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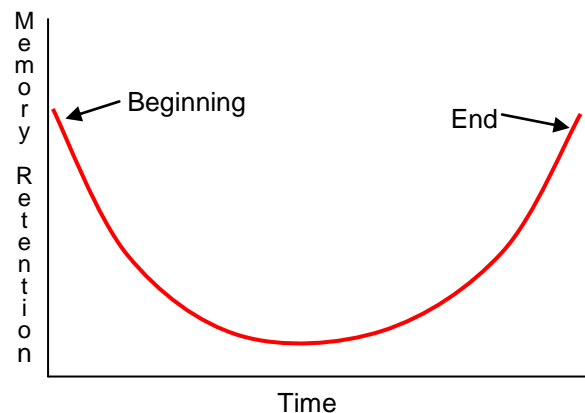
This works really well when transportation is a problem, in case of sickness, bad weather, or for **long-distance learning**. Or you may simply prefer it as a matter of convenience. Travel time can then be completely eliminated!

All you need is: a quiet work area, a computer with webcam, a reasonably fast internet connection (faster than dial-up), and—for efficiency—the ability to fax or scan/email homework pages and practice tests.

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The Concentration Curve

Some students think that if they study for a *long* time, they will retain more. However, it's actually better to study a subject for *shorter* periods of time (about 20 minutes or so) with short breaks in between. As illustrated by the chart below, memory retention is greatest at the **beginning** and at the **end** of your study time. So, the more "beginnings" and "endings" you can create, the more you will learn!



This is why spending short periods of time working with flash cards works well, and why cramming for a test does *not* work well. It's also best to work on the most challenging material first when you have the most mental energy. This concentration curve is part of our study skills course where we show middle and high school students how to work smarter, not harder in school.

About Us... Since 1999, we have been teaching **reading** to students of all ages quickly and easily using the internationally acclaimed Academic Associates® phonics-based reading course. We also tutor students in all grades in **math** and **physics**. **Study skills** and **career assessments** are available for older students. Our evaluations are always **FREE!** Call us anytime with any questions you may have—we're here to be of service!