



#### **Driving Retention**

## **Combining Technology and Science for Training Results**

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#### Why are we here?

"People are generally going about learning in the wrong ways."

Make It Stick 2014 - Brown, Roediger, McDaniel



## Challenges

- What are your biggest challenges with ILT?
- What are your biggest challenges with eLearning?





### **Challenges to Training**

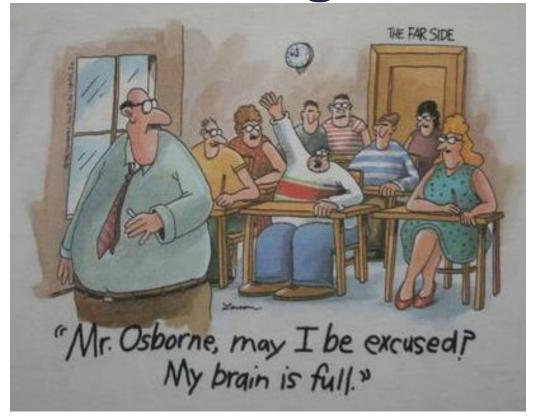
- Low "Knowledge Check" interactivity
- Limited hand-on experience
- Dictated Pace
- Time/Scheduling commitments
- Lack of follow-up post event
- Low SME Interactivity\*
- "Check the box" perception\*



#### **Massed Learning**

Instructor-Led
E-Learning

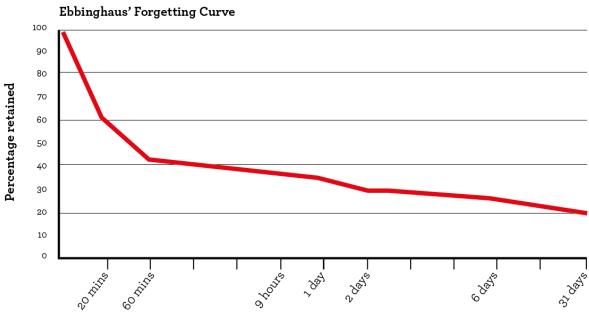
■ Cramming





### **Learning Decay**

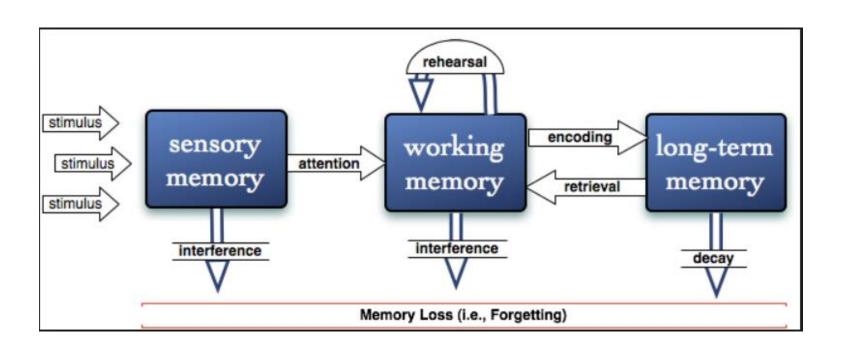
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Retention interval

## What does the brain need to support retention?



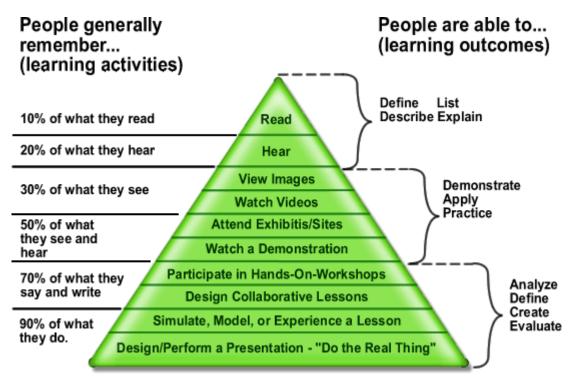
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#### **Edgar Dale Cone of Learning**





### Conditions to support transfer

- Diverse Practice
- Abstraction
- Reflection/Self Monitoring
- Mindfulness
- Metaphor & Analogy



