

What I would have liked to have known:

1. Spend a LOT of time reviewing classifications. This is where I failed the test. You must learn how to think like customs. AND you need to remember to look at all notes.
2. Tab, tab, tab, as you have said. This is VERY important. You think you will remember the rules and not need to look them up. Well, the test, in some cases is worded in such a way that leaves you thinking "Do I KNOW the right answer, or do I need to look it up." Without the tabs, you will take forever to look at things.
3. Create a large reference guide. Uses the one supplied by LTS, but add to it. I did this, by reviewing old tests, looking at some other things that popped up frequently, and then broke some down further. This was a help.
4. Have a big enough catalog rack for the HTSUS, that you can flip the pages easily. Don't be cheap and buy the 8", go for the 10". It makes it easier to see into the page. A few seconds here and there can add up.
5. Don't rush into the test. Go to the class offered before the test. I wish I had done this. I think I was better prepared for the April test (which I didn't get to take, due to an emergency) than I was for the October exam, which I tried just studying by myself. I think the class was great as a refresher, and being it is just before the exam, will show if you need to cram on something else for the last day.