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Memory Matters

Do men or women suffer more from short term memory loss? At what age do men and women seem to suffer the most short term memory loss? I predict that the men will suffer less memory loss than the women because more women tend to have more on their mind at once and have trouble remembering things that are not on their mind at that time. Made two different tests, one was a story test and the other one was a picture test. I read a story to all the participants on an individual basis. I asked multiple questions about the story to see how well each remembers the parts of the story. I took 25 simple pictures and hung them up on a board, I asked each person to study the pictures very closely for 1 ½ minutes. After the time was up I covered all the pictures I had my volunteers write down as many pictures as each could remember. I recorded all my results. I recorded an average for each test by males and females. In the reading part of my test, the males and females in the 9-10 age categories, the males did better than the females. In the 30's categories did better than the males and in the 60-70 categories the males did better. In the picture portion of my test the females did better than the males in all categories.