

PsychSim 5: FORGETTING

Name: _____ Section: _____

Date: _____

This activity will help you understand one of the reasons why we forget information – interference.

Encoding Failure

- What does an encoding failure mean in terms of memory?

Encoding Example

- Did you remember the duplicate letter? _____
- Why do most people have difficulty with this task?

Other Failures

- What other explanations are there for our failure to recall information at a later time?

Comparing the Results

- How did your results differ on Trial 1 versus Trial 2?

Other Types of Interference

- Name and briefly describe two types of interference that affect memory during processing and storage.

1.

2.

Paired-Associates Study Trials

- What was your score on Test 1? _____
- What was your score on Test 2? _____
- What was your score on Test 3? _____

What did your results on the three trials indicate?