

Grammar Punctuation Rules

1. Semicolon

_____ ; _____

→ semicolons and _____ are _____ to each other

→ can be used to _____ if a _____ has already been used

↳ Ex.

- The suspects for the murder of the 42-year-old crime reporter were John, the teacher, Tony, the janitor, and Sheila, the principal of the school. (X)
- ✓ The suspects for the murder of the 42-year-old crime reporter were John, the teacher; Tony, the janitor; and Sheila, the principal of the school. (O)

* if there is a _____ added to the sentence then use _____ to _____

↳ Ex.

- Max bought a computer to play Overwatch, a shooting game that requires a top-notch graphics card, Sheila bought a computer to learn Korean through self-study, and John bought a computer to watch and manage his stocks. (X)

Adding a modifier with a comma might give readers trouble to separate the list of clauses. In this case, semicolons are necessary to solve the problem.

- Max bought a computer to play Overwatch, a shooting game that requires a top-notch graphic card; Sheila bought a computer to learn Korean through self-study; and John bought a computer to watch and manage his stocks. (O)

2. COLONS

_____ :

* check if what follows the colon _____ the complete sentence that came _____

↳ Ex.

I have 3 siblings: John, Mary, and David

= _____

↳ She had one goal in life: to travel the world and see all its wonders.

(goal = _____)

3.

— Dash —
()
(comma sandwich)

SKIP OVER INFO
mini list
mini detail
mini definition

↳ sentence should still make sense without it

Ex.

- The new employee, fresh out of college and with little work experience, impressed the company with his innovative ideas and willingness to learn. (O)
- The new employee—fresh out of college and with little work experience—impressed the company with his innovative ideas and willingness to learn. (O)

* _____ dash

can be used to indicate _____ → Ex.

so ... — = :

- Despite the long commute and hectic schedule, the new job was a dream come true—with exciting projects and great colleagues to work with.

4. Commas

_____ , _____
(can be vice versa)

↳ Use one comma before

FANBOYS
for and nor
or but yet
so

when there is complete sentences

EX. →

I went grocery shopping, and my brother went to school.
complete conjunction complete

↳ Use commas to _____

↳ commas _____ go next to _____

5. Apostrophes

↳ used for _____

Ex. John's going to sleep soon

= _____

it's =
its =
its'

they're =
their =
there =

you're =
your =

↳ used for possession

Ex. My dog's hair is all over my clothes.

_____ belongs to dog

John's new computer is expensive

_____ belongs to John

plural possessive

↳ if _____ is _____ or _____ there must be _____
after it

- A substantial portion of student's *success* can be attributed to the unwavering support provided by dedicated parents or guardians. (X)
- A substantial portion of student's *success* can be attributed to the unwavering support provided by dedicated parents or guardians. (O)

Digital SAT Ex #1 Mod 1

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Beginning in the 1950s, Navajo Nation legislator Annie Dodge Wauneka continuously worked to promote public health; this _____ effort involved traveling throughout the vast Navajo homeland and writing a medical dictionary for speakers of *Diné bizaad*, the Navajo language.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) impartial
- B) offhand
- C) persistent
- D) mandatory

Digital SAT Ex 2 Mod 1

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The following text is from Georgia Douglas Johnson's 1922 poem "Benediction."

Go forth, my son,
Winged by my heart's desire!
Great reaches, yet unknown,
Await
For your possession.
I may not, if I would,
Retrace the way with you,
My pilgrimage is through,
But life is calling you!

Which choice best states the main purpose of the text?

- A) To express hope that a child will have the same accomplishments as his parent did
- B) To suggest that raising a child involves many struggles
- C) To warn a child that he will face many challenges throughout his life
- D) To encourage a child to embrace the experiences life will offer

Digital SAT Exam 1 mod 1 #2

It is by no means _____ to recognize the influence of Dutch painter Hieronymus Bosch on Ali Banisadr's paintings; indeed, Banisadr himself cites Bosch as an inspiration. However, some scholars have suggested that the ancient Mesopotamian poem *Epic of Gilgamesh* may have had a far greater impact on Banisadr's work.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) substantial
- B) satisfying
- C) unimportant
- D) appropriate

Digital SAT Ex 1 mod 2

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Text 1

Most animals can regenerate some parts of their bodies, such as skin. But when a three-banded panther worm is cut into three pieces, each piece grows into a new worm. Researchers are investigating this feat partly to learn more about humans' comparatively limited abilities to regenerate, and they're making exciting progress. An especially promising discovery is that both humans and panther worms have a gene for early growth response (EGR) linked to regeneration.

