

An idea for remembering the 12 precepts from Tim, a previous student

One strategy I used to great effect in my last exam was to take a bunch of items in a list, underline a key word in each and then turn those key words into a sentence. I found that I could easily remember the sentence and then when revising (or walking down the street) I could just keep making sure I remembered what each word or phrase referred to.

Here's an example I just came up with for the 12 precepts:

"While processing adoptions, I built up a cycle of giving what I really wanted. I nurtured playful connections involving loose broads."

Processing - Manage the process

Adoptions - Adopt a set to break sets

Built up - Build up, don't knock down

Cycle - Cycle often, close late

Give - Explore the givens

What I really wanted - Know what you really want

Nurtured - It is there already, nurture it

Playful - Value play

Connections - Connect and be receptive

Involving - Involve others

Loose - Live with looseness

Broads - Take a broad picture, local details

While slightly on the offensive side, this is an approach that should help you remember hard-to-remember things.