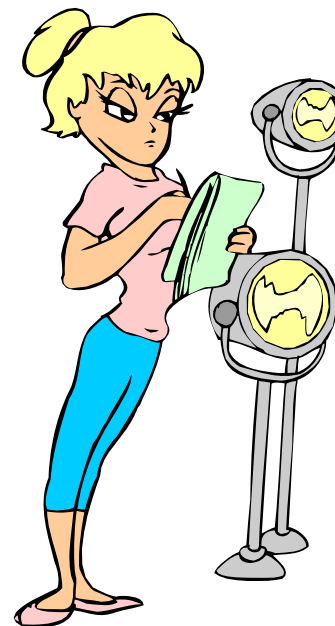
When Memorizing is a Useful Skill to Have:

- **Studying**
- **PLAYS**
- **Auditions**
- **Social Situations**
- **Songs**
- **Anchoring**
- **in M2P!**



Tips for Actors

Learning HOW to Memorize



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MEMORIZE

*the ability
to remember
information.*

In our day-to-day life, we have to remember lots of things. These include—names, procedures, instructions, lists, and other important facts. Some people remember things better than other people. They may have better memory instincts. Perhaps they've read our brochure!

We all could use some tips on how to memorize, but actors, in particular, must have this skill in order to be successful actors. Otherwise, they'd never remember all those lines of dialogue!

There are many ways to memorize. We are, for example, able to memorize the lyrics of songs with little effort. Why? Because songs have rhythm, and the lyrics often rhyme. These two factors make memorization easier. Try them! In addition, we hear songs over and over again. Many of us learn long lists and difficult bits of information through repetition. Repetition reinforces memory.

Whole-Part Memorization

*Looking at the
Big Picture!*

Using the *Whole-Part Memorization* process, you need to be familiar with what happens in the entire play. Research the play thoroughly, and read the play over several times until you understand the storyline, the main ideas, and the hidden meanings. Think about why all the characters act and react as they do. Focus on what happens right before, and right after your scene. These tips will help you understand your role, and the significance of your lines of dialogue.

Some people memorize better by breaking a scene into small sections which are viewed as more manageable for memorization.

Part-Whole Memorization

*Looking at
Small Sections.*

The *Part-Whole Memorization* process is quick, but beware... you may not understand the whole scene and its context within the entire play if you think only in small pieces.