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Think of something you are good at
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How did you become good at this?
Became good at it by:

1. trial and error
2. lectures
3. practicing
4. apprenticeship
5. other
education
better pay attention!
What happens in a lecture?
education
some people talk in their sleep
some people talk in their sleep

lecturers talk while other people are sleeping

(Albert Camus)
education
education
The result?

EDUCACION
Lack of learning
Lack of learning
Lack of retention
not transfer but assimilation of information is key
1. transfer of information
1. transfer of information
2. assimilation of that information
1. transfer of information (in class)

2. assimilation of that information
1. transfer of information (in class)

2. assimilation of that information (out of class)
1. transfer of information (in class)

2. assimilation of that information (out of class)

Should focus on THIS!
1. transfer of information (in class)

2. assimilation of that information (out of class)
1. transfer of information (out of class)

2. assimilation of that information (in class)
1. transfer of information (out of class)

2. assimilation of that information (in class)
question

think
question

think

poll
question
→
think
→
poll
→
discuss
→
repoll
→
explain
question

think

poll

discuss

repoll

explain
Let's try it!
thermal expansion
education

PI
all of them
Consider a rectangular metal plate with a circular hole in it.
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When the plate is uniformly heated, the diameter of the hole

1. increases.
2. stays the same.
3. decreases.
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Before I tell you the answer...
Before I tell you the answer, let’s analyze what happened.
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You...
Before I tell you the answer, let’s analyze what happened.

You…

1. made a commitment
Before I tell you the answer, let’s analyze what happened.

You…

1. made a commitment
2. externalized your answer
Before I tell you the answer, let’s analyze what happened.

You…

1. made a commitment
2. externalized your answer
3. moved from the answer/fact to reasoning
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You...

1. made a commitment
2. externalized your answer
3. moved from the answer/fact to reasoning
4. became emotionally invested in the learning process
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consider atoms at rim of hole
consider atoms at rim of hole
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you won't forget this
1 education
2 PL
3 test
Greater learning gains
Greater learning gains
Better retention
Greater learning gains
in a lecture, students...
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1. don’t pay utmost attention
1. don’t pay utmost attention

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In a lecture, students often don't pay utmost attention. The chart illustrates daily activities and sleep patterns.

1. education

2. PI

3. test

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in a lecture, students...

1. don’t pay utmost attention

2. think they know it
2 short video lectures on calico cats, same content

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fluent video

speaks fluidly w/o notes
upright
maintains eye contact

2 short video lectures on calico cats, same content

fluent video

- speaks fluidly w/o notes
- upright
- maintains eye contact

disfluent video

- speaks haltingly from notes
- slumped
- looks away

judgement of learning

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![](image)

judgement of learning

mean performance (%)

- predicted
- actual

- fluent
- disfluent

in a lecture, students...

1. don’t pay utmost attention
2. think they know it
3. are not confronted with misconceptions
in a lecture, students...

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2. think they know it
3. are not confronted with misconceptions
an illusion...
Education is not just about:

- transferring information
- getting students to do what we do
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active participation a must!
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