

Are you a super-organised student? How do you make sure you get your homework in on time? Read the blog post and tips to see if you agree with them.

### Preparation

Match the words with similar meanings and write a–h next to the numbers 1–8.

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| 1..... to remove      | a. a habit      |
| 2..... to split       | b. skill        |
| 3..... good judgement | c. a reminder   |
| 4..... ability        | d. to delete    |
| 5..... a prompt       | e. terrible     |
| 6..... a custom       | f. to divide    |
| 7..... a copy         | g. a backup     |
| 8..... awful          | h. common sense |



I have always admired students who hand their homework in on time and never forget to do it. Me, on the other hand, ... OK, I admit. I'm terrible at getting myself organised!

But lately I've started keeping a small study diary. I write down everything I need to do and when it needs to be done by. Then I write a reminder a few days before the date just in case. It's helping.

So I was wondering, what are your tips for getting organised? Post a comment below. I'm hoping we can all share some tips to teach us all better study skills.

### Comments



**Hana** Good question, Amy. I always spend about five minutes at the end of the day tidying up the desktop on my computer. I make a backup of important documents. I delete things I don't need any more and put everything into the correct folder.



**Amy** Nice tip, Hana. I think it's a good idea to do a little bit of tidying up every day. Then it becomes a habit and your desktop is always organised.



**Gloria** The most important thing is to start studying a few weeks before the exams and not leave it until the night before! That's just common sense, I think.



**Amy** Thanks, Gloria! I agree.



**Lou** Hi, Amy. My tip is to have a big noticeboard in your bedroom, divided into different sections. I've got one. It's a whiteboard. I've got a section for each school subject and another one for other stuff. I use board pens to write reminders and I make sure I look at it every day. The best part is when I remove something from the board!



**Amy** Great tip, Lou. I've got a cork board with pins. I use it in the same way.

### 1. Check your understanding: true or false

Circle *True* or *False* for these sentences.

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| 1. | Amy is very good at handing in her homework on time.                      | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 2. | Amy writes down the date she has to hand in her homework.                 | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 3. | Hana tidies her computer desktop twice a day.                             | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 4. | Amy thinks Hana's tip is good.  | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 5. | Gloria thinks the date you start studying is important.                   | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 6. | Lou thinks the best thing about having a noticeboard is using board pens. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |

### 2. Check your vocabulary: gap fill

Write words to fill the gaps.

Amy is asking for <sup>1</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ about organising school work. She keeps a <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ with a record of her homework. She also writes a <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ in case she forgets. Hana thinks it's important to keep your computer <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ clean and tidy. She deletes things she doesn't need and puts her work into separate <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_. Gloria says it's important to start studying in plenty of time and not to leave things until the night <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_. Lou's tip is to use a noticeboard, divided into sections for each <sup>7</sup>\_\_\_\_\_. He thinks the best thing about this idea is the feeling he gets when he <sup>8</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ an item!

#### Discussion

Have you got a tip for how to be a super-organised student?