How to Create Flashcards

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Goal: To prepare potential test questions and practice memorizing specific ideas and concepts.

What to do: On one side, write a term or potential test question. On the other side, write the definition or answer using trigger words, few bullet points, or a brief phrase. *Short is sweet!*

Here is one way to **produce** a flashcard:

| What are two kinds of rules? | 1. Prescriptive Rules of Grammar  
2. Descriptive Rules of Grammar |

Here is one way to **NOT produce** a flashcard:

| What are two kinds of rules? | 1. Prescriptive Rules of Grammar – They are rules that somebody says you need to follow in order to be a good speaker. It is how one should speak and are opinions, not facts.  
2. Descriptive Rules of Grammar – Analyze what methods people actually use when speaking. They are facts, not opinions. In other languages, these rules are different. |

*(Instead: Spread this information out between several flashcards!)*

Flashcard Tips:
- Do not put aside the ones you know! Repetition is essential for memorization, so keep all the cards in the deck, even if you know the answers.

- Do not put too much information on a flashcard; but rather use trigger words and small phrases on each flashcard. Your brain will be able to recall the information easier. Instead, spread the information out between multiple cards.