

Mnemonics for Academic Skills or Content

Mnemonic	Use For:
Dirty Marvin Smells Bad* Does McDonald's™ Serve Burgers? Does McDonald's™ Serve Cheese Burgers?	<i>Sequence of steps in long division:</i> Divide, Multiply, Subtract, Bring down Divide, Multiply, Subtract, Bring down Divide, Multiply, Subtract, (Compare), Bring down
"SOHCAHTOA" or One Angry Teenager On Hallucinogenics Swore At His Classmates	Sine = Opposite/Hypotenuse Cosine = Adjacent/Hypotenuse Tangent = Opposite/Adjacent Opposite/Adjacent = Tangent Opposite/Hypotenuse = Sine Adjacent/Hypotenuse = Cosine
Pardon Me, Dear Aunt Sally Please Excuse My Dear Aunt Sally	<i>Order of operations in math:</i> Parentheses, Multiply, Divide, Add, Subtract Parentheses, Exponents, Multiply, Divide, Add, Subtract
Every Good Boy Deserves Fudge or Empty Garbage Before Dad Freaks FACE	<i>The musical notes represented by the lines on the treble clef:</i> E, G, B, D, F <i>The musical notes represented by the spaces on the treble clef:</i> F, A, C, E
"ROY G. BIV"	<i>Colors of the spectrum or rainbow:</i> Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Indigo, and Violet
"FOIL"	<i>Binomial multiplication:</i> First, Outer, Inner, Last $(a + b)(c + d) = ac + ad + bc + bd$
King Phillip Came Over For Good Spaghetti	<i>Order of taxonomy in biology:</i> Kingdom, Phylum, Class, Order, Family, Genus, Species
How I wish I could calculate pi	To remember the value of pi to seven places, the number of letters in each word gives the digit's value
My Very Educated Mother Just Served Us Nachos	<i>Order of the planets from the sun:</i> Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune

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