

Below is a sample chart of the types of test formatting that students should notice. They need to understand that these signals provided by test makers alert them to importance. Students should know to watch for these signals because these observations can significantly impact their test results. These observations and chartings should begin during the Immersion phase of Testing Fundamentals and should be referred to throughout the lessons and reviewed during the Beating the Test wrap-up sessions.

Things to Pay Attention to on a Test

- Read all directions, including those printed on a separate page
- Captions
- Words at the bottom of the page such as:
GO ON and STOP
- Titles
- Bold words, words in italics, words printed in different fonts, underlined words
- Words and/or pictures in boxes
- Graphic organizers
- Bullets
- Drawings or photographs