

# Learning Skills

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## Understanding Tricky Topics

**When presented with new information students often say “I don’t get it”. That’s normal.**

**New information can be hard to understand. Instead of getting stuck in that spot though, try using some of these strategies to “get it”.**

### Make the time and put in the effort

The learning will not happen by itself. It will take time and effort.  
Put aside times and places to study. Put it in your diary. Stick to it.

### Gather information

Find information about the topic by:

- Reading through your textbook and class notes. Take it slowly. Keep stopping to check understanding. You may need to go back and read previous sections and chapters to get necessary background information
- Search for info using Google and YouTube (try putting VCE in the search query to come up with more relevant results)
- Borrow a book/alternative text from the library

As you read through the information:

- Take notes (try to use your own words)
- Try to think of your own examples
- Draw pictures and diagrams
- Write down any questions you have
- Write down the meaning of new words/terms
- Try to relate to any other topics that you have learnt

### Use people as resources

Speak to a friend/classmate and see if they can explain the topic or answer your questions.

Contact your teacher and ask questions. Email them and make a time to catch up outside of class. Show your teacher the work you have already done to help them help you best.

***Stick with it! Stick with it! Stick with it! Stick with it! Stick with it! Stick with it!***