

Title: Short term memory 1

CMS summary:

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Duration: 30 minutes to as long as it takes (Medium)

Resources Required (if any): 3 people

The task:

1. Three people should be labeled A, B & C.
2. All 3 people think of a short narrative / story to be told in spoken English or BSL. The story should contain 10 facts (including numbers and proper nouns) and quite a lot of detail. It may help to make a written summary of the facts and details. The stories should be kept secret for now.
3. Person A tells their story to person B. Person C must not be able to hear or see this.
4. Person B then re-tells person C. Person A makes a note of the facts and detail missed out in the re-told version.
5. Person A then feeds back to person B on the missed facts and detail in the re-told story.
6. You can choose here, or after everyone has had a turn, or not at all, to talk about the facts and detail missed. Were particular kinds of facts or detail are often missed? Were more facts or detail missed if they came at a certain place in the story? Etc.
7. Everyone swaps around, so that everyone one gets a turn telling their story, retelling a story, and listening.
8. This exercise can be repeated to check or practice short-term memory skills.

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