

TESTING PROBLEMS & SUCCESS STRATEGIES

POSSIBLE SOLUTION

I studied, but I didn't study what was on the test

Identification of important, difficult, or unfamiliar material

1. Regular class and study group attendance
2. Text clues/summaries & chapter questions
3. Visit Professor

I can't figure out what the Professor &/or book is talking about

Comprehension – Apply METHODS to help understanding

1. Preview/outline/question technique
2. Read text before class
3. Use SQ3(4)R/other comprehension technique

I just can't remember what I read.

Retention - Review, Review, Review

1. Review notes for 10 minutes within 24
2. Review again within 2 days
3. Weekly 1 hour review session

I know the information but I can't think of it on the test.

Retrieval of knowledge

1. Predict test contents
2. Organize notes into meaningful groups
3. Multi-sensory study
4. Make reading & studying an active process

I know the information but I can't write a good essay question or discuss it in class.

Utilization of knowledge

1. Predict questions & prepare answers
2. Prepare for class discussion

I can't answer multiple choice questions.

**Identification, Comprehension
Retrieval, Over-analysis**

1. Practice by predicting questions and writing out the answers (also do with a buddy).
2. Read question and write answer on a separate sheet of paper before looking at the choices.
3. Rule out obviously wrong choices.
4. You may be reading too much into the wording of the answers. If so, don't overanalyze MC questions
5. If you're confused, leave the questions and come back to it.