

UOW College Hong Kong / Community College of City University
Student English Enhancement Unit (SEE U)
Daily English Practice

Week 9

#193 Method of learning – Active learning

Skills/ Objectives: Reading, Listening and Writing Skills

PART 1: Before you read...

Preparatory questions

- Qt1: Are you aware of any effective learning methods which can help you study better?
- Qt2: Have you heard of such fun-based learning methods like mind-mapping/brainstorming, scavenger hunts, role playing, jigsaw learning, flipped classroom and game-based learning?
- Qt3: Did you know that these different kinds of effective methods of learning are all based on the central idea of active learning?

The answers to relevant questions in the preceding set of exercises (Learning Method: Teaching, writing, spacing, changing, taking a break and sub-dividing) are as follows:

Qt1: Do you know there are six scientifically proven ways to learn faster and retain what you have learned well? Try to find out from the article of this exercise.

Ans to Qt 1: Teaching, Writing, Spacing, Break, Change, Nap

Vocabulary

- foster (v): to promote the development of something
- rank and file (n): ordinary people in the company who are not high-ranking
- asynchronous (adj): not happening at the same time
- flipped classroom (n): a lesson in which students get prepared for the subject at home and come to the classroom for discussion

PART 2: Article for Reading

Read the following article posted on the internet by Nikos Andriotis and learn 10 Active Learning Methods for Super Engaged Corporate Learners:

<https://www.efrontlearning.com/blog/2017/05/active-learning-methods-engaged-corporate-learners.html> Efront

PART 3: Listening Comprehension

Listen to the following video posted on YouTube to practise your listening skills and learn more about the topic:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d7viLisHruY>

PART 4: Writing Practice

Do you understand the meaning of the expression “something is part of the equation”?

This is a metaphor making use of the concept of an equation in mathematics. An equation shows equality in the values of two items on the two sides of the equal sign. If something is part of the value of either side, it is an essential component to enable the equation to make sense. It simply means that particular item is an important part of the system.

In the article, you can see the following sentence in which this expression is used:

“Active online learning has also become part of the equation.”

Can you think of an example in which you can make use of this expression? **Send your writing to:** see.u@cccu.edu.hk. Remember! Our SEE U teachers are always ready to give you feedback.