Didn't Perform Well on an Assessment?

*Investigate, Adjust, and Plan*

**Investigate: Studying**

1. How many days did you study?
2. How many hours each of those days did you study?
3. What did your study environment look like?
4. What study strategies did you use? More simply, how did you study (e.g., flashcards, group session, professor office hours)?

**Investigate: Performance**

1. Was the type of question difficult for you? To answer this question, analyze your assessment by considering the following questions and completing the chart below.
2. How many sections were on the assessment?
3. How many points was each section worth?
4. How many points did you lose in each section?
5. On which section did you struggle the most?

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| Section Type (e.g., multiple choice, true/false, fill-in-the-blank, short answer, essay) | Possible Points | Points Lost |
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1. What other obstacles contributed to you not doing well? Again, look at your assessment, this time examining for ***why*** you got the answer incorrect. Consider the following questions and use the chart below.
2. On how many questions did you not follow the directions?
3. On how many questions did you not know the answer?
4. Was your answer incomplete?
5. Is there a point on your test that you did not do well?
6. Any other reasons you may not have done well on certain questions?

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| Reason | On which questions did this occur? |
| *Directions* |  |
| • Didn't understand the directions |  |
| • Understood directions but forgot to follow them |  |
| • Didn't read directions |  |
| *Answer* |  |
| • Didn't know answer BUT correct answer IN notes |  |
| • Didn't know answer AND correct answer NOT IN notes |  |
| • Answer was not complete |  |
| *Other* |  |

**Adjust**

Based upon your responses to the previous questions, consider your studying and performance. In which areas could you benefit the most (for performance, look at the areas on which you lost the most points) to change?

**Plan: Goal-setting**

When is your next assessment in this course?

For the next assessment, set one goal: how will you change the area of weakness?

Preparing for Exams: Analysis of Previous Assessments and Homework

*A worksheet to summarize errors on homework and quizzes (or other assessments)*

*and to help review and avoid repeating these errors.*

**The problem I got incorrect is (write out the full problem/question):**

**It’s incorrect because:**

**I went in the wrong direction when:**

**Next time, I should watch for (or, the red flag is):**

**The solution/answer to the problem/question is:**