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Thread: [How to avoid making careless mistakes](#)

Gerymc - November 7, 2018, 5:16 pm

I'm sort of frustrated in school right now. In my math, I'm really struggling on tests, not because they're hard, but because I make dumb mistakes. I know how to solve the problem, but I make FUCKING DUMB mistakes like saying $15 * 6$ is 30. I do this in all my other classes, too. In science it happens some from not reading the full question and directions, but that is an easier fix. In math, it's not that that I'm not reading the question or I legitimately do not know, but rather I am making simple mistakes. Any ideas on how to stop this? It's hurting my grade.

PerfectStorm - November 7, 2018, 5:19 pm

Are you experiencing anxiety at times where you make the mistakes?

Gerymc - November 7, 2018, 5:23 pm

(Nov 7, 2018 06:19 PM)PerfectStorm Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Are you experiencing anxiety at times where you make the mistakes?

Not really. I'm a little bit anxious, as I am for every test, but by no means would I call it full-blown anxiety.

PerfectStorm - November 7, 2018, 5:24 pm

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Gerymc - November 7, 2018, 5:26 pm

(Nov 7, 2018 06:24 PM)PerfectStorm Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Is it a timed test against the clock

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PerfectStorm - November 7, 2018, 5:28 pm

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Well im sure you practice at home right? Do you make mistakes on that homework too.

Gt403cyl - November 7, 2018, 5:31 pm

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PerfectStorm - November 7, 2018, 5:34 pm

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This does help too actually. Some of my professors told me to do this actually.

Black Lives Matter ~ - November 7, 2018, 5:51 pm

My advice is to think before you speak! Do the math in your mind, and practice.

Nima304 - November 7, 2018, 5:58 pm

Just do the entire test, then go through it again and recheck all of your answers. Be really verbose with showing your work on math and whatnot so you can verify you did everything properly.

.irie - November 7, 2018, 9:19 pm

Definitely agree with everyone above, do your test normally and take your time. Try your best to finish at least 5 minutes before it's time's up and check all of your work and answers thoroughly .

ethellooking - September 22, 2020, 3:37 am

You can try some tips here:

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Ask Questions.

Create a Checklist.

AmineB - October 6, 2020, 11:09 am

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6- Be Clear About Your Role.