

Computer Fun:

Learning Resources

Homework Help

Homework is a necessary evil, but you're not alone. Your parents and teachers can help, and the Internet is your homework helper.

Don't let homework rule you.

Here are some ideas for dealing with homework without letting it rule your life:

- Carve enough time out of your day to complete assignments, read and review every subject.
- Get enough sleep. There will be times when you need to cram for a test, but be consistent, keep up with the class work and you'll get good grades and plenty of Zs.
- Ask teachers for a study guide or download the homework plan from online and keep it taped inside your notebook.
- Play low-volume background music when you study. Tunes keep you focused and block out the noise from your little sister talking on her cell phone or your neighbor mowing his lawn.
- Listen in class and you'll know exactly what you need to work on. Since you have to be there, you might as well make sure you know the details for the assignments.
- Join or start a study group. It doesn't have to be boring. Sometimes it really helps to have a group to chat with about the homework.
- Transfer class notes from your notebook to your computer to reinforce the lesson. It's pretty easy to do, but it can make a really big difference just by repeating the words.
- Read your notes and then summarize them in your own words. Studying is hard and just memorizing the material doesn't mean you will really know it when you need it. Giving yourself the assignment of creating a summary will help it make sense to you.
- Transfer your notes to index cards to help you organize your thoughts. You can lay the cards out and re-arrange the order. Or consider using different colors for different subjects or projects. It's easier to shuffle the cards than to rewrite your notes.
- Find a classmate and take turns quizzing each other before a test. Make a game out of it and keep score for a little friendly competition that helps you both win.
- Eat a light snack before you study so hunger won't distract you. Stay away from too much junk food during study time so that your energy level is consistent.
- Place a "Do Not Disturb" sign on your door. This isn't the one you leave on the door all the time. Give your family a sign that says you really mean it so that your studies are not distracted.
- Mute your cell phone and put it away in a drawer so you won't be tempted.
- Turn off your email or at least turn off incoming messages during your study time. Remember, distractions will make homework take longer and you probably won't be able to do your best if you are multi-tasking.

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Tell us your own favorite homework tips and vote on the ones that work best for you.

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