

Math Success Workshop

How To Do Well with The Minimum
Amount Of Trouble

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Effective use of “spare time” Tip # 1

- You can do problems in your head while you are driving (and NOT talking on your cell phone) **but it's better to just concentrate on driving!**



TIP # 2



- Try doing a few (just 2 or 3) problems while you are eating breakfast.



TIP # 3

- Before you retire for the night, try 2 or 3 problems.

TIP # 4

- When you have to actually study, only work for about 20 minutes, then take a break. If you need to cover more material or want to practice some more, continue in this same way - 20 minutes “on”, then take a break.

This way, you have a chance to “absorb” the material.



Tip # 5

Use The WEB

- Spend a few minutes on-line doing practice problems before or after (or both) you go on to explore other tasks or interests there.



For example, see how many practice problems you can successfully complete in, say, one minute (or 5 minutes), then stop and check them.

ON THE WEB

- On the internet you can find math worksheets and complete explanations of techniques (even videos) for **ANY** level of math.

TIP # 6

Study Groups

- Homework is more fun when you do it with others to “compare notes” or techniques and to check answers.
- The library is a great place to work when you want to work alone, with friends or classmates.

TIP # 7

Practice, Practice, and Practice

- The more you practice, the more **confidence** you gain – just like practicing music, art, writing, sports, or operating machinery.
- Don't try to go too fast.
- Just learn the “rules” or procedures first and speed will come naturally as your brain adapts to the task.

Before A Test

- Before a test – write one for yourself using typical problems (or use the chapter review problems in the book).
- Read the examples in the book before you do the problems to see how the author does them. Follow along with a pencil and paper and do each step, one at a time.
- Then try some on your own and check them for accuracy.

Before A Test

- If you still don't understand something, ask questions in class (before class or after if you are shy).
- Visit the FREE Educational Support Center for help or to practice before an exam!

FINAL THOUGHTS

- Don't give up.
- Enjoy the process and your progress.
- You do your best work when you are relaxed and whatever you are doing feels like “fun.”
- Do your best.
- When you “get it” **SMILE!**



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