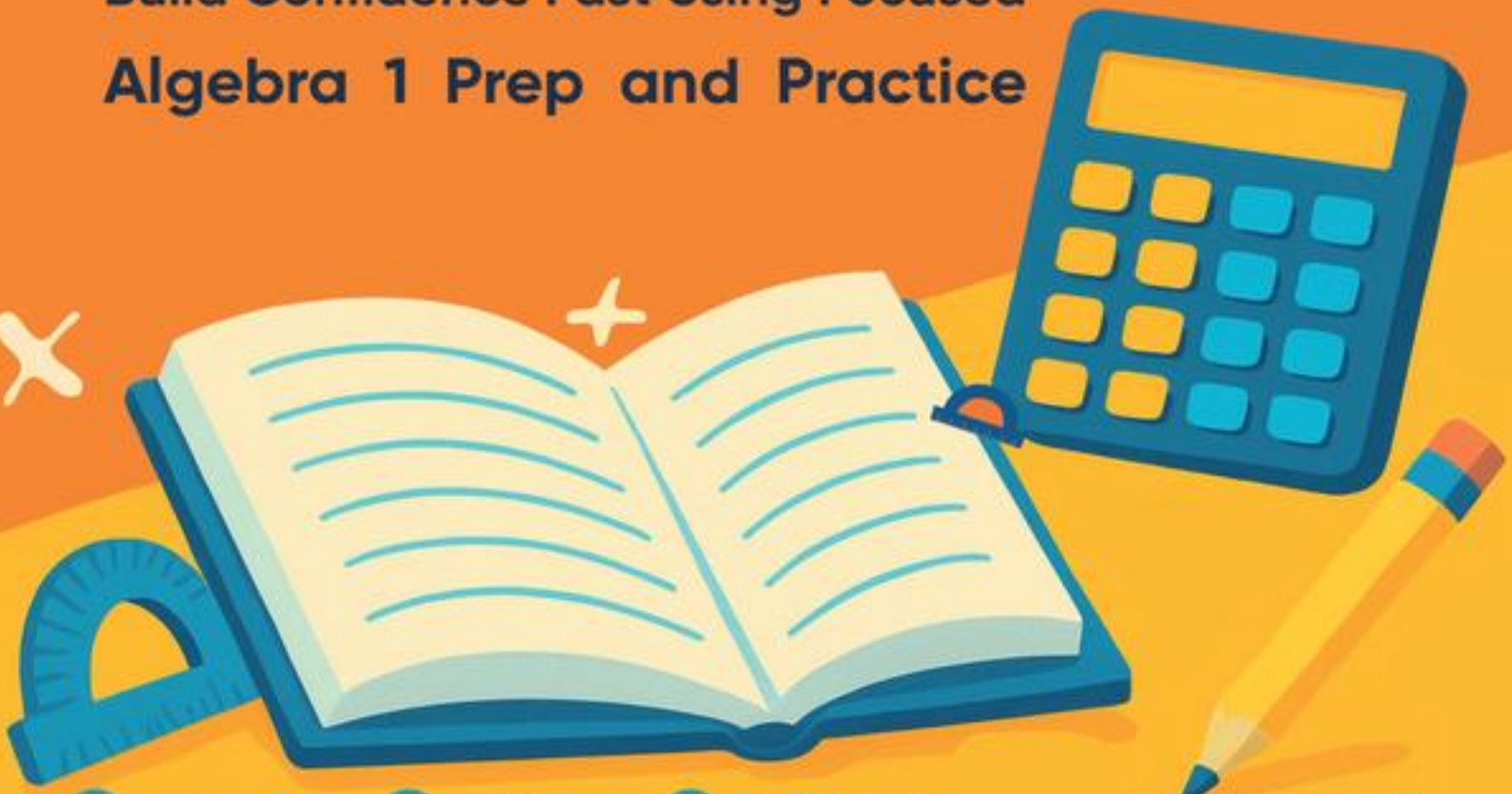
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- If the scenario is complex, sketch a quick graph, build a table of values, or label a diagram. Visual models transform abstract algebra into concrete relationships you can see and reason about.

Phase 2: SOLVE with Purpose

- Write each algebraic step on its own line. Skipping steps "in your head" is the single most common source of careless mistakes on timed tests—especially with negative signs and distributing.
- When factoring a quadratic like $x^2 + 5x + 6$, find two numbers that multiply to the constant and add to the linear coefficient: $2 \times 3 = 6$ and $2 + 3 = 5$, giving $(x + 2)(x + 3)$.
- Stuck on a multiple-choice item? Substitute each answer choice back into the original equation or inequality. Working backward is a legitimate and powerful strategy.
- For systems of equations, choose the most efficient method: substitution when one variable is already isolated, elimination when coefficients align, graphing when the question asks for a visual intersection.

