

The Nurse Speak *Guide to Mastering NCLEX Questions*

Carefully read the question and all answer choices. Do you understand what the topic of the question is?

<p>Understanding the Topic of the Question</p>	<p><u>Do Not Understand</u> Carefully read all answer choices for hints. Identify the topic and <i>move the next step</i></p>	<p><u>Yes, I know the topic</u> <i>Move to the next step</i></p>	<p>Be Careful! The NCLEX typically makes the topic hard to identify</p>
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Are the answer choices related to Nursing Assessment or Nursing Implementation?

<p>Understanding the Answer Choices</p>	<p>If the answer choices are a <u>mix</u> of both assessment and implementation, carefully read the stem of the question to determine if you should assess or implement. <i>Select the correct answer.</i></p>	<p>If the answer choices are <u>ALL</u> assessment or <u>ALL</u> implementation, move to the next step.</p>	<p>Be Careful! The NCLEX challenges your ability to determine whether you need MORE information before intervening!</p>
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Can you use Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs to help determine the *BEST* answer?

<p>ABC's versus Psychosocial Needs</p>	<p><u>If Maslow's Does not Apply</u> If the answer choices are <u>ALL</u> <i>Physical</i> choices, determine which physical answer choice makes sense. If the answer choices are <u>ALL</u> <i>Psychosocial</i>, determine outcome of answer choices (therapeutic communication, etc.)</p>	<p><u>Yes, Maslow's Does Apply</u> Eliminate all Psychosocial answers, and focus on the logic of the physical needs. Always apply ABC's before Psychosocial.</p>	<p>Be Careful! The NCLEX often times will word questions to make test-takers choose a <i>POTENTIAL</i> complication over an <i>ACTUAL</i> complication. Always choose answers based on anticipated OUTCOMES!</p>
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