

Failing to Prepare is Preparing to Fail

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Amy is sitting at a desk reading a book. .

NARRATOR (Voice over): This is Amy. (*Amy looks up at the camera and waves.*) She studied hard for her exam, and brought her water bottle, calculator, and three black pens. Good job, Amy.

The camera pans to Nick who is sitting, leaning back in his chair, with his legs crossed on his table.

NARRATOR: And this is Nick.

Nick sits up straight.

NARRATOR: Are you ready for your exam, Nick?

Nick nods excitedly.

NARRATOR: Got everything you need?

Nick nods proudly.

NARRATOR: And no prohibited items?

Nick shakes his head.

NARRATOR: That means no phone.

Nick is surprised and disappointed. He pulls out his phone and hands to someone off screen.

NARRATOR: No laptops.

Nick rolls his eyes and hands over his laptop.

NARRATOR: Laptops.

Nick groans and hands over a second laptop reluctantly.

NARRATOR: Good. And you remembered not to bring any food?

Nick shakes his head.

NARRATOR: Nick?

Nick growls and hands over a packet of chips.

NARRATOR: Or ingredients.

Nick rolls his eyes. He places on his table milk, sugar, flour, an egg, a mixing bowl, whisk and chocolate. A person removes them.

NARRATOR: And no pets.

Nick looks aghast. He places on his table a glass jar with his beloved butterfly, Laura, in it, then watches sadly as a hand takes it away.

NARRATOR: Lovely. Now, have you remembered to bring a pen?

Nick looks shocked.

NARRATOR: And your calculator?

Nick looks horrified.

NARRATOR: And your textbook? You do remember this is an open-book exam, don't you Nick?

Nick saddens and starts to cry.

NARRATOR: And you remembered to do the pre-readings, didn't you?

Nick falls from his chair, overcome with despair.

NARRATOR: Oh Nick. If only you'd checked the exam requirements. It's been in your inbox for two months. Oh poor Nick. I think we could all learn a thing or two from Nick's story. (spoken as if the ending).

A person taps Nick's shoulder. He looks up from the floor and sees the pen they are holding out to him. Nick gratefully accepts it.

End screen text: "Check your exam requirements. And leave your butterfly at home."