

How Do I Study for Math?

A couple of days before the test/quiz:

- 1) Start looking at your old homework and see what kind of mistakes you made and make sure that you understand them now. (This should be easy since your homework should be corrected in PEN and have the correct answers by this time).
- 2) Ask your teacher (or anyone else that can help) to clarify anything that you are unsure of. Make sure that you have an example of the type of problem that you are struggling with.

The night before a test/quiz:

- 1) Do the review assignment and correct it if an answer key was handed out (or available on the internet). If you have any questions, look them up, get help from a friend, or come in to math help to whoever is available at that time.
- 2) Make sure that you understand the vocabulary of the chapter and you know what the directions are asking for with different types of questions.
- 3) If it is a chapter test, look over the chapter quiz and make sure that you understand your mistakes if you made any.
- 4) Go through your old homework again and look at your mistakes. This will help you look for that type of mistake while you are testing.
- 5) Feel free to review the powerpoints if they are available online.
- 6) Keep in mind that the publisher website might have some review problems, but because they are mostly multiple choice, they may not help you study for problems that you need to show your work on.

The day of the test/quiz:

- 1) Come in the morning to get help if you are feeling shaky about any of the concepts. Be prepared to give an example of the type of problem you are struggling with.
- 2) During the test, plan your time wisely. Don't get stuck on a problem during a test/quiz. If you don't know how to do something, skip it and come back to it after you've completed all the problems you are comfortable with. Usually, something in the test will remind you of what you're supposed to do.
- 3) If you have time, double check your work. The best way to double check equations is to plug your answer in to see if it works. Look for simple mistakes like dropping negatives, or simple computational errors. The best way to check the rest of the problems is to re-do them and see if you get the same answer again.