



Study Skill Workshop #12: More Memory Tricks

Using the Similar-Sound Cue Technique

One way to memorize a series of definitions is to create what could be called “similar-sound cues” for those terms. This involves creating a memory cue sentence as is illustrated below:

<u>TERM</u>	<u>DEFINITION</u>	<u>MEMORY CUE SENTENCE</u>
<u>Acrophobia</u>	fear of heights	(Acro) <u>Acrobats</u> fear <u>high</u> jumps.
<u>Anthrophobia</u>	fear of people	(Anthro) <u>Aunt</u> <u>threw</u> the <u>people</u> out.
<u>Aerophobia</u>	fear of flying	(Aero) <u>Arrows</u> <u>fly</u> ...people shouldn't.
<u>Keraunophobia</u>	fear of lightning	(Keraun) <u>Karen</u> is afraid of <u>lightening</u> .
<u>Claustrophobia</u>	fear of closed places	(Claus) Santa <u>Claus</u> hates <u>small</u> chimneys.
<u>Ergophobia</u>	fear of work	(Ergo) <u>Her</u> <u>go</u> home; she no like <u>work</u> !
<u>Belonephobia</u>	fear of needles	(Belone) <u>Baloney</u> , the <u>shot</u> WILL hurt!!!!
<u>Vestiphobia</u>	fear of clothing	(Vest) <u>Vests</u> and other <u>clothes</u> scare me.
<u>Jatrophobia</u>	fear of doctors	(Iatro) <u>I</u> atrophy when I see <u>doctors</u> .
<u>Polyphobia</u>	fear of many things	(Poly) <u>Poly</u> is afraid of <u>almost everything</u> .

*Adapted from: *Memorizing Made Easy* by Mort Herold (Chicago: Contemporary Books, Inc. 1982: 3-5.)

