

Memorizing Your Script

Try singing your lines. This might help if you love singing; then it will just be like singing a normal song as you will read later on.

Read the script until you fully understand the goal of the tour. This means understanding the main message, the flow through the exhibit, etc.

If you are tired from rehearsing, relax. It helps your brain work better.

Read out loud! Grab your script and read your lines aloud to yourself.

Break it up. Try to conquer small parts of your script at a time. It is difficult to memorize all your lines at once. By taking small parts of your script, you can add lines one at a time until you have your script memorized.

Write it out. It is self-explanatory. Write out your lines repeatedly. This gets the lines in your subconscious memory. To save on paper, you can also type them out, then simply erase and start again.

Record your lines. Get a tape recorder, or if you're sophisticated enough record onto a cd, and record the script. You can then play it while driving or exercising, reciting your lines along with the recording. You learn your lines as well as the other actors' cue lines. It's like learning the lyrics to a song... the more you listen to it, the better you are at "singing" along with the recording.

Use word tricks. If you're stuck memorizing your lines, try a variety of words tricks to help you fully absorb the lines. Here are some word tricks to try:

- Use rhymes to help you remember the right words in a sentence.
- Use visualization. Visualize the words you will say and what message they will convey, and they will come to you.
- Try acronyms to remember your lines.

Repeat, repeat, repeat. Once you feel very comfortable with your lines, you should take the opportunity to applaud yourself, but don't stop practicing. You should still repeat your lines as much as possible until they feel like second nature to you. You should keep repeating your lines until the day you have to deliver them, or you may forget them by the big day.

A valuable aid in rehearsing is an audio recorder. Record your voice and continue to practice until the playback satisfies you. Then record the entire speech. Pay attention to your organization and sincerity, as well as to your voice. The sound of your recorded voice may surprise you at first, but it is closer to what an audience hears than the voice you are used to hearing as you speak.