My AP AP Computer Science Principles Study Checklist



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Week 1

Take Practice Test 1

Fill out Diagnostic Answer Key and carefully read through the answers and explanations

Reflect on the Test

Read Using This Book to Improve Your AP Score, About the Computer Science Principles Exam, and Test-Taking Strategies for the AP Computer Science Principles Exam parts



Ask Yourself

- How much time did you spend studying today? Unless you're taking a practice test, try not to spend more than 2 hours per day on test prep to avoid burning out.
- 2. On Practice Test 1, how much time did you spend on the multiple-choice questions? How many did you miss?

Week 2

Read Creative Development chapter

Complete Create Task Scavenger Worksheet and review answers

Read Chapter 3



Study Tip

As you mark the explanations to any incorrect answers, note the topic(s) of the questions. When you go back to review the chapter, you'll know exactly which sections to focus on.

Week 3

Answer Review Drill for Chapter 4

Read Algorithms and Programming chapter

Answer Review Drill for Chapter 5



Watch and Learn

Check out The Princeton Review YouTube Channel for Last Minute AP Exam Tips.

Week 4

Read Key Terms for Chapters 4 and 5

Take Practice Test 2 and scoring it using Answer Key

Carefully read through the answers and explanations



You're Halfway There!

Congratulations on all your hard work! Remember that rest is also an important part of prep. Take breaks in your study routine to stretch, have a snack, or listen to your favorite music.

Week 5

Chapter Computer Systems and Networks chapter

Review Key Terms for Chapter 6

Answer Review Drill for Chapter 6



Need a Refresher?

As you get farther along in your prep, look back at the Summary pages for earlier chapters to refresh your memory.

Week 6

Read Impact of Computing chapter

Review Key Terms for Chapter 7

Answer Review Drill for Chapter 7



Create Performace Task Preparation

Past Create Performance Task examples are available to download from AP Central. As your exam gets closer, use can use these examples to get a better understanding what College Board wants to see!

Take Practice Test 3 and score it using Answer Key, plus carefully read through the answers and explanations

Read Summaries for Chapters 4, 5, 6, and 7, as well as the Glossary

Review any sections you feel uncomfortable with, especially those you got wrong on Practice Test 1, 2, or 3



Gearing Up for the Exam

As test day gets closer, check the College Board website for the most up-to-date information on your AP Computer Science Principles exam.