

STUDY STRATEGICALLY!

KWL METHOD

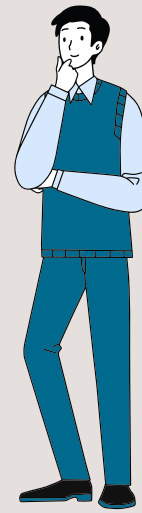
Activate your prior knowledge about a chosen topic, examine the content, and make connections by adding new information.

The KWL method (What do I already Know? What do I Want to know? What did I Learn?) guides you from the time before you start studying your reading material, through your studies, and after them, so that you understand the content and also remember it.

What do I already know?

Perform brainstorming and record your prior knowledge about the chosen topic.

You can also collect ideas in the form of a conceptual framework and connect them appropriately.



What do I want to know?

Predict which sub-topics do you still need to study in order to achieve the set goal.

Consider what you can expect from the reading material you are studying: which information will you gain?



What did I learn?

Write down the new information you have gained.

Show the difference between prior and new knowledge. Check whether your prior knowledge was correct and cross out any misconceptions you might have had in the first column.



Additionally: What else do I need to learn?

Based on a comparison between prior and acquired knowledge, consider what else you need to learn and study. Find relevant reading material and repeat the KWL method.

The final result is the KWL chart with three columns under which you record what you already know, what you want to know, and what you learnt. You can complete the chart with the additional column *What else do I need to learn?*



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