

PSAT/SAT/ACT Strategies

The following strategies will work for all college entrance exams.

1) There are no longer penalties for wrong answer. You want to ANSWER EVERY question. DO NOT LEAVE ANY ANSWER BLANK.

2) Now, Later, Never:

Now: You understand the question and know the answer. You answer it **NOW** and know that you got it correct.

Later: You know the question but need more time. Generally think that you have about 1 minute per question. If you know the question but know that you are nearing your 1 minute time limit, circle the question and come back to it **LATER**.

Never: You don't the question or how to solve it. It is a NEVER the first time you read it and will probably be a NEVER if you read it again. You think to yourself that you will **NEVER** be able to answer this question. You will guess on these with one of the two following guessing strategies:

1) Letter of the day. If your answer choices are A – D then you will pick one of these letters. This is the letter you will use on all of your guesses. By just using one letter the probability that you will get some of these correct is higher than if you do not use the same letter. You will also use this letter for those questions that you do not get to but need to answer.

2) Eliminate and guess. This is the common sense strategy. Eliminate any common sense answers that you know are not correct. Then guess with the answer choices you have left.

3) 5 minute strategies: Make sure that when they call 5 minutes that you get all of your lateres and your unanswered questions marked/bubbled.

By knowing these strategies, you just added points to your test score.