

## Context-Dependent Memory Reflection

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The authors, D.R. Godden and A.D. Baddeley, included the scientific method well in their academic paper. They clearly highlighted each of their categories, and made it quite obvious what they were doing. The beginning paragraph was able to give us context as to what the paper would be about, and then they continued with that theme throughout the rest of their research. They went into great detail when explaining their procedure, and overall were able to clearly layout their research.

The process of this study seemed long to me. They really made sure they were doing the experiment as accurately as possible. Their first experiment was a little hectic, and their planning could have been better. The second time they did it they really improved on their previous errors. You can tell the overall process took time and had to be adjusted in order for them to get the most accurate results.

After I finished reading the article I felt like I understood how psychology is studied and tested. I noticed that it really is just like testing a hypothesis in any science, but maybe even a little harder because there are a lot of factors you can't control. Another thing I found interesting was how they did two experiments. I thought that doing the second one with fixing their errors was a good idea and allowed them to get more accurate data. I also observed how lengthy the discussion was in specifically the first experiment. You could see the authors discussing how they thought their study went, and what might have gone wrong. I think this helped them walk through what happened, and allowed them reevaluate their decisions. I thought that what they

were studying was interesting, and being a student I found that their research is relevant to kids in school. If we think about what environment we take test and quizzes in and where we are when we learn that same material, how does all that relate to how successful we are in our learning?

The hardest part about reading this article was being able to understand it. The Author brings up some pretty complex ideas, and at times it was a challenge to understand the point he was trying to put across. I also found that since I wasn't able to fully understand it, I got quite bored reading it. I think it would be much easier to follow along if there was someone there who I could ask questions. Another thing that I believe led to the confusion, is the fact that the paper is understandably old, and the language used is no different.

References

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