

## **Testing Tips**

### **Support your child by sharing test-taking tips**

Your child has a big test tomorrow, and you want her to do her best. How can you help? During the test, tell your child to remember to:

- \* Focus on directions. Whether they are given out loud or are written, she should ask about anything that is unclear.
- \* Write down information. If she struggled to memorize something, she should write it down as soon as the test starts, in case she needs it later.
- \* Start with the easiest questions. to earn the most points. She should mark the hardest ones and go back to them last.
- \* Remember true/false tricks. If any part of the answer is false, the whole answer is false!
- \* Use multiple-choice strategies. She should try to answer the question before looking at the choices. Or, she can eliminate the wrong answers and see what's left.
- \* Look for fill-in-the-blank hints. If the blank line is short, the answer should be short, too.
- \* Match the best answers. She should avoid matching too quickly and consider all options. If one is a mystery, answering the others may solve it.
- \* Outline essays. Instead of writing freely, she should make a plan and stick to main points and key details. Even a brief outline is better than no answer.

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