



## Study Skills Workshop: More Memory Tricks

This is the second of two videos on memory tricks. We'll start again with another math trick, just as a warm-up and to demonstrate the power of tricks. Then we'll continue with three more memorization tips for you to try.

1. Math division trick #1 Try it out here.

### Mental Pictures (part 2)

What are 2 of the qualities of a good mental picture?

- 1.
- 2.

Here's where you follow the directions on how to "see" a picture inside your head. LB street names are the topic. And as Scott says, no notes, just pay attention and try it out.

We'll come back and quiz you on this later.

**Now let's move on to using a trick for definitions. Please flip to the next page.**

**Now you're back to see how much you remember from your Mental Picture work. Place the group letter by the number.**

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|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1. | 2. | 3. | 4.  | 5.  | 6.  |
| 7. | 8. | 9. | 10. | 11. | 12. |

**How'd you do?**

## 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 illustrated below:

### 1 Similar-Sound Cue Examples

<b><u>TERM</u></b>	<b><u>DEFINITION</u></b>	<b><u>MEMORY CUE SENTENCE</u></b>
<u>Acrophobia</u>	Fear of heights	(Acro) <u>Acrobats</u> fear <u>high</u> jumps.
<u>Anthrophobia</u>	Fear of people	(Anthro) <u>Aunt threw</u> the <u>people</u> out.
<u>Aerophobia</u>	Fear of flying	(Aero) <u>Arrows fly...</u> people shouldn't.
<u>Keraunophobia</u>	Fear of lightning	(Keraun) <u>Karen</u> is afraid of <u>lightning</u> .
<u>Claustrophobia</u>	Fear of closed spaces	(Claus) Santa <u>Claus</u> hates <u>small</u> chimneys.
<u>Ergophobia</u>	Fear of work	(Ergo) <u>Her 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>Iatrophobia</u>	Fear of doctors	(Iatro) I <u>atrophy</u> when I see <u>doctors</u> .
<u>Polyphobia</u>	Fear of many things	(Poly) <u>Polly</u> is afraid of <u>almost everything</u> .

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

If you have been assigned a listing of vocabulary words that have long definitions this trick won't work as well. This trick is for vocabulary words that have shorter, bite-sized definitions. Knowing when and where to use a trick or study technique is also part of your experience.

### Exact Location Trick

The final trick is related to “**Exact Location**”. This works well if you must memorize exact areas (geography) or if you have a science diagram with labels and have to learn where all the pieces fit in. This is the trick for that. Move to the next page and follow the map along with the video's discussion.

## The States in Each Region

### The Pacific Region

Alaska  
Hawaii  
Washington  
Oregon  
California

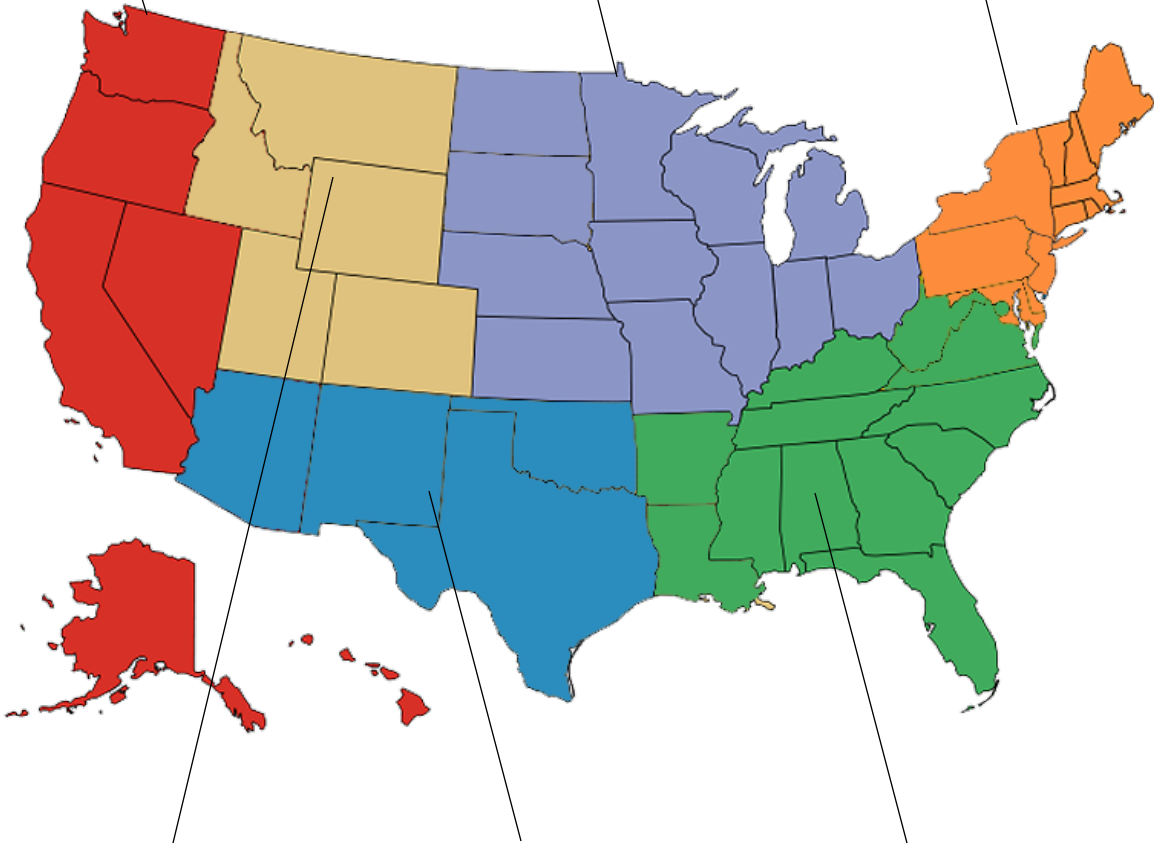
### The North Central Region

North Dakota, South Dakota,  
Nebraska, Indiana, Michigan,  
Wisconsin, Missouri, Kansas,  
Iowa, Illinois, Ohio, Minnesota

### The Northeast Region

Maine, New Hampshire,  
Vermont, Massachusetts,  
Connecticut, Rhode Island,  
New York, New Jersey,  
Pennsylvania, Delaware,  
Maryland

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### The Rocky Mountain Region

Montana, Wyoming, Colorado,  
Idaho, Utah, Nevada

### The Southwest Region

Texas, Oklahoma, New York,  
Arizona

### The Southeast Region

Virginia, West Virginia, North  
Carolina, South Carolina,  
Georgia, Kentucky, Tennessee,  
Alabama, Mississippi, Florida,  
Louisiana, Arkansas

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**Now go back to page 1 to quiz yourself on your mental picture. Good luck!**