

Strategies for Answering Test Questions

Math Tests

1. Circle the sentence in the problem that has the question mark at the end. After you write your answer read the question again to make sure your response answers the question that was asked. Does your answer make sense?
2. For multiple choice questions try to eliminate two of the choices (the fifty-fifty rule).
3. Look for key words in math problems; “how many more” - finding the difference *subtraction*, “in all” – *addition*, “share equally” – *division*, and “equal groups of” *multiplication*
4. If you can’t read a person’s name in a word problem just say the first letter in their name

Reading Tests

1. Use a reading strategy – take a picture walk, make predictions and confirm your predictions, and read any words or headings that are printed in **bold** letters.
2. Read the questions first. This will let you know what you should be looking for while you are reading.
3. Make sure your written response answers the performance task or prompt. If you were told to “**include at least two details from the story**” make sure your answer has *at least* two details. It’s okay to include more than two.
5. For multiple choice questions try to eliminate two of the choices (the fifty-fifty rule).
6. It is okay *and expected* that you look back to the story to find the answer to the question.