

Neuronal activity is low during

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Please see: Poh, M., et al. "A Wearable Sensor for Unobtrusive, Long-Term Assessment of Electrodermal Activity." *IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING* 57, No. 5 (2010): 1243 - 1252.

Planning a Class or Unit of Instruction

By the end of today's session you will be able to:

- articulate factors that promote effective lectures
- consider ways you can gain students' attention, help them to integrate new material & support their comprehension
- make informed decisions about lecture organization & content to support your ILOs
- create an outline for a unit of instruction

Consider...

WHAT ARE LECTURES GOOD FOR?

WHY DO WE LECTURE?

**WHAT'S THE PROBLEM WITH
TRADITIONAL LECTURES?**

Top 5 Factors that Influence Student Learning*

What do *you* think are factors that support student learning?

1. Clarity
2. Task Orientation
3. Student Opportunity
4. Variety
5. Teacher Enthusiasm

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3 Key Elements of Effective Lectures

1. They grab the learner's **attention**
2. They help the learner **integrate** new information into existing frameworks
3. They help build learner **comprehension**

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Attention, integration & comprehension

ATTENTION

1. Clarity
2. Enthusiasm

INTEGRATION

3. Task Orientation
4. Student Opportunity
5. Variety

COMPREHENSION

Active learning
In class and

Assignments &
problems to help
students construct
meaning

Logistics and Delivery

Use your structure to create discrete segments-

- Divide it both in terms of time and in terms of material.
- Create 10-15 minute chunks of material.
- Summarize the previous lecture; introduce the topic(s) for the day; present the material; summarize briefly; preview any homework and the next lecture.

1. CLARITY, 3. TASK ORIENTATION, 4. STUDENT OPPORTUNITY, 5. VARIETY

Logistics and Delivery

Build in interaction -

- Prepare questions— to motivate, solidify understanding, identify misconceptions, etc.
- Set up hypotheticals, problem-solving exercises, brainstorming.
- Work to get everyone involved, even in large classes.

4. STUDENT OPPORTUNITY, 5. VARIETY

Logistics and Delivery

Plan for less time than the class period -

- You will NOT start on time
- You will take some time to get up to speed
- Students will/should have questions

1. CLARITY

Logistics and Delivery

Plan what your board will look like

- Anticipate space requirements
- Facilitate effective note-taking
- Note likely misconceptions/
problem areas.

1. CLARITY, 3. TASK
ORIENTATION,
4. STUDENT OPPORTUNITY

Logistics and Delivery

Enhance Credibility -

- Be comfortable and confident presenting material.
- Be enthusiastic.
- Incorporate your research and own ideas.

1. CLARITY,
2. TEACHER
ENTHUSIAM

The cycle of problem-centered learning

Phases for Effective Instruction diagram removed due to copyright restrictions.
See: Figure 1, p. 45 in Merrill, M. D. [First principles of instruction](#). Educational Technology Research and Development, 50, no. 3 (2002): 43-59.

From, First Principles of Instruction, M.D. Merrill

The Diesel Engine

Discuss the thermodynamic and physical processes that occur in each stage of the diesel cycle.

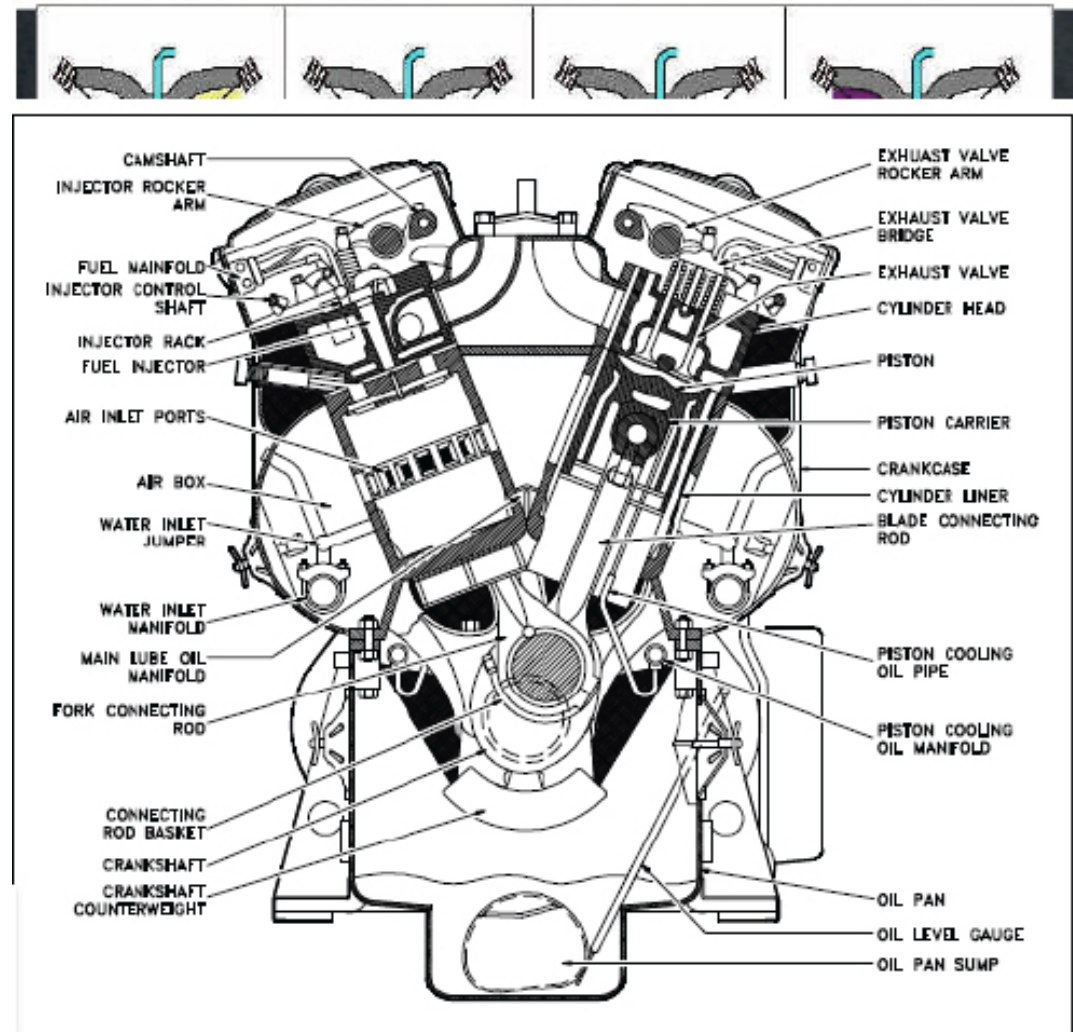


Figure 3 Cross Section of a V-type Four Stroke Diesel Engine



Problem:

Manufacturer's hammers are breaking

Solution:

The class period is spent discussing the concepts & analytical techniques needed to make a recommendation



Prepare a white cake with mousse filling and buttercream frosting.



1. Make cake



2. Make mousse



3. Make frosting



4. Assemble

Attention, integration & comprehension - this class...

ATTENTION

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INTEGRATION

????

COMPREHENSION

????

IN SMALL GROUPS

For your assigned topic:

- Create an intended learning outcome(s) - ILO.
- Use the template to outline/describe:
 - How will you address: attention, integrate & comprehension?
 - Necessary questions, supplies/props, etc.
 - The general flow of the class

LARGE GROUP SHARE-OUT

- Each group will present their template to the class

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