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FIND YOUR HACK

Say the hack's name.

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START HERE

Find WHO + DOES.

A full thought can be a sentence by itself.

WHAT TO DO

Find the person or thing. Find its main action or state. Read through the long descriptions.

FULL THOUGHT

The sensor failed.

SEE IT

WHO / WHAT? The sensor.
DOES / IS? Failed.

A COMMAND WORKS TOO

Check the sensor

WHY?

The person is understood: you.

START HERE

Does the thought finish?

WAIT

Although the sensor failed

Although makes us wait. What happened next?

WAIT

The sensor that failed yesterday

That failed yesterday describes the sensor. The main message is still missing.

FULL THOUGHT

The sensor that failed yesterday was replaced.

The main message is: The sensor was replaced.

START HERE

Do not fear -ing!

NOT FINISHED

The sensor operating in cold water

Operating in cold water describes the sensor. The main message is missing.

FINISHED

The sensor was operating in cold water.

Was operating gives the main action.

FINISHED

Testing the sensor takes time.

Testing the sensor is the thing. Takes is its main action.

Read all the words. Then pick the mark.

GROUP A · HACK 01

Who + Does Hack

Keep WHO next to DOES.

DO THIS

Find who or what the sentence is about. Find what it does. A long name or description does not need a comma.

EASY EXAMPLE

The results of the difficult experiments **were** surprising.

WATCH OUT

A pair of commas may hold extra words between WHO and DOES.

Practice Q1–10 · p. 15

HACK 01 · LOOK AT THE DIFFERENCE

Who + Does Hack

COMPARE

The results, which arrived yesterday, were surprising.

The two commas hold the extra words. They do not split the main thought.

Keep WHO next to DOES.

GROUP A · HACK 02

Stay Together Hack

Do not cut words that need each other.

DO THIS

Ask: Did what? Called what? Of what? Keep the answer beside the word that needs it.

EASY EXAMPLE

The team **examined the samples**. The plan depended **on careful testing**.

WATCH OUT

A list does not always need a colon.

Practice Q11–26 · p. 17

HACK 02 · LOOK AT THE DIFFERENCE

Stay Together Hack

WRONG

The kit contained: a lens and a lamp.

Contained still needs its answer.

RIGHT

The kit contained two tools: a lens and a lamp.

The setup is now a full thought.

Do not cut words that need each other.

GROUP A · HACK 03

One Who, Two Dos Hack

Two actions can share one WHO.

DO THIS

One person can do two things. Two things can also form one pair. Do not add a comma just because you see and.

EASY EXAMPLE

Mina opened the file **and checked** the results.

WATCH OUT

Two complete thoughts are different: use the FANBOYS Bridge Hack.

Practice Q27–29 · p. 21

HACK 03 · LOOK AT THE DIFFERENCE

One Who, Two Dos Hack

COMPARE

Mina opened the file, and Omar checked the results.

Two people. Two full thoughts. The comma and and join them.

Two actions can share one WHO.

GROUP A · WORKED EXAMPLE

Try it together.

Teaching example · not part of the 260

The color of the old maps _____ during the cleaning.

A. faded

B. , faded

C. ; faded

D. : faded

ANSWER A

Color is the thing. Faded is what happened. Keep them together.

B: The comma cuts color away from faded.

C: The words before the semicolon are not a full thought.

D: The setup before the colon is not finished.

GROUP A · PRACTICE

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

001 Hack 01 · Easy

Generations of mystery and horror _____ have been influenced by the dark, gothic stories of celebrated American author Edgar Allan Poe (1809–1849).

A. writers

B. writers,

C. writers—

D. writers;

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

002 Hack 01 · Easy

A harpsichord may look just like a piano, but the difference between the two instruments is easy to hear. When a harpsichord's keys are pressed, the strings inside the _____ are plucked, not struck.

A. instrument:

B. instrument

C. instrument—

D. instrument,

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

003 Hack 01 · Medium

In 2008, two years after the death of science fiction writer Octavia Butler, the Huntington Library in _____ received a collection of more than 8,000 items, including Butler's private notes, research materials, manuscripts, photos, and drawings. Today, the Octavia E. Butler Collection is one of the most researched archives at the library.

A. California,

B. California:

C. California—

D. California

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

004 Hack 01 · Medium

According to Naomi Nakayama of the University of Edinburgh, the reason seeds from a dying dandelion appear to float in the air while _____ is that their porous plumes enhance drag, allowing the seeds to stay airborne long enough for the wind to disperse them throughout the surrounding area.

A. falling,

B. falling:

C. falling;

D. falling

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP A · PRACTICE

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

005 Hack 01 · Medium

Nigerian American artist Toyin Ojih Odutola uses black-ink pens to create highly detailed drawings of human figures. Her portrait of novelist Zadie _____ is displayed in the National Portrait Gallery in London.

A. Smith:

B. Smith—

C. Smith

D. Smith,

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

006 Hack 01 · Medium

Known for her massive photorealistic paintings of African American figures floating or swimming in pools, Calida Garcia _____ was the logical choice to design the book cover for Ta-Nehisi Coates's The Water Dancer, a novel about an African American man who can travel great distances through water.

A. Rawles—

B. Rawles:

C. Rawles,

D. Rawles

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

007 Hack 01 · Hard

In crafting her fantasy fiction, Nigerian-born British author Helen Oyeyemi has drawn inspiration from the classic nineteenth-century fairy tales of the Brothers Grimm. Her 2014 novel Boy, Snow, Bird, for instance, is a complex retelling of the story of Snow White, while her 2019 novel _____ offers a delicious twist on the classic tale of Hansel and Gretel.

A. Gingerbread—

B. Gingerbread,

C. Gingerbread

D. Gingerbread:

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

008 Hack 01 · Hard

In 2018, the innovative works of Congolese sculptor and architect Bodys Isek _____ were featured in City Dreams, a solo exhibition at New York's Museum of Modern Art.

A. Kingelez;

B. Kingelez,

C. Kingelez

D. Kingelez:

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP A · PRACTICE

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

009 Hack 01 · Hard

Within Earth’s biomes, there are four main types of desert: arid, semiarid, coastal, and cold. The roughly _____ is classified as an arid desert.

A. 200,000 km² Puntland Desert,

B. 200,000 km², Puntland Desert

C. 200,000 km² Puntland Desert

D. 200,000 km², Puntland Desert,

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

010 Hack 01 · Practice

Home to the city of El Paso, the far western corner of Texas follows Mountain time rather than Central time. As a result, people in El Paso and the surrounding _____ must set their clocks one hour behind those in the rest of the state.

A. areas

B. areas, who

C. areas; they

D. areas,

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Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

011 Hack 02 · Easy

The Kaiparowits Formation is a fossil-rich layer of sedimentary rock in the Grand Staircase, a colossal sequence of rock layers stretching from Utah’s Bryce Canyon to Arizona’s Grand Canyon. The sandstones and mudstones of the Kaiparowits Formation were deposited _____ the Late Cretaceous, preserving many species from that time.

A. during:

B. during;

C. during,

D. during

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

012 Hack 02 · Easy

In her book The Woman Warrior: Memoirs of a Girlhood Among Ghosts, author Maxine Hong Kingston examines themes _____ childhood, womanhood, and Chinese American identity by intertwining autobiography and mythology.

A. of:

B. of

C. of—

D. of,

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP A · PRACTICE

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

013 Hack 02 · Easy

In her two major series “Memory Test” and “Autobiography,” painter Howardena Pindell explored themes _____ healing, self-discovery, and memory by cutting and sewing back together pieces of canvas and inserting personal artifacts, such as postcards, into some of the paintings.

A. of

B. of,

C. of—

D. of:

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

014 Hack 02 · Easy

The part of a compound that determines the compound’s color is _____ the chromophore. One example of a chromophore is hemoglobin, which gives human blood its red color.

A. called,

B. called

C. called—

D. called;

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

015 Hack 02 · Easy

After the printing press was introduced in 1440, handwritten manuscripts from Europe’s medieval period were often destroyed and the paper used for other purposes. In one instance, pages _____ a collection of Norse tales dating to 1270 were discovered lining a bishop’s miter (hat).

A. from:

B. from,

C. from

D. from—

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

016 Hack 02 · Easy

In 1976, the Inuit rock group Sikumiut recorded the album People of the Ice. Though only their first record, it shows a band already skilled at the difficult task of making music that sounds easy and fun. On songs like “Utirumavunga,” Lucassie Koperqualuk’s guitar riffs effortlessly _____ Charlie Adams’s delightfully catchy vocal melodies.

A. blend, with

B. blend. With

C. blend; with

D. blend with

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP A · PRACTICE

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

017 Hack 02 · Easy

The capital city of the Aztec empire, Tenochtitlan, was built on an island in a lake. Because of the marshy conditions, the Aztec people _____ floating farms called “chinampas.”

A. created

B. created:

C. created,

D. created;

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

018 Hack 02 · Easy

Fans of science fiction will _____ multiple references to classic sci-fi stories in Janelle Monáe’s song lyrics, including her recurring nods to the plot of the 1927 sci-fi film Metropolis.

A. appreciate the

B. appreciate. The

C. appreciate, the

D. appreciate: the

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

019 Hack 02 · Easy

Louise Bennett (1919–2006), also known as “Miss Lou,” was an influential Jamaican poet and folklorist. Her innovative poems _____ the use of Jamaican Creole (a spoken language) in literature.

A. popularized;

B. popularized,

C. popularized

D. popularized:

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

020 Hack 02 · Easy

Located in the northern United States, the Great Lakes Basin contains roughly 35,000 islands. Lake Superior has Grand Island, for example. Lake Michigan has Belle Isle. Lake Huron, though, is home _____ the largest island of them all: Manitoulin Island.

A. to;

B. to—

C. to

D. to,

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP A · PRACTICE

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

021 Hack 02 · Easy

The element carbon has the highest melting point _____ all the elements on the periodic table—3,500 degrees Celsius.

A. of
B. of—
C. of,
D. of:

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

022 Hack 02 · Easy

According to the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, aloha ‘āina is “a recognition, commitment, and practice sustaining the ea—or life breath” between the Hawaiian people and their natural environments. The concept has been proudly embodied _____ Native Hawaiians for generations, contributing to the lush flora and renowned beauty of the islands.

A. by;
B. by:
C. by,
D. by

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

023 Hack 02 · Easy

In 2009, researchers determined that pottery fragments from a cave in China were close to 18,000 years old. These are some of the oldest _____ of pottery ever found.

A. pieces:
B. pieces,
C. pieces
D. pieces—

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

024 Hack 02 · Easy

In 1953, a fellow performer tripped on legendary jazz musician Dizzy Gillespie’s trumpet, bending its bell upward. When Gillespie tested the damaged instrument, he realized that he _____ sound of a bent bell over that of a straight one.

A. preferred; the
B. preferred the
C. preferred, the
D. preferred. The

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP A · PRACTICE

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

025 Hack 02 · Medium

Winding through the ice atop Norway’s Jotunheim Mountains is the Lendbreen pass, an ancient route that was used by hunters, farmers, traders, and travelers in the Middle Ages before eventually falling into disuse. Recently, archeologists have _____ knives, horseshoes, wool tunics, and thousands of other artifacts from the icy pass.

A. unearthed:

B. unearthed,

C. unearthed—

D. unearthed

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

026 Hack 02 · Practice

The Egyptian calendar _____ three seasons: Akhet (the inundation season), Peret (the growing season), and Shemu (the harvest season).

A. had—

B. had

C. had,

D. had;

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Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

027 Hack 03 · Medium

Gathering accurate data on water flow in the United States is challenging because of the country’s millions of miles of _____ the volume and speed of water at any given location can vary drastically over time.

A. waterways and the fact that,

B. waterways, and the fact that,

C. waterways, and, the fact that

D. waterways and the fact that

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

028 Hack 03 · Hard

In 2018, a team of researchers led by Dr. Caitlin Whalen compiled every available measurement of ocean mixing rates from the past two decades. With this novel data set, the team was able to determine how current-driven mixing varies across _____ and what impact it has on the distribution of heat and nutrients in the ocean.

A. regions,

B. regions:

C. regions;

D. regions

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP A · PRACTICE

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

029 Hack 03 · Practice

Refined safflower oil reaches its smoke point at around 510 degrees Fahrenheit. At this temperature, the substance cannot absorb any more heat _____ will begin to combust, emitting smoke.

A. energy, it

B. energy and

C. energy. And

D. energy it

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Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP B · HACK 04

Full Stop Hack

Finish one thought. Start the next.

DO THIS

Read all the words after the blank. A sentence may start with Because, Having, or Built and still become a full thought.

EASY EXAMPLE

The sensor failed**. Because a spare was available,** the team continued.

WATCH OUT

Do not stop reading at the first -ing word. Keep going to the main action.

Practice Q30–68 · p. 29

HACK 04 · LOOK AT THE DIFFERENCE

Full Stop Hack

LOOK CLOSELY

Adding a cover reduces heat.

Adding a cover is the thing. Reduces is what it does.

Finish one thought. Start the next.

GROUP B · HACK 05

Super Semicolon Hack

Full thought ; full thought

DO THIS

Can each side be a sentence by itself? If yes, a semicolon can join them. One comma alone cannot do that job.

EASY EXAMPLE

The sensor failed; the team replaced it.

WATCH OUT

There is one other semicolon job: separating big list items. See Hack 20.

Practice Q69–80 · p. 38

HACK 05 · LOOK AT THE DIFFERENCE

Super Semicolon Hack

WRONG

The sensor failed; requiring a replacement.

Requiring a replacement is not a full thought.

Full thought ; full thought

GROUP B · HACK 06

FANBOYS Bridge Hack

Full thought , but full thought

DO THIS

For, and, nor, but, or, yet, so can join two full thoughts. In these longer SAT sentences, put the comma BEFORE the joining word.

EASY EXAMPLE

The sensor failed**, but** the backup system worked.

WATCH OUT

One WHO with two actions is different. See Hack 3.

Practice Q81–95 · p. 41

GROUP B · WORKED EXAMPLE

Try it together.

Teaching example · not part of the 260

The researchers finished their long investigation _____ the entire team carefully checked the results.

A. ,

B. ;

C. ; and

D. , however,

ANSWER B

Both parts can be sentences. A semicolon can join them.

A: One comma cannot join these two full thoughts.

C: Here, use a comma before and, not a semicolon.

D: However does not turn two commas into a sentence bridge.

GROUP B · PRACTICE

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

030 Hack 04 · Easy

After the United Kingdom began rolling out taxes equivalent to a few cents on single-use plastic grocery bags in 2011, plastic-bag consumption decreased by up to ninety _____ taxes are subject to what economists call the "rebound effect": as the change became normalized, plastic-bag use started to creep back up.

A. percent, such

B. percent and such

C. percent. Such

D. percent such

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

031 Hack 04 · Easy

Nine months before Rosa Parks made history by refusing to comply with the segregated seating policy on a Montgomery, Alabama, bus, a fifteen-year-old Montgomery girl named Claudette Colvin was arrested for the same _____ to some historians, Colvin's arrest led to Parks's action and eventually to the desegregation of Montgomery's bus system.

A. offense. According

B. offense, according

C. offense according

D. offense and according

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

032 Hack 04 · Easy

The intense pressure found in the deep ocean can affect the structure of proteins in fish's cells, distorting the proteins' shape. The chemical trimethylamine N-oxide (TMAO) counters this effect, ensuring that proteins retain their original _____ is found in high concentrations in the cells of the deepest-dwelling fish.

A. configurations. TMAO

B. configurations TMAO

C. configurations, TMAO

D. configurations and TMAO

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

033 Hack 04 · Easy

In 2000, Nora de Hoyos Comstock, herself an owner of a successful consulting firm, sought to increase Latina representation in corporate _____ founded Las Comadres para las Americas, an international community that for over two decades has served as a resource and information network for Latina business professionals.

A. settings she

B. settings, she

C. settings and she

D. settings. She

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP B · PRACTICE

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

034 Hack 04 · Medium

After a spate of illnesses as a child, Wilma Rudolph was told she might never walk again. Defying all odds, Rudolph didn't just walk, she _____ the 1960 Summer Olympics in Rome, she won both the 100-and 200-meter dashes and clinched first place for her team in the 4x100-meter relay, becoming the first US woman to win three gold medals in a single Olympics.

A. ran—fast—during

B. ran—fast during

C. ran—fast, during

D. ran—fast. During

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

035 Hack 04 · Medium

The first computerized spreadsheet, Dan Bricklin's VisiCalc, improved financial recordkeeping not only by providing users with an easy means of adjusting data in spreadsheets but also by automatically updating all calculations that were dependent on these _____ to VisiCalc's release, changing a paper spreadsheet often required redoing the entire sheet by hand, a process that could take days.

A. adjustments prior

B. adjustments, prior

C. adjustments. Prior

D. adjustments and prior

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

036 Hack 04 · Medium

In 2017, artists Isabel and Ruben Toledo redesigned the costumes and sets for The Miami City Ballet's production of The _____ to reviewers, the Toledos' designs helped infuse the production with elements of Miami's Latin American culture.

A. Nutcracker according,

B. Nutcracker, according

C. Nutcracker according

D. Nutcracker. According

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

037 Hack 04 · Medium

A study showed that a solar park caused nearby land to cool, though the ecological impact of this temperature decrease isn't yet known. Before the park's construction, the surface temperature 30 meters outside of the park boundary was 0.1°C cooler than that of a control _____ construction, the temperature 30 meters outside of the boundary was 1.7°C cooler than that of the control area.

A. area after

B. area after,

C. area. After

D. area, after

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP B · PRACTICE

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

038 Hack 04 · Medium

Increasing the heat on an uncovered boiling pot of water does not increase the temperature of the water. What increases is the rate at which the water turns to _____ a pressure cooker pot, though, an airtight seal traps the vapor in the pot, creating pressure that allows the temperature of the water to increase past its boiling point.

A. vapor. With

B. vapor with

C. vapor, with

D. vapor and with

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

039 Hack 04 · Medium

In 2010, archaeologist Noel Hidalgo Tan was visiting the twelfth-century temple of Angkor Wat in Cambodia when he noticed markings of red paint on the temple _____ the help of digital imaging techniques, he discovered the markings to be part of an elaborate mural containing over 200 paintings.

A. walls, with

B. walls with

C. walls so with

D. walls. With

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

040 Hack 04 · Medium

In his Naturalis historia, Pliny the Elder praised Hipparchus’s star catalog, a second-century BCE list of roughly 850 different stars’ celestial positions. For centuries, scholars dreamed about locating a copy of this legendary lost _____ fantasy (partially) became reality in 2022, when researchers uncovered traces of the star catalog on a palimpsest, a reused parchment.

A. work, that

B. work that

C. work. That

D. work and that

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

041 Hack 04 · Hard

In 2021, Mexican biologist Martha Lydia Macías-Rubalcava led a review of the scientific literature related to endophytic fungi (i.e., fungi that live inside a host _____ researching 120 endophytic fungi–produced compounds, she found that their phytotoxicity can make them viable alternatives to chemical herbicides for controlling weeds.

A. plant). By

B. plant), by

C. plant) and by

D. plant) by

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP B · PRACTICE

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

042 Hack 04 · Hard

Jamaican British artist Willard Wigan is known for his remarkable _____ so small that they are best viewed through a microscope, Wigan's sculptures are made from tiny natural materials, such as spiderweb strands.

A. microsculptures creations
B. microsculptures, creations
C. microsculptures. Creations
D. microsculptures and creations

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

043 Hack 04 · Hard

Philosopher Peter Kivy was a leading figure in musical _____ evidenced by his belief that instead of evoking particular emotions, such as sadness or joy, compositions elicit a listener's emotional response to the structure and artistry of the music itself, Kivy's approach to the study of music was decidedly formalist.

A. aesthetics as
B. aesthetics and as
C. aesthetics, as
D. aesthetics. As

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

044 Hack 04 · Hard

On July 23, 1854, a clipper ship called the Flying Cloud entered San Francisco _____ left New York Harbor under the guidance of Captain Josiah Perkins Creesy and his wife, navigator Eleanor Creesy, a mere 89 days and 8 hours earlier, the celebrated ship set a record that would stand for 135 years.

A. Bay and having
B. Bay. Having
C. Bay, having
D. Bay having

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

045 Hack 04 · Hard

Researcher Lin Zhi developed a process for increasing the tensile strength—measured in gigapascals, or GPa—of silkworm _____ dissolving and reweaving the silk in a solution of iron metal ions, zinc, and sugar, Zhi increased the amount of force required to stretch it from approximately 0.5 GPa to 2 GPa.

A. silk, by
B. silk by
C. silk and by
D. silk. By

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP B · PRACTICE

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

046 Hack 04 · Hard

On sunny days, dark rooftops absorb solar energy and convert it to unwanted heat, raising the surrounding air _____ a light-colored covering to an existing dark roof, either by attaching prefabricated reflective sheets or spraying on a paint-like coating, helps combat this effect.

A. temperature; by adding

B. temperature, adding

C. temperature. Adding

D. temperature by adding

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

047 Hack 04 · Hard

In 1955, Indian Bengali filmmaker Satyajit Ray released his first movie, Pather _____ quiet black-and-white drama about a family in rural India, Ray's film was quite different from the loud, colorful action-romance movies that were popular at the time.

