

⇒ ELTE Exam and Study quiz 225



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- (C) fall behind with
- (D) put off

2. Before handing in my essay, I always _____ it carefully to check for grammatical mistakes. (*review or check carefully*)

- (A) go over
- (B) breeze through
- (C) knuckle down
- (D) cheat on

3. It took me several days to _____ the concept because it was far more complicated than I had expected. (*understand something difficult*)

- (A) catch up on
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4. I regret not studying throughout the term. Now I have to _____ the entire syllabus in just three days. (*study intensively just before an exam*)

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5. If you want to finish your dissertation on time, you need to _____ and stop checking your phone every five minutes. (*start working seriously*)
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 - ☐ (B) knuckle down
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 - ☐ (D) put off
6. The workload has become overwhelming, and I'm finding it increasingly difficult to _____ all the reading. (*manage to stay at the required pace*)
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7. Because I missed several weeks of university, I've _____ my classmates and now have a huge amount of work to do. (*failed to maintain the expected progress*)
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8. I've been ill, so I'm spending the weekend _____ the lectures and reading I missed. (*do work that should have been done earlier*)
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9. The invigilator discovered a _____ hidden under the student's desk containing answers to several questions. (*a small piece of paper used secretly to cheat*)
- ☐ (A) revision note
 - ☐ (B) cheat sheet
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10. I'm writing an essay on artificial intelligence, so I've been _____ the latest developments in the field. (*researching by reading*)

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11. I know I should start revising, but I keep _____ it until tomorrow. (*postponing it*)

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- ☐ (C) catching up on
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12. I _____ for nearly ten minutes trying to remember the name of the author, but eventually gave up. (*think very hard to remember something*)

- ☐ (A) racked my brains
- ☐ (B) kept up
- ☐ (C) brushed up
- ☐ (D) fell behind

13. She had prepared extremely well, so she _____ the exam and finished half an hour early. (*did something very easily*)

- ☐ (A) put it off
- ☐ (B) breezed through
- ☐ (C) fell behind
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14. At primary school, we had to _____ multiplication tables and poems. (*memorise exactly*)

- ☐ (A) learn them by heart
- ☐ (B) read them up
- ☐ (C) brush them up
- ☐ (D) catch them up

15. The student was caught trying to _____ the exam by looking at another candidate's answers. (*break the rules by using unauthorised help*)

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i Brush up on something means to improve or refresh knowledge or a skill that you have learned before.

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i Go over something means to review, examine or check it carefully.

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i Get your head around something means to understand something complicated or difficult.

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i Cram for an exam means to study intensively, usually shortly before an exam.

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i Knuckle down means to start working seriously and concentrate on what you need to do.

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i Keep up with something means to continue at the same pace or level as something else.

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i Fall behind with something means to fail to make the expected progress with work or studies.

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i Catch up on something means to do work that you did not have time to do earlier.

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i A cheat sheet can refer to a small piece of paper containing information that someone secretly uses during an exam. It can also mean a legitimate quick-reference sheet for studying. → The student had a cheat sheet hidden in his pocket.

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i Read up on something means to learn more about a subject by reading about it. → I've been reading up on renewable energy.

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i Put something off means to postpone or delay doing it. → I keep putting off revising.

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i Rack your brains means to think very hard, especially when trying to remember something. → I racked my brains but couldn't remember the answer.

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i Breeze through something means to complete it very easily and without difficulty. → She breezed through the exam.

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i Learn something by heart means to memorise it so that you can remember it without looking at it. → We had to learn the poem by heart.

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i Cheat on an exam/test means to break the rules by using unauthorised help or information. → He was caught cheating on the exam.

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