

# Homework vs. Study



I do all of my homework, I go to class, listen to my teachers, do all the work that is set. I don't get in trouble and have good relationships with friends and teachers. So why don't I achieve high marks?

The answer is that you probably don't know the difference between homework and studying. If you don't, you should learn the difference!

Many people believe that studying and doing homework are one and the same. However, you should approach them as two very different things, separate tasks:

**Homework commonly consists of work given to students by teachers to be completed at home.**

Teachers give different types of homework. This work may consist of assignments that are to be completed over a number of weeks. It may consist of worksheets that practice you in applying knowledge or practising skills covered in class or even some research to bring back to class for discussion. It may be some reading needed as preparation for class. The general purpose of homework is to reinforce the knowledge and skills that you learn in the classroom. Homework allows for extra practice, so that you can refine your skills and knowledge in a particular area.



**Studying, on the other hand, refers to the time students spend on their own to go over material they learned in class.**

Study is not just what you do in preparation for exams, tests or in-class assessments. Study is important for all those things, however, for effective learning to happen you need to put aside time at home to go over those things that you have covered in class. It is best to set aside regular time to study to be sure you understand all the concepts you are learning in class so you do not fall behind. Studying involves a whole range of strategies to help you learn including making flashcards, taking detailed notes, making outlines, reading and so on.



**Homework is the work set by teachers to help and encourage you to learn outside the classroom.**

**Study is what you decide to do outside of the classroom to make sure that you do learn.**