

a. When does Jim Holt recite poems to himself?

While walking around Manhattan on errands.

b. What technique for memorizing poems does he recommend?

Just take it two or three lines a day, and do it many times until it gets engraved in your muscle memory.

c. How does Holt say reading a poem aloud differs from reciting it from memory?

You feel a little bit closer to the original author when reciting it from memory. He says reading a poem takes some of the joy out of it for him.

d. What are some of the poems Holt has memorized?

“To His Coy Mistress” “Kubla Khan” “Baroque Wall-Fountain in the Villa Sciarra.” “This Lunar Beauty” “My Last Duchess” “Childe Roland to the Dark Tower Came”

e. Though Holt questions the alleged benefits of memorizing poems, he still thinks people should do it. Why?

Because it is enjoyable, gives you a feeling of satisfaction, and means you don't have to wear an Ipad.