

Assignment #7: Repetition tests
Due April 21st



1. Read “Memory tests” on the class web site. This is a section from one of the first studies of African American Vernacular English, which described differences in cognitive style which may be important in tutoring.
2. Play the attached Memory Game with your student or students. Read the instruction. If the student repeats back the sentence word for word, give him or her one domino (nickel). Don’t be concerned with pronunciation: its just the words and their order that count. However, you do want to count grammatical endings, like –s or –ing.

You may record the game if you are equipped to do so.

If there is a difference in the word or word order, write down enough of the words so that it is plain what the difference is. For example, if the student repeats “None of us ever goes there” as “None of us never go there”, write down “ever go “.

3. For the second eight items on the reverse page, the student gets three chances. Repeat the sentence for each trial.
4. Bring the Memory Game forms to class on Monday, April 21st and we will compare the results in relation to the students’ progress in reading.

THE MEMORY GAME

Name _____

Ivr _____

Date _____

Remember what I say and repeat back just the way I say it. If you get it right, you win.

Single Repetition

1. I don't want Jamal to come 'cause he always be messin' around.
2. I don't want Robert to come because he's always fooling around.
3. I don't know why did he do it.
4. I don't know why he did it.
5. None of us never go there.
6. None of us ever goes there
7. I asked Derek if he could go.
8. I asked Derek whether he knows how to play basketball.

Multiple Betting:

Correct on 1st repetition = You win a token

Correct on 2nd repetition = You Tie

Incorrect on 3rd repetition = You lose a token.

9. Let's ask Latoya if Derek lives on

52nd St.

10. Nobody ever sat at any of those desks, anyhow.

11. Nobody never scratched none of those desks, nohow.

12. There is no cat that can get in any coop.

13. Let's ask Ramon do he know the way how to rap or not.

14. What Larry is he is smarter than her.

15. It ain't no cat can't get in no coop.

16. There isn't anyone here who can see it, and there isn't anyone here who can do it.