

# MATCHING TESTS

## Matching Test Strategies

- Matching tests are designed to measure how well you recognize specific facts and details
- Understand the directions well.
  - Find out if each answer is used once or more than once.

**Hint:** *The following matching system is highly successful, saves you time, and lowers frustration and stress by getting the right answer the first time and not having to change answers numerous times. It will load your brain with all the information before you begin to match items, sort out answers that are alike, and remember where the correct answer is located within the column. Learn to work with how your brain works and not against it.*

- Read the longest column with the most words first (usually the right column with letters) and complete the following steps as you read:

**STEP 1**  Mark “like” answers.

*Example:* when you read down to “E” and remember it is a possible alternative to an answer you already read, “B”, immediately write an “E” in front of the “B” so you will consider both answers when making the best choice for the match with the other column.

**STEP 2**  Cross off obviously wrong answers immediately.

**STEP 3**  Draw a horizontal line to mark the half-way point in this list. Since your brain has a strong memory for placement, you will recall if the correct answer is above the line or below the line when you start matching the two columns together.

*Example:* If the list consists of answers labeled A to Z, the line would be after the letter M

**STEP 4**  Now read the other (shorter, fewer words) column.

**STEP 5**  Begin matching the items.

- Cross off answers once they are used.
- Be sure to print your answers clearly and correctly.
- If you’re stumped:
  - Close your eyes and try to picture the text page, text/class notes, study sheets, graphic organizers, or flash cards that contain the information you need.