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EXAMS

▪ 14 Read these statements. Are they true or false?

Zastanów się, czy poniższe stwierdzenia są prawdziwe czy fałszywe.

- 1 In fact the weekend before the exam is enough time to learn everything you have to, provided you know how to study effectively.
- 2 It is very important to study the night before the exam because you remember well the information stored in your short-term memory.
- 3 The best way of studying is learning by heart.

▪ 15 Read the text and check your guesses in exercise 14.

Przeczytaj tekst i sprawdź swoje odpowiedzi na pytania z ćwiczenia 14.

Improve your academic results!

How to take exams, and how to pass them

It very often happens that even very good students are disappointed with their **exam results**. If you **attend classes** and **study for a test**, you should **pass with flying colours**... If you are not satisfied with your grades, something must be wrong. Find out what the most common mistakes among exam-takers are and **work out** what you do wrong!

Not systematic enough

You just may not have enough time to learn the material because your brain will just not work any faster. If you do not **revise** at all, the weekend before the exam won't be enough.

Revising late

Are you the type of person who doesn't sleep the night before an exam? Then probably your results are much weaker than what you should get. Always make sure you get enough sleep and do not become **exhausted**. Being **hard-working** is good, but **have a break** from time to time.

Passive learning

Of course, sometimes what you just have to do is **learn by heart**. But to make learning more effective, you have to try and do it in a more **active** way. Do not just **learn formulas** – try **solving problems**. Do not just read your coursebook – **take notes, do exercises**. Use coloured pens or markers.

Cheating

It's not really worth **cheating** when you **sit an exam**. **Copying** somebody's work is dishonest and unfair. And if you are **caught red-handed**, the results of the exam will definitely be the worst you can get.



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VOCABULARY

EXAMS

academic results – wyniki w nauce

active – aktywny

attend classes – uczęszczać na zajęcia

caught red-handed – złapany na gorącym uczynku

cheat – oszukiwać, ściągać

copy – ściągać

do exercises – robić ćwiczenia

exhausted – wyczerpany

hard-working – pracowity

have a break – zrobić sobie przerwę

improve results – poprawić wyniki

learn by heart – uczyć się na pamięć

learn formulas – uczyć się wzorów

oral exam – egzamin ustny

pass with flying colours – zdać śpiewajaco

revise – powtarzać, uczyć się

sit an exam – zdawać egzamin

solve problems – rozwiązywać zadania

study for a test – uczyć się do testu

systematic – systematyczny

take notes – robić notatki

take an exam – podchodzić do egzaminu

pass an exam – zdać egzamin

work out – zrozumieć, wywnioskować

written exam – egzamin pisemny

UWAGA:

Słowo **pass** w odniesieniu do egzaminu oznacza „zdać z wynikiem pozytywnym”.

Chcąc powiedzieć, że zdajemy niedługo jakiś egzamin, musimy użyć czasownika **take** (zdawać), np. **I'm taking my English exam on Friday. I don't think I will pass it.** – W piątek zdaję egzamin z angielskiego. Myślę, że go nie zdam.

ACTIVATE YOUR VOCABULARY

16 Complete the text with the verbs from the box in the correct form.

Uzupełnij tekst czasownikami z ramki w odpowiedniej formie.

do, have, learn (x2), pass, study, solve, take (x2)

I must say my school-leaving exam was a disaster. I really wanted to (1) it well. It would mean I could go to university. So I (2) hard for the whole week before the exam. I (3) exercises, I (4) formulas. I read books and (5) notes. The night before the exam I decided not to go to sleep. It seemed a waste of time. My mum woke up in the middle of night when I was trying to (6) some things by heart and I was reciting them out loud. She looked at me and said, 'Don't you think you should (7) a break? You look really exhausted.' But I continued. The next day I was finally (8) the exam. I sat at the desk and looked at the exam paper. The letters and numbers were blurred! I tried to (9) some mathematical problems, but I just couldn't! But the worst was yet to come. I fell asleep! I was woken up by the headmaster just before the end of time. Well, I had to repeat the exam the following year.