Advice Column

problems about *English exams*

■ Read the problems below and discuss possible solutions.





Dear Anita,

I really need some help! Next week our English teacher is going to give us a big grammar test and I have a lot of stress. In fact, I feel so much stress that I can't eat or sleep very much. I'm a good student and I usually get high grades because I study very hard ... and I know that I will probably do well on this test also. But what can I do? How can I relax more?

Dear Anita,

I'm an English teacher and I'm going to give a grammar test to my students next Monday. I have a couple of questions about exams. First, do you think pop quizzes are a good idea (I know that some teachers like to surprise their students this way)? And, second, how often should I give tests: every class ... once a week ... or once a month ... or never?

Janet

Peter

Dear Anita,

What do you think I should do? Our class is having a grammar test next Monday and it counts for 25% of our final grade. I hate grammar! Anyway, I didn't study for it because I forgot about it until today. Anita, I don't think I can study enough before Monday to pass the test. I think I'm a good student and I have never cheated on a test before ... would it be okay to cheat just one time? If I fail, my parents will be very unhappy.



Mark

■ Compare your solutions with different classmates. Do you agree or disagree with their ideas?