Test-taking Tips

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These tips can help you do better on your tests.

❑ Pay attention in class — not only will you know what's going on, but your teacher might even tell you some things you'll definitely see on the test.

❑ Do your homework, and read what you're supposed to read.

❑ Ask your teacher what will be on the test.

❑ Put the main ideas from the material the test is over on a sheet of paper for quick review.

❑ Don't cram. Cramming does more harm than good.

❑ Write legibly.

❑ When you get the test, look it over to see what's on there instead of just diving in.

❑ Answer the questions you know first, then come back to the ones that are harder.

❑ Read the instructions. We know one teacher who sometimes has a test section for which the instructions are: "Don't answer these questions." If you do, you lose points.

❑ If you don't know the answer on a multiple choice test, try to eliminate as many choices as you can. Guess if you have to.

❑ When you get the test back, check to see what you missed. If you think something was counted wrong but was right, ask your teacher privately.

❑ Save your test to help you review for a final exam if you're going to have one.