

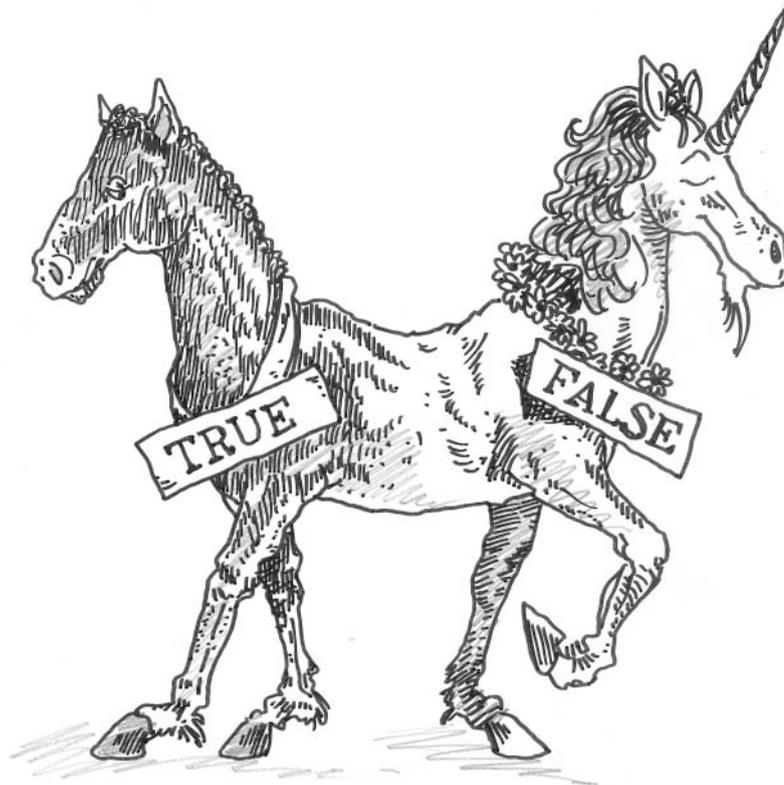
TRUE AND FALSE TESTS

True/False Test Strategies

- Realize that true/false tests are the most difficult to take.
- Know that true/false tests are measuring whether you can recognize specific facts and details.
- Understand the directions.
 - Read all of the directions twice.
 - Look to see if there is a given number of true or false statements.

Hint: There usually are more true answers than false answers because they are easier to write. If you must guess, answer true because the odds are better.

- Read carefully.
 - Do not analyze each question for deeper meaning.
 - If the question is confusing, break it in half and make sure you thoroughly understand each part.
 - Look at the question from the test maker's point of view.



● Watch for “qualifying” words:

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| – because | – all | – all wrong/right |
| – no one | – never | – always |
| – nobody | – generally | – none |
| – only | – some | |

(Refer to *List of "Qualifiers"* for more words on page 221.)

● Always answer the question.

- Answer the questions, even if you are unsure. Then, flag the question for a quick review when checking over the test.
- You may not have time to come back to the question—any answer is better than nothing (if there is no penalty for guessing).

● Find out before the test if there is a penalty for guessing or leaving the answer blank.

● Statements with “reasons” tend to be false (because they are incorrect or incomplete reasons).

● Don’t change your answers.

- Research shows that first answers usually are correct.
- Be absolutely sure before changing an answer.

● Assume that the statement is true unless you determine it to be false.

- It’s easier to write true statements than to make false statements seem true.
- All parts of a true/false question must be true before it can be true.
- Cover the statement using two fingers. Reveal only one word at a time by moving your finger across the statement. Ask yourself with each word: “Does this word make it false?”

● Cross out all pairs of negatives, then reread the question.