A. Panchali a

B. Panchali, which was a

C. Panchali, a

D. Panchali. A

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

048 Hack 04 · Hard

Humans were long thought to have begun occupying the Peruvian settlement of Machu Picchu between 1440 and 1450 CE. However, a team led by anthropologist Dr. Richard Burger used accelerator mass spectrometry to uncover evidence that it was occupied _____ 1420 CE, according to Burger, humans were likely inhabiting the area.

A. earlier. In

B. earlier, in

C. earlier, which in

D. earlier in

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

049 Hack 04 · Hard

The poem Beowulf begins with the word "hwæt," which is an Old English _____ as "hark!" or "listen!" in some versions, the word was playfully rendered as "bro!" by Maria Dahvana Headley in her 2020 translation of the poem.

A. exclamation, translated

B. exclamation and translated

C. exclamation translated

D. exclamation. Translated

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP B · PRACTICE

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

050 Hack 04 · Hard

Hegra is an archaeological site in present-day Saudi Arabia and was the second largest city of the Nabataean Kingdom (fourth century BCE to first century CE). Archaeologist Laila Nehmé recently traveled to Hegra to study its ancient _____ into the rocky outcrops of a vast desert, these burial chambers seem to blend seamlessly with nature.

A. tombs. Built

B. tombs, built

C. tombs and built

D. tombs built

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

051 Hack 04 · Hard

Alberto Gabriele, author of Reading Popular Culture in Victorian Print, tracks the transnational dissemination of works by author Mary Elizabeth Braddon via the magazine _____ from 1866 to 1899 and distributed throughout the Australian cities of Melbourne, Adelaide, and Hobart; the continental European cities of Brussels, Paris, and Turin; and cities in Turkey, India, and Jamaica, this magazine helped make Braddon's serialized novels globally available.

A. Belgravia; published

B. Belgravia. Published

C. Belgravia published

D. Belgravia, published

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

052 Hack 04 · Hard

American writer Edwidge Danticat, who emigrated from Haiti in 1981, has won acclaim for her powerful short stories, novels, and _____ her lyrical yet unflinching depictions of her native country's turbulent history, writer Robert Antoni has compared Danticat to Nobel Prize–winning novelist Toni Morrison.

A. essays, praising

B. essays and praising

C. essays praising

D. essays. Praising

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

053 Hack 04 · Hard

The pedagogy of the Suzuki method is rooted in several central _____ by Japanese violinist Shinichi Suzuki, who sought to parallel the linguistic learning environment, the method emphasizes playing instruments from a very young age and teaches students as young as three to play simple classical pieces such as "March in G."

A. tenets. Developed

B. tenets developed

C. tenets that, developed

D. tenets, developed

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP B · PRACTICE

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

054 Hack 04 · Hard

Consider the mechanics of the pinhole camera: light passes through a small hole, resulting in a focused projected image. A ray diagram reveals how this _____ the hole's small size restricts light to a single ray, all light passing through the hole can only arrive at a single destination, eliminating diffraction and ensuring a clear image.

A. works because

B. works. Because

C. works, it's because

D. works: it's because

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

055 Hack 04 · Hard

The city of Amsterdam partnered with consultants to develop Public Eye—an ethical AI-powered crowd-monitoring _____ video streamed from cameras in heavily touristed areas, the AI algorithm determines crowd sizes without, in the interest of protecting individuals' privacy, retaining the footage.

A. system—analyzing

B. system, analyzing

C. system. Analyzing

D. system analyzing

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

056 Hack 04 · Hard

In modern plays, actors typically won't acknowledge the _____ do so breaks the fourth wall, a metaphorical barrier between actors and audiences that allows viewers to suspend the knowledge that they're watching a staged performance.

A. audience. As to

B. audience to

C. audience. To

D. audience, to

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

057 Hack 04 · Hard

The Balkan nation of Bosnia and Herzegovina does not have one president but _____ as members of the office of the presidency, one representing the nation's Bosniaks, one its Serbs, and one its Croats, these elected officials take turns serving as the office's chairperson.

A. three, known

B. three. Known

C. three who are known

D. three, who are known

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP B · PRACTICE

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

058 Hack 04 · Practice

Named for the year in which it was detected by English astronomers, SN 2016aps was a supernova (the explosion of a massive _____ in the constellation Draco, 3.6 billion light-years from Earth, the transient yet powerful blast propelled particles and debris into space at extremely high speeds.

A. star). Occurring

B. star) occurring

C. star) and occurring

D. star), occurring

O2-M2Q21

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

059 Hack 04 · Practice

Following the swing era of the 1930s, cool jazz emerged as yet another innovative style in jazz _____ larger ensembles than those of their predecessors, cool jazz composers like Chico Hamilton emphasized smooth melodies in their works.

A. music. Featuring

B. music, featuring

C. music, to feature

D. music to feature

DA-M1Q18

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

060 Hack 04 · Practice

Following the bebop era of the 1940s, cello jazz emerged as yet another innovative style in jazz _____ larger ensembles than those of their predecessors, cool jazz composers like Dave Brubeck emphasized smooth melodies in their works.

A. music, to feature

B. music. Featuring

C. music, featuring

D. music to feature

DC-M1Q21

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

061 Hack 04 · Practice

The frogfish’s sophisticated hunting strategy relies on a modified dorsal spine called the illicium that features a specialized terminal appendage at its _____ potential food items, like worms, shrimp, or small fish, the appendage evolved to function as a fishing rod to lure prey.

A. tip, mimicking

B. tip mimicking

C. tip and mimicking

D. tip. Mimicking

S-M1Q20

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP B · PRACTICE

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

062 Hack 04 · Practice

Angus Maddison’s The World Economy: Historical Statistics includes estimated total market values for the world’s largest economies dating back to 1 CE. This comprehensive resource was first published in _____ its release, gaps in historical records hindered researchers’ ability to analyze economic trends across centuries.

A. 2003. Revolutionizing the field of economic research before

B. 2003, revolutionizing the field of economic research. Before

C. 2003, revolutionizing the field of economic research before

D. 2003, revolutionizing the field of economic research, before

S-M2Q21

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

063 Hack 04 · Practice

In their 2019 study of butterfly diversity at Rupa Lake in Nepal, researcher Hari Adhikari and his colleagues counted eight Paris peacock _____ to the Papilionidae family, the Paris peacock (Papilio paris) is known to be rare.

A. butterflies, belonging

B. butterflies. Belonging

C. butterflies and belonging

D. butterflies belonging

MIA-M1Q17

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

064 Hack 04 · Practice

How a folktale begins depends largely on the language in which it _____ folktales told in the Pashto language open with a phrase that roughly means "there was this work that." English-language folktales, on the other hand, often begin with "once upon a time."

A. originates. Many

B. originates, many

C. originates many

D. originates many,

MIA-M1Q18

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

065 Hack 04 · Practice

In the seventeenth century, market-savvy British greenhouses scrambled to cultivate _____ the small group of wealthy consumers who could afford to import them from the Caribbean, the fruits had become a status symbol.

A. pineapples for

B. pineapples, which for

C. pineapples, for

D. pineapples. For

MIA-M1Q21

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP B · PRACTICE

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

066 Hack 04 · Practice

On April 12, 1985, the space shuttle Discovery blasted off into space, commencing Mission _____ six days and twenty-three hours, the mission ended when the shuttle landed at Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

A. STS-51-D, it lasted

B. STS-51-D, lasting

C. STS-51-D lasting

D. STS-51-D. Lasting

MIB-M2Q22

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

067 Hack 04 · Practice

As water in oceans, lakes, and rivers is heated by the Sun, it turns into water vapor and rises into the atmosphere, where it cools and forms clouds before falling back to Earth as rain or _____ process is called the water cycle.

A. snow this

B. snow? This

C. snow, this

D. snow. This

MUA-M1Q10

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

068 Hack 04 · Practice

How a folktale begins depends largely on the language in which it _____ folktales told in the Korean language open with a phrase that roughly means "on an old day, in the old times." English-language folktales, on the other hand, often begin with "once upon a time."

A. originates. Many

B. originates, many

C. originates many

D. originates many,

MUA-M2Q10

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

069 Hack 05 · Medium

The Mission 66 initiative, which was approved by Congress in 1956, represented a major investment in the infrastructure of overburdened national _____ it prioritized physical improvements to the parks' roads, utilities, employee housing, and visitor facilities while also establishing educational programming for the public.

A. parks and

B. parks

C. parks;

D. parks,

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP B · PRACTICE

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

070 Hack 05 · Medium

While light is known as one of the fastest-moving substances, it slows down when passing through some types of matter. One such type of matter is a form of cooled, condensed gas called a Bose-Einstein condensate _____ Dutch physicist Lene Hau famously used a BEC to slow a beam of light to a complete halt.

A. (BEC),
B. (BEC) and
C. (BEC);
D. (BEC)

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

071 Hack 05 · Medium

Seneca sculptor Marie Watt's blanket art comes in a range of shapes and sizes. In 2004, Watt sewed strips of blankets together to craft a 10-by-13-inch _____ in 2014, she arranged folded blankets into two large stacks and then cast them in bronze, creating two curving 18-foot-tall blue-bronze pillars.

A. sampler later,
B. sampler;
C. sampler,
D. sampler, later,

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

072 Hack 05 · Medium

In Puerto Rico, it's not unusual for a city or town to be known by a nickname that corresponds to one of its notable features, like landscape, climate, famous residents, or chief export. For example, the Puerto Rican municipality of Aibonito is well known for its lush _____ this distinction has earned it the fitting nickname of "the Garden of Puerto Rico."

A. greenery
B. greenery,
C. greenery and
D. greenery;

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

073 Hack 05 · Hard

The Limón technique, developed by Mexican-born dancer and choreographer Jose Limón, is known for its emphasis on breath control and its interplay of weight and _____ dancers may explore, for example, the moment of mid-air suspension at the top of a jump.

A. weightlessness
B. weightlessness which
C. weightlessness,
D. weightlessness;

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP B · PRACTICE

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

074 Hack 05 · Hard

A subseasonal weather forecast attempts to predict weather conditions three to four weeks in _____ its predictions are therefore more short-term than those of the seasonal forecast, which attempts to predict the weather more than a month in advance.

A. advance,

B. advance

C. advance;

D. advance and

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

075 Hack 05 · Hard

The term “retroflex” derives from Latin and means “bent back,” an apt descriptor for the branch of consonants—retroflex consonants—pronounced with the tongue curling up and back in the mouth. In many languages, including English, these consonants are _____ in some dialects of Mandarin, however, four such consonants (“ch,” “sh,” “zh,” and “r”) are relatively common.

A. rare and

B. rare,

C. rare

D. rare;

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

076 Hack 05 · Hard

In 1977, legendary Puerto Rican performer Rita Moreno won an Emmy Award, making her one of the rare talents to earn the highest honors in television, music, film, and stage entertainment—the Emmy, Grammy, Oscar, and Tony _____ the achievement is known as “winning the EGOT.”

A. awards, respectively;

B. awards; respectively

C. awards, respectively—

D. awards, respectively,

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

077 Hack 05 · Hard

That the expansionist appetites of colonial European powers had their sights set on his country was evident to Siam’s King _____ deterring those ambitions through international diplomacy and domestic reform was perhaps his foremost achievement. Though his reign ended roughly twenty years before Siam became known by its modern name of Thailand, King Chulalongkorn is often credited with ushering the nation into modernity.

A. Chulalongkorn;

B. Chulalongkorn that

C. Chulalongkorn,

D. Chulalongkorn

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP B · PRACTICE

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

078 Hack 05 · Hard

That the geographic center of North America lay in the state of North Dakota was conceded by all _____ establishing its precise coordinates proved more divisive.

A. involved:

B. involved,

C. involved

D. involved;

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

079 Hack 05 · Hard

Sociologist Todd Gitlin co-opted the term “recombinant,” normally used in reference to genetic engineering, to describe serialized television shows of the 1980s. Gitlin’s use of the term referenced TV studios’ practice of repackaging successful narrative formulas as new _____ even shows that varied only slightly from other shows still attracted sizeable audiences.

A. content, in that era

B. content; in that era,

C. content in that era,

D. content, in that era,

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

080 Hack 05 · Practice

Extensive radiocarbon dating of reed samples from Caral confirmed Ruth Shady Solís’s hypothesis about the Peruvian site’s _____ nearly 5,000 years ago, the ancient city preceded the Olmec civilization to the north by a full millennium, a revelation that fundamentally altered our understanding of urban development in the Western Hemisphere.

A. age, built

B. age; built

C. age built

D. age and built

O1-M1Q20

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

081 Hack 06 · Easy

Human-made (synthetic) fibers used in clothes and many other consumer products are more durable than most natural plant _____ the manufacture of synthetic fibers requires toxic chemical solvents that can pollute air and water.

A. fibers,

B. fibers but

C. fibers

D. fibers, but

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP B · PRACTICE

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

082 Hack 06 · Easy

By analyzing ice cores from Greenland and Antarctica, a research team at Sweden's Lund University discovered evidence of a solar storm that occurred 9,200 years ago. Scientists had previously thought the Sun to be in a relatively "quiet" phase at that _____ the Lund team's finding suggests otherwise.

A. time but

B. time, but

C. time,

D. time

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

083 Hack 06 · Easy

Many Samoans enjoy a sport called kilikiti. This bat-and-ball game was derived from _____ kilikiti differs from cricket in a few key ways.

A. cricket but:

B. cricket but,

C. cricket, but

D. cricket, but,

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

084 Hack 06 · Easy

Typically, underlines, scribbles, and notes left in the margins by a former owner lower a book's _____ when the former owner is a famous poet like Walt Whitman, such markings, known as marginalia, can be a gold mine to literary scholars.

A. value, but

B. value

C. value,

D. value but

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

085 Hack 06 · Easy

Many mechanical calculators were powered by a notched cylinder mechanism called the Leibniz wheel. Leibniz wheel calculators were popular in the first half of the twentieth _____ these ingenious devices were eventually replaced by electronic calculators.

A. century

B. century,

C. century, but

D. century that

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP B · PRACTICE

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

086 Hack 06 · Easy

In 1727, dramatist Lewis Theobald presented a new play, Double Falsehood, at a London theater. Theobald claimed that his drama was based on a little-known play by William Shakespeare, Cardenio. Many, including poet Alexander Pope, were _____ historians have determined that Shakespeare's company did perform a play called Cardenio in 1613.

A. skeptical but

B. skeptical, but

C. skeptical,

D. skeptical

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

087 Hack 06 · Easy

At 1,280 meters, the Golden Gate Bridge in the United States is one of the longest suspension bridges in the _____ the Tsing Ma Bridge in China, at 1,377 meters, is even longer.

A. world but

B. world, but,

C. world,

D. world, but

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

088 Hack 06 · Easy

The Alvarez theory, developed in 1980 by physicist Luis Walter Alvarez and his geologist son Walter Alvarez, maintained that the secondary effects of an asteroid impact caused many dinosaurs and other animals to die _____ it left unexplored the question of whether unrelated volcanic activity might have also contributed to the mass extinctions.

A. out but

B. out, but

C. out

D. out,

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

089 Hack 06 · Medium

Po'Pay was a Tewa leader from Ohkay Owingeh, a pueblo located about twenty-five miles north of present-day Santa Fe, New Mexico. He was instrumental in organizing the Pueblo Revolt of _____ as a result of his leadership, the Spanish colonizers were expelled from the region for a time.

A. 1680

B. 1680 and

C. 1680,

D. 1680, and

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP B · PRACTICE

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

090 Hack 06 · Medium

Featuring works by the photographers Lola Álvarez Bravo and Else “Yva” Neuländer-Simon, the 2021 exhibition The New Woman Behind the Camera set out to provide a wide-ranging overview of photography by women in the 1920s through the _____ given the collection’s breadth of more than 120 photos, its efforts were largely successful.

A. 1950s, and

B. 1950s and

C. 1950s

D. 1950s,

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

091 Hack 06 · Medium

Detroit natives Timothy Paule and Nicole Lindsey have combined their two passions, Detroit and beekeeping, to improve the health of their city’s flowers and other vegetation. In 2017, the couple converted a vacant lot in the city into an _____ in the years that followed they acquired nine additional lots and established more than 35 hives.

A. apiary,

B. apiary, and

C. apiary and

D. apiary

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

092 Hack 06 · Medium

Materials scientist Marie-Agathe Charpagne and her colleagues believed they could improve on the multicomponent alloy NiCoCr, an equal-proportions mixture of nickel (Ni), cobalt (Co), and chromium (Cr), by replacing chromium with ruthenium _____ the alloy that resulted, NiCoRu, turned out to be an unsuitable replacement for NiCoCr.

A. (Ru)

B. (Ru) but

C. (Ru),

D. (Ru), but

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

093 Hack 06 · Medium

Customers who are satisfied with how a company resolves a service issue may regard that company more positively than they would if no such issue had occurred. This idea is known as the service recovery _____ research suggests that it has important implications for customer loyalty and retention.

A. paradox,

B. paradox

C. paradox, and

D. paradox and,

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP B · PRACTICE

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

094 Hack 06 · Hard

The Tantaquidgeon Museum in Uncasville, Connecticut, was founded in 1931 with the goal of showcasing the culture and history of the Mohegan _____ today, nearly a century later, it is the oldest Native-owned and -operated museum in the country.

A. Tribe, and

B. Tribe

C. Tribe and

D. Tribe,

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

095 Hack 06 · Hard

After immigrating from Mexico and obtaining U.S. citizenship, Octaviano Ambrosio Larrazolo entered politics, earning a reputation for being a fervent defender of Hispanic civil rights. In 1919 Larrazolo was elected governor of _____ in 1928 he became the nation’s first Hispanic U.S. Senator.

A. New Mexico and

B. New Mexico,

C. New Mexico, and

D. New Mexico

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP C · HACK 07

Wait, Then Comma Hack

Although … , the main thought.

DO THIS

Although, because, if, when, and while can start a waiting part. Read to the end of that part. Add a comma. Then give the main thought.

EASY EXAMPLE

Although the label was damaged**,** the date was readable.

WATCH OUT

Do not put the comma right after Although or Because.

Practice Q96–99 · p. 53

HACK 07 · LOOK AT THE DIFFERENCE

Wait, Then Comma Hack

WRONG

Although the label was damaged; the date was readable.

Although makes us wait. The first part cannot stand alone.

Although … , the main thought.

GROUP C · HACK 08

Reason or Difference? Hack

Needed reason? Stay close.
Difference? A comma may help.

DO THIS

A needed reason or time usually stays attached. A part showing a difference may need a comma. Read what the words mean.

EASY EXAMPLE

The indicator lights up **when the battery is charged**.

WATCH OUT

Do not always add a comma before because, when, or while.

Practice Q100–104 · p. 54

HACK 08 · LOOK AT THE DIFFERENCE

Reason or Difference? Hack

COMPARE

Some fish live ten years, while others live much longer.

This while part shows a difference.

Needed reason? Stay close.
Difference? A comma may help.

GROUP C · HACK 09

Extra Detail Hack

Use a comma to add a detail.

DO THIS

Extra words can describe the main thought. They may come before it or after it. They are not always a new sentence.

EASY EXAMPLE

Working under dim light**,** researchers examined the label. The team worked overnight**,** **producing a map**.

WATCH OUT

A word ending in -ing can also be part of a full thought. Look for its main action.

Practice Q105–122 · p. 55

HACK 09 · LOOK AT THE DIFFERENCE

Extra Detail Hack

COMPARE

Producing a map takes time.

Producing a map is the thing. Takes is its main action.

NOT A FULL THOUGHT

a surprising result

What about the result? We still need the main thought.

Use a comma to add a detail.

GROUP C · WORKED EXAMPLE

Try it together.

Teaching example · not part of the 260

Although the old sensor failed _____ backup continued to work.

A. ; the

B. . The

C. , the

D. : the

ANSWER C

Although makes us wait. A comma ends the waiting part.

A: The first part cannot be a sentence by itself.

B: A period would leave the Although part unfinished.

D: The words before a colon must be a full thought.

GROUP C · PRACTICE

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

096 Hack 07 · Easy

The fine, powdery substance that covers the Moon’s surface is called regolith. Because regolith is both readily available and high in oxygen _____ scientists have wondered whether it could be used as a potential source of oxygen for future lunar settlements.

A. content and

B. content,

C. content

D. content, and

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

097 Hack 07 · Easy

About 70,000 meteorites have been found on Earth. Although most meteorites are fragments of _____ hundred have been identified as being from the Moon or Mars.

A. asteroids. Several

B. asteroids, several

C. asteroids; several

D. asteroids: several

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

098 Hack 07 · Easy

While many video game creators strive to make their graphics ever more _____ others look to the past, developing titles with visuals inspired by the “8-bit” games of the 1980s and 1990s. (The term “8-bit” refers to a console whose processor could only handle eight bits of data at once.)

A. lifelike but

B. lifelike

C. lifelike,

D. lifelike, but

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

099 Hack 07 · Medium

While one requires oxygen and one does _____ and anaerobic respiration are both forms of cellular respiration—that is, they are processes by which cells break down glucose to use as energy.

