

► Completing Homework

Your teacher will probably assign questions and problems from the Section Reviews and Chapter Reviews or assign *Modern Chemistry* Daily Homework. The purpose of these assignments is to review what you have covered in class and to see if you can use the information to answer questions or solve problems. As in reviewing class notes, do your homework as soon after class as possible while the topics are still fresh in your mind. Do not wait until late at night, when you are more likely to be tired and to become frustrated.

► Preparing for and Taking Exams

Reviewing for an exam

- Don't panic and don't cram! It takes longer to learn if you are under pressure. If you have followed the strategies listed here and reviewed along the way, studying for the exam should be less stressful.
- When looking over your notes and concept maps, recite ideas out loud. There are two reasons for reciting:

- **1.** You are hearing the information, which is effective in helping you learn.
- **2.** If you cannot recite the ideas, it should be a clue that you do not understand the material, and you should begin rereading or reviewing the material again.
- Studying with a friend provides a good opportunity for recitation. If you can explain ideas to your study partner, you know the material.

Taking an exam

- Get plenty of rest before the exam so that you can think clearly. If you have been awake all night studying, you are less likely to succeed than if you had gotten a full night of rest.
- Start with the questions you know. If you get stuck on a question, save it for later. As time passes and you work through the exam, you may recall the information you need to answer a difficult question or solve a difficult problem.

Good luck!