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The Pomodoro Technique

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The Pomodoro Technique is an effective time-management method for writing, studying, or completing tasks. It helps reduce procrastination, maintain focus, and boost productivity.

The Process

Make a List of Tasks

- Write down everything you need to accomplish.
- This helps you visualize and prioritize your work.

Select One Task

- Choose the task you want to focus on or make the most progress on.

Set a Timer for 25 Minutes

- Work exclusively on the chosen task.
- The timer keeps you accountable and on track.

Work Until the Timer Rings

- Avoid distractions like checking your phone, emails, or talking to others.

Take a 5-Minute Break

- Once the timer goes off, stretch, walk, or relax to recharge.

Repeat

- Start another 25-minute work session.
- After completing four Pomodoros, take a longer break (15–30 minutes).

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Why the Pomodoro Technique Works

Eliminate Distractions

- Focusing without interruptions allows your brain to fully engage with the task.
- Minimizing distractions ensures that your sessions are productive and your attention is on the task.

Break Down Large Tasks

- Dividing a big project into smaller chunks prevents overwhelm and promotes steady progress.
- This helps you stay motivated, track progress, and avoid procrastination.

Boost Focus & Productivity

- Short, intense work sessions keep your mind alert and prevent fatigue.
- This encourages sustained engagement and makes even long or difficult tasks manageable.

Mindful Breaks

- Resting briefly recharges your mental energy and improves focus for the next session.
- This prevents burnout, reduces stress, and supports creativity and long-term retention of information.



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