

# *Writing & Language Test*

**This test asks you to be the Editor & improve passages that were written specifically for this test – including deliberate errors**



# Quick Information



**TIME:** ☆ Test is **35 Minutes Long**



**SCORING:** ☆ Each Correct Answer **ONE POINT**  
☆ Each Wrong/Blank Answer **NO POINTS LOST**



**MARKING YOUR TEST:** ☆ Make Marks **DARK & COMPLETELY** fill in the bubbles  
☆ **ERASE COMPLETELY**  
☆ Use your **TEST BOOK** for **SCRATCH WORK**



**CHECKING ANSWERS** ☆ You **MAY** check your work on a particular section **IF** you finish that section before time is called  
☆ You **MAY NOT** turn to any other section of the test **UNTIL** time has started for that section

*There is  
NO  
Penalty for  
wrong answers,*

*So, give the  
Best Answer  
you can for each  
question.....*

*.....Even if it's  
just your Best  
Guess*



# What's Included

When you take this test, you'll do Three Things you do all the time when writing & editing your work



Read



Find Mistakes

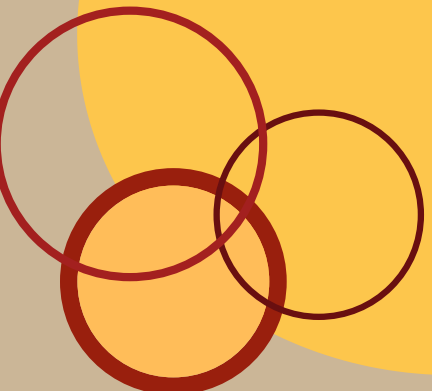


Fix them



# What's On the Test?


All Writing & Language Test Questions are Multiple Choice and based on passages or a single sentence. Other questions require reading the entire piece, and some of these are accompanied by informational graphics such as tables or graphs, but No Math is required. You will need to read around the underlined portion to determine the error. Then, identify and replace unnecessary shifts in verb tense, mood, and voice. For instance, you might be asked to choose a sentence that corrects a misinterpretation of a scientific chart, or that better explains the importance of the data.



This passage can range from arguments to nonfiction narratives and can be about careers, history, social studies, the humanities, and science.



Prior Topic-Specific knowledge is never tested, and the Writing & Language test is part of the Evidence-Based Reading & Writing section.



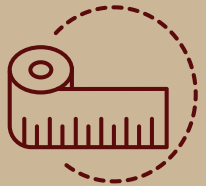
# What Does the Test Measure?



## COMMAND OF EVIDENCE

These questions ask you to improve the way passages develop information & ideas.

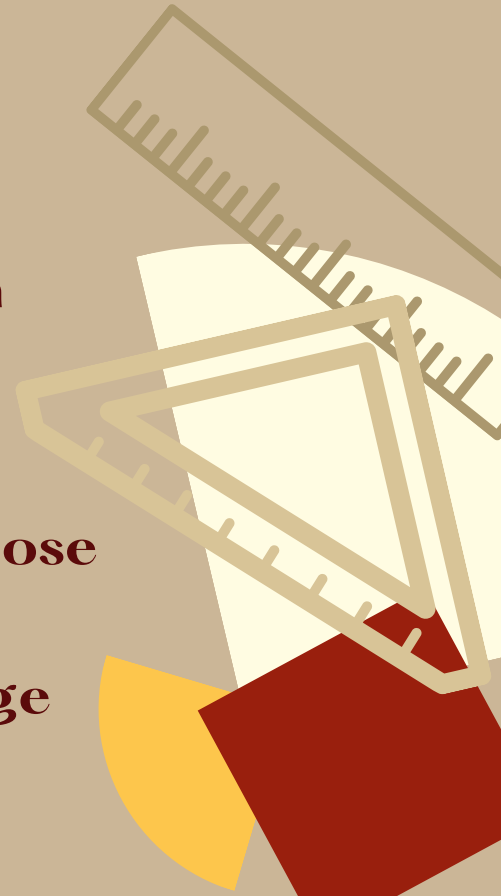
For instance, you might choose an answer in a way that sharpens an argumentative claim or adds a relevant supporting detail.



## WORDS IN CONTEXT

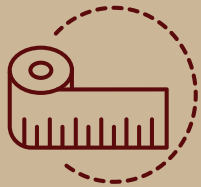
Some questions ask you to improve word choice. You'll need to choose the best words to use based on the text surrounding them.

Your goal will be to improve syntax, style, or tone, or make a passage more precise or concise.



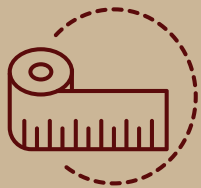


# What Does the Test Measure?



## SPECIFIC SUBJECT AREA ANALYSIS

You'll be asked to read passages about topics in history, social studies, and science. Then with a critical eye and make editorial decisions that improve them.



## EXPRESSION OF IDEAS

Some questions ask about a passage's organization and its impact. For instance, you might be asked which words or structural changes improve how well it makes its point and how will its sentence and paragraphs work together.



## STANDARD ENGLISH CONVENTIONS

This is about the building blocks of writing: sentence structure, usage, and punctuation. You'll be asked to change words, clauses, sentence, and punctuation. Some topics covered include verb tense, parallel construction, subject-verb agreement, and comma use.

A fountain pen is shown writing on a document. The background is a warm, golden-brown color with a blurred image of the pen and paper. On the left side, there are decorative elements: a large yellow circle, a smaller orange circle, and a dark red circle. The text is written in a cursive font.

# Try a Writing & Language Question

Simulate Test Day with a  
Practice Quiz  
Click to Give It a Try!