A. not aerobic

B. not. Aerobic

C. not, aerobic

D. not; aerobic

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP C · PRACTICE

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

100 Hack 08 · Easy

The life spans of rockfish vary greatly by species. For instance, the colorful calico rockfish (Sebastes dallii) can survive for a little over a _____ the rougheye rockfish (Sebastes aleutianus) boasts a maximum life span of about two centuries.

A. decade: while

B. decade. While

C. decade; while

D. decade, while

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

101 Hack 08 · Medium

As British scientist Peter Whibberley has observed, “the Earth is not a very good timekeeper.” Earth’s slightly irregular rotation rate means that measurements of time must be periodically adjusted. Specifically, an extra “leap second” (the 86,401st second of the day) is _____ time based on the planet’s rotation lags a full nine-tenths of a second behind time kept by precise atomic clocks.

A. added, whenever

B. added; whenever

C. added. Whenever

D. added whenever

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

102 Hack 08 · Practice

During the late nineteenth century, agricultural chemist George Washington Carver revolutionized farming practices in the American _____ promoting systematic crop rotation techniques that replenished essential nitrogen in depleted soils.

A. South, by

B. South by

C. South; by

D. South: by

O2-M2Q20

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

103 Hack 08 · Practice

A bias toward studying birds and mammals over fish was one of the many shortcomings researcher Sonia Llorente-Culebras and her team _____ analyzing nearly 400 biodiversity studies from around the globe.

A. discovered. While

B. discovered, while

C. discovered while

D. discovered: while

MIA-M2Q16

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP C · PRACTICE

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

104 Hack 08 · Practice

A bias toward studying diversity at a local rather than a continental scale was one of the many shortcomings researcher Sonia Llorente-Culebras and her team _____ analyzing nearly 400 biodiversity studies from around the globe.

A. discovered: while

B. discovered, while

C. discovered while

D. discovered. While

MUA-M1Q12

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

105 Hack 09 · Easy

Award-winning cinematographer James Wong Howe was known for his innovative filming techniques. While filming a boxing match for the movie Body and Soul _____ Howe had a handheld camera operator wear roller skates. This allowed the operator to move smoothly around actors in a boxing ring, creating an immersive experience for viewers.

A. (1947), and

B. (1947),

C. (1947) and

D. (1947)

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

106 Hack 09 · Easy

Before the Erie Canal was completed in 1825, transporting goods by wagon between New York City and the Midwest took up to forty-five days and cost one hundred dollars per ton. By linking the Hudson River to Lake _____ canal reduced transport time to nine days and cut costs to six dollars per ton.

A. Erie; the

B. Erie (the

C. Erie, the

D. Erie: the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

107 Hack 09 · Easy

Dolores Huerta’s advocacy on behalf of farmworkers was rooted in her experience as a schoolteacher in Stockton, California, in the early 1950s. Hoping to help her students and their families outside the _____ Huerta left teaching to start the Stockton chapter of the Community Service Organization, a group focused on the needs of local farmworkers.

A. classroom.

B. classroom;

C. classroom,

D. classroom

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP C · PRACTICE

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

108 Hack 09 · Medium

A conceptual artist and designer embraced by both the art world and the fashion _____ Mary Ping was chosen to curate the exhibition Front Row: Chinese American Designers for the Museum of Chinese in America.

A. world

B. world:

C. world;

D. world,

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

109 Hack 09 · Medium

The Lion Light system, developed by Kenyan inventor Richard Turere, consists of LED lights installed around the perimeter of livestock pastures. Powered with _____ the blinking LEDs keep lions away at night, thus protecting the livestock without risking harm to the endangered lions.

A. energy collected, by solar panels, during the day

B. energy collected by solar panels during the day

C. energy collected by solar panels during the day,

D. energy, collected by solar panels during the day,

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

110 Hack 09 · Hard

With a blend of traditional design elements, such as arched Gothic ceilings, and modern ones, such as floor-to-ceiling _____ design splits the difference between old and new, a mixture that is increasingly seen in home interiors in the US.

A. windows; transitional

B. windows—transitional

C. windows. Transitional

D. windows, transitional

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

111 Hack 09 · Easy

The short story “Rogue Enchantments” by Isabel Ibañez appears in Reclaim the _____ anthology of fantasy and science fiction written by authors of Latin American descent.

A. Stars. An

B. Stars, while an

C. Stars an

D. Stars, an

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP C · PRACTICE

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

112 Hack 09 · Easy

In early 1700s England, it was legal for shops to sell prints of artists' engravings without the artists' permission. This changed in 1735 with the passage of the Engravers' Copyright _____ gave engravers control over the distribution and sale of all prints made from their designs.

A. Act, which

B. Act; which

C. Act. Which

D. Act

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

113 Hack 09 · Medium

Beatrix Potter is perhaps best known for writing and illustrating children's books such as The Tale of Peter Rabbit (1902), but she also dedicated herself to mycology, the study of _____ more than 350 paintings of the fungal species she observed in nature and submitting her research on spore germination to the Linnean Society of London.

A. fungi; producing

B. fungi. Producing

C. fungi producing

D. fungi, producing

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

114 Hack 09 · Medium

Archaeologists have estimated that the pre-Columbian Native American city of Cahokia, located across the Mississippi River from modern-day St. Louis, Missouri, had as many as 20,000 inhabitants in the year 1150 _____ it one of the largest cities in North America at the time.

A. CE making

B. CE. Making

C. CE, making

D. CE; making

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

115 Hack 09 · Medium

In 1959, the film industry debuted Smell-O-Vision. Theaters were fitted with specialized vents that emitted odors at specific points in a _____ as the scent of roses when roses appeared in a scene. Smell-O-Vision failed to impress, however, with one reviewer declaring it "briefly weird and not very interesting."

A. movie such

B. movie; such

C. movie. Such

D. movie, such

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP C · PRACTICE

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

116 Hack 09 · Medium

Choreographers George Balanchine and Martha Graham both contributed sections to the dance piece Episodes, which premiered at New York's City Center of Music and Drama in 1959. This cross-genre collaboration brought together the distinct features of Balanchine's neoclassical ballet and Graham's modern _____ the stylistic diversity and creative innovation within the dance world.

A. dance, it showcased

B. dance. Which showcased

C. dance, showcasing

D. dance. Showcasing

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

117 Hack 09 · Medium

In ancient Greece, an Epicurean was a follower of Epicurus, a philosopher whose beliefs revolved around the pursuit of pleasure. Epicurus defined pleasure as "the absence of pain in the body and of trouble in the _____ that all life's virtues derived from this absence.

A. soul," positing

B. soul": positing

C. soul"; positing

D. soul." Positing

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

118 Hack 09 · Medium

In her analysis of Edith Wharton's The House of Mirth (1905), scholar Candace Waid observes that the novel depicts the upper classes of New York society as "consumed by the appetite of a soulless _____ an apt assessment given that The House of Mirth is set during the Gilded Age, a period marked by rapid industrialization, economic greed, and widening wealth disparities.

A. materialism"; and

B. materialism" and

C. materialism,"

D. materialism"

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

119 Hack 09 · Hard

The haiku-like poems of Tomas Tranströmer, which present nature-and dream-influenced images in crisp, spare language, have earned the Swedish poet praise from leading contemporary _____ them Nigerian American essayist and novelist Teju Cole, who has written that Tranströmer's works "contain a luminous simplicity."

A. writers. Among

B. writers among

C. writers; among

D. writers, among

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP C · PRACTICE

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

120 Hack 09 · Hard

For her film I Am Somebody (1970), a documentary about a successful months-long strike held by Black female hospital workers in Charleston, South Carolina, director Madeline Anderson chose a narrator who had participated in the _____ by allowing the narrative to be shaped by one of their own, amplified the agency and power the workers possessed.

A. protest. A decision that

B. protest; a decision that,

C. protest, a decision that,

D. protest a decision that,

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

121 Hack 09 · Hard

From afar, African American fiber artist Bisa Butler’s portraits look like paintings, their depictions of human faces, bodies, and clothing so intricate that it seems only a fine brush could have rendered them. When viewed up close, however, the portraits reveal themselves to be _____ stitching barely visible among the thousands of pieces of printed, microcut fabric.

A. quilts, and the

B. quilts, the

C. quilts; the

D. quilts. The

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

122 Hack 09 · Hard

Recently unearthed Neronian tools in France dating to 54,000 years ago and attributed to Homo sapiens may provide evidence that interactions between Neanderthals and modern humans occurred 10,000 years earlier than was previously _____ finding that, if true, would overturn current theories about H. sapiens migration during the Upper Paleolithic.

A. supposed; a

B. supposed. A

C. supposed a

D. supposed, a

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP D · HACK 10

Which One? Hack

Words that tell WHICH ONE stay close.

DO THIS

Ask whether the words help identify the thing. If they do, keep them attached. Do not add commas just because you can delete the words.

EASY EXAMPLE

The samples **that contained salt** were discarded.

WATCH OUT

Also keep so ... that together. It tells how strong something is and what happens as a result.

Practice Q123–128 · p. 66

HACK 10 · LOOK AT THE DIFFERENCE

Which One? Hack

COMPARE

The samples, which contained salt, were discarded.

Here, the salt detail is extra. The commas show that.

Words that tell WHICH ONE stay close.

GROUP D · HACK 11

Matching Pairs Hack

Open it. Close it. Match it.

DO THIS

Extra words in the middle need two matching sides: comma + comma, dash + dash, or (+). Cross out the extra words. The main thought must still work.

EASY EXAMPLE

The sample**—a rare alloy—** resisted corrosion.

WATCH OUT

The Comma Sandwich is one kind of matching pair. Do not close a dash with a comma.

Practice Q129–165 · p. 67

GROUP D · HACK 12

Job + Name Hack

Job + name = stay together.

DO THIS

When the name tells us WHICH person, keep it next to the job or title. Do not put a comma between them. The name also stays next to its main action.

EASY EXAMPLE

Biologist **Lina Mansour** led the study. Lina Mansour**, a biologist,** led the study.

WATCH OUT

If the person is already clear, an extra job description or name may need a comma sandwich.

Practice Q166–178 · p. 76

HACK 12 · LOOK AT THE DIFFERENCE

Job + Name Hack

COMPARE

The team’s only biologist, Lina Mansour, led the study.

Only biologist already tells us who. The name is an extra detail.

Job + name = stay together.

GROUP D · WORKED EXAMPLE

Try it together.

Teaching example · not part of the 260

The samples—three rare minerals_____ stored safely.

A. , were

B. were

C. ; were

D. —were

ANSWER D

The first dash opens the extra detail. The second dash closes it.

A: A comma cannot close the dash pair.

B: The extra detail has no closing dash.

C: A semicolon cannot close the dash pair.

GROUP D · PRACTICE

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

123 Hack 10 · Easy

Both Sona Charaipotra, an Indian American, and Dhonielle Clayton, an African American, grew up frustrated by the lack of diverse characters in books for young people. In 2011, these two writers joined forces to found CAKE Literary, a book packaging _____ specializes in the creation and promotion of stories told from diverse perspectives for children and young adults.

A. company,

B. company that

C. company

D. company, that

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

124 Hack 10 · Medium

Cy Twombly, a US painter and sculptor, created many large-scale abstract works, such as his 10-painting series Fifty Days at Iliam. In these works, Twombly's artistic style is exemplified by his use of graffiti-like _____ often incorporate words or phrases from poetry and mythology.

A. scribbles: that

B. scribbles that

C. scribbles; that

D. scribbles. That

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

125 Hack 10 · Hard

Roughly 300 nights a year, when the cold air descending from the Andes Mountains meets the warm air rising from Venezuela's coastal Lake Maracaibo, the result is a spectacular lightning storm, its strikes so bright, so localized, and so _____ that it has become known as "Maracaibo's Lighthouse."

A. dependable:

B. dependable;

C. dependable

D. dependable,

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

126 Hack 10 · Hard

In biology, many initially disordered systems will naturally move toward greater order according to the principle of self-organization, a conceptual framework for pattern _____ biologists believe can be used to explain a range of organic phenomena, from population dynamics to the sociality of bees and ants.

A. formation, that some

B. formation. Some

C. formation that some

D. formation; some

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP D · PRACTICE

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

127 Hack 10 · Hard

Fernando Palma Rodríguez creates robotic sculptures that combine mechanical elements with materials like feathers, soil, and seeds. The artist is from a rural farming community outside Mexico City, and he studied engineering in college. The natural and mechanical _____ highlight these two aspects of his background.

A. materials that Palma Rodríguez uses in his art,

B. materials that Palma Rodríguez uses in his art

C. materials, that Palma Rodríguez uses in his art,

D. materials, that Palma Rodríguez uses in his art

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

128 Hack 10 · Hard

In 1959, marine biologist Dr. Albert Jones founded the Underwater Adventure Seekers, a scuba diving _____ that is the oldest club for Black divers in the United States and that has helped thousands of diving enthusiasts become certified in the field.

A. club

B. club,

C. club—

D. club, and

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

129 Hack 11 · Easy

Polyphenols are organic compounds _____ among their many roles, provide pigment that helps protect plants against ultraviolet radiation from sunlight.

A. that—

B. that;

C. that,

D. that:

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

130 Hack 11 · Easy

Santa Clara Pueblo artist Roxanne Swentzell's sculpture Mud Woman Rolls On consists of five human figures made of clay and plant fiber and arranged in descending size; each figure holds the smaller one in front of it. The arrangement of the figures, according to _____ represents her idea that "we all come from the Earth, generation after generation."

A. Swentzell

B. Swentzell,

C. Swentzell:

D. Swentzell—

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP D · PRACTICE

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

131 Hack 11 · Easy

When particles are suspended in liquid (like pollen in a water glass), they will zigzag randomly through the liquid and collide with one another in perpetuity. This type of random, continuous _____ is known as Brownian motion, can be observed throughout the natural world.

A. movement: which

B. movement, which

C. movement which

D. movement. Which

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

132 Hack 11 · Easy

Mia Heavener's 2019 novel Under Nushagak Bluff, which takes place in a mid-twentieth-century rural Alaskan fishing _____ the story of three Yup'ik women who grapple with the rise of commercial fisheries and other changes affecting their community.

A. village. Tells

B. village tells

C. village: tells

D. village, tells

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

133 Hack 11 · Medium

A study led by scientist Rebecca Kirby at the University of Wisconsin–Madison found that black bears that eat human food before hibernation have increased levels of a rare carbon isotope, _____ due to the higher ^{13}C levels in corn and cane sugar. Bears with these elevated levels were also found to have much shorter hibernation periods on average.

A. carbon-13, (^{13}C)

B. carbon-13 (^{13}C)

C. carbon-13, (^{13}C),

D. carbon-13 (^{13}C),

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

134 Hack 11 · Medium

Photosynthesis, the mechanism by which plants use sunlight to turn carbon dioxide and water into _____ is fueled in part by an enzyme called Photosystem II that harvests energy-giving electrons from water molecules.

A. nutrients

B. nutrients and

C. nutrients,

D. nutrients—

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP D · PRACTICE

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

135 Hack 11 · Medium

Between 322 and 184 BCE, the Maurya Empire established a complex economic system that, through trade and centralized _____ funded major infrastructure projects throughout the Indian subcontinent. This included the building of many roads, canals, and hospitals.

A. taxation:

B. taxation,

C. taxation—

D. taxation

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

136 Hack 11 · Medium

The Mesoamerican city of Teotihuacan featured a uniquely egalitarian urban housing infrastructure. Built between the first and seventh centuries CE, Teotihuacan housed its residents (as many as 200,000, by some _____ in a complex of comfortable apartments of comparable size.

A. estimates)

B. estimates),

C. estimates—

D. estimates

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

137 Hack 11 · Medium

Julia Alvarez's 1994 novel In the Time of the Butterflies, a fictionalized account of the lives of the Mirabal _____ can serve as a starting point for those wanting to explore how the rule of dictator Rafael Trujillo has been represented in Dominican American literature.

A. sisters, and

B. sisters and

C. sisters,

D. sisters

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

138 Hack 11 · Medium

According to the original text of the US Constitution, written in 1787, the presidential candidate receiving the second-most Electoral College votes becomes vice president. The 12th amendment, ratified in _____ separated the elections for the two offices.

A. 1804—

B. 1804,

C. 1804:

D. 1804

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP D · PRACTICE

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

139 Hack 11 · Medium

Swedish scientists Eva Engvall and Peter Perlmann developed a method for measuring the concentration of different proteins in a biological sample. Their _____ ELISA (enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay), is used to detect and measure proteins that indicate the presence of certain diseases.

A. method (called

B. method—called

C. method, called

D. method called

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

140 Hack 11 · Medium

While constructing the Limyra Bridge, ancient Roman builders relied on temporary wooden beams to support the stone and brick structure. These temporary supports, a construction system known as _____ were removed when the bridge was completed.

A. falsework;

B. falsework

C. falsework,

D. falsework:

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

141 Hack 11 · Hard

Quantum particles of light—photons—provide an unhackable means of transmitting encryption keys over networks, as attempts to observe particles in quantum states will invariably alter the particles _____ dismantle any information they transmit.

A. and in the process,

B. and, in the process,

C. and in the process—

D. and, in the process

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

142 Hack 11 · Easy

At eight paragraphs long, the preamble to the constitution of _____ country in Western Asia—is much longer than the one-paragraph preamble to the United States Constitution.

A. Bahrain—a

B. Bahrain, a

C. Bahrain a

D. Bahrain: a

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP D · PRACTICE

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

143 Hack 11 · Medium

In a 2023 study, researchers documented a fascinating behavior in the aquatic plant Elodea densa. When exposed to low levels of light, the plant's _____ the cellular organs that generate energy from light—reshuffled to form a tightly packed, glass-like surface ideal for collecting more light.

A. chloroplasts

B. chloroplasts;

C. chloroplasts,

D. chloroplasts—

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

144 Hack 11 · Medium

Eli Eisenberg, a genetics expert at Tel Aviv University in Israel, recently discovered that _____ have a special genetic ability called RNA editing that confers evolutionary advantages.

A. cephalopods, ocean dwellers that include the squid, the octopus, and the cuttlefish

B. cephalopods—ocean dwellers—that include the squid, the octopus, and the cuttlefish,

C. cephalopods, ocean dwellers that include: the squid, the octopus, and the cuttlefish,

D. cephalopods—ocean dwellers that include the squid, the octopus, and the cuttlefish—

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

145 Hack 11 · Medium

By analyzing the level of radioactive decay within a fossil specimen, scientists can establish the age of that fossil with a high degree of precision. When radioactive elements aren't present, scientists turn to _____ analysis of Earth's sediment layers (strata)—to estimate how old a fossil is based on the age of the strata in which the fossil is found.

A. stratigraphy—the

B. stratigraphy (the

C. stratigraphy: the

D. stratigraphy, the

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

146 Hack 11 · Medium

The forty-seven geothermal springs of Arkansas' Hot Springs National Park are sourced via a process known as natural groundwater recharge, in which rainwater percolates downward through the earth—in this case, the porous rocks of the hills around Hot _____ collect in a subterranean basin.

A. Springs to

B. Springs: to

C. Springs—to

D. Springs, to

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP D · PRACTICE

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

147 Hack 11 · Medium

Luci Tapahonso is the inaugural poet laureate of the Navajo Nation. Her book Sáanii Dahataal/The Women Are Singing—a combination of fiction and memoir, poetry and _____ serves as a testament to her versatility as a writer.

A. prose;
B. prose
C. prose,
D. prose—

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

148 Hack 11 · Medium

In rural Minnesota, ecologist Leroy Walston conducted a study to determine whether seeding solar panel fields with wildflowers could bolster pollinator populations in nearby food crops. Walston's findings indicate that—assuming solar panel installers' _____ practice has the potential to increase the number of native bees in crops near solar fields throughout the Midwest by up to 20 percent.

A. cooperation, this
B. cooperation—this
C. cooperation: this
D. cooperation this

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

149 Hack 11 · Hard

As a behavioral economist, Katy Milkman of the University of Pennsylvania recognizes that people sometimes make irrational economic decisions. Milkman's research can thus address anomalies that neoclassical economic _____ assume that people are consistently rational decision-makers—cannot explain.

A. models—which
B. models, which
C. models which
D. models which—

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

150 Hack 11 · Hard

In addition to advocating for South America's independence in two political treatises, the Cartagena Manifesto and the Letter from Jamaica, Simón Bolívar personally led armies against the Spanish, liberating three South American territories—New Granada (present-day Colombia and Panama), Venezuela, and Quito (present-day _____ from colonial rule.

A. Ecuador,)
B. Ecuador)
C. Ecuador),
D. Ecuador)—

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP D · PRACTICE

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

151 Hack 11 · Hard

In 1986, conceptual artist Sophie Calle asked twenty-three people, all of whom had been born without sight, to describe “their image of beauty” in rich detail. Calle paired excerpts of these conversations with photographs—both of interviewees and the items they _____ to powerful effect in her exhibition The Blind.