Text 2

When Mansi Srivastava and her team reported that panther worms, like humans, possess a gene for EGR, it caused excitement. However, as the team pointed out, the gene likely functions very differently in humans than it does in panther worms. Srivastava has likened EGR to a switch that activates other genes involved in regeneration in panther worms, but how this switch operates in humans remains unclear.

Based on the texts, what would the author of Text 2 most likely say about Text 1's characterization of the discovery involving EGR?

- A) It is reasonable given that Srivastava and her team have identified how EGR functions in both humans and panther worms.
- B) It is overly optimistic given additional observations from Srivastava and her team.
- C) It is unexpected given that Srivastava and her team's findings were generally met with enthusiasm.
- D) It is unfairly dismissive given the progress that Srivastava and her team have reported.

Digital SAT Ex 2 Mod.1

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While researching a topic, a student has taken the following notes:

- Ulaanbaatar is the capital of Mongolia.
- The city's population is 907,802.
- Ulaanbaatar contains 31.98 percent of Mongolia's population.
- Hanoi is the capital of Vietnam.
- The city's population is 7,781,631.
- Hanoi contains 8.14 percent of Vietnam's population.

Which choice most effectively uses information from the given sentences to emphasize the relative sizes of the two capitals' populations?

- A) Mongolia's capital is Ulaanbaatar, which has 907,802 people, and Vietnam's capital is Hanoi, which has 7,781,631 people.
- B) The populations of the capitals of Mongolia and Vietnam are 907,802 (Ulaanbaatar) and 7,781,631 (Hanoi), respectively.
- C) Even though Hanoi (population 7,781,631) is larger than Ulaanbaatar (population 907,802), Ulaanbaatar accounts for more of its country's population.
- D) Comparing Vietnam and Mongolia, 7,781,631 is 8.14 percent of Vietnam's population, and 907,802 is 31.98 percent of Mongolia's.

Digital SAT Ex 2 Mod 2

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Nigerian author Buchi Emecheta's celebrated literary oeuvre includes *The Joys of Motherhood*, a novel about the changing roles of women in 1950s _____ a television play about the private struggles of a newlywed couple in Nigeria; and *Head Above Water*, her autobiography.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A) Lagos, *A Kind of Marriage*,
- B) Lagos; *A Kind of Marriage*,
- C) Lagos, *A Kind of Marriage*:
- D) Lagos; *A Kind of Marriage*

Digital SAT Ex 1 mod 1

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The classic children's board game Chutes and Ladders is a version of an ancient Nepalese game, Paramapada Sopanapata. In both games, players encounter "good" or "bad" spaces while traveling along a path; landing on one of the good spaces _____ a player to skip ahead and arrive closer to the end goal.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A) allows
- B) are allowing
- C) have allowed
- D) allow

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Digital SAT Ex 2 Mod 2

In assessing the films of Japanese director Akira Kurosawa, _____ have missed his equally deep engagement with Japanese artistic traditions such as Noh theater.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A) many critics have focused on Kurosawa's use of Western literary sources but
- B) Kurosawa's use of Western literary sources has been the focus of many critics, who
- C) there are many critics who have focused on Kurosawa's use of Western literary sources, but they
- D) the focus of many critics has been on Kurosawa's use of Western literary sources; they

SAT reading/grammar tips + tricks

Reading

- ① Vocab questions: look for _____ or _____ and find the synonym or word with the right connotation → if there's no keyword _____ and find an answer that matches that.
* watch out for _____ ex: the price of the car was not insignificant
- ② Disregard _____ aka unnecessary information when reading
- ③ Main idea questions: look at the words/phrases _____ throughout the passage
- ④ Main idea/Main purpose questions: quickly read each answer choice and get the keywords... "to convey" "to explain" "to emphasize" then _____ to what the passage says → hint: look at _____ and _____ sentence to help determine this. Especially in _____
- ⑤ If the question says "which choice most logically completes the text?" this is an _____, take your time reading the entire paragraph to understand what should be _____
- ⑥ If the question is analyzing two different texts, text 2 _____ to text 1... So first find claim for text 2 → read text 2 first
- ⑦ For questions with the bulletpoints, go to the _____ first & find the bullets with that info. If answers have _____ info or _____ from bullets then _____

Grammar

- ① _____ is important → match patterns in the sentence. Look for:
 -) _____ patterns: past, future
 -) _____ patterns → ; ,
- ② Review punctuation rules.... Especially be careful with _____, many answers are wrong because they create _____
 - Commas _____ separate _____ sentences unless you add a conjunction: **FANBOYS**
o n o u r e o
r d r t t
 - A period and semicolon _____ each other so eliminate answers that are the same
 - _____ use a comma with _____

