Before you start testing yourself, it’s important to know whether a test will be based on comprehension or recall:

If a test is based on recall, then you will need to use strategies for memorization:

- Create and periodically review flashcards
- Make online flashcards or develop practice tests at Quizlet, an online tool
- Create a personal connection to the concepts in order to increase your ability to recall it

If a test is based on comprehension, then you will need to increase your understanding of the concepts:

- Create your own practice tests using Quizlet or the questions at the end of the chapter in your textbook
- Rewrite your notes again in your own words and focus on the main ideas and important concepts
- Review past tests and quizzes to understand your strengths and weaknesses
- Answer the end of chapter practice questions without looking at your notes
- Review your professor's PowerPoint, write down any important information you might have missed, and answer any questions your professor has included
- Try to explain the concepts and main ideas to someone else to see if they would understand. You can only explain something if you know it!