

10 Effective Ways To Make You A Faster Learner

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The importance of learning cannot be underestimated. Learning empowers us to fulfill our ideas and realize our full potential. The speed of gaining new knowledge is practically as important as its volume. Who wouldn't love to remember tons of information as quickly as possible? If you want to start learning faster, you need a new approach towards the process which would enable you to comprehend the essence of the matter and relate it with new concepts you encounter. The following 10 tips will help you do that.

1. Analyze your learning style.

Before you can start experimenting with different studying methods, you need to understand what type of learner you are.

- Is your memory associated to sound? Maybe you can remember what you were reading when a particular song was playing? If this is your case, then you fall into the category of auditory learners. If you want to start studying more efficiently, then it would be wise to record the lectures and listen to them instead of reading textbooks.
- Do you relate information to visual content? If you are a visual learner, you should implement images, graphs, charts, infographics, colorful lists, flashcards, and other types of visual content when you study.
- If your learning style is not auditory or visual, then you might be a physical learner. Some students have too much energy; they tap their feet or play with a pen during lectures. A walk before a lecture will calm your nerves down. You can try studying/listening to audio lectures during a walk. That will help you remember the information more quickly.

2. Use the right EdTech tools.

Technology has the power of making everything easier. There are plenty of websites, online tools, and smartphone/tablet apps that will boost your skills of planning, writing, time management, brainstorming, etc.

One way of improving your productivity is using flashcards. You can make your own cards, but you can also download pre-made kits online. [StudyBlue](#) is one of the best online destinations when it comes to creating and discovering flashcards from all areas of study. If you are looking for a tool that makes the process of brainstorming more effective, then you should try [PapersGear](#). You also need the [SelfControl](#) app, which will eliminate all distractions when you need to stay focused. [Quizlet](#) is another website you should bookmark; it offers study tools that will transform the learning process into a fun activity. [Notella](#) is an app that will help you take quick notes at any time. [Brainscape](#) is an educational platform that makes complex subjects easy by relying on cognitive science. Finally, you should also try [Dragon Dictation](#), especially if you are an audio learner.

3. Train your brain to accept new information.

Efficient studying is a habit. Your brain needs constant training if you want to improve your focus and complete complex tasks without taking breaks. One way to achieve this goal is to create a private learning space in your home. You'll also need a specific time of day that you'll devote to studying. That will make your brain ready to accept the information it gets, so you'll notice you're starting to learn much faster by the day.

4. Get some exercise.

You are aware of the fact that physical activity is good for your body, but your brain needs it too! Light exercise, such as yoga, can help you learn much faster. If you are inactive throughout the day, your body will want to move, so it will be difficult for you to stay focused. If, on the other hand, you canalize your energy through light training sessions, you will be ready to study productively.

5. Work on the ambiance.

If your roommate constantly invites friends over for a beer, you won't be able to study no matter how hard you try. Students who want to learn quickly need a quiet, distraction-free environment that won't disturb the mind in any way. Such a peaceful place will set you in learning mode as soon as you find yourself in it.

6. Take a lot of notes.

Only few people are capable of remembering information as they read it. If you don't belong to this category of privileged learners, then you absolutely need to start taking notes. This simple learning method will force you to think about the essence of the material, but it will also give you a nice framework that will help you review the things you've learned.

Write down only the most important information. That will help you remember all the other things you've learned.

7. Make mind maps.

Mind maps are among the best tools to speed up the learning process. Your mind will process information effectively if you create a visual representation of the things you're about to learn. You can create a nice mind map in the old-school way: take a large sheet of paper and organize all facts and explanations. Use pictures, note-cards, and other symbols you can think of. Group similar items together and connect them with colorful pens. Of course, you can also use an online mind mapping tool if you want to save yourself some time.

8. Experiment with memorization methods.

Memorizing is often misused in the process of studying. Some students memorize whole sentences, paragraphs and lectures without grasping their essence. However, memorization can also be useful when you need to learn definitions and classifications really quickly. Don't avoid this technique if you want to fill your brain with information without wasting any time.

9. Find the right context.

Memorization works solely in times of urgency. If you want to learn in the most effective manner, then you need to have context for information. Find an aspect that's interesting for you; try to research for related information, and you'll discover the joys of learning. With time, this practice will make you a faster learner.

10. Study every day.

It will take some time before you get used to a daily studying routine, but your mind will eventually grasp the habit. The more frequently you study, the less time it will take for you to remember the things you read. If you start studying as soon as possible after you cover new concepts in class, it won't take long at all for you to get ready for an exam. Now that sounds really good, doesn't it?