



# Test Taking Tips for Standardized Tests



## 1. TRIAGE

Triage is a medical term when doctors in emergency situations, treat the worst patients first. With Test taking, do the OPPOSITE. **Answer the easy ones first.**

If you see a problem, and you're not sure how to answer it, circle it and move on. You didn't waste time reading the questions. You'll see later.

## 2. TWO PASSES

During the **first pass**, answer the easy questions.

During the **second pass**, answer the questions you circled or skipped.

Decide whether you will do a question now, later, or much later.



*OK- I've done all the questions I know and all the questions I think I know. NOW WHAT?*

## 3. POE "Process of Elimination"

You must answer every question.

Try this one: 1. What is the capital of Malawi?

- A. New York
- B. Lilongwe
- C. Paris
- D. Kinshasa



You're now logically left with 2 choices- B & D because you know it's not New York or Paris, so guess.

## 4. Letter of the Day

Statistically, when you guess, it is better to **pick the same letter each time.**