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# A Guide to Improving Your Homework Skills and Studying for Exams

### Make it fun.

This is the most important tip. Have fun doing your work. Before you start, make sure that you want to do it. Homework and studying for exams should be pleasure not torture. It doesn't mean that you should put off your homework until you feel like doing it, but rather make yourself want to do it. Make grammar examples using things you like to think of. If you have favourite actors, let them be the starring guests of your sentences. If you are fond of sport, make it the main topic of your examples. Learning poems by heart, associate them with people you love and learn this poetry as if you were going to read it to them. Does anything work? Anyway, move on to the next tip.

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#### 3. Don't let anything distract you.

Your new spacious desk isn't meant for non-studies objects. This interesting book tempts you to read it? Its place is not on your desk. You got a new game on your console? Its place is not on your desk. Leave only textbooks, copybooks and other study materials in your workplace. Though, in our modern times computer is the most distraction. Having it near the workplace is both a blessing and a curse. If you have strong will and are able to use online resources without wandering deep into social networks, then use it. But if you

4. Start with writing, then get to oral tasks. Now, when you feel comfortable, nothing distracts you and you're eager to start doing your homework, do first these tasks that have a potential to leave you tired. Usually, it's writing tasks. You have to do them right away, otherwise you'll not have strength to finish them later. Oral tasks usually take less effort, so do them last. When doing the writing, start with the easier tasks. Good beginning is half the battle.

#### Check yourself.

Remember, you're at home. No one will punish you for using cheat notes. If you're not sure that you did everything right, check yourself. It is helpful to have a key book for your textbook. Also, you can use Google and other search engines. Type in the part of your task, add some other key words... There is probably right answer somewhere. It is okay to make mistakes. Make mistakes, check yourself, fix mistakes, learn! At home you have the perfect opportunity to use all the resources you can. Make use of it!

Have a break every once in a while.

Your health comes first. And if you're in good health, you'll have the best results at school. Nothing good will come from exhausting yourself. If you feel very tired, can't stop rubbing your eyes and pen falls from your hand, have a break. Stop doing your homework and come back to it later. Move around, shake your limbs, pour yourself a cup of tea or have a quick nap. Do whatever will make you feel charged again. Also, don't starve yourself. Besides tea breaks, arrange time to have a proper meal. Energy will improve your homework skills a lot.

Summon a demon for tutoring.

There are probably no better tutors. Omniscience is a handy ability to have, after all! I recommend using white chalk for drawing summoning circles and homemade unscented candles for lighting. Be careful in pronouncing incantations! One mistake can lead to gruesome consequences. Don't forget about sacrifices. Though, do your research carefully before choosing them. Some of these infernal creatures have their own opinions on how the sacrifices should be chosen. Better safe than

