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MULTIPLE CHOICE TEST TIPS

What is a multiple choice test?

- A test where you are given a list of answers to each question and you have to pick the correct one.

1. **Cover** the answer choices under the question.
2. Read the **question** carefully.
3. See if you know the answer **without** looking.
4. Read **all** the choices carefully.
5. Cross out choices that you know are **wrong**.
6. Cross out choices that have **spelling** or **grammar** mistakes.
7. Look at the remaining choices and **pick** the best one.
8. If you don't know an answer, put a **star** ★ next to the question then move to the next one.
9. When done, **go back** to questions you marked with stars, then try them again.
10. Make an educated **guess** if you are unsure of the answer.
11. Unless you misread the question, **avoid** changing answers, as your first choice is usually right.

MULTIPLE CHOICE WORDING TIPS

1. If any choices are **opposites**, at least one can be eliminated.

Try this question:

Where does Santa live?

- a) The South Pole
- b) The North Pole
- c) Canada

2. If one of the choices in the list is correct, don't pick **all of the above** or **none of the above**.

Try this question:

What is the largest country in the world?

- a) Russia
- b) Canada
- c) None of the above

3. Look out for words like **always**, **never**, **only** and **must**. These are often the wrong choices as there are usually exceptions.

Try this question:

Which statement is true about a king?

- a) A king is a monarch.
- b) A king must live in a castle.
- c) A king only speaks one language.

4. A **double negative** is a statement that contains two negative words. A double negative can make a statement **positive** or the **opposite**.

Example: *I **wasn't unhappy** with my grade.*

This could mean I was happy with my grade.

Try this question:

Which of the following is true?

- a) Driving with a license is not illegal
- b) Driving with a license is not legal
- c) Driving with a license is illegal