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## How to Take Multiple-Choice Tests

Students need to learn how to take multiple-choice tests since this format is often used on standardized tests. Here are a few things students should know. Review each one of these principles with your mentee and have him/her explain why it is true.

1. **Read each question with the intention of answering the question without looking at the possible answers.**
2. **Use educated guessing.** Eliminate two alternatives quickly and then decide between the other two.
3. **Choose the numbers that are in the middle range, not the extremes, when guessing.**
4. **Choose answers that are longer and more descriptive, when in doubt.**
5. **When two similar answers appear, one is likely correct.**