



... for sharing with students

PIRATES Test-Taking Strategy

Step 1: **Prepare to succeed.**

*Put your name and PIRATES on the test.
Allot time and order to sections.
Say affirmations.
Start within 2 minutes.*



Step 2: **Inspect the instructions.**

*Read instructions carefully.
Underline what to do and where to respond.
Notice special requirements.*



Step 3: **Read, remember, reduce.**



Step 4: **Answer or abandon.**



Step 5: **Turn back.**



Step 6: **Estimate.**

*Avoid absolutes.
Choose the longest or most detailed choice.
Eliminate similar choices.*



Step 7: **Survey.**

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