**Verbatim Memory the Game**

Introducing Verbatim the Game. This simple easy to play game shows you your ability to memorize information word for word.

*Rules of Verbatim the Game*

1. Below are three passages, select one to memorize.
2. Set a timer to 15 minutes and when you are ready to memorize the passage start the timer;
3. If you finish memorizing the passage before the timer reaches 15 minutes, stop the timer. If the timer hits 15 minutes cease all memorizing;
4. Record the time you spent memorizing;
5. Quickly start the timer again. When you are ready to recall stop the timer and record the time.
6. Next, time yourself as you write out the ritual in pair form (see scoring system below) to see how long it takes for you to recall the passage from memory; and lastly
7. Use the Legends scoring system to find your score.
8. Fill in the My Method sheet after you finish. Enter in your stats, and then write out the steps you took to memorize the passages.
9. Pro-Tip – Do all three passages and use the average of all three.

*How to score yourself:*

Most of the time when we score someone on their ritual work, we usually give them a vague percentage based on how we think they did. Professionals utilize special scoring systems to better assess their memory work. No system is perfect, and some are more complex than others. Here is our simple yet powerful **LOTC verbatim scoring system**.

The chosen passage is first arranged into a list of word pairs

Ex. *“Hence, if we are not content with our ready-made supply of backgrounds,”*

Written out in pairs would be:

1. Hence – If**;**
2. if – we**;**
3. we – are**;**
4. are – not**;**
5. not – content**;**
6. content – with**;**
7. with – our**;**
8. our – ready;
9. ready – made**;**
10. made – supply**;**
11. supply – of**;**
12. of – backgrounds.

(13 words, and 12 pairs)

As you see every word has the following word as a pair, except for the last word (background) because no words follow it. Because of this you will always have one less pair then words. By scoring on pairs, you credit people for remembering the right word, and in the right sequence. You also better account for missing a word, adding a new word, or saying things out of sequence will affect your score.

The next step is to write your response and arrange it into pairs. Then use the below scoring matrix to give yourself points for all your pairs.

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| **Scoring:**   * **Accurate Start Word = +1** * **Accurate End Word = +1** * **Match = +2** * **No Accurate words = - 4** * **Total Points Possible = +4** | |
| **Scenario** | **Example:**  **How are you doing today?**  **(5 words, 4 pairs, 16 potential points)** |
| **Accurate**  For every pair you remember correctly (Correct+, Correct +), you earn 4 point, | “How are you doing today?”   * How - are (+4) * are - you (+4) * you – doing (+4) * doing – today (+4) |
| **Words out of Order**  If you mix up two words and put them out of order. You will get 2pts for each pair ( a point for each word) nut you will get zero points for | “How **you are** doing today?”   * How - you (+2) * you-are (+2) * are-doing (+2) * doing-today (+4)   Total Points – 16 |
| **Added word**  If you add a word you will have two pairs with a correct word and an incorrect word. You earn 1 point for each of those pairs. (Correct +, Wrong -) or (Wrong -, Correct +) | “How are you + **guys +** doing today?”   * How - are (4+) * are - you (4+) * you – guys (1+) * guys – doing (1+) * doing – today (4+)   Total Points – 14 |
| **Two or more added words in a row**  If you add two words in a row, you will have a pair with both incorrect words. You will be penalized -4 points for that pair. (-,-) | “How are you + **guys + gals +** doing today?”   * How - are (4+) * are - you (4+) * you – guys (1+) * guys – gals (-4) * gals - doing (1+) * doing – today (4+)   Total – 10 pts |
| **Missing words**  If you leave off a word, you miss out on 8 points, but you get 2 pts for creating mismatched pairs. | “How are – you - doing today?   * How – are (4+) * Are – doing (+1,+1 = 2+) * Doing – today (4+)   Total – 10 points |
| **Missing two words in a row**  If you miss two words in a row, you will get two points for creating your mismatched pairs | “How are – you - doing - today?”   * How-Are (4+) * Are – Today (+1,+1 = 2+)   Total – 6 pts |

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| **Scoring Sheet:** | | | | | | |
| Passage:  **There are, then, two kinds of memory: one natural, and the other the product of art. The natural memory is that memory, which is imbedded in our minds, born simultaneously with thought. The artificial memory is that memory which is strengthened by a kind of training and system of discipline. (50)** | | | | | | |
| **Your Response:** | | | | | | |
| **Ritual Pairs** | **Your Pairs** | | **Score** | **Ritual Pairs** | **Your Pairs** | **Score** |
| 1.There - are |  | |  | 27. |  |  |
| 2. are - then |  | |  | 28. |  |  |
| 3. then - two |  | |  | 29. |  |  |
| 4. two - kinds |  | |  | 30. |  |  |
| 5. kinds - of |  | |  | 31. |  |  |
| 6. of - memory |  | |  | 32. |  |  |
| 7) Memory - one |  | |  | 33. |  |  |
| 8) one - natural |  | |  | 34. |  |  |
| 9) natural - and |  | |  | 35. |  |  |
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