A. described, from hair to grass to sculptures

B. described, from hair to grass to sculptures—

C. described—from hair to grass to sculptures,

D. described: from hair to grass to sculptures

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

152 Hack 11 · Hard

As jazz singer Sarah Vaughan honed her vocal abilities—acquiring a sophisticated timbre and precise control over pitch, dynamics, and _____ she earned comparisons to opera icon Leontyne Price, one of her personal heroes. The comparisons highlight how Vaughan, a jazz star, had transcended genre boundaries with her singing prowess.

A. vibrato:

B. vibrato,

C. vibrato—

D. vibrato

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

153 Hack 11 · Hard

With some 16,000 in attendance, the Second World Black and African Festival of Arts and _____ or FESTAC ‘77, as the event was more commonly known—became the largest pan-African event on record. FESTAC drew people from around the world to Lagos, Nigeria, for a monthlong celebration of Black and African art, scholarship, and activism.

A. Culture:

B. Culture—

C. Culture,

D. Culture

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

154 Hack 11 · Practice

To more easily balance the weight of her body on her toes while performing the demanding pointe work that became increasingly common in early 20thcentury ballet, internationally known ballerina Anna Pavlova redesigned her pointe shoes. The modifications she made—adding a stiffened leather sole and hardened toe _____ began the modernization of ballet’s iconic footwear.

A. box:

B. box—

C. box,

D. box

O1-M1Q17

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP D · PRACTICE

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

155 Hack 11 · Practice

Machinists must account for multiple parameters—including material properties, cutting tool geometry, and machine capabilities—when setting up a machining project. Experienced _____ that tool speed and workpiece feed rate recommendations from manufacturer charts are only the first considerations, learn to balance these competing factors by adjusting their parameters based on specific variables, such as the cutting depth, desired surface finish and workpiece rigidity.

A. operators; have recognized

B. operators recognize

C. operators, recognizing

D. operators can recognize

O1-M2Q17

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

156 Hack 11 · Practice

For his mash-up “Smells Like Rockin’ Robin,” DJ Mark Vidler layered Kurt Cobain’s minor-key vocals from “Smells Like Teen Spirit” over the Jackson 5’s major-key blues progression from “Rockin’ _____ by inserting the grunge singer’s vocal melody as pitch-shifted “blue notes” within the pop-soul group’s harmonic framework, creates an intensified “bluesy” feeling and subverts the expectations of listeners familiar with either musical source.

A. Robin”—a technique that,

B. Robin”; a technique that,

C. Robin,” a technique that

D. Robin.” A technique that

O1-M2Q20

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

157 Hack 11 · Practice

For his mash-up “Smells Like Rockin’ Robin,” DJ Mark Vidler layered Kurt Cobain’s minor-key vocals from “Smells Like Teen Spirit” over the Jackson 5’s major-key blues progression from “Rockin’ _____ by inserting the grunge singer’s vocal melody as pitch-shifted “blue notes” within the pop-soul group’s harmonic framework, creates an intensified “bluesy” effect and subverts the expectations of listeners familiar with either musical source.

A. Robin,” a technique that

B. Robin.” A technique that

C. Robin”; a technique that,

D. Robin”—a technique that,

O2-M2Q19

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

158 Hack 11 · Practice

For his mash-up “Smells Like Rockin’ Robin,” DJ Mark Vidler layered Kurt Cobain’s minor-key vocals from “Smells Like Teen Spirit” over the Jackson 5’s major-key blues progression from “Rockin’ _____ by inserting the grunge singer’s vocal line as pitch-shifted “blue notes” within the pop-soul group’s harmonic framework, creates an intensified “bluesy” feeling and subverts the expectations of listeners familiar with either musical source.

A. Robin,” a technique that

B. Robin.” A technique that

C. Robin”—a technique that,

D. Robin”; a technique that,

O3-M2Q20

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP D · PRACTICE

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

159 Hack 11 · Practice

New Mexico governor _____ the first woman to serve in that role in the state's history—took office on January 1, 2011.

A. Susana Martinez:

B. Susana Martinez

C. Susana Martinez,

D. Susana Martinez—

DA-M1Q21

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

160 Hack 11 · Practice

The city of Delhi, India, first opened its rapid transit _____ in 2002.

A. system the Delhi Metro,

B. system, the Delhi Metro,

C. system: the Delhi Metro

D. system, the Delhi Metro

DB-M1Q19

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

161 Hack 11 · Practice

The city of Dalian, China, first opened its rapid transit _____ in 2003.

A. system: the Dalian Metro

B. system the Dalian Metro,

C. system, the Dalian Metro

D. system, the Dalian Metro,

DC-M1Q18

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

162 Hack 11 · Practice

Inspired by her Haida and Tlingit heritage, artist Vicki Lee Soboleff typically uses red cedar—a durable and flexible _____ craft baskets that are both beautiful and detailed.

A. material: to

B. material; to

C. material—to

D. material. To

S-M2Q19 · See source note

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP D · PRACTICE

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

163 Hack 11 · Practice

”Coalition” is the term for a group of male lions, and across the Greater Kruger National Park in South Africa, many coalitions vie for territory. Between 2006 and 2012, the lions of the Mapogo _____ including Kinky Tail, Mr. T, and Makhulu—thrived within a part of the park called the Sabi Sands.

A. coalition—

B. coalition,

C. coalition

D. coalition;

S-M2Q20 · See source note

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

164 Hack 11 · Practice

Roger Angell's reputation as one of the greatest baseball writers of all _____ bolstered by dozens of New Yorker essays in which he demonstrated a deep affection for and knowledge of the game, has perhaps overshadowed his remarkable career as a fiction editor: during his decades-long tenure at the New Yorker, Angell helped shape the work of John Updike, Ann Beattie, and other contributors of note.

A. time was

B. time,

C. time had been

D. time, was

MIB-M2Q18

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

165 Hack 11 · Practice

Native to the Yangtze River in China, the Chinese river dolphin is one of many species to have recently gone extinct in what some are calling "the sixth great mass extinction" in Earth's history. Far from being caused by humans, though, the five prior such events—the Ordovician-Silurian (440 million years ago, or mya), the Devonian (365 mya), the Permian-Triassic (250 mya), the Triassic-Jurassic (201 mya), and the Cretaceous-Tertiary _____ all predate us.

A. (65 mya)—

B. (65 mya);

C. (65 mya)

D. (65 mya),

MIB-M2Q21

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

166 Hack 12 · Medium

The city of Pompeii, which was buried in ash following the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 CE, continues to be studied by archaeologists. Unfortunately, as _____ attest, archaeological excavations have disrupted ash deposits at the site, causing valuable information about the eruption to be lost.

A. researchers, Roberto Scandone and Christopher Kilburn,

B. researchers, Roberto Scandone and Christopher Kilburn

C. researchers Roberto Scandone and Christopher Kilburn

D. researchers Roberto Scandone, and Christopher Kilburn

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP D · PRACTICE

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

167 Hack 12 · Hard

A recent study tracked the number of bee species present in twenty-seven New York apple orchards over a ten-year period. _____ found that when wild growth near an orchard was cleared, the number of different bee species visiting the orchard decreased.

A. Entomologist Heather Grab:

B. Entomologist, Heather Grab,

C. Entomologist Heather Grab

D. Entomologist Heather Grab,

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

168 Hack 12 · Hard

For scientists to produce new iron nanoparticles of a specific size or strength, they must first be able to monitor reactions between oxygen and existing iron nanoparticles at a near-atomic level of detail. Fortunately, chemistry _____ and his colleagues at Temple University recently developed a new approach that does just that.

A. professor Yugang Sun

B. professor Yugang Sun,

C. professor, Yugang Sun,

D. professor, Yugang Sun

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

169 Hack 12 · Hard

When external forces are applied to common glass made from silicates, energy builds up around minuscule defects in the material, resulting in fractures. Recently, engineer Erkka Frankberg of Tampere University in Finland used the chemical _____ to make a glassy solid that can withstand higher strain than silicate glass can before fracturing.

A. compound, aluminum oxide

B. compound aluminum oxide,

C. compound, aluminum oxide,

D. compound aluminum oxide

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

170 Hack 12 · Hard

The Austronesian language family includes Tagalog, Malagasy, and some 1,200 other languages throughout the Pacific, making it one of the largest language families in the world and of keen interest to _____ of the University of Toronto.

A. linguist, Diane Massam,

B. linguist, Diane Massam

C. linguist Diane Massam

D. linguist: Diane Massam

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP D · PRACTICE

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

171 Hack 12 · Hard

Long attributed to Jacques-Louis David, the preeminent Neoclassical painter of his day, the 1801 painting Marie Joséphine Charlotte du Val d'Ognes gained fresh attention in the 1990s when art historians discovered that the painting—which depicts a solitary young woman sketching— was actually the work of little-known French portrait _____ Marie-Denise Villers (1774–1821).

A. artist—

B. artist

C. artist:

D. artist,

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

172 Hack 12 · Hard

The field of geological oceanography owes much to American _____ Marie Tharp, a pioneering oceanographic cartographer whose detailed topographical maps of the ocean floor and its multiple rift valleys helped garner acceptance for the theories of plate tectonics and continental drift.

A. geologist,

B. geologist

C. geologist;

D. geologist:

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

173 Hack 12 · Hard

Stomata, tiny pore structures in a leaf that absorb gases needed for plant growth, open when guard cells surrounding each pore swell with water. In a pivotal 2007 article, plant cell _____ showed that lipid molecules called phosphatidylinositol phosphates are responsible for signaling guard cells to open stomata.

A. biologist, Yuree Lee

B. biologist Yuree Lee,

C. biologist Yuree Lee

D. biologist, Yuree Lee,

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

174 Hack 12 · Hard

In 1937, Chinese American screen actor Anna May Wong, who had portrayed numerous villains and secondary characters but never a heroine, finally got a starring role in Paramount Pictures' Daughter of Shanghai, a film that _____ "expanded the range of possibilities for Asian images on screen."

A. critic, Stina Chyn, claims

B. critic, Stina Chyn, claims,

C. critic Stina Chyn claims

D. critic Stina Chyn, claims,

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP D · PRACTICE

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

175 Hack 12 · Hard

The 1977 play And the Soul Shall Dance depicts two Japanese American farming families in Depression-era Southern California. Critics have noted the way pioneering _____ compares the experiences of issei (Japanese nationals who emigrated to America) and nisei (their American-born children).

A. playwright, Wakako Yamauchi,

B. playwright, Wakako Yamauchi

C. playwright Wakako Yamauchi,

D. playwright Wakako Yamauchi

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

176 Hack 12 · Hard

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) tracks comparative price list data for its thirty-eight member countries. For instance, in July 2021, a hypothetical basket of goods priced at 100 US dollars (USD) in the United States would have cost 62 USD and 110 USD in fellow OECD _____ and Luxembourg, respectively.

A. nations, Chile

B. nations; Chile

C. nations: Chile

D. nations Chile

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

177 Hack 12 · Hard

Paintings by the renowned twentieth-century US _____ were featured in Artist to Artist, an exhibition at the Smithsonian Art Museum that paired the works of artists whose career trajectories intersected in meaningful ways.

A. artists: Thomas Hart Benton and Jackson Pollock,

B. artists Thomas Hart Benton and Jackson Pollock

C. artists Thomas Hart Benton, and Jackson Pollock,

D. artists, Thomas Hart Benton and Jackson Pollock

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

178 Hack 12 · Practice

For nearly nine years, Swedish runner Gunder Hägg held the world record for the mile, a record that stood at 4:01.4 until it was broken in 1954 by an English medical _____ who ran the first sub-four-minute mile.

A. student, Roger Bannister

B. student Roger Bannister

C. student Roger Bannister,

D. student, Roger Bannister,

DB-M1Q17

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP E · HACK 13

List Colon Hack

Finish the setup : give the list.

DO THIS

Read only the words before the colon. Are they a full thought? Then the colon can introduce a list.

EASY EXAMPLE

The kit contained **three tools:** a lens, a ruler, and a lamp.

WATCH OUT

If the verb still needs its answer, do not add a colon yet.

Practice Q179–182 · p. 86

HACK 13 · LOOK AT THE DIFFERENCE

List Colon Hack

WRONG

The kit contained: a lens, a ruler, and a lamp.

Contained still needs its answer. The setup is not finished.

Finish the setup : give the list.

GROUP E · HACK 14

Here It Is! Hack

Full thought : here is what I mean.

DO THIS

Use a colon when the next words explain the first thought or tell us exactly what it means. The next part can be short or long.

EASY EXAMPLE

The team needed one thing**: time**. The test was simple**: a sensor recorded each change**.

WATCH OUT

Two full thoughts do not always need a colon. The second must explain or identify the first.

Practice Q183–200 · p. 87

GROUP E · HACK 15

Ta-Da Dash Hack

Full thought — extra explanation

DO THIS

One dash can introduce an extra explanation after a full thought.

EASY EXAMPLE

We found the missing component**—a valve**.

WATCH OUT

Two dashes do a different job: they hold extra words in the middle. Use the Matching Pairs Hack.

Practice Q201–202 · p. 91

HACK 15 · LOOK AT THE DIFFERENCE

Ta-Da Dash Hack

COMPARE

The component—a small valve—was missing.

The two dashes hold an extra detail in the middle.

Full thought — extra explanation

GROUP E · WORKED EXAMPLE

Try it together.

Teaching example · not part of the 260

The kit contained three tools_____ lens, a ruler, and a lamp.

A. : a

B. ; a

C. . A

D. a

ANSWER A

The setup is finished. The colon introduces the tools.

B: The list after the semicolon is not a full sentence.

C: A lens, a ruler, and a lamp is not a full sentence.

D: This leaves no mark to introduce the list.

GROUP E · PRACTICE

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

179 Hack 13 · Medium

Since the nineteenth century, Egyptologists have commonly divided ancient Egyptian history into three primary _____ Old Kingdom (2700–2200 BCE), the Middle Kingdom (2050–1800 BCE), and the New Kingdom (1550–1100 BCE). Some historians, however, criticize the names of these periods for revealing more about the culture of the mainly European Egyptologists than that of ancient Egypt itself.

A. periods. The

B. periods: the

C. periods; the

D. periods, the

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

180 Hack 13 · Medium

In February 1919, following the end of the First World War, women from ten countries around the world convened the Inter-Allied Women's Conference in Paris. The conference's goals were _____ ensure women's participation in the proceedings of the Paris Peace Conference, to secure the right of women to serve in the League of Nations, and to advocate for human rights.

A. threefold: to

B. threefold. To

C. threefold to

D. threefold; to

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

181 Hack 13 · Hard

The radial velocity method, a means of indirect planetary discovery, has detected previously unknown exoplanets at vast distances from _____ the gas giant 55 Cancri d; at 60 light-years away, the Neptune-like planet Pi Mensae d; and, as of 2023, over 1,000 other exoplanets that are too far away and dim to be observed directly.

A. Earth at 41 light-years away:

B. Earth: at 41 light-years away,

C. Earth, at 41 light-years away,

D. Earth at 41 light-years away,

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

182 Hack 13 · Practice

Archaeological evidence indicates that board games have existed in human societies for at least five millennia, with examples discovered in the tombs of ancient Egypt and the ruins of Mesopotamia. The purpose of these ancient games was _____ provide entertainment during leisure time, to reflect cultural beliefs, and to develop strategic thinking skills among players.

A. threefold to

B. threefold. To

C. threefold: to

D. threefold; to

O1-M2Q16

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP E · PRACTICE

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

183 Hack 14 · Hard

In the 1950s, novel audio technologies allowed the addition of another instrument to jazz and swing _____ relatively quiet instrument, its full range of sound was finally audible alongside the blaring brass instruments of the time, allowing flautists like Bennie Maupin and Bobbi Humphrey to perform with other jazz greats.

A. music, the flute, a

B. music. The flute, a

C. music; the flute, a

D. music: the flute. A

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

184 Hack 14 · Hard

On March 23, 2021, a gust of wind wreaked havoc on global trade. Ever Given, an international shipping container vessel, became lodged in Egypt's Suez Canal, a major shipping route between Europe and Asia. The vessel took six days to _____ it's as heavy as two thousand blue whales when fully loaded.

A. dislodge in part due to its sheer size,

B. dislodge, in part due to its sheer size:

C. dislodge, in part due to its sheer size,

D. dislodge, in part, due to its sheer size

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

185 Hack 14 · Hard

In a 2016 study, Eastern Washington University psychologist Amani El-Alayli found that, among the study participants who experienced frisson (a physiological response akin to goosebumps or getting the chills) while listening to music, there was one personality trait that they scored particularly _____ openness to experience.

A. high. On

B. high on;

C. high on

D. high on:

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

186 Hack 14 · Hard

Over twenty years ago, in a landmark experiment in the psychology of choice, professor Sheena Iyengar set up a jam-tasting booth at a grocery store. The number of jams available for tasting _____ some shoppers had twenty-four different options, others only six. Interestingly, the shoppers with fewer jams to choose from purchased more jam.

A. varied:

B. varied,

C. varied, while

D. varied while

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP E · PRACTICE

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

187 Hack 14 · Hard

Butterfly is a 1988 painting by the Japanese artist Ay-O. Like many of Ay-O's paintings, Butterfly, which portrays a swimmer performing the butterfly stroke, attempts to make use of the entire visual light _____ sporting rainbow-striped goggles, the rainbow-hued swimmer splashes through a wavy rainbow of water.

A. spectrum

B. spectrum:

C. spectrum while

D. spectrum, while

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

188 Hack 14 · Hard

On November 2, 1772, amid rising tensions with Great Britain, Boston colonists formed the Boston Committee of Correspondence. By 1774, what had started as a local means of mobilizing support for the Patriot cause had grown into something far more _____ network of such committees that, facilitating communication among the colonies, helped lay the groundwork for the Continental Congress.

A. extensive: a

B. extensive; a

C. extensive, it was a

D. extensive. A

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

189 Hack 14 · Hard

As cheesemaking practices spread throughout Europe and Asia during and after the Neolithic, divergent strategies for preserving milk _____ whereas rennet-coagulated cheesemaking became key to milk preservation in Europe and Southwest Asia, acid-heat coagulation methods became common among nomadic herding populations of the northeastern Eurasian steppe.

A. emerged

B. emerged and

C. emerged:

D. emerged,

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

190 Hack 14 · Hard

Along with carbon dioxide concentration and temperature, light intensity affects the chemical reaction rate of _____ as light intensity increases, so does the rate at which the reactants (water and carbon dioxide) are converted into their products (glucose and oxygen).

A. photosynthesis and

B. photosynthesis,

C. photosynthesis:

D. photosynthesis

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP E · PRACTICE

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

191 Hack 14 · Hard

A study published by Rice University geoscientist Ming Tang in 2019 offers a new explanation for the origin of Earth's _____ structures called arcs, towering ridges that form when a dense oceanic plate subducts under a less dense continental plate, melts in the mantle below, and then rises and bursts through the continental crust above.

A. continents geological
B. continents: geological
C. continents; geological
D. continents. Geological

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

192 Hack 14 · Hard

For thousands of years, humans have used domesticated goats (Capra hircus) to clear land of unwanted vegetation. When it comes to their diets, goats are notoriously _____ they will devour all kinds of shrubs and weeds, leaving virtually no part of any plant unconsumed.

A. indiscriminate and
B. indiscriminate,
C. indiscriminate
D. indiscriminate:

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

193 Hack 14 · Hard

How do scientists determine what foods were eaten by extinct hominins such as Neanderthals? In the past, researchers were limited to studying the marks found on the fossilized teeth of skeletons, but in 2017 a team led by Laura Weyrich of the Australian Centre for Ancient DNA tried something _____ the DNA found in Neanderthals' fossilized dental plaque.

A. new: sequencing
B. new; sequencing
C. new, sequencing:
D. new. Sequencing

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

194 Hack 14 · Hard

A group of ecologists led by Axel Mithöfer at the Max Planck Institute for Chemical Ecology in Germany examined the defensive responses of two varieties of the sweet potato _____ TN57, which is known for its insect resistance, and TN66, which is much more susceptible to pests.

A. plant.
B. plant;
C. plant
D. plant:

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP E · PRACTICE

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

195 Hack 14 · Hard

The relationship between genomes and epigenomes reveals how cells with identical DNA develop different _____ whereas the genome in each cell contains a complete DNA sequence, the epigenome consists of chemical compounds that determine which traits in the sequence will be expressed.

A. functions

B. functions,

C. functions and,

D. functions:

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

196 Hack 14 · Hard

Researchers studying magnetosensation have determined why some soil-dwelling roundworms in the Southern Hemisphere move in the opposite direction of Earth's magnetic field when searching for _____ in the Northern Hemisphere, the magnetic field points down, into the ground, but in the Southern Hemisphere, it points up, toward the surface and away from worms' food sources.

A. food:

B. food,

C. food while

D. food

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

197 Hack 14 · Practice

Extensive radiocarbon dating of reed samples from Caral confirmed Ruth Shady Solís's hypothesis about the Peruvian site's _____ nearly 5,000 years ago, the ancient city preceded the Olmec civilization to the north by a full millennium, a revelation that fundamentally altered our understanding of urban development in the Western Hemisphere.

