PEOPLE CAN MULTITASK

Definition of multitasking:

Two or more conscious thought or information processes at the same time, with no loss of speed or accuracy.

What actually happens:

When you think you experience, or witness multitasking, you are actually seeing is task switching.



Effects from attempting multitasking

- Reading or studying to mastery:
- Lower scores, less learned
- Social media and academic success Longer study time to achieve mastery.



LEARNERS CAN SELF-REGULATE

Definition of self-regulated learning:



When applied by experts:

- Many relevant schema at disposal • Skills available without the need to actively remember them
- Many automated processes that
- can also be transferred • Works forward.

When applied by novices:

- Few relevant schema available
- Individual elements must be consciously remembered and processed
- Little cognitive capacity for inefficient problems-solving
- Works backwards (means-ends analysis).

EDUCATIONAL MYTHS: WHAT'S BRAINS GOT TO DO WITH IT?



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Educational myths are very persistent, as well as ubiquitous. Whether

classroom teacher, leader or even neuroscientist, you are likely to hold a number of inaccurate yet plausible beliefs about teaching and learning. Which of these still fool you?

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The belief:

There is a generation of children who learn independently, playfully to:

• Discover facts and rules

- Learn in networks and collaborate
- Solve their learning problems.

The reality:

- Children: • Know little of tools for knowledge creation and sharing
- Use tools for passive consumption • Haven't improved their info skills.

WE LEARN ACCORDING

TO LEARNING STYLES

The claim:

- There is a best way to teach that accords with how learners' learn best
- Teaching that complies with learning styles helps learning
- Teaching that conflicts with students' learning styles impedes learning.



The problems of this theory:

- It measures preferences not styles
- It's based on poor research
- It provides a rich source of excuses for both students and parents
- It's mathemathantic ie where teaching kills learning
- 72 such styles are identified and, so, impossible to apply to all individuals.

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KNOWLEDGE IS AS PERISH-ABLE AS FRESH FISH



While there has been an enormous increase in available information and its sources, this hasn't made old information suddenly wrong. So called old information is essential to evaluate and choose new information.



IT'S ALL ON THE INTERNET

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What you already know determines:

- What you search for
- How much you understand
- What you see
- How much you can absorb.

BRAIN GAMES MAKE US SMARTER

The problems:

- The muscle metaphor is a fallacy
- It works only for what is practised
- It doesn't work for far transfer, memory, dementia, Alzheimer...
- Any positive evidence is flawed by
- sampling bias, belief, placebo effect.



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WE ONLY USE 10% OF OUR BRAINS



The problems:

- There are areas with specific functions —but we use all our brains
- It is disproved by fMRI and PET scans
- Natural selection would have, then, led to our having smaller brains
- Synaptic pruning, as a result, would create a loss of the remaining 90%.



Teachers helieve

- 93% it's better to receive information in one's learning style
- 91% hemispheric brain dominance explains individual differences



Trainees in neuroscience believe:

- 78% it's better to receive information in one's learning style
- 32% hemispheric brain dominance explains individual differences

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