

Video

HOUSE OF CARDS

BEFORE VIEWING



▲ Nelson Dellis is a four-time USA Memory Champion.

- A** Read the information about the USA Memory Championship. Then answer the questions.

The USA Memory Championship is an annual competition in which participants compete in memorization tasks. In one event, participants have to memorize the order of a shuffled¹ deck of cards. First, they are given five minutes to memorize the order of the cards. Then they are given five minutes to arrange a second deck of cards in the same order. The participant who recalls all the cards correctly in the shortest time period wins.

¹If a deck of cards is **shuffled**, the cards are mixed up in a random order.

LEARNING ABOUT
THE TOPIC

1. What do you think the record time for the card event is? Note your answer. Then check the answer on the bottom of page 100. Does this surprise you?

2. How might a person use the loci method to memorize the order of a deck of cards?

- B** The words and phrases in **bold** below are used in the video. Match each word or phrase to its definition.

VOCABULARY IN
CONTEXT

People often **code** information by using mnemonic devices, like poems or pictures.
Information is easier to recall if it has an **associated** rhyme or image.
Most people have a **mental map** of their home or neighborhood.

1. _____ (n) a picture in a person's mind of an area
2. _____ (adj) connected with something else
3. _____ (v) to give a name, number, or symbol to something