### Strategies to promote transfer

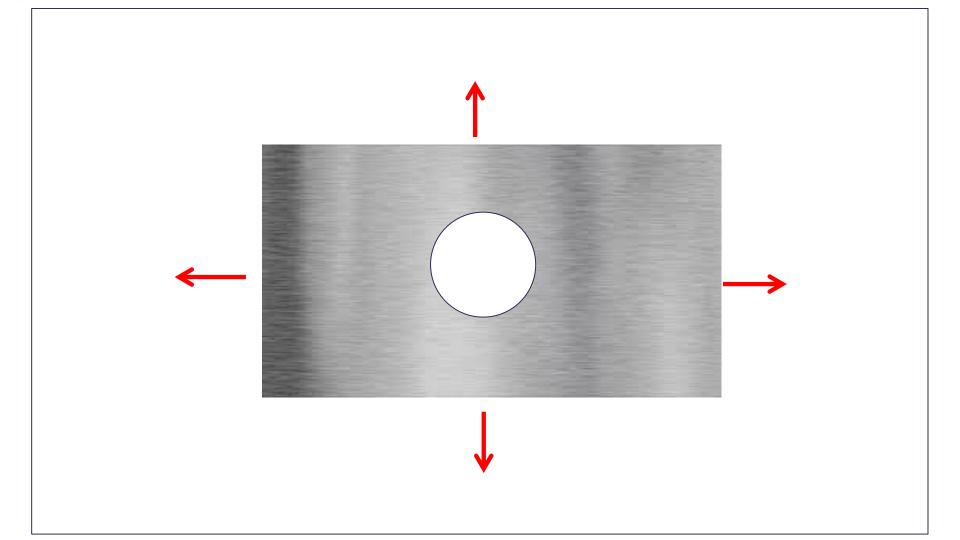
- Teach subject matter in meaningful contexts
- Employ informed instruction
- Teach subject matter in circumstances as similar as possible to those in which it will be employed



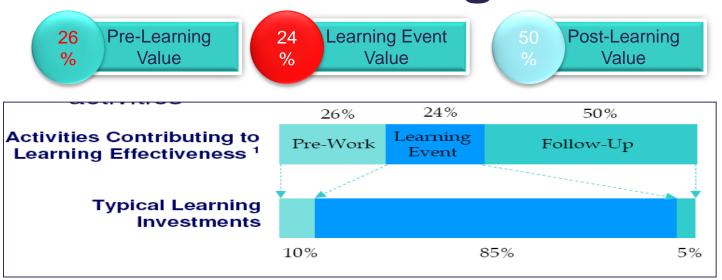
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- Drive for a problem-solution orientation
- Use experience as a foundation
- Encourage positive attitudes
- Range of practice
- Practice after training





# Activities Contributing to Learning



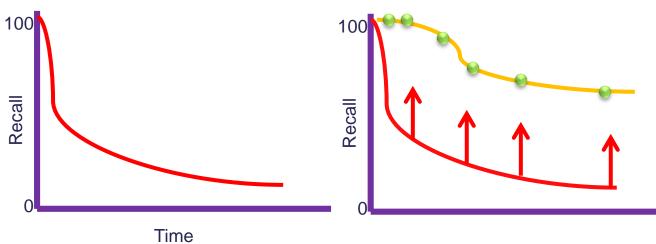


In Training Magazine's survey,1,200 learners stated that the value from training has three segments

## Follow Up to Improve Retention

Recalled content from learning is rapidly lost due to non-use.

Targeted follow up activities drive the forgetting curve up





Time

#### **Build Over Time**

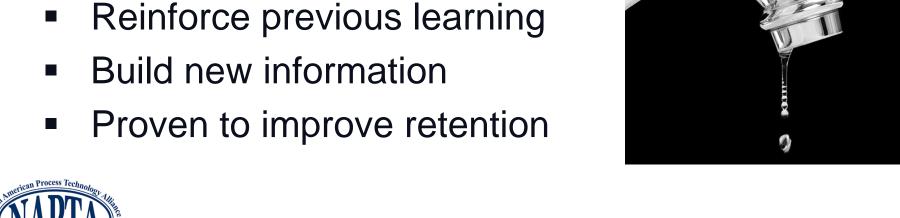
- Homework?
- Email
- Threaded Discussion Groups
- Webinars
- Mobile Apps
- Surveys
- Microlearning
- YouTube
- Research Request
- Peer-to-Peer Teaching
- Supervisor and/or Peer Review
- Personal development plan





### What is Spaced Learning?

- Delivery of small, repetitive learning experiences
- Delivery separated over time



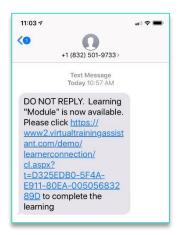


## **Spaced Learning**

 Spaced learning is a form of micro-learning.

All micro-learning is not spaced

learning.







#### Why aren't we doing it?

- Tracking
- Management
- Development Effort
- Interoperability





How can xAPI help?