- ③ Look for subject verb agreement
→ subject + verb look opposite when it comes to adding "s" example:
A bird sings or the flowers bloom
_____ _____
(_____) (_____ + "s") (_____) (_____ + "s")

④ Transition words: know your _____ . Label your _____

Add Info.	Cause and Effect	Contrast	Compare	Give Examples
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • additionally • furthermore • moreover • in addition • Besides • also 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • accordingly • as a result • therefore • thus • for this reason • to that end 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • alternately • alternatively • in contrast • by contrast • conversely • however • instead • on the contrary • on the other hand • yet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • likewise • similarly • in comparison • by the same token • in the same manner • meanwhile 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for example • for instance • specifically • particularly
<p>fancy "however"</p> <p>↓</p> Concession	Sequence of Events	Summary	Explain or Emphasize	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • nevertheless • regardless • still • nonetheless • even so • despite • in spite of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • afterward • finally • secondly • subsequently • second • consequently • at the same time • currently • to begin with • all the while • next • after all 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • in short, • in conclusion • to conclude 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • actually • in fact • indeed • at any rate • in other words • namely 	

⑤ Dangling Modifiers happen when verbs are not _____ to their subject

Steps to answer:

- ① find the _____
- ② ask yourself _____ is doing that action and skim through the answer choices
- ③ underline the _____ needed in each answer. Pick the answer with the subject in the _____ → the order is what matters

How to identify a DM question

- check if answer choices are delivering the _____ but in a _____

Name: _____

Take notes and follow along!!
INTRO TO SAT READING

The reading and writing section:

Each module contains _____

Total number of questions: _____

Number of modules: _____ (_____ questions within each)

Total Time: _____ minutes (_____ minutes per module)

The first ~15 questions will test your _____ . The remainder of the questions

in each module will test your _____ .

Strategy:

Start with the _____ questions (~question 15) and then work

your way _____ to the reading comprehension questions

Try answering the

_____ within 10-12 minutes. This leaves you with ~22 minutes to complete the

Answering Questions:

Always read

_____ first

Always use the

_____ . don't just "choose" an answer choice

Always ask yourself

"_____ AND does

it actually

_____ being asked?"

Your _____ does not matter on the SAT

Just because an answer choice is true, does not mean it is

—

INTRO TO SAT GRAMMAR

Parts of Speech:

Verb

Describes _____

Example: play, visit, to eat, is

Nouns

Example: dog, city, happiness, freedom

Pronoun

Used to replace

—

Example: he, she, it, they, we

Adjectives

_____ or modifies a noun

Example: red, beautiful, tall, intelligent

Adverbs

Describes or modifies

Example: quickly, very, well, often

Preposition

Shows the relationship between

_____ and other words in a sentence

Example: In, on, under, between

Conjunction

Word that _____ words, phrases, or clauses

Example: and, or, not, but, although

INDEPENDENT AND DEPENDENT CLAUSES

A sentence is a set of words that contain...

a _____

a _____
and is a complete thought

Independent Clauses =

_____ Functions as a sentence on their own, conveying a clear message or idea
Expresses a complete thought and contains a subject and a verb

Dependent Clauses =

_____ as
a complete sentence

Contains a subject and a verb but

How this relates to punctuation:

Period (.)

_____ Clause.

_____ Clause

Semi-colon (;)

_____ Clause;

_____ Clause

Comma (,)

_____ Clause,

_____ Clause

_____ Clause,

_____ Clause

Independent Clause, (_____)
Independent Clause

Colon (:)

_____ Clause:
_____ Clause

_____ Clause:
_____ Clause

Em Dash (-)

_____ Clause —
_____ Clause

_____ —
emphasized removable information
_____ — emphasized removable
interruption —

_____.
Emphasized removable information —

PUNCTUATION AND PERIODS

A period expresses that a thought or sentence is complete. So this means that we put a period at the end of a sentence.

Recall that a sentence is made up of 3 essential parts:

_____.

The General Process to Answer Punctuation Questions:

Step 1: _____ the punctuation mark

Step 2: Look at the phrase or words _____ the punctuation

mark, and _____.

Step 3: Identify if the phrase before and after is an

_____ or

_____ clause (for each)

Example: When using a _____ we know that there must be a full sentence before the period.

Example: When using a _____ we know that there must be a full sentence before the colon.

Example: When using a _____ we know that there must be a full sentence before.

Step 4: _____ answer choices

Step 5: _____ your answer