**Pomodoro Technique**:



Pomodoro is flexible! If you can work longer than 25 minutes, work as long as you can without feeling unfocused. Be sure to do a mindless task during your 5-minute breaks such as getting a snack, taking a quick walk, or doing dishes. This will help your brain to create stronger links in your long-term memory.

You can even find videos on YouTube to do a guided Pomodoro study session with a virtual buddy!

For your longer breaks, what are some effective ways to take a fulfilling break while still staying motivated to return to work or studying?

**Structured vs Unstructured Breaks**

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| **Structured Break** | **Unstructured Break** |
| Have a definitive end pointMore likely to return to taskExample:Tanner decides to play four rounds of Mario Kart during his break – enough to compete in a Cup tournament. | Has no definitive end pointLess likely to return to taskExample:Suman decides to play Skyrim which has no definitive endpoint in the game.**Note: Often when students choose an unstructured activity, they will set a timer. While this may work for some individuals, many others still struggle to return to task when the timer goes off.** |

This resource was adapted from the following sources:

<https://pomofocus.io/>

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[The Pomodoro Technique — Why It Works & How To Do It (todoist.com)](https://todoist.com/productivity-methods/pomodoro-technique)