The Major System Cheatsheet

Quickly Memorize Numbers and Dates

Use the cheatsheet until you memorize the mappings.

Use the mappings to translate numbers into consonants.

'Hydrate' consonants to create nouns by adding vowels.

Connect the nouns with verbs/actions to create a connected visual narrative.

Absurd, suprising, funny, lewd, or violent imagery can make your connections memorable.

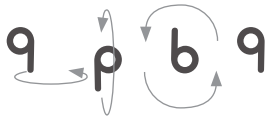
Example

Isaac Newton: 1643–1727

Imagine a baby in a **ditch**(16) drinking a bottle of **rum**(43).

Replace the rum with apple juice to remember that this is Newton.

Baby retaliates with a **duck**(17)-delivered **nuke**(27).

Digit	Phoneme		Bootstrap Mnemonic	Peg	Uses
	Unvoiced	Voiced			
0	s	z	zero zeros	ice	Use your mental freeze ray to reduce things to zero
1	t th	d th	one downstroke	tie	A friendly tie might lick the first thing in your list A malevolent tie might strangle it
2	–	n	two downstrokes	knee	Two Muay-Thai-style knees can inflict some memorable damage
3	–	m	three downstrokes; m is a lazy 3	home	Drop your home on the third thing you want to remember, like Dorothy in Oz
4	–	r	four	arrow	"Luck is when the arrow hits the man standing ~~next to~~ four down from you." —Aristotle
5	–	l	Five fingers make an 'L'	owl	Maybe it's delivering five messages Harry Potter-style; maybe the talons come out
6	sh ch	zh j	6 looks like a left shoe	shoe	Other shoes drop on the sixth thing
7	k	g	Two 7s make a 'k'; 'g' is the 7th letter	key	A key unlocks the seventh memory
8	f	v	8 is my favorite number favorite 'favorite' has 8 letters	ivy	Ivy entwines the eighth object, fixing it in mind
9	p	b		pie	Nine pies create memorable slapstick opportunities

Pegs are a re-usable representation of a number.

They allow random access to memory items.

"What's the fourth item on the list?" It's the thing you shot with an arrow.

"What's the 27th item?" It's the thing you nuked.

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