

## **MEMORIZATION**

The key to improving memorization is practice, practice, practice! It is a muscle, and like any other muscle, you need to work it out in order to strengthen it. With that being said, how one person memorizes lines will be different from another. Find what works for you.

**READ IT!** (Before you start to memorize).

- Read the script from start to finish, like a good novel. Immerse yourself into the story.
- Character Development/ Script Analysis
- Character Objective/Goal
- Character's train of thought

**TIPS for Memorizing:**

*\*Remember!* Memorize your CUE lines as well!

- Highlight your lines. (If multiple characters, try different color highlighters).
- Write down your lines.
- Write down each letter of the words in your lines.
- Split a paper and write your lines on one side and your cue lines on the other side.
- Practice with a partner.
- Record your partner's lines and rehearse your lines with the recording.
- Imagery. Associate a visual or picture in your mind with the lines that you are memorizing.
- Add on. Memorize one line, then add the next and so on. Then page by page. Scene by scene.
- Get on your feet! Moving helps memorization compared to merely sitting. If you have blocking, rehearse your lines with the blocking to engrain the dialogue and the movement into your mind and body.
- Bedtime/Breakfast Marinating. Review your lines right before bed. Then again as soon as you wake up to help lock it in. Doing this will greatly help improve your recall.