





Test Taking Strategies:  
Common Test Errors

- z Simply didn't know or couldn't remember the content.

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## The Test Question

- z Avoid reading into the question!
- z DO NOT
  - { Add information
  - { Make assumptions
  - { Focus only on your personal experience

## AVOID reading into the question

- z Avoid reading into the question!
- z DO NOT z



## Key words that show priority

- z Some questions want you to rank order of importance in your answer
  - First**
  - Initially**
  - Priority**
  - z**



### Basic Rules

- z Identify and eliminate answers that DENY patients, feelings, concerns and needs.
- z Eliminate responses that are bizarre, inappropriate and punitive.
- z Avoid “pollyanna” or “goodie two shoes” like responses that are too optimistic or provide **false assurances**.

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### Strategy for multiple choice

1. Read question identifying key words
2. Review ALL of the possible answers giving equal consideration to each
3. Eliminate obvious wrong answers
4. Select the BEST of the remaining possibilities
5. Re-Read the question asking if your answer directly relates to the ? Being asked.

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### When you are finished

- z **Review:**
  - Resist the urge to leave as soon as you have completed all the items
  - Review your test to make sure that you
    - { have answered all questions
    - { did not mis-mark answers
    - { did not make simple mistakes

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