

Excuses! Excuses!

All glory comes from daring to begin. - Eugene F. Ware

Strategies for your success

Math teachers hear all sorts of excuses from their students for not fully completing class assignments. Let's look at some of the most common excuses.

For each excuse listed below:

- a. Explain why this is not a valid excuse.
- b. Describe what a successful student would do in this situation.

1. "I don't have my homework because I was absent."
 - a.
 - b.
2. "I don't have my homework because I don't have my book."
 - a.
 - b.
3. "I did not finish the assignment. I forgot about it!"
 - a.
 - b.
4. "I left my homework paper at home."
 - a.
 - b.
5. "I didn't do the chapter review/chapter test assignment. Can I do it later?"
 - a.
 - b.
6. "I was absent - did you do anything important?."
 - a.
 - b.

Create some excuses on your own:

7.
 - a.
 - b.

8.
 - a.
 - b.