

# Schema Activation

## Theory

Schema activation refers to the process of activation of prior knowledge stored in schematic form. This knowledge forms a context in which new information is integrated and can therefore have very strong facilitative effects on learning.<sup>1)</sup>

## Practice

Currently proposed prior knowledge activation techniques are<sup>2)</sup>:

- **Mobilization** - learners are asked to bring to mind or recall all they know about a certain domain,
- **Perspective taking** - learners are asked to approach a text from a certain perspective (so they can pay attention to certain information).

## Research results

<sup>1)</sup> , <sup>2)</sup>

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