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We all have to remember information for tests, at home, and for many skill-based jobs. Mnemonic tricks are a form of shorthand for remembering certain information. Here are a few examples:

- Grammar: "I before E, except after C"
- Biology: "Kids Pour Catsup Over Fat Green Spiders" (Groups in taxonomy - Kingdom, Phylum, Class, Order, Family, and so on).
- Astronomy: "My Very Educated Mother Just Served Us Nothing" (the planets - Mercury, Venus, Earth, etc.)
- Music: "Every Good Boy Deserves Fudge" (treble clef scale - E-G-B-D-F)
- Calendar: "Thirty Days Hath September, April, June and November. All the Rest Have Thirty-One, Except February." (Months of the year having 30 or 31 days)
- Math: "Please Excuse My Dear Aunt Sally" (Order of operations: Parenthesis, Exponents, Multiplication and Division, Addition and Subtraction)
- Languages: "Never Go Dancing After April" (Names of Cases: Nominative, Genitive, Dative, Accusative, Ablative)

You get the idea.

Most of these fall into three groups: Acronyms, Acrostics, and Rhymes/Lyrics. If you don't care about the categories and just want to get started using them, read the next section to learn how to do a Google search to find all you need.

How to Use Mnemonic Tricks

There are far too many tricks for remembering, and new ones are being thought up all the time. Instead, you can search for mnemonics on the web whenever you like. To find tons of websites that list them, do a Google search. Don't forget that you can make up your own to use for your next memory test!

Below, think of and list a way to remember some key ideas for your next test in _____.