



WORD RETRIEVAL STRATEGIES

Ways to self-cue:

- 1) Describe it.
- 2) Give a word/phrase you associate with it.
- 3) Define the word.
- 4) Name the category in which it belongs or other members of the same group.
- 5) Create a sentence with the target word to be added at the end, e.g. "I need to cash my _____".
- 6) Use gestures.
- 7) Write down the first letters on paper or in the air with your finger.
- 8) After choosing the second best word, ask others for assistance: "What am I trying to say?"
- 9) When the specific word is retrieved, rehearse it and elaborate on it. Example: repeat it, write it, look it up in the dictionary, use it in various sentences.
- 10) Use a dictionary and thesaurus to build word power.