



Learning Lists for Science 7

Creative Pattern Note Taking

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A. Advantage Of Creative Patterns

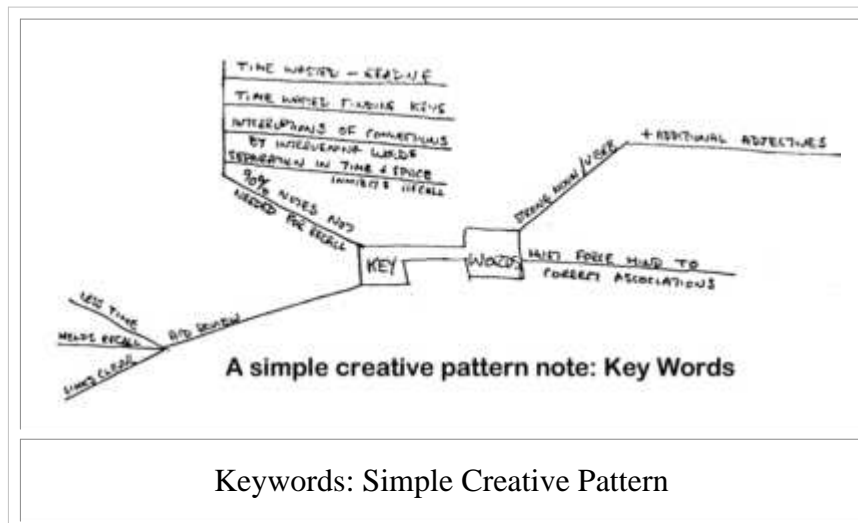
1. Central idea is clear
2. Relative importance is clear
3. Links are clear
4. Helps recall:
 - relation of ideas
 - forms a pattern—helps memory.
5. Easy to add to
6. Helps make connections
7. Improves critical faculties.