A. age, built

B. age: built

C. age and built

D. age built

O2-M1Q21

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

198 Hack 14 · Practice

It was long thought that maize was domesticated solely from parviglumis—a subspecies of teosinte, a wild grass—in Mexico's lowlands about 9,000 years ago. However, a 2024 analysis has revealed that between 15 and 25 percent of maize's genes can be traced to a second _____ highland subspecies of teosinte that was hybridized with maize around 4,000 years after the initial domestication.

A. ancestor; mexicana, a

B. ancestor: mexicana, a

C. ancestor mexicana a

D. ancestor, mexicana. A

MIB-M1Q18

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP E · PRACTICE

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

199 Hack 14 · Practice

Hummingbird flower mites use electroreception to detect electric fields created by flapping hummingbird wings, allowing mites to travel from flower to flower in hummingbird beaks. Both host detection and transportation are electrically _____ when mites move their legs toward the arriving hummingbird, they are pulled by electrostatic force to the bird's modulated electric fields—a process that occurs in milliseconds.

A. mediated,

B. mediated

C. mediated:

D. mediated and

MIB-M1Q19

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

200 Hack 14 · Practice

The legacy of the Spanish Empire, which once controlled portions of five continents, is evident in Spanish-speaking Honduras, one of many places that reveal their imperial history in their language. Contrast Honduras with Taiwan, which ceased to be part of the empire in _____ the latter's connection to the empire is so attenuated that Spanish is seldom spoken there today.

A. 1642,

B. 1642 and

C. 1642:

D. 1642

MUB-M2Q19

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

201 Hack 15 · Hard

Arms outstretched, right wrist over left with both hands dangling, South Korean musician Psy galloped from one foot to the other in the iconic dance of his 2012 international hit song “Gangnam Style.” Later, a statue depicting Psy’s arm-positioning during the dance was erected in the place that inspired the song’s _____ Gangnam District in Seoul, South Korea.

A. name;

B. name.

C. name

D. name—

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

202 Hack 15 · Practice

Traveling to India between 1935 and 1952, African American intellectuals Sue Bailey Thurman, Blanche Wright Nelson, and Sadie T.M. Alexander met with Mahatma Gandhi, an influential proponent of nonviolent resistance, and forged meaningful connections with local Indian women as part of an effort to promote women's _____ but also around the world.

A. empowerment—not only in India—

B. empowerment not only in India,

C. empowerment, not only in India,

D. empowerment—not only in India

MIB-M2Q20

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP F · HACK 16

However Is Not But Hack

A comma + however is not a bridge.

DO THIS

If however begins a new full thought, put a period or semicolon before it. However alone cannot join two sentences.

EASY EXAMPLE

The first model failed**; however,** the second succeeded.

WATCH OUT

Use the same check with rather, therefore, and for example.

Practice Q203–206 · p. 99

HACK 16 · LOOK AT THE DIFFERENCE

However Is Not But Hack

WRONG

The first model failed, however, the second succeeded.

Two full thoughts. Commas around however cannot join them.

A comma + however is not a bridge.

GROUP F · HACK 17

Comma Sandwich Hack

Extra however? Put commas around it.

DO THIS

Try taking out however. The rest must still be one working sentence. A short extra detail can stay at the end.

EASY EXAMPLE

The second model**, however,** succeeded. The team continued**, however,** using a spare sensor.

WATCH OUT

Do not use this sandwich to join two full thoughts. And not every use of however is an extra word.

Practice Q207–211 · p. 100

HACK 17 · LOOK AT THE DIFFERENCE

Comma Sandwich Hack

DIFFERENT USE

However difficult the task becomes, ...

Here, however means “no matter how.” Do not put a comma right after it.

Extra however? Put commas around it.

GROUP F · HACK 18

Which Thought? Hack

Give however to the right thought.

DO THIS

Read the sentence before it. Ask: Which thought shows the difference? However or though may belong at the END of that thought.

EASY EXAMPLE

Most sensors failed. Sensor B worked**, however;** its battery was intact.

WATCH OUT

First choose the thought. Then choose the mark after however: a period, semicolon, or colon.

Practice Q212–224 · p. 101

HACK 18 · LOOK AT THE DIFFERENCE

Which Thought? Hack

COMPARE

Earlier reports called the chamber empty. One object remained, however: a sealed jar.

Empty versus one object: that is the difference. The colon tells us what the object is.

Give however to the right thought.

GROUP F · WORKED EXAMPLE

Try it together.

Teaching example · not part of the 260

Earlier reports called the chamber empty. One object _____ a sealed jar.

A. remained, however:

B. remained; however,

C. remained, however;

D. remained however

ANSWER A

However belongs with one object remained. The colon names the object.

B: After the semicolon, a sealed jar is not a sentence.

C: A sealed jar cannot stand as a sentence after a semicolon.

D: However and the added explanation need clear boundaries.

GROUP F · PRACTICE

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

203 Hack 16 · Medium

It is generally true that technological change is a linear process, in which once-useful technologies are replaced by new and better _____ the reawakening of interest in the steam engine (from advocates of carbon-neutral rail travel) reminds us that ostensibly obsolete technologies may be brought back into service to address society's changing needs.

A. ones, even so;

B. ones even so,

C. ones; even so,

D. ones, even so,

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

204 Hack 16 · Medium

To humans, it does not appear that the golden orb-weaver spider uses camouflage to capture its _____ the brightly colored arachnid seems to wait conspicuously in the center of its large circular web for insects to approach. Researcher Po Peng of the University of Melbourne has explained that the spider's distinctive coloration may in fact be part of its appeal.

A. prey, rather,

B. prey rather,

C. prey, rather;

D. prey; rather,

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

205 Hack 16 · Medium

Horsepower is a unit of measurement used to determine how much power a vehicle produces. The measurement is based on how much and how quickly weight can be _____ one unit of mechanical horsepower is equivalent to the amount of power it takes to lift 550 pounds one foot off the ground in one second.

A. moved, for example,

B. moved,

C. moved; for example,

D. moved

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

206 Hack 16 · Hard

In discussing Mary Shelley's 1818 epistolary novel Frankenstein, literary theorist Gayatri Spivak directs the reader's attention to the character of Margaret Saville. As Spivak points out, Saville is not the protagonist of Shelley's _____ as the recipient of the letters that frame the book's narrative, she's the "occasion" of it.

A. novel

B. novel,

C. novel; rather,

D. novel, rather,

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP F · PRACTICE

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

207 Hack 17 · Medium

Key-value pairs are an important aspect of JavaScript Object Notation (JSON), an electronic file format for storing and transmitting data. Keys function as labels, while values contain the actual information. In a JSON file storing data about fire belly _____ instance, you could encounter a key such as “species” with the associated value of “Cynops orientalis.”

A. newts. For

B. newts, for

C. newts: for

D. newts; for

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

208 Hack 17 · Hard

Digital artist Jung (Lulu) Chen primarily uses a suite of software tools to create illustrations for children’s books. To manifest the warm and welcoming atmospheres that are a signature of her _____ she occasionally relies on more traditional art techniques, such as painting with watercolors.

A. work, though,

B. work, though

C. work; though,

D. work, though;

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

209 Hack 17 · Hard

Journalists have dubbed Gil Scott-Heron the “godfather of rap,” a title that has appeared in hundreds of articles about him since the 1990s. Scott-Heron himself resisted the godfather _____ feeling that it didn’t encapsulate his devotion to the broader African American blues music tradition as well as “bluesologist,” the moniker he preferred.

A. nickname, however

B. nickname, however;

C. nickname, however,

D. nickname; however,

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

210 Hack 17 · Hard

Dong Lai and Diego J. Muñoz’s work on circumbinary disk accretion—a process in which, due to gravity, material from an orbiting disk spirals inward and accumulates onto two stars or black holes—relies heavily on simulations. Lai and Muñoz recognize the need for direct _____ recommending evolving binary star systems as a promising avenue for future study.

A. observation; however,

B. observation, however,

C. observation. However,

D. observation, however;

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP F · PRACTICE

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

211 Hack 17 · Practice

Before the ratification of the 19th Amendment in 1920, many US territories extended voting rights to women, in part to spur westward migration that would help these territories meet population thresholds for statehood. The Territory of Wyoming approved women's suffrage in 1869 before attaining statehood in _____ while eastern states, lacking the same incentive, did not follow suit until after the turn of the century.

A. 1890, for example,

B. 1890, for example:

C. 1890, for example;

D. 1890; for example,

MIA-M2Q19

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

212 Hack 18 · Hard

For the past 20 million years, Earth’s magnetic poles in the far north and far south have remained roughly where they are today. This has not always been the _____ throughout geologic history, Earth’s magnetic poles have swapped places several times through a process called polar wandering.

A. case, though

B. case, though,

C. case; though,

D. case, though;

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

213 Hack 18 · Hard

Recent analysis of 32532 Thereus—an outer solar system object orbiting the Sun between Jupiter and Saturn—has determined its color to be gray, suggesting an icy composition. Such interpretations are ultimately _____ the object’s gray coloration may be an incidental effect of radiation, solar wind, or collisions with other objects rather than evidence of its physical makeup.

A. speculative, though

B. speculative, though;

C. speculative; though

D. speculative, though,

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

214 Hack 18 · Hard

Sociologist Alton Okinaka sits on the review board tasked with adding new sites to the Hawai‘i Register of Historic Places, which includes Pi‘ilanihale Heiau and the ‘Ōpaeka‘a Road Bridge. Okinaka doesn’t make such decisions _____ all historical designations must be approved by a group of nine other experts from the fields of architecture, archaeology, history, and Hawaiian culture.

A. single-handedly, however;

B. single-handedly; however,

C. single-handedly, however,

D. single-handedly however

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP F · PRACTICE

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

215 Hack 18 · Hard

Using satellite remote sensing, Dr. Catherine Nakalembe, director of NASA's Harvest Africa initiative, gathers important data on crop health. Nakalembe doesn't just compile the _____ she also shares her findings with African farmers, enabling them to make data-driven decisions about managing critical food crops.

A. information, though;

B. information, though,

C. information; though

D. information though,

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

216 Hack 18 · Hard

In paleontology, the term "Elvis taxon" gets applied to a newly identified living species that was once presumed to be extinct. Like an Elvis impersonator who might bear a striking resemblance to the late musical icon Elvis Presley himself, an Elvis taxon is not the real thing, _____ is a misidentified look-alike.

A. however but it

B. however it

C. however, it

D. however. It

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

217 Hack 18 · Hard

With the development of new technologies that use natural resources more efficiently, the overall consumption of those resources might be expected to decrease. Economists have observed that improvements in efficiency often correlate negatively with resource _____ efficiency gains, lowering the cost of use, may increase demand to the extent that resource consumption ultimately rises.

A. conservation, though,

B. conservation; though

C. conservation, though;

D. conservation, though

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

218 Hack 18 · Hard

During the decades-long movement to codify the rights of Latinos in the US, certain events were pivotal: the founding of social justice group the League of United Latin American Citizens in _____ Katzenbach v. Morgan court decision in 1966, which affirmed the rights of Latino voters, is another such event.

A. 1929. For one, the

B. 1929, for one, the

C. 1929 for one, the

D. 1929, for one. The

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP F · PRACTICE

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

219 Hack 18 · Hard

Chondrites are stony meteorites that are undifferentiated—that is, their contents have not melted and separated into distinct layers. They are hardly _____ many chondrites experience aqueous alteration as a result of exposure to fluids, as well as fracturing, veining, and localized melting due to collisions with other objects.

A. pristine, though
B. pristine, though;
C. pristine; though
D. pristine, though,

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

220 Hack 18 · Hard

Jetties—long, narrow structures that extend from a landmass into the water—are often constructed to protect coastlines from erosion. Jetties can sometimes have the opposite _____ obstructing the natural flow of sand along the shore can lead to increased erosion in some areas.

A. effect, though;
B. effect, though
C. effect; though
D. effect, though,

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

221 Hack 18 · Hard

Scala is referred to as a compiled programming language because it typically incorporates a compiler—a tool that translates lines of code into executable commands. Compiling isn't exclusive to certain programming _____ any language can incorporate this tool.

A. languages. However,
B. languages; however,
C. languages, however,
D. languages, however;

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

222 Hack 18 · Hard

In 1943, in the midst of World War II, mathematics professor Grace Hopper was recruited by the US military to help the war effort by solving complex equations. Hopper's subsequent career would involve more than just _____ as a pioneering computer programmer, Hopper would help usher in the digital age.

A. equations, though:
B. equations, though,
C. equations. Though,
D. equations though

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP F · PRACTICE

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

223 Hack 18 · Hard

During the English neoclassical period (1660–1789), many writers imitated the epic poetry and satires of ancient Greece and Rome. They were not the first in England to adopt the literary modes of classical _____ some of the most prominent figures of the earlier Renaissance period were also influenced by ancient Greek and Roman literature.

A. antiquity, however

B. antiquity, however,

C. antiquity, however;

D. antiquity; however,

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

224 Hack 18 · Hard

Latin America is known to have dozens, if not hundreds, of popular dance forms. Only five of these dances are included in international ballroom dance _____ rumba, samba, cha-cha-cha, paso doble, and jive—the last of which is grouped with the other Latin dances despite not having Latin roots.

A. competitions, however:

B. competitions, however,

C. competitions, however;

D. competitions; however,

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP G · HACK 19

List Comma Hack

One , two , and three

DO THIS

Find the whole items. Use commas between ordinary items in a list. Items can be things or actions.

EASY EXAMPLE

The kit held **a lens, a ruler, and a lamp**.

WATCH OUT

An ordinary pair has just two items: one and two. Do not split an item in half.

Practice Q225–232 · p. 109

HACK 19 · LOOK AT THE DIFFERENCE

List Comma Hack

ACTIONS CAN BE ITEMS

The robot can measure depth, record temperature, and send data.

Three actions. One list.

One , two , and three

GROUP G · HACK 20

Super List Semicolon Hack

Small commas INSIDE.
Big semicolons BETWEEN.

DO THIS

If the list items already have commas inside them, use semicolons between the big items. Follow the separators already on the page.

EASY EXAMPLE

The group included **Lina, the designer; Omar, the engineer; and Sara, the editor**.

WATCH OUT

List items do NOT need to be full sentences. Here, ; and can be correct.

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GROUP G · WORKED EXAMPLE

Try it together.

Teaching example · not part of the 260

We packed a lens, which magnifies small _____ a ruler, which measures length; and a lamp, which provides light.

A. objects,

B. objects;

C. objects:

D. objects.

ANSWER B

Each item already has a comma inside it. Use semicolons between items.

A: The comma hides where one big item ends and the next begins.

C: The next item is not an explanation of objects.

D: The rest of the list is not a new full sentence.

GROUP G · PRACTICE

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

225 Hack 19 · Easy

Emperor Ashoka ruled the Maurya Empire in South Asia from roughly 270 to 232 BCE. He is known for enforcing a moral code called the Law of Piety, which established the sanctity of animal _____ the just treatment of the elderly, and the abolition of the slave trade.

A. life
B. life;
C. life:
D. life,

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

226 Hack 19 · Easy

Azulejos, mosaics made of glazed ceramic tiles, can be found throughout Portugal. These mosaics beautify places such as _____ stations, and public squares.

A. libraries train
B. libraries: train
C. libraries—train
D. libraries, train

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

227 Hack 19 · Easy

Robin Wall Kimmerer of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation is a bryologist, a plant scientist who specializes in mosses. To Kimmerer, mosses are Earth's most adaptable plants: they can clone _____ enter a dormant state in times of drought, and grow in areas that don't have soil.

A. themselves;
B. themselves,
C. themselves. And
D. themselves

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

228 Hack 19 · Easy

In the 1980s, Latino filmmakers Luis Valdez, Gregory Nava, and Ramón Menéndez helped expand on-screen representation of Latino Americans with the films Zoot Suit _____ and Stand and Deliver (1988), respectively.

A. (1981) El Norte (1983),
B. (1981)—El Norte (1983)—
C. (1981), El Norte (1983),
D. (1981) El Norte (1983)

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP G · PRACTICE

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

229 Hack 19 · Easy

A standard Argo float, a type of autonomous robot, measures temperature and salinity in the upper regions of ice-free oceans. More advanced floats can measure a wider range of _____ and monitor seasonal ice zones.

A. variables: travel to greater depths

B. variables, travel to greater depths,

C. variables travel to greater depths,

D. variables, travel to greater depths;

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

230 Hack 19 · Practice

In Puerto Rico, it's not unusual for a city or town to be known by a nickname that corresponds to one of its notable features, like landscape, _____ or chief exports. For example, the Puerto Rican municipality of Corozal has also been called "the Cradle of Volleyball," a nickname that alludes to what the area is well known for: being a longtime volleyball powerhouse.

A. climate famous residents,

B. climate famous residents

C. climate, famous residents,

D. climate; famous residents;

DA-M1Q19

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

231 Hack 19 · Practice

In Puerto Rico, it's not unusual for a city or town to be known by a nickname that corresponds to one of its notable features, like landscape, _____ or chief exports. For example, the Puerto Rican municipality of Hatillo has also been called "the Blue Coast of Puerto Rico," a nickname that alludes to what the area is well known for: the pristine blue ocean that surrounds it.

A. climate; famous residents;

B. climate, famous residents,

C. climate famous residents,

D. climate famous residents

DB-M2Q17

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

232 Hack 19 · Practice

In Puerto Rico, it's not unusual for a city or town to be known by a nickname that corresponds to one of its notable features, like landscape, _____ or chief exports. For example, the Puerto Rican municipality of Santa Isabel has also been called "the Land of Champions," a nickname that alludes to what the area is well known for: its rich sports traditions, especially in baseball.

A. climate famous residents

B. climate, famous residents,

C. climate; famous residents:

D. climate famous residents,

DC-M1Q19

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP G · PRACTICE

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

233 Hack 20 · Medium

That Chaucer’s Canterbury Tales inspired imitators is evident from the existence of three near-contemporary “continuations” of the collection: The Siege of Thebes, which purports to be a new tale told during the pilgrims’ _____ The Tale of Beryn, which depicts the pilgrims as tourists; and The Ploughman’s Tale, which features a minor character from the original work.

A. return.

B. return

C. return;

D. return,

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

234 Hack 20 · Hard

To serve local families during the Great Depression, innovative New York City librarian Pura Belpré offered storytelling in both English and Spanish, an uncommon _____ celebrated el Día de los Tres Reyes Magos, an important community holiday; and put on puppet shows dramatizing Puerto Rican folktales.

A. practice, at the time

B. practice at the time;

C. practice, at the time,

D. practice at the time,

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

235 Hack 20 · Hard

Using natural debris, such as dried _____ such as plastic bags; and more traditional art supplies, such as tree glue, Ghanaian artist Ed Franklin Gavua creates his striking Yiiiiikakaii African masks, which he hopes can help viewers rethink how waste is used in their communities.

A. leaves, man-made trash:

B. leaves; man-made trash,

C. leaves, man-made trash,

D. leaves; man-made trash;

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

236 Hack 20 · Hard

The Arctic-Alpine Botanic Garden in Norway and the Jardim Botânico of Rio de Janeiro in Brazil are two of many botanical gardens around the world dedicated to growing diverse plant _____ fostering scientific research; and educating the public about plant conservation.

A. species, both native and nonnative,

B. species, both native and nonnative;

C. species; both native and nonnative,

D. species both native and nonnative,

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP G · PRACTICE

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

237 Hack 20 · Hard

While the ancient Celts—Iron Age peoples who inhabited parts of western and central Europe—weren't a single unified group, their art often featured common elements. These included intricate patterns of interlocking spiral lines, which often held symbolic _____ of birds, horses, and other animals; and inlaid enamel accents.

A. significance; depictions

B. significance, depictions

C. significance: depictions

D. significance. Depictions

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

238 Hack 20 · Hard

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.

A. Lagos, A Kind of Marriage,

B. Lagos; A Kind of Marriage,

C. Lagos, A Kind of Marriage:

D. Lagos; A Kind of Marriage

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

239 Hack 20 · Hard

The 2022 Nobel Prize in Chemistry was awarded to three pioneers in the field of click chemistry: two-time Nobel laureate Barry Sharpless, who coined the term "click chemistry" in 1998; Carolyn Bertozzi, founder of the Bertozzi Group at _____ and Morten Meldal, a professor at the University of Copenhagen in Denmark.

A. Stanford

B. Stanford,

C. Stanford:

D. Stanford;

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

240 Hack 20 · Hard

As the fourteenth US librarian of Congress, Carla Hayden has many responsibilities. These include overseeing the Library of Congress's collections, which boast more than 162 million _____ the US Copyright Office, which registers copyright claims and advises Congress on copyright law; and appointing the US poet laureate.

A. items managing

B. items, managing

C. items; managing

D. items. Managing

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP G · PRACTICE

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

241 Hack 20 · Hard

Joshua Hinson, director of the language revitalization program of the Chickasaw Nation in Oklahoma, helped produce the world's first Indigenous-language instructional app, Chickasaw _____ Chickasaw TV, in 2010; and a Rosetta Stone language course in Chickasaw, in 2015.

