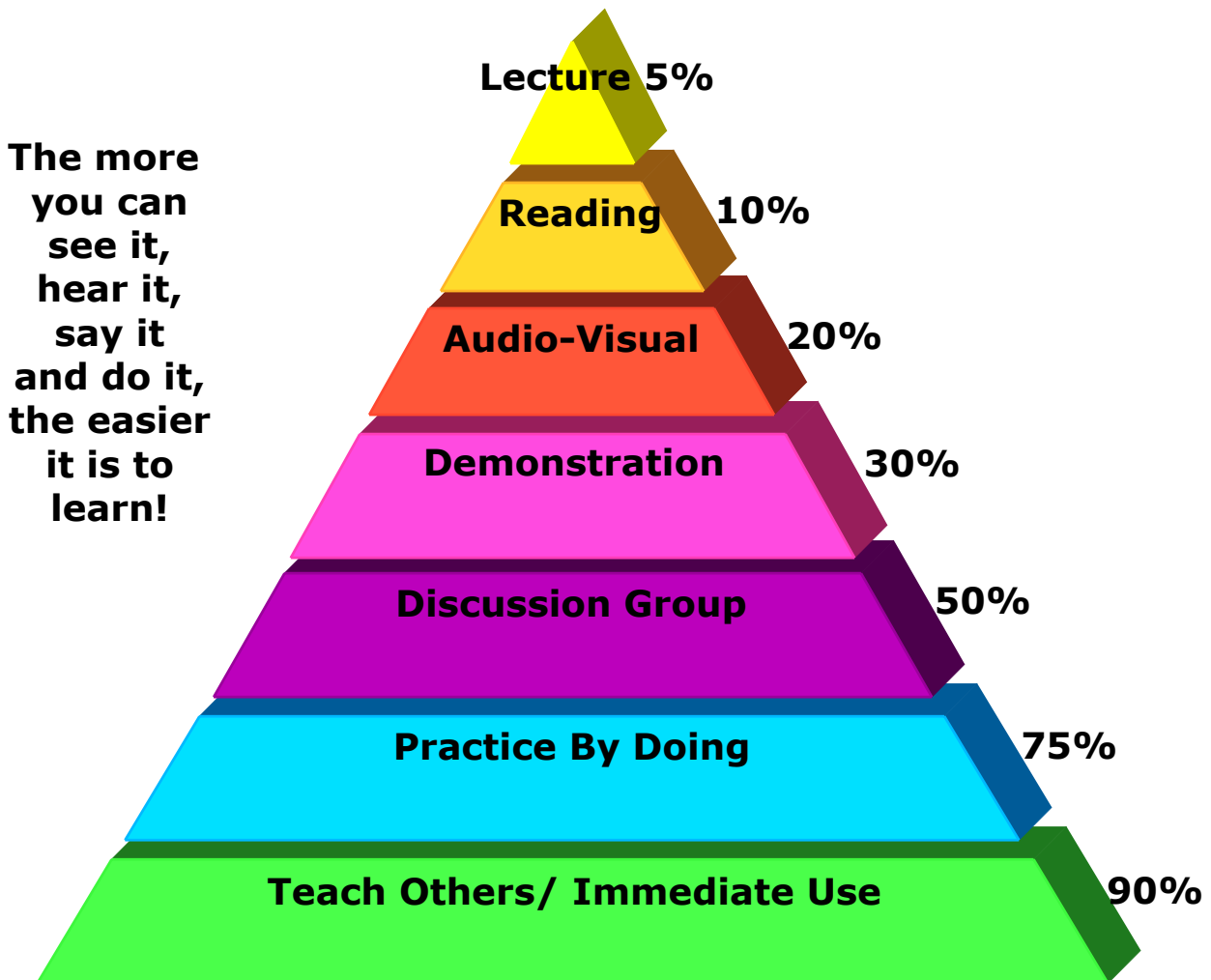




# Teaching Methods and Retention

Successful learners learn in many ways. They do however have on thing in common and that is AN ACTIVE APPROACH to learning.

Cooperative Learning Structures help you as a teacher to hit 'The Big Three'. **Discussion Groups:** because of the Equal Participation principle no one student can dominate and no student can sit back and have a 'free-ride', **Practice by Doing:** because of the Simultaneous Interaction principle you will see a higher % of your class OVERTLY active at one time. **Teaching Others:** because of the Positive Interdependence principle the students will often coach and tutor each other, the contribution of one becomes the benefit for others and vice versa.



Source: National Training Laboratories Bethel, Maine

If I ran a school, I'd give the average grade to the ones who gave me all the right answers, for being good parrots.  
I'd give the top grades to those who made a lot of mistakes and told me about them, and then told me what they learned from them.

-- R. Buckminster Fuller