Choke Points and Pitfalls in Learning

LEARNING MATERIAL

SENSES

SENSORY
MEMORY

ATTENTION
Selection and focus
MEMORY

rehearsal

elaborative MEMORY (LTM)

Pitfall:

Multitasking and distractions greatly reduce learning

Solution:

Remove distractions in order to study with full focus

Choke Point:

Mental effort or concentration is a limited resource

Solution:

Overlearning and practice to make knowledge automatic

Choke Point:

Working Memory has a limited capacity of about 4 chunks of information

Solution:

Chunking - organize information into large chunks

Pitfall:

People are often overconfident when judging their level of understanding (metacognition)

Solution:

Find ways to assess your understanding, use feedback to regulate your learning

Choke Point:

Forgetting occurs in Working Memory and LTM

Solution:

Distinctive, overlearned memories resist interference

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