

Rutgers Learning Centers

At Camden Campus

TESTS: MULTIPLE CHOICE EXAMS

BEWARE OF QUALIFIERS

Look for qualifiers in test questions; beware of extremes which tend to make a true statement false.

Extreme Positives

always
entirely
every
all

best
all
only

is
certainly
positively
definitely
absolutely
entirely

Moderates

seldom
sometimes
often
frequently
usually
generally
ordinarily
most
many
few
some

probably
possibly

Extreme Negatives

never
ever
at no time
invariably
no

worst
none

is not
in no way

Study Strategies at Exam Time

- Recite:** Explain the material aloud, in your own words, without looking at notes or text. Use a cue card to stimulate the recitation process. Create questions to serve as cues.
- Summarize:** In your own words, condense the material to fewer words and sentences than the original.
- Outline:** Abbreviate the material to a few phrases or words and assign them an order, with more specific ideas listed under general ideas. Create "category words" (general phrases) to describe groupings of related ideas.
- Visualize:** Draw a diagram to show relationships among the parts of a paragraph.
- Associate:** After you have condensed the material, find ways to associate key words with other relationships you know. Use numbers, letters or familiar places.

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