Tracking learning outside the LMS

Ability to analyze learner behavior

Adapt learning to the user



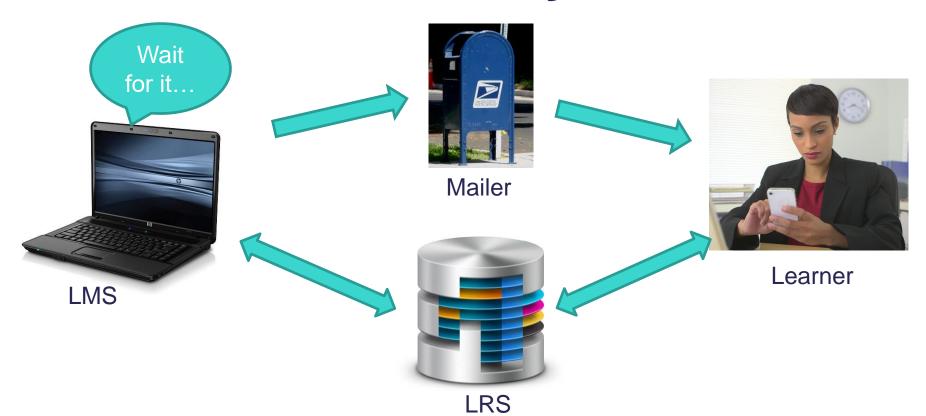
#### The Process

#### Credentialing, Delivery & Management

- What is our content? cmi5 or xAPI "package"
- How do we get our actor? embedded token
- How do we schedule frequency? LMS/LXP
- How is learning notification delivered? SMS or email
- How do we follow up? SMS/email/reporting



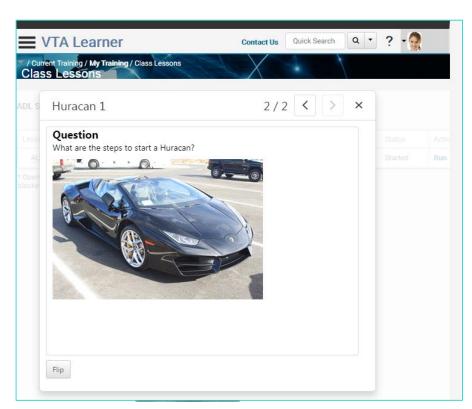
## **Delivery**



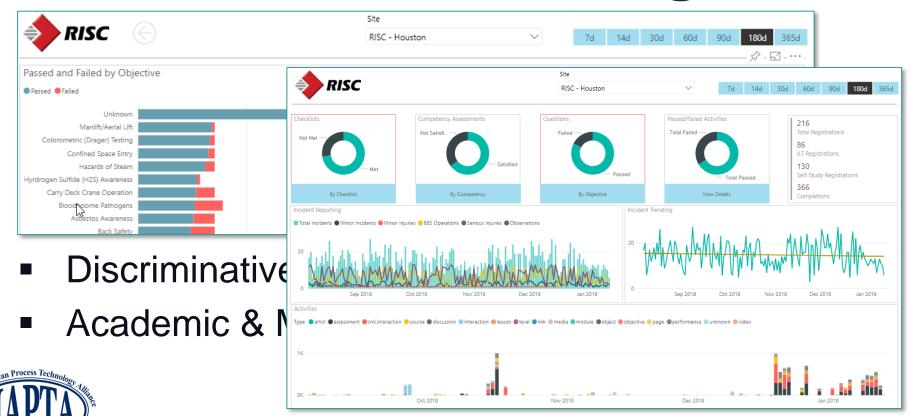
#### What is Active Recall?

- Stimulate memory
- Testing effect

- Flash Cards
- xAPI Profile



#### What is Interleaving?



Challenge – Highly regulated industry with a distributed work force delivering technical training.

- Backlash from web-based training
- Criticism of instructor-led training
- Critical documentation needs
- Inefficient testing processes





#### On class day...

- Pre-work delivered online
- Class time dedicated to analysis
- Use of audience response for interactivity/knowledge check





All data synchronized with LMS to minimize administrative burden and provide reporting.

#### **Advantages**

- Increased Interaction & Satisfaction
  - ▶ 67% retention vs 48% retention after 30 days
  - 87% of learners report material more engaging
  - 73% of learner report that learning was enhanced
  - 67% of learners felt encouraged to be part of the right answer\*
- Completion Reporting
- Natural Vehicle for Retakes
- Immediate Feedback & Remediation



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	B. Establish written cleaning schedules.								
	Totals	Selected	Not Selected						
	Count	0	99						
	Percent	0.00	100.00						
	C. Decontaminate all surfaces after contact with any infectious materials.								
	Totals	Selected	Not Selected						
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#### **Next Steps?**

- Take inventory of your tools.
- Identify opportunities & impact
- Assess culture & infrastructure
- Develop a data strategy & governance
- Evaluate & update



Never forget your learners



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