Phase 3: VERIFY Before You Move On

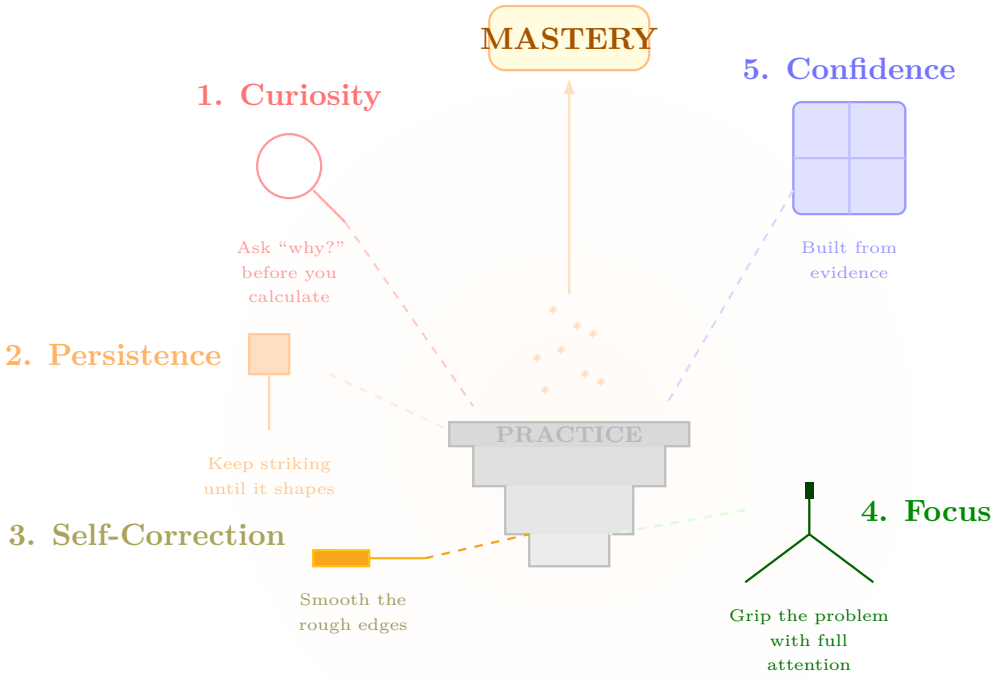
- Apply a **reasonableness check**. If a question asks for the number of tickets sold and your answer is -12, something went wrong. Real-world context catches algebraic errors that pure computation cannot.
- Confirm that you answered the *actual* question. If the problem asks for the vertex of a parabola, do not submit a root. If it asks for the y-intercept, do not leave your answer as a value of x.
- For factoring and quadratic problems, multiply your factors back out to verify they produce the original expression. This thirty-second check catches sign errors and misplaced terms.

Clock Management

Divide the test mentally into thirds. After completing one-third of the items, glance at the clock to gauge your pace. If you have spent more than two minutes on a single question, mark it, move forward, and return to it after you have collected every point you can from the remaining items. Many students lose points not because they lack knowledge, but because they run out of time on problems they *could* have solved.

Think Like an Algebraist

Five Tools Forged in Practice





Worked Examples at a Glance

Solve for x	$7x - 3 = 4x + 12 \;\Rightarrow\; 3x = 15 \;\Rightarrow\; x = 5$
Slope from a graph	Rise $= 6$, Run $= 4$: $m = \frac{6}{4} = \frac{3}{2}$
Scientific notation	$8{,}300{,}000 = 8.3 \times 10^6$
Simplify $(2^3)^4$	$2^{3\times4} = 2^{12} = 4{,}096$
Reflect $(3,\,5)/x$**-axis**	$(3,\,-5)$
Rotate $(1,\,-6)$**,** $180°$	$(-1,\,6)$
Sphere volume, $r = 6$	$V = \frac{4}{3}\pi(216) = 288\pi$
Estimate $\sqrt{20}$	Between 4 and 5; ≈ 4.5; $4.5^2 = 20.25$ ✓

Your Pre-Test Ritual

- Skim every question before you begin. Identify the easy ones so you know where your quick points are.
- For each problem, name the topic (slope, exponents, volume, etc.) before you compute.
- Write neatly and show every step—partial credit is often awarded for correct reasoning.
- Watch for unit traps: if the radius is given in inches but answers are in feet, convert first.
- Save three to five minutes at the end for a final review of flagged items.

Trap Alerts: The Mistakes Everyone Makes

Power of a Power	$(a^m)^n = a^{mn}$, *not* a^{m+n}. Multiply exponents, don't add.
Domain vs. Range	Domain = inputs (x); Range = outputs (y). Mixing them is very common.
Distance formula slips	Both differences must be squared. Forgetting one produces a wrong distance.
No solution vs. ∞	$0 = 5$ (false) $\rightarrow$ no solution. $0 = 0$ (true) $\rightarrow$ infinitely many.
Sci. notation form	Coefficient must satisfy $1 \leq a < 10$. 32×10^4 is invalid; use 3.2×10^5.

Review these cards before every test. Familiarity breeds confidence.

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