

# Mnemonics

This is a system of recalling information by taking the first letter from a series of words or phrases you need to learn and making them into another phrase that's easy to remember.

One of the most common ones used in veterinary nursing are for recalling the correct order of the cranial nerves, as listed below.

1. **I Olfactory** (Smell)
2. **II Optic** (Sight)
3. **III Oculomotor** (Moves eyelid and eyeball and adjusts the pupil and lens of the eye)
4. **IV Trochlear** (Moves eyeballs)
5. **V Trigeminal** (Facial muscles incl. chewing; Facial sensations)
6. **VI Abducens** (Moves eyeballs)
7. **VII Facial** (Taste, tears, saliva, facial expressions)
8. **VIII Vestibulocochlear** (Auditory)
9. **IX Glossopharyngeal** (Swallowing, saliva, taste)
10. **X Vagus** (Control of PNS e.g. smooth muscles of GI tract)
11. **XI Accessory** (Moving head & shoulders, swallowing)
12. **XII Hypoglossal** (Tongue muscles – speech & swallowing)

There are numerous mnemonics created from this but the option below is an example. You can personalise these as much as you wish!

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