A. Basic; in 2009, an online television network;

B. Basic; in 2009, an online television network,

C. Basic, in 2009; an online television network,

D. Basic, in 2009, an online television network,

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

242 Hack 20 · Practice

As one of aviation's earliest female stunt performers, Gladys Ingle developed a versatile repertoire of acrobatic feats. Her specialized skills included standing on the wing of a flying aircraft and shooting a bow and arrow at a _____ perfect balance during aerial maneuvers, such as vertical loops; and even walking across the wing as an aircraft flew at full speed beneath a bridge.

A. target. Maintaining

B. target maintaining

C. target, maintaining

D. target; maintaining

O1-M2Q18

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP H · HACK 21

Ask or Tell? Hack

ASK = ? TELL = .

DO THIS

Is the whole sentence asking something? Or is it telling us about a question? Read the whole sentence. Check both the word order and the ending.

EASY EXAMPLE

Direct: **Why did the signal stop?**
Indirect: The researcher asked **why the signal stopped.**

WATCH OUT

Why, how, or where does not automatically mean “use a question mark.”

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HACK 21 · LOOK AT THE DIFFERENCE

Ask or Tell? Hack

THE WHOLE SENTENCE ASKS

Do you know why the signal stopped?

The whole sentence asks a question.

ANOTHER QUESTION

Who discovered it?

This already asks a question. Do not force extra helping words into it.

ASK = ? TELL = .

GROUP H · WORKED EXAMPLE

Try it together.

Teaching example · not part of the 260

The researcher wanted to learn why _____ before dawn.

A. did the birds leave?

B. the birds left?

C. the birds left

D. did the birds leave

ANSWER C

This tells us what the researcher wanted to learn. It does not ask us a question.

A: This uses question order and puts ? before the sentence ends.

B: This puts ? before the sentence ends.

D: Did the birds leave is question order. Here we need the birds left.

GROUP H · PRACTICE

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

243 Hack 21 · Easy

The algaita is a double reed wind instrument from West Africa. The reed of a wind instrument is the mouthpiece _____ A double reed contains two pieces of cane that vibrate and produce sound as air passes between them.

A. where sound is made?
B. where is sound made.
C. where sound is made.
D. where is sound made?

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

244 Hack 21 · Easy

Researchers Amit Kumar and Nicholas Epley investigated how _____ In a series of experiments conducted in 2022, they found that people performing small acts of kindness underestimated the positive effect their actions had on others.

A. do people perceive acts of kindness.
B. do people perceive acts of kindness?
C. people perceive acts of kindness?
D. people perceive acts of kindness.

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

245 Hack 21 · Easy

Technologies such as microphones and inkjet printers are made using piezoelectric materials, which generate an internal electric field when pressure is applied to them. The toxic nature of some of these materials recently led a team from the University of Sheffield to investigate how _____

A. could their use be better regulated?
B. their use could be better regulated.
C. their use could be better regulated?
D. could their use be better regulated.

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

246 Hack 21 · Easy

Psychophysicist Howard Moskowitz was hired by a soda company to determine how much artificial sweetener _____ After conducting consumer taste tests, he found that no such ideal existed: participants expressed a wide range of preferences for different blends of sweetener, carbonization, and flavoring.

A. do most people prefer in a diet drink?
B. do most people prefer in a diet drink.
C. most people prefer in a diet drink?
D. most people prefer in a diet drink.

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP H · PRACTICE

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

247 Hack 21 · Easy

In her large-scale sculpture Casa-Isla, artist Edra Soto included references to her childhood in Puerto Rico. For example, the sculpture’s steel panels have a crisscrossing pattern inspired by the iron gates _____

A. Soto would see in her neighborhood?

B. Soto would see in her neighborhood.

C. would Soto see in her neighborhood.

D. would Soto see in her neighborhood?

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

248 Hack 21 · Easy

When using a search engine, many people click just the first one or two results. Click restraint is the practice of scanning a search results page and evaluating what you see before deciding which link _____

A. should you choose.

B. you should choose?

C. should you choose?

D. you should choose.

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

249 Hack 21 · Easy

Ganga is a folk singing tradition that originated in the Dinaric Alps in southern Europe. Ganga singers sing different melodies at the same time. The clashing notes can echo a long way across the mountains, which is why _____

A. ganga has been used as a communication method?

B. ganga has been used as a communication method.

C. has ganga been used as a communication method.

D. has ganga been used as a communication method?

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

250 Hack 21 · Easy

Emperor penguins don’t waddle out of the ocean. They launch themselves at such a high speed that they travel up to two meters before landing. How _____ A layer of microbubbles on their plumage reduces friction as the penguins speed to the surface.

A. they are able to move so fast!

B. are they able to move so fast.

C. they are able to move so fast.

D. are they able to move so fast?

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP H · PRACTICE

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

251 Hack 21 · Easy

Many companies have simplified their products' packaging designs in recent years, but _____ Researcher Lan Anh Nu Ton and her colleagues designed a research study to find out.

A. consumers actually do prefer this simpler style.

B. do consumers actually prefer this simpler style?

C. do consumers actually prefer this simpler style.

D. consumers actually do prefer this simpler style?

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

252 Hack 21 · Easy

Lucía Michel of the University of Chile observed that alkaline soils contain an insoluble form of iron that blueberry plants cannot absorb, thus inhibiting blueberry growth. If these plants were grown in alkaline soil alongside grasses that aid in iron solubilization, _____ Michel was determined to find out.

A. could the blueberries thrive.

B. the blueberries could thrive.

C. the blueberries could thrive?

D. could the blueberries thrive?

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

253 Hack 21 · Easy

Where _____ Interestingly, it was invented by an author. It first appears in the novel Through the Looking Glass by English author Lewis Carroll.

A. did the word "chortle" come from.

B. the word "chortle" did come from?

C. did the word "chortle" come from?

D. the word "chortle" come from.

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

254 Hack 21 · Easy

In the novel Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe, Okonkwo is a leader of Umuofia (a fictional Nigerian clan) and takes pride in his culture's traditions. However, when the arrival of European missionaries brings changes to Umuofia, the novel asks a central question: How _____

A. Umuofia's traditions will be affected.

B. will Umuofia's traditions be affected.

C. Umuofia's traditions will be affected?

D. will Umuofia's traditions be affected?

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP H · PRACTICE

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

255 Hack 21 · Easy

In forecasting weather events, meteorologists sometimes discuss the role of atmospheric rivers. What are atmospheric rivers, and how _____ Part of the water cycle, atmospheric rivers are narrow channels of moisture moving through the atmosphere. In certain conditions, these “rivers” can release some of their moisture as precipitation.

A. do they affect our weather.

B. they do affect our weather.

C. do they affect our weather?

D. they do affect our weather?

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

256 Hack 21 · Practice

While conducting an interview for her book Latina Authors and Their Muses, editor Mayra Calvani asked Margo Candela, author of the young adult novel The Brenda Diaries, what _____ Candela's response was The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster.

A. was her favorite book!

B. was her favorite book?

C. her favorite book was.

D. her favorite book was?

DA-M1Q17

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

257 Hack 21 · Practice

Philosopher Gottlob Frege (1848-1925) explored how multiple names can be used to refer to the same object or person yet still have different meanings. For instance, the fictional character Clark Kent and his alter ego Superman are the same person, yet the two personas are distinct. For Frege, this raises further questions about how _____

A. we can hold contradictory beliefs about a single thing?

B. can we hold contradictory beliefs about a single thing.

C. we can hold contradictory beliefs about a single thing.

D. can we hold contradictory beliefs about a single thing?

DC-M1Q22

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

258 Hack 21 · Practice

Though they are in different countries, the towns of Entebbe, Uganda, and Booue, Gabon, _____ They are among the rare places that sit almost directly on the equator.

A. do have something in common?

B. do they have something in common

C. do they have something in common?

D. do have something in common.

MIB-M1Q16

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP H · PRACTICE

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

259 Hack 21 · Practice

Why do children resemble their biological parents in some ways but not in _____ answer requires an understanding of genetics.

A. others, the

B. others. The

C. others? The

D. others the

MUA-M2Q18

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

260 Hack 21 · Practice

Though they are in different countries, the towns of Jamame, Somalia, and Nyahururu, Kenya, _____ They are among the rare places that sit almost directly on the equator.

A. do they have something in common.

B. do have something in common?

C. do they have something in common?

D. do have something in common.

MUB-M1Q14

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

QUICK ANSWER KEY

Check the answer. Then the reason.

Q1–72 · Go to the explanation page to learn from a mistake.

Q	Key	Hack	Explain p.	Q	Key	Hack	Explain p.	Q	Key	Hack	Explain p.
1	A	1	126	25	D	2	150	49	D	4	174
2	B	1	127	26	B	2	151	50	A	4	175
3	D	1	128	27	D	3	152	51	B	4	176
4	D	1	129	28	D	3	153	52	D	4	177
5	C	1	130	29	B	3	154	53	A	4	178
6	D	1	131	30	C	4	155	54	B	4	179
7	C	1	132	31	A	4	156	55	C	4	180
8	C	1	133	32	A	4	157	56	C	4	181
9	C	1	134	33	D	4	158	57	B	4	182
10	A	1	135	34	D	4	159	58	A	4	183
11	D	2	136	35	C	4	160	59	A	4	184
12	B	2	137	36	D	4	161	60	B	4	185
13	A	2	138	37	C	4	162	61	D	4	186
14	B	2	139	38	A	4	163	62	B	4	187
15	C	2	140	39	D	4	164	63	B	4	188
16	D	2	141	40	C	4	165	64	A	4	189
17	A	2	142	41	A	4	166	65	D	4	190
18	A	2	143	42	C	4	167	66	D	4	191
19	C	2	144	43	D	4	168	67	D	4	192
20	C	2	145	44	B	4	169	68	A	4	193
21	A	2	146	45	D	4	170	69	C	5	194
22	D	2	147	46	C	4	171	70	C	5	195
23	C	2	148	47	D	4	172	71	B	5	196
24	B	2	149	48	A	4	173	72	D	5	197

QUICK ANSWER KEY

Check the answer. Then the reason.

Q73–144 · Go to the explanation page to learn from a mistake.

Q	Key	Hack	Explain p.
73	D	5	198
74	C	5	199
75	D	5	200
76	A	5	201
77	A	5	202
78	D	5	203
79	B	5	204
80	B	5	205
81	D	6	206
82	B	6	207
83	C	6	208
84	A	6	209
85	C	6	210
86	B	6	211
87	D	6	212
88	B	6	213
89	D	6	214
90	A	6	215
91	B	6	216
92	D	6	217
93	C	6	218
94	A	6	219
95	C	6	220
96	B	7	221
97	B	7	222
98	C	7	223
99	C	7	224
100	D	8	225
101	D	8	226
102	B	8	227
103	C	8	228
104	C	8	229
105	B	9	230
106	C	9	231
107	C	9	232
108	D	9	233
109	C	9	234
110	D	9	235
111	D	9	236
112	A	9	237
113	D	9	238
114	C	9	239
115	D	9	240
116	C	9	241
117	A	9	242
118	C	9	243
119	D	9	244
120	C	9	245
121	B	9	246
122	D	9	247
123	B	10	248
124	B	10	249
125	C	10	250
126	C	10	251
127	B	10	252
128	A	10	253
129	C	11	254
130	B	11	255
131	B	11	256
132	D	11	257
133	D	11	258
134	C	11	259
135	B	11	260
136	A	11	261
137	C	11	262
138	B	11	263
139	C	11	264
140	C	11	265
141	B	11	266
142	A	11	267
143	D	11	268
144	D	11	269

QUICK ANSWER KEY

Check the answer. Then the reason.

Q145–216 · Go to the explanation page to learn from a mistake.

Q	Key	Hack	Explain p.
145	A	11	270
146	C	11	271
147	D	11	272
148	B	11	273
149	A	11	274
150	D	11	275
151	B	11	276
152	C	11	277
153	B	11	278
154	B	11	279
155	C	11	280
156	A	11	281
157	D	11	282
158	C	11	283
159	D	11	284
160	B	11	285
161	D	11	286
162	C	11	287
163	A	11	288
164	B	11	289
165	A	11	290
166	C	12	291
167	C	12	292
168	A	12	293
169	D	12	294
170	C	12	295
171	B	12	296
172	B	12	297
173	C	12	298
174	C	12	299
175	D	12	300
176	D	12	301
177	B	12	302
178	B	12	303
179	B	13	304
180	A	13	305
181	B	13	306
182	C	13	307
183	D	14	308
184	B	14	309
185	D	14	310
186	A	14	311
187	B	14	312
188	A	14	313
189	C	14	314
190	C	14	315
191	B	14	316
192	D	14	317
193	A	14	318
194	D	14	319
195	D	14	320
196	A	14	321
197	B	14	322
198	B	14	323
199	C	14	324
200	C	14	325
201	D	15	326
202	D	15	327
203	C	16	328
204	D	16	329
205	C	16	330
206	C	16	331
207	B	17	332
208	A	17	333
209	C	17	334
210	B	17	335
211	A	17	336
212	D	18	337
213	B	18	338
214	A	18	339
215	A	18	340
216	D	18	341

QUICK ANSWER KEY

Check the answer. Then the reason.

Q217–260 · Go to the explanation page to learn from a mistake.

Q	Key	Hack	Explain p.
217	C	18	342
218	D	18	343
219	B	18	344
220	A	18	345
221	D	18	346
222	A	18	347
223	C	18	348
224	A	18	349
225	D	19	350
226	D	19	351
227	B	19	352
228	C	19	353
229	B	19	354
230	C	19	355
231	B	19	356
232	B	19	357
233	C	20	358
234	B	20	359
235	B	20	360
236	B	20	361
237	A	20	362
238	B	20	363
239	D	20	364
240	C	20	365

Q	Key	Hack	Explain p.
241	C	20	366
242	D	20	367
243	C	21	368
244	D	21	369
245	B	21	370
246	D	21	371
247	B	21	372
248	D	21	373
249	B	21	374
250	D	21	375
251	B	21	376
252	D	21	377
253	C	21	378
254	D	21	379
255	C	21	380
256	C	21	381
257	C	21	382
258	D	21	383
259	C	21	384
260	D	21	385

Q	Key	Hack	Explain p.

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP A

Q001 · ANSWER A

Who + Does Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

writers

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Generations of writers ... have been influenced.

WHY IT WORKS

The people and what happened to them belong together.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B / C / D: This puts a mark between the who-or-what part and its main action.

Hack 01 · Lesson p. 8 · Practice p. 15 · de55ec71

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP A

Q002 · ANSWER B

Who + Does Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

instrument

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

The strings ... are plucked.

WHY IT WORKS

Strings tells us what. Are plucked tells us what happens.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A / C / D: This puts a mark between the who-or-what part and its main action.

Hack 01 · Lesson p. 8 · Practice p. 15 · a2293b3f

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP A

Q003 · ANSWER D

Who + Does Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

California

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

The Huntington Library ... received a collection.

WHY IT WORKS

Library is the thing. Received is its main action.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A / B / C: This puts a mark between the who-or-what part and its main action.

Hack 01 · Lesson p. 8 · Practice p. 15 · be34a3df

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP A

Q004 · ANSWER D

Who + Does Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

falling

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

The reason ... is that their plumes enhance drag.

WHY IT WORKS

Find the long who-or-what part: The reason ... while falling. It must stay beside is.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A / B / C: This puts a mark between the who-or-what part and its main action.

Hack 01 · Lesson p. 8 · Practice p. 15 · 403d7bb5

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP A

Q005 · ANSWER C

Who + Does Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Smith

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Her portrait ... is displayed.

WHY IT WORKS

Portrait is the thing. Is displayed tells what happens to it.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A / B / D: This puts a mark between the who-or-what part and its main action.

Hack 01 · Lesson p. 8 · Practice p. 16 · 83c9c503

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP A

Q006 · ANSWER D

Who + Does Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Rawles

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Calida Garcia Rawles was the logical choice.

WHY IT WORKS

Her name stays beside was. The long description before it does not change that.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A / B / C: This puts a mark between the who-or-what part and its main action.

Hack 01 · Lesson p. 8 · Practice p. 16 · d073983d

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP A

Q007 · ANSWER C

Who + Does Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Gingerbread

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Her 2019 novel Gingerbread offers a twist.

WHY IT WORKS

The name of the novel stays beside offers.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A / B / D: This puts a mark between the who-or-what part and its main action.

Hack 01 · Lesson p. 8 · Practice p. 16 · 2fd05c15

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP A

Q008 · ANSWER C

Who + Does Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Kingelez

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

The works ... were featured.

WHY IT WORKS

Works is the thing. Were featured tells what happened.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A / B / D: This puts a mark between the who-or-what part and its main action.

Hack 01 · Lesson p. 8 · Practice p. 16 · f868d438

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP A

Q009 · ANSWER C

Who + Does Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

200,000 km² Puntland Desert

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

The roughly 200,000 km² Puntland Desert is classified ...

WHY IT WORKS

Keep the size with the desert’s name. Keep the desert’s name beside is.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The comma cuts the name away from is.

B: The comma cuts the size away from the desert’s name.

D: Both commas split words that need to stay together.

Hack 01 · Lesson p. 8 · Practice p. 17 · 8d00cd7c

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP A

Q010 · ANSWER A

Who + Does Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

areas

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

People in El Paso and the surrounding areas must set their clocks.

WHY IT WORKS

People is the WHO. Must set is what they do. Keep them together.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: Who starts an unfinished description and leaves no main action.

C: The words before the semicolon are not a full thought.

D: The comma cuts the people away from must set.

Hack 01 · Lesson p. 8 · Practice p. 17 · O3-M1Q16

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP A

Q011 · ANSWER D

Stay Together Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

during

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

during the Late Cretaceous

WHY IT WORKS

During what time? The Late Cretaceous answers that. Keep them together.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A / B / C: This cuts apart words that need each other. No mark belongs in that spot.

Hack 02 · Lesson p. 10 · Practice p. 17 · ffea47e1

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP A

Q012 · ANSWER B

Stay Together Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

of

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

themes of childhood, womanhood, and Chinese American identity

WHY IT WORKS

Of needs the words that come next. A list does not automatically need a colon.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A / C / D: This cuts apart words that need each other. No mark belongs in that spot.

Hack 02 · Lesson p. 10 · Practice p. 17 · a1e0c981

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP A

Q013 · ANSWER A

Stay Together Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

of

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

themes of healing, self-discovery, and memory

WHY IT WORKS

Keep of beside the words that answer of what.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B / C / D: This cuts apart words that need each other. No mark belongs in that spot.

Hack 02 · Lesson p. 10 · Practice p. 18 · 96953201

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP A

Q014 · ANSWER B

Stay Together Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

called

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

is called the chromophore

WHY IT WORKS

Called what? The chromophore. Do not cut off the answer.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A / C / D: This cuts apart words that need each other. No mark belongs in that spot.

Hack 02 · Lesson p. 10 · Practice p. 18 · 6fdddabf

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP A

Q015 · ANSWER C

Stay Together Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

from

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

pages from a collection

WHY IT WORKS

From what? A collection. Keep those words together.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A / B / D: This cuts apart words that need each other. No mark belongs in that spot.

Hack 02 · Lesson p. 10 · Practice p. 18 · 89ab0d46

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP A

Q016 · ANSWER D

Stay Together Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

blend with

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

blend with Charlie Adams’s melodies

WHY IT WORKS

Blend with what? The melodies. Keep blend with together.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A / B / C: This cuts apart words that need each other. No mark belongs in that spot.

Hack 02 · Lesson p. 10 · Practice p. 18 · a466679a

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP A

Q017 · ANSWER A

Stay Together Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

created

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

created floating farms

WHY IT WORKS

Created what? Floating farms. Do not cut off the answer.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B / C / D: This cuts apart words that need each other. No mark belongs in that spot.

Hack 02 · Lesson p. 10 · Practice p. 19 · 261f4ca6

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP A

Q018 · ANSWER A

Stay Together Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

appreciate the

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

appreciate the multiple references

WHY IT WORKS

Appreciate what? The multiple references. Keep the words together.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B / C / D: This cuts apart words that need each other. No mark belongs in that spot.

Hack 02 · Lesson p. 10 · Practice p. 19 · 96499989

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP A

Q019 · ANSWER C

Stay Together Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

popularized

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

popularized the use of Jamaican Creole

WHY IT WORKS

Popularized what? The use of Jamaican Creole. Keep the answer beside the action.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A / B / D: This cuts apart words that need each other. No mark belongs in that spot.

Hack 02 · Lesson p. 10 · Practice p. 19 · 831b55ec

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP A

Q020 · ANSWER C

Stay Together Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

to

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

home to the largest island

WHY IT WORKS

To needs the words the largest island. Keep them attached.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A / B / D: This cuts apart words that need each other. No mark belongs in that spot.

Hack 02 · Lesson p. 10 · Practice p. 19 · 60dd03bc

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP A

Q021 · ANSWER A

Stay Together Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

of

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

the highest melting point of all the elements

WHY IT WORKS

Of what? All the elements. Do not split the words.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B / C / D: This cuts apart words that need each other. No mark belongs in that spot.

Hack 02 · Lesson p. 10 · Practice p. 20 · b5ff8f8e

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP A

Q022 · ANSWER D

Stay Together Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

by

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

embodied by Native Hawaiians

WHY IT WORKS

By whom? Native Hawaiians. Keep them together.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A / B / C: This cuts apart words that need each other. No mark belongs in that spot.

