

## Test-Taking Tips for Students

Here are top tips to testing success!

### **Have a Positive Attitude**

Approach the big test as you'd approach a giant jigsaw puzzle. It might be tough, but you can do it! A positive attitude goes a long way toward success.

### **The Night Before**

The night before the test you should get to bed early. Remember, your brain and body need sleep to function well, so don't stay up late!

### **The Morning of the Test**

Did you know that you think better when you have a full stomach? So don't skip breakfast the morning of the test.

### **Test Time**

Before the test begins, make sure you have everything you'll need - scratch paper, extra pencils, and a fully charged iPad. Remember to use the bathroom before testing begins. Read the instructions! You want to make sure you are marking answers correctly.

### **Manage Your Time**

Scan through the test quickly before starting. Answering the easy questions first can be a time saver and a confidence builder. Plus, it saves more time in the end for you to focus on the hard stuff.

### **I'm Stuck!**

Those tricky problems can knock you off balance. Don't get worried or frustrated. Reread the question to make sure you understand it, and then try to solve it the best way you know how. If you're still stuck, circle it and move on. You can come back to it later. What if you have no idea about the answer? Review your options and make the best guess you can.

### **Multiple-Choice Questions**

The process of elimination can help you choose the correct answer in a multiple-choice question. Start by crossing off the answers that couldn't be right. Then spend your time focusing on the possible correct choices before selecting your answer.

### **I'm Done!**

Not so fast - when you complete the last item on the test, remember that you're not done yet. First, check the clock and go back to review your answers, making sure that you didn't make any careless mistakes (such as putting the right answer in the wrong place or skipping a question). Spend the last remaining minutes going over the hardest problems before you turn in your test.

Follow these test tips, and you'll know you did your best - congratulations!

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