

How Do We Remember?

Easter Workshop one of two
Inspired by *Hippo Campus: Where We Learn*

PDF Guide + audio walkthrough

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How do we remember things?

Is our memory of something the same as the next person?

Inspired by themes from *Hippo Campus: Where We Learn*, we will explore the way we remember through imaginative stories and drawing.

For this workshop, you can work on your own, in pairs or groups.

Anyone can join in, including parents and family. It is entirely up to you.

You will need:

- sheets of A4 and A3 / A2 paper
- brushes
- paint
- pens

You can listen to the audio where I talk you through each exercise.

There are two main exercises with no time limit.

Hippo Campus: Where We Learn is an Arts Council Collection
National Partners Programme Exhibition.

A group exhibition featuring works from the Arts Council Collection that explores alternative schooling, peer-to-peer learning and self-education.

We will be looking at this artwork from [*Hippo Campus: Where We Learn*](#)



Take a look at our
interactive [mind map](#)
for the exhibition

Mariele Neudecker,
Never Eat Shredded Wheat
(Memory Maps), French, Male,
29, 1996.
Arts Council Collection,
Southbank Centre, London ©
the artist.

In the mid-1990s, artist Mariele Neudecker asked nine friends across Europe to each draw a map of the world - from memory.

If we asked people to compare these to the real thing they would be quite different. Everyone's memory of something will be different. Especially of the world and places where we live. With this in mind, we will be drawing our own versions of countries and the world!

Have you ever played Chinese whispers or the card game Pairs? How can one person's memory be different from the next person? Why do you think this is? Have you experienced this?

Can you remember what the United Kingdom looks like?

You will now use a piece of paper (preferably A3 / A2) and draw a picture of the UK.

It is important to make it fill the page as much as possible so that we can include towns, cities and places!

You are not allowed to ask anyone for help in this exercise, or to look on the internet. The important thing is that you have to draw from memory! You can also use any medium that you like but we will start by drawing the following in pencil:

Can you remember the following different places in the UK?

Where is Cornwall?

Where is Devon?

Where is Scotland?

Where is Wales?

Where is Ireland?

Do you know where Norfolk is?

How about the Peak District?

Or the Shetland Islands?

The Scilly Isles?

Don't worry if you don't know some of these. You can always guess and you can add places of interest or important to you as well.

Please also add any other places that you can think of.

And don't forget the cities!

Can you place the following places, towns and cities on the map:

- Plymouth
- Truro
- Penzance
- St Michaels Mount
- Falmouth
- London
- Birmingham
- Brighton & Hove
- Liverpool
- Manchester
- Dublin
- Stone Henge
- Buckingham Palace
- Sherwood Forest
- Dover
- Your home
- Where you were born
- Your school

And anywhere else of interest or that is special to you. You can add as many places as you like.

You can [click here](#) for a list of all the cities in England.

You can now use colouring pens, pencils or paint to colour in your masterpiece of the UK.

Then when you have completed this you can compare your image with other people - if there are other people also doing this exercise around you.

Does your image of the country look accurate?

Now compare this to the real thing by looking on [Google maps](#).

What are the places of importance on your map?

Finally, we will use the biggest piece of paper that we can find and draw our memory of all the countries in the world as a map.

Remember! We are not allowed to cheat by asking for help or looking on the internet. This exercise is about drawing from memory!

Also, remember that we will need to fill the page as much as possible so that we can add as much detail and as many places as possible!

Don't worry if you don't know or can't remember. You are allowed to guess and use your imagination!

Can you draw the following countries?

- The United Kingdom
- France
- Holland
- Sweden
- Norway
- Denmark
- Germany
- Poland
- Latvia
- Belgium
- Spain
- Portugal
- Austria
- Italy
- Greece
- Turkey
- Africa - if you name any countries within this also! Such as Morocco,
- Egypt (including the great pyramids!), Sudan, Ethiopia, South Africa, etc.
- Iran
- Iraq
- Syria
- Israel
- Palestine
- Russia
- Mongolia
- China
- Thailand
- Philipines
- Japan
- Australia
- New Zealand
- Papa New Guinea
- Canada
- North America
- Central America, including Mexico
- South America, including Brazil, Columbia, Argentina, etc
- The Arctic
- The Antarctic
- Greenland
- Iceland

Can you think of any other countries?

You can [click here](#) for a list of all the countries of the world.

Remember not to look at any maps and just use the countries list to help see if you have missed anything on your drawing!

As an extension to these exercises you can keep adding to your maps:

Think about adding animals, people, buildings and stories to places on your map. You may have never seen them but perhaps you have heard stories or seen photos of them.
You can also make imaginary people, places and animals.

Or perhaps you have visited exotic and far off places and you would like to tell your story about them. Please feel to share these with us if you would like, we would love to see them!

Let your imagination run wild and have fun with this!

If you'd like to take a picture of the works you've made for us to share, please email them to:
cacie.close@newlynartgallery.co.uk

If you are an adult and are on social media,
feel free to share the work and tag us:
@newlynexchange on Twitter or Instagram.

We hope you have enjoyed these exercises and
hope you join again for the second workshop!