

## Flashcards

**Goal:** To prepare potential test questions and practice memorizing specific ideas and concepts.

**What to do:** On one side, write a term or potential test question. On the other side, write the definition or answer using trigger words, few bullet points, or a brief phrase. *Short is sweet!*

Here is one way to **produce** a flashcard:

What are two kinds of rules?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Prescriptive Rules of Grammar</li><li>2. Descriptive Rules of Grammar</li></ol>
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Here is one way to **NOT produce** a flashcard:

What are two kinds of rules?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Prescriptive Rules of Grammar – They are rules that somebody says you need to follow in order to be a good speaker. It is how one should speak and are opinions, not facts.</li><li>2. Descriptive Rules of Grammar – Analyze what methods people actually use when speaking. They are facts, not opinions. In other languages, these rules are different.</li></ol>
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*Instead: Spread this information out between several flashcards.*

### **WARNINGS:**

*Never put aside the ones you know!*

These ‘yes’/‘no’ rules will do more harm than good! Repetition is essential for memorization, so once you stop seeing it, your brain will dispose of it! The things you once knew become things you no longer know, and you’re back to square one.

*Do not put too much information on each one!*

Using trigger words and small phrases on each flashcard. Your brain will be able to recall the information easier. Spread the information out between multiple cards.