Hack 02 · Lesson p. 10 · Practice p. 20 · eb03096e

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP A

Q023 · ANSWER C

Stay Together Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

pieces

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

pieces of pottery

WHY IT WORKS

Pieces of what? Pottery. The words name one thing.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A / B / D: This cuts apart words that need each other. No mark belongs in that spot.

Hack 02 · Lesson p. 10 · Practice p. 20 · 6997261f

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP A

Q024 · ANSWER B

Stay Together Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

preferred the

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

preferred the sound

WHY IT WORKS

Preferred what? The sound. Keep the answer beside preferred.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A / C / D: This cuts apart words that need each other. No mark belongs in that spot.

Hack 02 · Lesson p. 10 · Practice p. 20 · 64a40675

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP A

Q025 · ANSWER D

Stay Together Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

unearthed

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

unearthed knives, horseshoes, wool tunics, and other artifacts

WHY IT WORKS

Unearthed what? The list answers that. No mark belongs after unearthed.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A / B / C: This cuts apart words that need each other. No mark belongs in that spot.

Hack 02 · Lesson p. 10 · Practice p. 21 · b1e8b87f

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP A

Q026 · ANSWER B

Stay Together Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

had

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

The calendar had three seasons.

WHY IT WORKS

Had what? Three seasons. Keep had beside its answer. The colon AFTER seasons already introduces the names.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A / C / D: The mark cuts had away from the thing the calendar had.

Hack 02 · Lesson p. 10 · Practice p. 21 · MUB-M1Q12

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP A

Q027 · ANSWER D

One Who, Two Dos Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

waterways and the fact that

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

because of the waterways and the fact that ...

WHY IT WORKS

These are two reasons joined by and. Also, keep the fact that together.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The comma cuts that away from the words it introduces.

B: The commas break apart the pair and the fact that group.

C: The commas split the words inside the pair.

Hack 03 · Lesson p. 12 · Practice p. 21 · 145d5ca7

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP A

Q028 · ANSWER D

One Who, Two Dos Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

regions

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

determine how ... and what ...

WHY IT WORKS

The team determined two things. And joins this pair inside one sentence.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A / B / C: The extra mark splits the two things that go together.

Hack 03 · Lesson p. 12 · Practice p. 21 · 6ea8c23f

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP A

Q029 · ANSWER B

One Who, Two Dos Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

energy and

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

The substance cannot absorb more energy and will begin to combust.

WHY IT WORKS

One thing does both actions. And joins the two actions.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: It starts a new full thought. One comma cannot join the two thoughts.

C: And will begin has no WHO after the period.

D: It starts a second full thought with no break.

Hack 03 · Lesson p. 12 · Practice p. 22 · DC-M1Q20

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP B

Q030 · ANSWER C

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

percent. Such

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Consumption decreased. Such taxes can lose some of their effect.

WHY IT WORKS

Both parts can stand alone. Such taxes starts the second thought.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: One comma cannot join these two full thoughts.

B: In this choice, and does not correctly separate the two full thoughts.

D: This does not clearly separate the two full thoughts. The sentence runs together.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 23 · Practice p. 29 · 8a3998f1

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP B

Q031 · ANSWER A

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

offense. According

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Colvin was arrested. According to historians, her arrest led to change.

WHY IT WORKS

According to historians belongs with the next thought. Keep reading to arrest led.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: One comma cannot join these two full thoughts.

C: This does not clearly separate the two full thoughts. The sentence runs together.

D: In this choice, and does not correctly separate the two full thoughts.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 23 · Practice p. 29 · eef91a50

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP B

Q032 · ANSWER A

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

configurations. TMAO

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Proteins retain their original configurations. TMAO is found in fish’s cells.

WHY IT WORKS

The next TMAO has its own main verb: is found. Start a new sentence.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: This does not clearly separate the two full thoughts. The sentence runs together.

C: One comma cannot join these two full thoughts.

D: In this choice, and does not correctly separate the two full thoughts.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 23 · Practice p. 29 · 04bfd364

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP B

Q033 · ANSWER D

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

settings. She

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Comstock sought greater representation. She founded Las Comadres.

WHY IT WORKS

Both parts have a person and a main action. A period separates them.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: This does not clearly separate the two full thoughts. The sentence runs together.

B: One comma cannot join these two full thoughts.

C: In this choice, and does not correctly separate the two full thoughts.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 23 · Practice p. 29 · 7b950fc2

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP B

Q034 · ANSWER D

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

ran—fast. During

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

She ran—fast. During the Olympics, she won ...

WHY IT WORKS

Fast finishes the thought about running. During starts the next thought about winning.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: This makes fast an extra detail and leaves the next full thought without its own break.

B: This runs the thought about running into the thought about winning.

C: One comma cannot join the two full thoughts.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 23 · Practice p. 30 · 0f39b19c

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP B

Q035 · ANSWER C

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

adjustments. Prior

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

VisiCalc updated calculations. Prior to VisiCalc, changing a spreadsheet took work.

WHY IT WORKS

Prior tells when the second situation happened. It belongs in the second sentence.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: This does not clearly separate the two full thoughts. The sentence runs together.

B: One comma cannot join these two full thoughts.

D: In this choice, and does not correctly separate the two full thoughts.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 23 · Practice p. 30 · 01a32c84

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP B

Q036 · ANSWER D

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Nutcracker. According

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

The Toledos redesigned The Nutcracker. According to reviewers, the designs added culture.

WHY IT WORKS

According to reviewers belongs with what the reviewers said next.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A / C: This does not clearly separate the two full thoughts. The sentence runs together.

B: One comma cannot join these two full thoughts.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 23 · Practice p. 30 · 2c84f96a

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP B

Q037 · ANSWER C

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

area. After

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Before construction, it was 0.1°C cooler. After construction, it was 1.7°C cooler.

WHY IT WORKS

Before and after describe two different measurements. Start the second sentence with After.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A / B: This does not clearly separate the two full thoughts. The sentence runs together.

D: One comma cannot join these two full thoughts.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 23 · Practice p. 30 · 6df020e6

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP B

Q038 · ANSWER A

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

vapor. With

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

More water turns to vapor. With a pressure cooker, a seal traps the vapor.

WHY IT WORKS

With a pressure cooker starts the next thought. Keep reading to seal traps.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: This does not clearly separate the two full thoughts. The sentence runs together.

C: One comma cannot join these two full thoughts.

D: In this choice, and does not correctly separate the two full thoughts.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 23 · Practice p. 31 · 36868920

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP B

Q039 · ANSWER D

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

walls. With

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

He noticed markings on the walls. With digital imaging, he discovered a mural.

WHY IT WORKS

The With part belongs to the next sentence. That sentence has he discovered.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: One comma cannot join these two full thoughts.

B: This does not clearly separate the two full thoughts. The sentence runs together.

C: So with has no comma before so to join these longer full thoughts.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 23 · Practice p. 31 · 267a13e2

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP B

Q040 · ANSWER C

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

work. That

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Scholars dreamed of finding the work. That fantasy became reality.

WHY IT WORKS

That fantasy is the start of a new full thought. Here, That does not start an extra description.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: One comma cannot join these two full thoughts.

B: This does not clearly separate the two full thoughts. The sentence runs together.

D: In this choice, and does not correctly separate the two full thoughts.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 23 · Practice p. 31 · fcab3630

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP B

Q041 · ANSWER A

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

plant). By

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

She led a review. By researching the compounds, she found ...

WHY IT WORKS

By researching belongs with what she found. Start that sentence after plant).

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: One comma cannot join these two full thoughts.

C: In this choice, and does not correctly separate the two full thoughts.

D: This does not clearly separate the two full thoughts. The sentence runs together.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 23 · Practice p. 31 · 707461d8

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP B

Q042 · ANSWER C

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

microsculptures. Creations

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Wigan is known for microsculptures. Creations so small ..., Wigan’s sculptures are made ...

WHY IT WORKS

Creations so small describes Wigan’s sculptures in the new sentence.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: This does not clearly separate the two full thoughts. The sentence runs together.

B: One comma cannot join these two full thoughts.

D: In this choice, and does not correctly separate the two full thoughts.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 23 · Practice p. 32 · 940ff6f7

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP B

Q043 · ANSWER D

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

aesthetics. As

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Kivy was a leading figure. As evidenced by his belief ..., Kivy’s approach was formalist.

WHY IT WORKS

The As description belongs with Kivy’s approach in the next sentence.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: This does not clearly separate the two full thoughts. The sentence runs together.

B: In this choice, and does not correctly separate the two full thoughts.

C: One comma cannot join these two full thoughts.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 23 · Practice p. 32 · 5bed774c

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP B

Q044 · ANSWER B

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Bay. Having

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

The ship entered San Francisco Bay. Having left New York ..., the ship set a record.

WHY IT WORKS

Having left describes the ship in the second sentence. Keep reading to set a record.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: In this choice, and does not correctly separate the two full thoughts.

C: One comma cannot join these two full thoughts.

D: This does not clearly separate the two full thoughts. The sentence runs together.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 23 · Practice p. 32 · 886dc9f9

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP B

Q045 · ANSWER D

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

silk. By

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Zhi developed a process. By dissolving and reweaving the silk, Zhi increased its strength.

WHY IT WORKS

The By part belongs to the next thought. That thought has its own main action: increased.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: One comma cannot join these two full thoughts.

B: This does not clearly separate the two full thoughts. The sentence runs together.

C: In this choice, and does not correctly separate the two full thoughts.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 23 · Practice p. 32 · aab74a3b

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP B

Q046 · ANSWER C

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

temperature. Adding

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Dark rooftops raise the temperature. Adding a light-colored covering helps.

WHY IT WORKS

Adding a covering names the thing. Helps is its main action. The second thought is complete.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: By adding starts a detail. It leaves no thing for helps to describe.

B: Adding … helps is a full thought. One comma cannot join it to the first.

D: This runs two full thoughts together.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 23 · Practice p. 33 · 73a6603c

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP B

Q047 · ANSWER D

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Panchali. A

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Ray released Pather Panchali. A quiet drama ..., Ray’s film was different.

WHY IT WORKS

A quiet drama describes the film in the second sentence. Film was is its main thought.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The two full thoughts run together.

B: Which was a quiet drama does not fix the extra full thought Ray’s film was different.

C: The description does not join the two full thoughts. A sentence ending is still missing.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 23 · Practice p. 33 · 0fa289a7

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP B

Q048 · ANSWER A

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

earlier. In

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

It was occupied earlier. In 1420 CE, humans were likely inhabiting the area.

WHY IT WORKS

In 1420 CE belongs with humans were inhabiting. It starts the next sentence.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: One comma cannot join these two full thoughts.

C: Which in 1420 CE does not correctly link the two full thoughts.

D: This does not clearly separate the two full thoughts. The sentence runs together.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 23 · Practice p. 33 · 67667d72

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP B

Q049 · ANSWER D

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

exclamation. Translated

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Hwæt is an Old English exclamation. Translated as “hark!” ..., the word was rendered as “bro!”

WHY IT WORKS

Translated describes the word in the next sentence. Keep reading to was rendered.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: One comma cannot join these two full thoughts.

B: In this choice, and does not correctly separate the two full thoughts.

C: This does not clearly separate the two full thoughts. The sentence runs together.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 23 · Practice p. 33 · ba8ebf49

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP B

Q050 · ANSWER A

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

tombs. Built

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Nehmé studied the tombs. Built into rock, these chambers seem to blend with nature.

WHY IT WORKS

Built describes the chambers in the next sentence. Chambers seem is the main thought.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: One comma cannot join these two full thoughts.

C: In this choice, and does not correctly separate the two full thoughts.

D: This does not clearly separate the two full thoughts. The sentence runs together.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 23 · Practice p. 34 · 1b97cce9

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP B

Q051 · ANSWER B

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Belgravia. Published

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Gabriele tracks Braddon’s works via Belgravia. Published and distributed ..., this magazine helped.

WHY IT WORKS

Read past the long city list. This magazine helped finishes the new sentence.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The semicolons later in the long city list make this break confusing. The period clearly starts the new sentence before Published.

C: This does not clearly separate the two full thoughts. The sentence runs together.

D: One comma cannot join these two full thoughts.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 23 · Practice p. 34 · 952fd392

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP B

Q052 · ANSWER D

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

essays. Praising

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Danticat won acclaim for her essays. Praising her writing, Antoni compared her to Morrison.

WHY IT WORKS

Praising describes what Antoni did. It belongs with the next sentence.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: One comma cannot join these two full thoughts.

B: In this choice, and does not correctly separate the two full thoughts.

C: This does not clearly separate the two full thoughts. The sentence runs together.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 23 · Practice p. 34 · b15724fc

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP B

Q053 · ANSWER A

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

tenets. Developed

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

The method has central tenets. Developed by Suzuki, the method emphasizes early practice.

WHY IT WORKS

Developed describes the method in the second sentence. Keep reading to method emphasizes.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B / D: This does not clearly separate the two full thoughts. The sentence runs together.

C: That turns the next words into a description. It does not fix the separate thought the method emphasizes.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 23 · Practice p. 34 · a872c60a

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP B

Q054 · ANSWER B

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

works. Because

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

A diagram reveals how this works. Because the hole is small, light reaches one destination.

WHY IT WORKS

Because starts the next sentence’s waiting part. The main thought comes after its comma.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: This attaches Because to the first thought and leaves the next main thought badly joined.

C: One comma cannot join the first full thought to it’s because.

D: The first colon does not fix the later break: another full thought still appears after a comma.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 23 · Practice p. 35 · 615f001e

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP B

Q055 · ANSWER C

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

system. Analyzing

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Amsterdam developed a monitoring system. Analyzing video, the algorithm determines crowd sizes.

WHY IT WORKS

Analyzing describes the algorithm in the new sentence. Algorithm determines finishes the thought.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A / D: This does not clearly separate the two full thoughts. The sentence runs together.

B: One comma cannot join these two full thoughts.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 23 · Practice p. 35 · f45ae404

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP B

Q056 · ANSWER C

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

audience. To

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Actors do not acknowledge the audience. To do so breaks the fourth wall.

WHY IT WORKS

To do so names the action. Breaks tells what that action does. This is a full sentence.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: As to do so does not tell us what breaks the fourth wall. To do so works.

B: This runs two full thoughts together.

D: One comma cannot join two full thoughts.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 23 · Practice p. 35 · 5ee7fb04

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP B

Q057 · ANSWER B

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

three. Known

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Bosnia and Herzegovina has three presidents. Known as members ..., these officials take turns.

WHY IT WORKS

Keep reading past the long description. These officials take turns is a new full thought.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The extra description does not fix the two full thoughts joined by a comma.

C: Who are known does not fix the later full thought these officials take turns.

D: Adding commas around who are known still leaves two full thoughts badly joined.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 23 · Practice p. 35 · 4b424102

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP B

Q058 · ANSWER A

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

star). Occurring

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

SN 2016aps was a supernova. Occurring in Draco, the blast propelled particles.

WHY IT WORKS

Finish the first thought. The next sentence has an opening detail, then its main action: the blast propelled.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: This leaves the two main thoughts joined only by a comma later in the sentence.

C: And occurring does not match was and does not separate the next full thought.

D: A comma before occurring still leaves the main thoughts without a proper break.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 23 · Practice p. 36 · O2-M2Q21

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP B

Q059 · ANSWER A

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

music. Featuring

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Jazz emerged as a style. Featuring larger groups, composers emphasized smooth melodies.

WHY IT WORKS

The first thought ends at music. The next sentence starts with a detail, then says composers emphasized.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B / C / D: This leaves two full thoughts without a proper sentence break.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 23 · Practice p. 36 · DA-M1Q18

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP B

Q060 · ANSWER B

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

music. Featuring

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Jazz emerged as a style. Featuring larger groups, composers emphasized smooth melodies.

WHY IT WORKS

The first thought ends at music. The next sentence starts with a detail, then says composers emphasized.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A / C / D: This leaves two full thoughts without a proper sentence break.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 23 · Practice p. 36 · DC-M1Q21

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP B

Q061 · ANSWER D

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

tip. Mimicking

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

The spine has an appendage at its tip. Mimicking food, the appendage lures prey.

WHY IT WORKS

Read past Mimicking. The appendage evolved supplies the next main thought.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: One comma cannot separate these two full thoughts.

B: The two main thoughts have no proper break.

C: And mimicking does not finish the first thought or separate the next one.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 23 · Practice p. 36 · S-M1Q20

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP B

Q062 · ANSWER B

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

2003, revolutionizing the field of economic research. Before

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

The resource was published in 2003, revolutionizing research. Before its release, gaps hindered researchers.

WHY IT WORKS

Revolutionizing describes the resource. Before its release belongs with the earlier problem: gaps hindered researchers.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: This makes gaps sound as if they revolutionized research.

C: The two main thoughts run together.

D: Commas alone cannot join the two main thoughts.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 23 · Practice p. 37 · S-M2Q21

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP B

Q063 · ANSWER B

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

butterflies. Belonging

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

The researchers counted butterflies. Belonging to this family, the Paris peacock is rare.

WHY IT WORKS

Two full thoughts need a strong break. The second starts with a detail and ends with the Paris peacock is rare.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: One comma cannot join the two full thoughts.

C: And belonging does not separate the next main thought.

D: This leaves the two main thoughts without a proper break.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 23 · Practice p. 37 · MIA-M1Q17

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP B

Q064 · ANSWER A

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

originates. Many

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

The opening depends on the language in which it originates. Many folktales open with a phrase.

WHY IT WORKS

The first thought is finished. Many folktales starts the next full thought.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: One comma cannot join two full thoughts.

C: The two full thoughts run together.

D: A comma after many splits many from folktales and misses the sentence break.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 23 · Practice p. 37 · MIA-M1Q18

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP B

Q065 · ANSWER D

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

pineapples. For

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Greenhouses cultivated pineapples. For those wealthy people, the fruits were a status symbol.

WHY IT WORKS

For introduces the people. It does not mean because here. The next full thought is the fruits had become a status symbol.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The two full thoughts run together.

B: Which starts a description, but that description has no working structure.

C: For the small group is only an opening phrase; this comma does not join the two main thoughts.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 23 · Practice p. 37 · MIA-M1Q21

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP B

Q066 · ANSWER D

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

STS-51-D. Lasting

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Discovery blasted off, starting its mission. Lasting almost seven days, the mission ended in Florida.

WHY IT WORKS

The first sentence ends with the mission name. Lasting opens a detail about the next sentence: the mission ended.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: A comma alone cannot introduce it lasted as a new full thought.

B: A comma leaves the later full thought the mission ended without a proper break.

C: The later full thought still has no proper sentence break.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 23 · Practice p. 38 · MIB-M2Q22

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP B

Q067 · ANSWER D

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

snow. This

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Water falls as rain or snow. This process is called the water cycle.

WHY IT WORKS

Both parts tell us something. End the first with a period and start This process.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The two full thoughts run together.

B: The first sentence is telling, not asking.

C: One comma cannot join the two full thoughts.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 23 · Practice p. 38 · MUA-M1Q10

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP B

Q068 · ANSWER A

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

originates. Many

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

The opening depends on the language in which it originates. Many folktales open with a phrase.

WHY IT WORKS

The first thought is finished. Many folktales starts the next full thought.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: One comma cannot join two full thoughts.

C: The two full thoughts run together.

D: A comma after many splits many from folktales and misses the sentence break.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 23 · Practice p. 38 · MUA-M2Q10

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP B

Q069 · ANSWER C

Super Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

parks;

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

The initiative was an investment; it prioritized improvements.

WHY IT WORKS

Each side has its own main thought.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: These longer full thoughts need a comma before and.

B: The two full thoughts run together without a proper break.

D: One comma cannot join two full thoughts.

Hack 05 · Lesson p. 25 · Practice p. 38 · 89fbc3eb

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP B

Q070 · ANSWER C

Super Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

(BEC);

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

One type is a BEC; Hau used a BEC to stop light.

WHY IT WORKS

Both parts can be sentences on their own.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: One comma cannot join two full thoughts.

B: These longer full thoughts need a comma before and.

D: The two full thoughts run together without a proper break.

Hack 05 · Lesson p. 25 · Practice p. 39 · a153ad6a

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP B

Q071 · ANSWER B

Super Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

sampler;

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

In 2004, Watt sewed a sampler; in 2014, she made pillars.

WHY IT WORKS

The dates do not change the pattern: Watt sewed; she made.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A / C / D: One comma cannot join two full thoughts. An extra word such as later does not fix that.

Hack 05 · Lesson p. 25 · Practice p. 39 · 4ba99a6f

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP B

Q072 · ANSWER D

Super Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

greenery;

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Aibonito is known for greenery; this earned it a nickname.

WHY IT WORKS

Aibonito is ... and this has earned ... are two full thoughts.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The two full thoughts run together without a proper break.

B: One comma cannot join two full thoughts.

C: These longer full thoughts need a comma before and.

Hack 05 · Lesson p. 25 · Practice p. 39 · a421f749

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP B

Q073 · ANSWER D

Super Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

weightlessness;

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

The technique is known for weightlessness; dancers may explore a jump.