B. Method

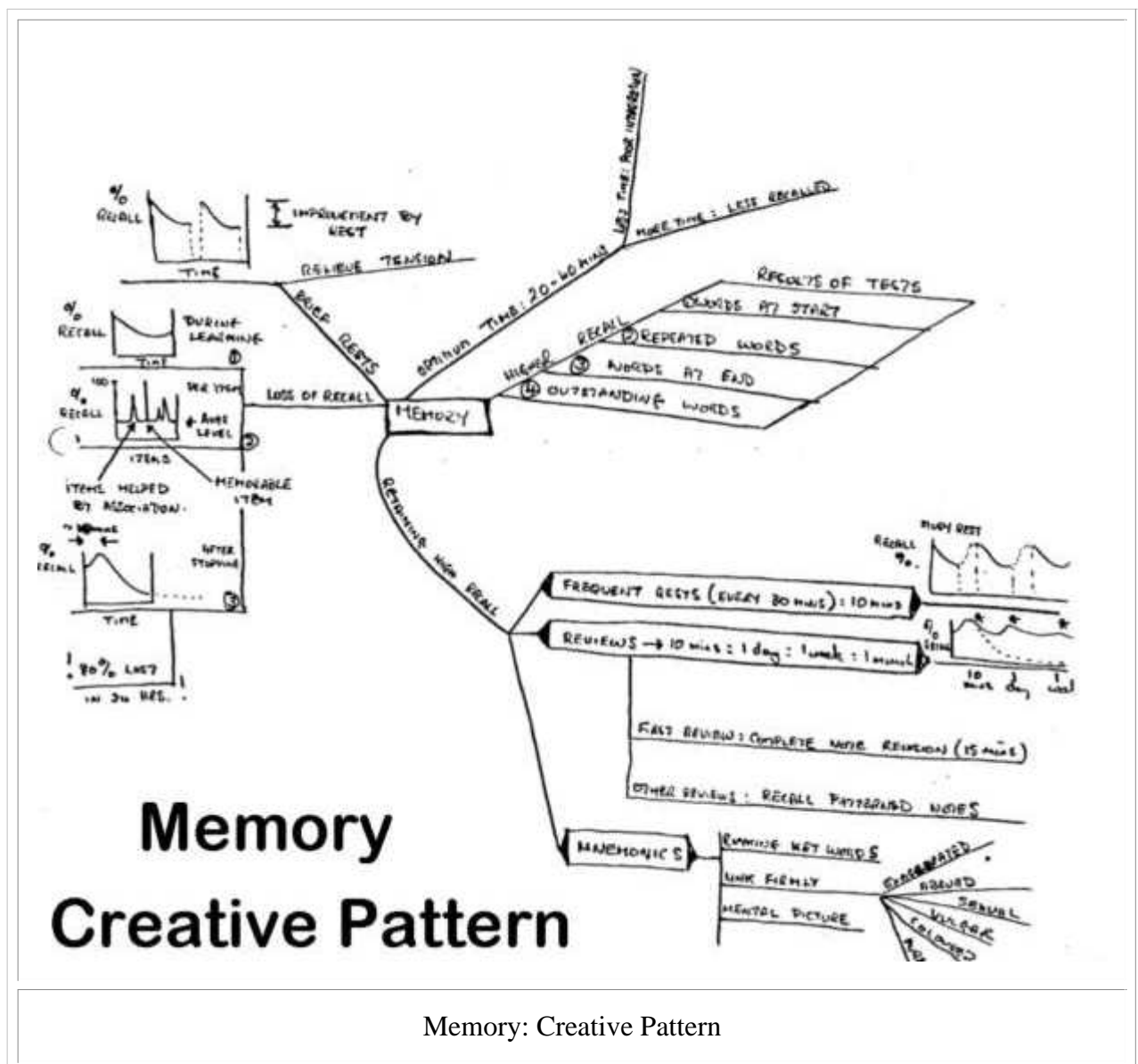
1. Final pattern emerges at the end:
 - might look untidy
 - content not appearance is important
 - can re-draw if necessary.
2. Print in lower case and capitals—clearer
3. Link with labelled lines according to relations of ideas
4. Create freely for spontaneity—not hesitantly:
 - try not to hover over the paper
 - don't try too hard to structure artificially—natural flow of ideas
5. Keywords
6. Techniques:
 - arrows—open closed, bent, doubled-headed, etc
 - bullets, asterisks, dashes, codes, exclamations, question marks, etc
 - shapes—squares, triangles, circles, double and treble borders, etc
 - colour and textures, use felt-tips and highlighters
 - artistic, 3D, cartoons, illustrative “doodles”
 - creativity—patterns fit subjects—mini-pictures and diagrams

C. Changing to Linear

1. Choose order:
 - several possibilities
 - outline related areas in colour
 - follow the logic of the creative pattern
 - decide best arrangement.
2. Write out in graded note form—like these (See list 6—How to make notes)



D. Use in Meetings and Discussions



1. Problems of discussions/meeting:

- emphasis on speaking ability/personality rather than on ideas
- valid points get lost in discussion.

2. Overcoming them:

- discussion leader/chairman should use a blackboard at the front
- use creative patterns
- add each speaker's relevant points
- use to summarise at the end—know exactly what has been decided

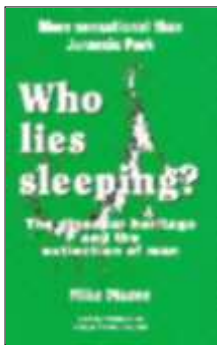
3. Advantages

- all important points recorded—ideas not personalities dominate
- a memorable patterned record remains
- active involvement focusses attention.

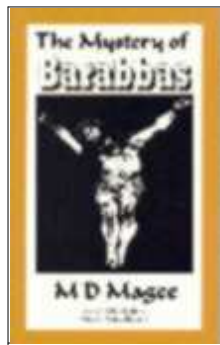
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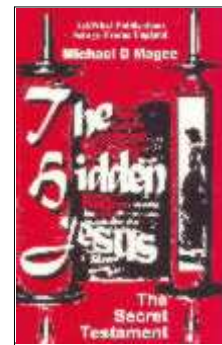
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