

Forgetting in STM: Trace Decay

Study	Conclusions	Problems with the conclusions
<p>Peterson & Peterson (1959) measured recall of trigrams after varying intervals. Between presentation & recall, PPs did a counting interference task. After 18s PPs recalled less than 10% of the information.</p>		
<p>Reitman (1975) conducted a similar study to the Petersons. Instead of a counting task she used a vigilance task where PPs had to listen carefully to detect an auditory tone. Over 15s, recall of the trigrams declined by about 24%.</p>		
<p>How good an explanation of STM forgetting is trace decay? Explain your conclusions.</p>		