Retrieval Practice Warm Ups

Engaging questions to jump start retrieval practice

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Welcome to our warm ups!

Retrieval practice is a powerful tool for learning, but sometimes it can intimidate students. Here are engaging “warm ups” to ask students that can be used on entry tickets, as part of quizzes, as writing prompts, and as ice breakers. Importantly, use warm ups as examples for how quick, easy, and fun retrieval practice can be!

Contact us at ask@retrievalpractice.org and @RetrieveLearn if you have any questions or feedback. Here’s to learning!

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What is your least favorite ice cream flavor?
If you could travel anywhere in the world (somewhere you haven’t been before), where would you go?
Would you rather visit the world 100 years in the past or 100 years in the future? Why?
If you had to wear a hat every day for the rest of your life, what type of hat would it be?
Would you rather own a sailboat or a hot air balloon? Why?
What is your favorite thing to eat for breakfast?
What is your favorite word? Why is it your favorite?
If you could eat only one food or dish for the rest of your life, what would it be?
What type of animal would be a really good musician? Why?
What is your favorite emoji? Describe it or draw it!
What is your proudest accomplishment this semester?
Warm Ups for Ages 16+
What was your favorite breakfast as a kid?
Would you rather lock yourself out of your car or out of your house?
Have you ever gone skydiving? Why or why not?