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Wrangle Your Brain: A 2nd Grade Memory & Cognition Quiz

Students identify how they store sensory details and practice simple problem-solving strategies using everyday classroom scenarios and mental shortcuts.

1. When you use a catchy song to remember the order of the planets, what is your brain doing?

- A. Deleting the information
- B. Encoding or 'labeling' the information
- C. Taking a nap
- D. Speaking a secret language

2. True or False: Your brain stores your first day of school memories in your long-term memory.

- A. True
- B. False

3. When you look at a cloud and decide it looks like a rabbit, you are using your ____ to think.

- A. Running skills
- B. Hearing
- C. Imagination
- D. Gravity

4. You see a dark cloud and grab an umbrella. What type of thinking are you using?

- A. Guessing randomly
- B. Fast reflex
- C. Reasoning
- D. Sleeping

5. If you try three different keys to open a treasure chest, you are using ____ and error.

- A. Spinning
- B. Trial
- C. Crying
- D. Hiding

6. True or False: Retrieval is the word for when you forget something forever.

- A. True
- B. False

7. Which of these is an example of 'short-term' memory?

- A. Remembering a phone number for 10 seconds
- B. Knowing your birthday
- C. Remembering your kindergarten teacher

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D. Your home address

8. A ____ is a 'mental shortcut' or a simple rule you use to solve a problem quickly.

- A. Calculator
- B. Heuristic
- C. Bicycle
- D. Alphabet

9. True or False: Focusing on your teacher's voice helps your brain encode the lesson.

- A. True
- B. False

10. If you organize your LEGO bricks by color to find a red one faster, you are using:

- A. Short-term luck
- B. A problem-solving strategy
- C. Muscle memory
- D. Forgetfulness