

Tip #3 Create A Baseline ~~T~~To Identify Your Weak Points

Your recruiter may have told you to “go study for the ASVAB,” but how do you know what ~~you have~~ to study and which topics you need to focus on? While some people may advise you to just study everything, your preparation efforts will be better focused if you identify your weak points, ~~K~~knowing what you are required to score, and focusing on improving ~~the ese~~ sections you don't know as well.

The best way to create a baseline is to take a practice test. I highly recommend you do NOT SKIP this step. If you have been studying for months, or perhaps downloaded this e-book while debating ~~if-whether~~ to join the military, ~~this-taking a practice test is t~~The best way to create a baseline of where you stand NOW.

You can pick up a practice test from an ASVAB book at the library, or ~~take-visit~~ Military.com.

Remember, it doesn't matter how unprepared you are. The purpose of ~~theis~~ exam is not to see if you qualify. In fact, the worse you do on this practice exam, the more potential you ~~will~~ have to improve. I'm not suggesting ~~that~~-you bomb the practice test on purpose, but I want you to realize that ~~it ultimately doesn't matter how-what~~ you score doesn't matter.

~~Prepare to t~~Take this baseline test in exam-like conditions. ~~You should s~~Set aside a solid block of time ~~whenre~~ you know you ~~will notwon't~~ be interrupted. Pick a quiet location, as free from distractions as possible.

Have a pencil and scratch paper handy. Be sure your cell phone and calculator are put away, and go for it. Work through the exam question by question, answering whatever you can, and guessing where you are uncertain. Mark your start and end times, but DON'T time yourself. Remember, you are creating a knowledge-baseline. You will get faster as you practice. When you are ready, you can at which point you should start timeing yourself.

I ~~would also~~ suggest adding a special key to your answer sheet as follows:

K = know (I feel confident ~~that~~-I know the answer)

M = maybe (I think I know this one, but am not confident about my choice)

G = guess (absolutely no clue whatsoever)

You can put these letters on your answer sheet near the question number, as long as you can ~~go backreturn~~ to the questions later.

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1. _____ The amount you scored correct versus incorrect in every section. ~~Perhaps y~~You can score this as a percentage ($\# \text{ correct} / \# \text{ incorrect}$) X 100.

