

## Chef Cognition's Master Kitchen of Memories (Grade 4)

Imagine your brain is a world-class restaurant where incoming recipes are encoded and menu items are retrieved before the dinner rush begins.

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**1. Imagine you are learning to play 'Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star' on the piano. At first, you have to think about every finger move, but eventually, you can play it while talking. What cognitive process describes this shift from hard work to automatic skill?**

- A. Procedural memory formation
- B. Sensory overload
- C. Short-term forgetting
- D. The Primacy Effect

**2. When you group a long list of groceries into categories like 'Dairy,' 'Produce,' and 'Cereal' to remember them better, you are using a strategy called \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. Chunking
- B. Blocking
- C. Scanning
- D. Looping

**3. True or False: Selective attention is like a flashlight in a dark room, because it allows your brain to focus on one specific detail while ignoring the rest of the 'noise' around you.**

- A. True
- B. False

**4. You are trying to solve a puzzle. Instead of trying every piece randomly, you decide to sort all the blue pieces together first to build the sky. What kind of problem-solving approach is this?**

- A. Rote Memorization
- B. A Heuristic
- C. Mental Decay
- D. Echoic Memory

**5. The 'Working Memory' is often compared to a \_\_\_\_\_, because it holds a small amount of information for a short time while you are actively using it.**

- A. Huge Warehouse
- B. Mental Records Room
- C. Mental Workbench
- D. Permanent Library

**6. If you study for a science test by creating a funny story about atoms and molecules instead of just reading the book, you are using 'Elaborative Rehearsal.' Why does this help?**

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- A. It keeps the information in the sensory buffer longer.
- B. It helps the brain forget old information to make room.
- C. It makes the information easier to find later.
- D. It creates deeper connections in your memory network.

**7. True or False: Using a 'Mnemonic Device,' like 'Never Eat Soggy Waffles' to remember North, East, South, and West, is a way to help with memory encoding.**

- A. True
- B. False

**8. While reading a mystery book, you gather clues and realize that because the floor is wet and there are muddy paw prints, the dog must have come inside from the rain. This is an example of:**

- A. Retrieval Cues
- B. Deductive Reasoning
- C. Sensory Storage
- D. Information Interference

**9. When you see a picture of a park and suddenly remember a picnic you had three years ago, the picture acts as a \_\_\_\_\_, helping you access that stored memory.**

- A. Retrieval Cue
- B. Storage Bin
- C. Logic Puzzle
- D. Mental Wall

**10. True or False: Your 'Semantic Memory' is what you use to remember the specific time and place you lost your first tooth.**

- A. True
- B. False