

Science Skill Sheet—Studying for a Science Test

From your science teacher to help you out!

The idea of preparing for a test can be daunting. You've had classwork, homework, textbook stuff, handouts, and labs given to you. How do you figure out what is important? How do you study these things? Keep this sheet in your binder to help you remember these tips!

What you should do	Why you should do it
complete all of your homework <i>before</i> the test	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• homework gives you practice in what you have learned• teachers sometimes take test questions from the homework
correct as much work as you can <i>before</i> the test	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• this makes sure you understand the material; if you fix it yourself (instead of copying it from someone) you are probably not going to make the same mistake on the test
read the “Chapter Highlights” section at the back of the chapter	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• this is an instant review of really important ideas
reread the pages for anything that was not familiar when you read the “Chapter Highlights”	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• this allows you to focus your studying efforts; why spend the time rereading stuff you really know well?
make sure you know the definitions of the vocabulary words you are responsible for in the “Chapter Highlights”	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• knowing definitions will help you on the test
write down everything you can remember about what you studied since the last test; when done, check this list against your homework calendar and graded assignments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• this is an instant review for you, and will help you to focus your studying on the things that might have slipped your mind
do the review assignment the night before the test	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• this will act as a “pre-test”; see how much you can do before you check your answers in the book
get a decent amount of sleep the night before the test	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• you will think more clearly if you are awake!