WHY IT WORKS

The second thought starts with dancers may explore.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The two full thoughts run together without a proper break.

B: This turns the next thought into a badly connected description.

C: One comma cannot join two full thoughts.

Hack 05 · Lesson p. 25 · Practice p. 39 · eb95235b

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP B

Q074 · ANSWER C

Super Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

advance;

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

The forecast looks weeks ahead; its predictions are more short-term.

WHY IT WORKS

Each part is a full thought. A semicolon joins them.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: One comma cannot join two full thoughts.

B: The two full thoughts run together without a proper break.

D: These longer full thoughts need a comma before and.

Hack 05 · Lesson p. 25 · Practice p. 40 · 1724dac2

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP B

Q075 · ANSWER D

Super Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

rare;

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

These sounds are rare; in some dialects, four are common.

WHY IT WORKS

Read past in some dialects. Four are common completes the second thought.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: These longer full thoughts need a comma before and.

B: One comma cannot join two full thoughts.

C: The two full thoughts run together without a proper break.

Hack 05 · Lesson p. 25 · Practice p. 40 · 2c9c6ca9

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP B

Q076 · ANSWER A

Super Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

awards, respectively;

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Moreno won the four honors; the achievement is called an EGOT.

WHY IT WORKS

The word respectively finishes the first thought. The achievement starts another.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: Respectively needs to finish the first thought, before the strong break.

C: A second dash would make the earlier dash look like the start of an extra detail. The two full thoughts need a clearer break.

D: One comma cannot join the two full thoughts.

Hack 05 · Lesson p. 25 · Practice p. 40 · e41018de

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP B

Q077 · ANSWER A

Super Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Chulalongkorn;

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

The danger was evident; deterring it was his achievement.

WHY IT WORKS

Deterring those ambitions names the action. Was finishes the second full thought.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: This turns the next thought into a badly connected description.

C: One comma cannot join two full thoughts.

D: The two full thoughts run together without a proper break.

Hack 05 · Lesson p. 25 · Practice p. 40 · 235c8338

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP B

Q078 · ANSWER D

Super Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

involved;

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

The state was agreed on; the exact location was disputed.

WHY IT WORKS

Both parts are full thoughts. The second shows a difference, not an explanation.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The next thought shows disagreement. It does not explain the first thought.

B: One comma cannot join these two full thoughts.

C: The two full thoughts run together with no joining mark.

Hack 05 · Lesson p. 25 · Practice p. 41 · 7e37affc

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP B

Q079 · ANSWER B

Super Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

content; in that era,

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Studios reused successful ideas; in that era, even similar shows attracted viewers.

WHY IT WORKS

Put the strong break before in that era. Add a comma after that short opening.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: Two full thoughts are joined only by commas.

C: The strong break before in that era is missing.

D: Commas cannot join the two full thoughts.

Hack 05 · Lesson p. 25 · Practice p. 41 · 3fee46f2

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP B

Q080 · ANSWER B

Super Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

age; built

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

The dating confirmed the age; built long ago, the city preceded the Olmec civilization.

WHY IT WORKS

Each side becomes a full thought. Built introduces a detail, but keep reading: the city preceded completes that side.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: One comma cannot join these two full thoughts.

C: The two full thoughts run together.

D: And built wrongly joins built to confirmed and does not create the needed break.

Hack 05 · Lesson p. 25 · Practice p. 41 · O1-M1Q20

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP B

Q081 · ANSWER D

FANBOYS Bridge Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

fibers, but

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Fibers are durable, but making them needs toxic chemicals.

WHY IT WORKS

The two full thoughts are joined by but. Put the comma before but.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: One comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

B: The comma before the joining word is missing.

C: The two full thoughts run together with no proper join.

Hack 06 · Lesson p. 27 · Practice p. 41 · 148be4da

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP B

Q082 · ANSWER B

FANBOYS Bridge Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

time, but

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Scientists thought the Sun was quiet, but the new finding suggests otherwise.

WHY IT WORKS

Each side has its own full thought. Use comma + but.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The comma before the joining word is missing.

C: One comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

D: The two full thoughts run together with no proper join.

Hack 06 · Lesson p. 27 · Practice p. 42 · 155239cf

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP B

Q083 · ANSWER C

FANBOYS Bridge Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

cricket, but

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

The game came from cricket, but it differs from cricket.

WHY IT WORKS

The comma goes before but, not after it.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A / B: The joining comma belongs before but, not after it.

D: The extra comma after but wrongly cuts it from the words it joins.

Hack 06 · Lesson p. 27 · Practice p. 42 · 8b002b08

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP B

Q084 · ANSWER A

FANBOYS Bridge Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

value, but

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Markings lower a book’s value, but some markings can be valuable.

WHY IT WORKS

Read past when the former owner ... to find the second main thought: markings can be a gold mine.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: The two full thoughts run together with no proper join.

C: One comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

D: The comma before the joining word is missing.

Hack 06 · Lesson p. 27 · Practice p. 42 · 70ced8dc

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP B

Q085 · ANSWER C

FANBOYS Bridge Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

century, but

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

The calculators were popular, but electronic ones replaced them.

WHY IT WORKS

But joins two full thoughts that show a difference.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The two full thoughts run together with no proper join.

B: One comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

D: That does not correctly join these two full thoughts.

Hack 06 · Lesson p. 27 · Practice p. 42 · 85b8b9c5

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP B

Q086 · ANSWER B

FANBOYS Bridge Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

skeptical, but

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Many people were skeptical, but historians found evidence.

WHY IT WORKS

Use a comma before but to join the full thoughts.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The comma before the joining word is missing.

C: One comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

D: The two full thoughts run together with no proper join.

Hack 06 · Lesson p. 27 · Practice p. 43 · 6b49f5f1

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP B

Q087 · ANSWER D

FANBOYS Bridge Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

world, but

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Golden Gate is long, but Tsing Ma is longer.

WHY IT WORKS

But shows the difference. The comma belongs before it.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The comma before the joining word is missing.

B: The extra comma after but wrongly cuts it from the words it joins.

C: One comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

Hack 06 · Lesson p. 27 · Practice p. 43 · b6de636f

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP B

Q088 · ANSWER B

FANBOYS Bridge Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

out, but

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

The theory explained the deaths, but it left a question unexplored.

WHY IT WORKS

It left begins the second full thought. Use comma + but.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The comma before the joining word is missing.

C: The two full thoughts run together with no proper join.

D: One comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

Hack 06 · Lesson p. 27 · Practice p. 43 · 9902d2de

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP B

Q089 · ANSWER D

FANBOYS Bridge Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

1680, and

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

He organized the revolt, and the colonizers were expelled.

WHY IT WORKS

Each part is complete. Use a comma before and.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The two full thoughts run together with no proper join.

B: The comma before the joining word is missing.

C: One comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

Hack 06 · Lesson p. 27 · Practice p. 43 · 083a35dc

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP B

Q090 · ANSWER A

FANBOYS Bridge Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

1950s, and

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

The exhibition set out to give an overview, and its efforts were successful.

WHY IT WORKS

Read past given the collection’s breadth. Its efforts were successful finishes the second thought.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: The comma before the joining word is missing.

C: The two full thoughts run together with no proper join.

D: One comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

Hack 06 · Lesson p. 27 · Practice p. 44 · aecdb820

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP B

Q091 · ANSWER B

FANBOYS Bridge Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

apiary, and

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

The couple made an apiary (a place for beehives), and they later acquired more lots.

WHY IT WORKS

Each side has its own main action and its own who.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: One comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

C: The comma before the joining word is missing.

D: The two full thoughts run together with no proper join.

Hack 06 · Lesson p. 27 · Practice p. 44 · 870ae7ec

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP B

Q092 · ANSWER D

FANBOYS Bridge Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

(Ru), but

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

They thought they could improve the alloy, but the result was unsuitable.

WHY IT WORKS

The parenthesis finishes Ru. The comma + but then joins the next full thought.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The two full thoughts run together with no proper join.

B: The comma before the joining word is missing.

C: One comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

Hack 06 · Lesson p. 27 · Practice p. 44 · b6560e5a

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP B

Q093 · ANSWER C

FANBOYS Bridge Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

paradox, and

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

The idea is a paradox, and research suggests it matters.

WHY IT WORKS

Each side has its own full thought. Join them with comma + and.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: One comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

B: The two full thoughts run together with no proper join.

D: The joining comma belongs before and, not after it.

Hack 06 · Lesson p. 27 · Practice p. 44 · a12e3b8a

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP B

Q094 · ANSWER A

FANBOYS Bridge Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Tribe, and

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

The museum was founded in 1931, and today it is the oldest of its kind.

WHY IT WORKS

Today belongs with the second thought. Comma + and joins the thoughts.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: The two full thoughts run together with no proper join.

C: The comma before the joining word is missing.

D: One comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

Hack 06 · Lesson p. 27 · Practice p. 45 · 59094d87

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP B

Q095 · ANSWER C

FANBOYS Bridge Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

New Mexico, and

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Larrazolo became governor, and later he became a senator.

WHY IT WORKS

The date phrases do not change the two full thoughts.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The comma before the joining word is missing.

B: One comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

D: The two full thoughts run together with no proper join.

Hack 06 · Lesson p. 27 · Practice p. 45 · 7ce4ee13

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP C

Q096 · ANSWER B

Wait, Then Comma Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

content,

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Because regolith is available and has oxygen, scientists have wondered ...

WHY IT WORKS

Because starts the waiting part. End that part with a comma.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A / D: The opening word already links the parts. Adding this joining word does not work here.

C: The comma after the whole waiting part is missing.

Hack 07 · Lesson p. 46 · Practice p. 53 · b35cefb7

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP C

Q097 · ANSWER B

Wait, Then Comma Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

asteroids, several

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Although most are asteroid fragments, some come from the Moon or Mars.

WHY IT WORKS

Although makes the first part unable to stand alone. Use a comma.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A / C / D: The opening waiting part cannot stand alone as a sentence.

Hack 07 · Lesson p. 46 · Practice p. 53 · 26c8c88c

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP C

Q098 · ANSWER C

Wait, Then Comma Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

lifelike,

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

While many seek lifelike graphics, others look to the past.

WHY IT WORKS

While already links the waiting part to the main thought. A comma finishes the opening.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A / D: The opening word already links the parts. Adding this joining word does not work here.

B: The comma after the whole waiting part is missing.

Hack 07 · Lesson p. 46 · Practice p. 53 · d75d57a0

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP C

Q099 · ANSWER C

Wait, Then Comma Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

not, aerobic

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

While one needs oxygen and one does not, both are forms of respiration.

WHY IT WORKS

While makes the opening part wait. Put a comma before the main thought.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The comma after the whole waiting part is missing.

B / D: The opening waiting part cannot stand alone as a sentence.

Hack 07 · Lesson p. 46 · Practice p. 53 · 333b2b65

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP C

Q100 · ANSWER D

Reason or Difference? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

decade, while

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

One fish lives about a decade, while another can live two centuries.

WHY IT WORKS

While shows a difference here. A comma joins this difference to the main thought.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The while part shows a difference; it is not the colon’s explanation.

B: While makes the next part depend on the first. It cannot stand alone here.

C: The while part is not a full sentence after a semicolon.

Hack 08 · Lesson p. 48 · Practice p. 54 · ce81d0b7

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP C

Q101 · ANSWER D

Reason or Difference? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

added whenever

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

A leap second is added whenever the two clocks differ enough.

WHY IT WORKS

Whenever tells us when to add it. Keep that needed time part attached.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: This comma cuts away the needed whenever part.

B: The whenever part is not a full sentence after a semicolon.

C: The whenever part is not a full sentence after a period.

Hack 08 · Lesson p. 48 · Practice p. 54 · cdbbbf94

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP C

Q102 · ANSWER B

Reason or Difference? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

South by

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Carver revolutionized farming by promoting crop rotation.

WHY IT WORKS

By promoting tells HOW he changed farming. Keep that needed connection together.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The comma unnecessarily separates the action from how he did it.

C: By promoting is not a full sentence after a semicolon.

D: This by phrase directly completes the action; it is not a separate colon explanation.

Hack 08 · Lesson p. 48 · Practice p. 54 · O2-M2Q20

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP C

Q103 · ANSWER C

Reason or Difference? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

discovered while

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

The team discovered the problem while analyzing studies.

WHY IT WORKS

While means during that activity. It stays with discovered.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: While analyzing is not a full sentence after a period.

B: While analyzing tells WHEN they discovered the problem. Keep it attached.

D: The while phrase directly tells when they discovered it; it is not a separate colon explanation.

Hack 08 · Lesson p. 48 · Practice p. 54 · MIA-M2Q16

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP C

Q104 · ANSWER C

Reason or Difference? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

discovered while

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

The team discovered the problem while analyzing studies.

WHY IT WORKS

While means during that activity. It stays with discovered.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The while phrase directly tells when they discovered it; it is not a separate colon explanation.

B: While analyzing tells WHEN they discovered the problem. Keep it attached.

D: While analyzing is not a full sentence after a period.

Hack 08 · Lesson p. 48 · Practice p. 55 · MUA-M1Q12

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP C

Q105 · ANSWER B

Extra Detail Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

(1947),

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

While filming the match, Howe used a moving camera.

WHY IT WORKS

The opening words tell when Howe did it. End that detail with a comma.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: And does not belong between this opening detail and its main thought.

C: And cannot take the place of the needed comma.

D: The comma after the opening detail is missing.

Hack 09 · Lesson p. 50 · Practice p. 55 · 91fbd59d

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP C

Q106 · ANSWER C

Extra Detail Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Erie, the

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

By linking the river and lake, the canal reduced time and cost.

WHY IT WORKS

The By part tells how. The canal reduced is the main thought.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The opening By part is not a full sentence.

B: This starts a parenthesis that is not properly closed.

D: The By part is not a full setup for a colon.

Hack 09 · Lesson p. 50 · Practice p. 55 · dddfa043

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP C

Q107 · ANSWER C

Extra Detail Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

classroom,

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Hoping to help families, Huerta left teaching.

WHY IT WORKS

Hoping ... tells us why she left. Put a comma before Huerta left.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: Hoping ... is not a full sentence before a period.

B: Hoping ... is not a full thought before a semicolon.

D: The comma after the opening detail is missing.

Hack 09 · Lesson p. 50 · Practice p. 55 · 9f0ac61d

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP C

Q108 · ANSWER D

Extra Detail Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

world,

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

A conceptual artist and designer, Mary Ping was chosen.

WHY IT WORKS

The opening words describe Mary Ping. Put a comma before her main thought.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The comma after the opening description is missing.

B: The opening description is not a full thought before a colon.

C: The opening description is not a full thought before a semicolon.

Hack 09 · Lesson p. 50 · Practice p. 56 · 5cc85f01

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP C

Q109 · ANSWER C

Extra Detail Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

energy collected by solar panels during the day,

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Powered with solar energy, the LEDs keep lions away.

WHY IT WORKS

The opening words describe the LEDs. Use one comma at the end of that description.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: Commas split energy collected by solar panels, and the needed final comma is missing.

B: The comma before the main thought is missing.

D: The comma after energy cuts apart words that belong together.

Hack 09 · Lesson p. 50 · Practice p. 56 · a427a52c

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP C

Q110 · ANSWER D

Extra Detail Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

windows, transitional

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

With old and new design elements, transitional design blends both.

WHY IT WORKS

Read through the examples. The opening With part ends before transitional design.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The With part is not a full sentence before a semicolon.

B: The opening With detail needs a comma before the main thought. This dash does not make the needed link.

C: The opening With part is not a full sentence.

Hack 09 · Lesson p. 50 · Practice p. 56 · 8a264a54

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP C

Q111 · ANSWER D

Extra Detail Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Stars, an

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

The story appears in Reclaim the Stars, an anthology.

WHY IT WORKS

An anthology tells us what the book is. Add that detail with a comma.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: An anthology ... is not a full sentence.

B: While does not work with this simple naming detail.

C: The added description needs a comma.

Hack 09 · Lesson p. 50 · Practice p. 56 · 486f03da

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP C

Q112 · ANSWER A

Extra Detail Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Act, which

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

The law changed, which gave engravers control.

WHY IT WORKS

Which adds information about the law. It does not start a new sentence here.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: Which ... cannot be a sentence by itself after the semicolon.

C: Which ... cannot be a sentence by itself after the period.

D: The passage needs comma + which to attach this extra information.

Hack 09 · Lesson p. 50 · Practice p. 57 · 667a0587

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP C

Q113 · ANSWER D

Extra Detail Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

fungi, producing

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Potter studied fungi, producing many paintings.

WHY IT WORKS

Producing tells us more about her work. It is not a new sentence.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: Producing ... is not a full sentence after a semicolon.

B: Producing ... is not a full sentence after a period.

C: A comma is needed before the added detail.

Hack 09 · Lesson p. 50 · Practice p. 57 · ac5536c1

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP C

Q114 · ANSWER C

Extra Detail Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

CE, making

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Cahokia had many people, making it a very large city.

WHY IT WORKS

Making it ... adds a result. It has no separate main action.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The added detail needs a comma.

B: Making it ... cannot be a sentence by itself.

D: Making it ... is not a full thought after a semicolon.

Hack 09 · Lesson p. 50 · Practice p. 57 · 8f6d6ae6

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP C

Q115 · ANSWER D

Extra Detail Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

movie, such

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Vents released smells in the movie, such as the scent of roses.

WHY IT WORKS

Such as gives an extra example. A comma introduces it.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The added example needs a comma.

B: Such as ... is not a full sentence after a semicolon.

C: Such as ... is not a full sentence after a period.

Hack 09 · Lesson p. 50 · Practice p. 57 · c21df211

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP C

Q116 · ANSWER C

Extra Detail Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

dance, showcasing

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

The dance joined two styles, showcasing their variety.

WHY IT WORKS

Showcasing adds a detail. It is not a new full thought.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: It showcased starts another full thought. One comma cannot join it.

B: Which showcased ... is not a complete sentence here.

D: Showcasing ... cannot stand alone as a sentence.

Hack 09 · Lesson p. 50 · Practice p. 58 · 8999c0c5

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP C

Q117 · ANSWER A

Extra Detail Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

soul,” positing

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Epicurus defined pleasure as an absence of trouble, positing that virtues came from it.

WHY IT WORKS

Positing means putting forward an idea. It adds a detail. The comma also belongs inside the closing quotation mark.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: Positing adds what Epicurus did. It is a describing detail here, so attach it with a comma, not a colon.

C: Positing ... is not a full sentence after a semicolon.

D: Positing ... cannot stand alone after a period.

Hack 09 · Lesson p. 50 · Practice p. 58 · fe41f258

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP C

Q118 · ANSWER C

Extra Detail Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

materialism,”

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Waid describes the characters as consumed by materialism, an apt assessment.

WHY IT WORKS

An apt assessment adds a comment about the statement. Attach it with a comma inside the closing quote.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: An apt assessment is not a new full thought to join with and.

B: And does not correctly attach this extra comment.

D: A comma is missing before the extra comment.

Hack 09 · Lesson p. 50 · Practice p. 58 · 3ed5ebb4

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP C

Q119 · ANSWER D

Extra Detail Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

writers, among

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Writers praised the poems, among them Teju Cole.

WHY IT WORKS

Among them names an example. It is extra detail, not a new sentence.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: Among them ... has no main action to make a sentence.

B: The extra detail needs a comma before among.

C: The words after the semicolon are not a full thought.

Hack 09 · Lesson p. 50 · Practice p. 58 · adf210e7

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP C

Q120 · ANSWER C

Extra Detail Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

protest, a decision that,

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

She chose a narrator, a decision that, by using their own voice, gave workers power.

WHY IT WORKS

Use one comma to add a decision. Use the next comma to open the by ... detail; its closing comma is already printed.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: A decision that ... is only a description here, not a full sentence.

B: A decision that ... cannot stand alone after a semicolon.

D: The first comma, before a decision, is missing.

Hack 09 · Lesson p. 50 · Practice p. 59 · e67f9967

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP C

Q121 · ANSWER B

Extra Detail Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

quilts, the

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

The portraits are quilts, the stitching barely visible.

WHY IT WORKS

The stitching barely visible adds a picture in words. It has no main verb such as is.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: After and, the stitching barely visible is still not a full thought.

C: The detail after the semicolon is not a full sentence.

D: The detail after the period is not a full sentence.

Hack 09 · Lesson p. 50 · Practice p. 59 · 62120607

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP C

Q122 · ANSWER D

Extra Detail Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

supposed, a

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

The discovery suggests an earlier meeting, a finding that could change theories.

WHY IT WORKS

A finding ... names the extra detail. It is not a new sentence.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: A finding that ... is not a full thought after a semicolon.

B: A finding that ... is not a full thought after a period.

C: The added detail needs a comma before a finding.

Hack 09 · Lesson p. 50 · Practice p. 59 · 0b005ae2

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP D

Q123 · ANSWER B

Which One? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

company that

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

a company that specializes in diverse stories

WHY IT WORKS

That attaches specializes ... to company. No comma belongs before it.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: A comma cannot replace the needed linking word that.

C: The needed word that is missing.

D: The comma cuts off the words that tell us which company is meant.

Hack 10 · Lesson p. 60 · Practice p. 66 · cabe71d4

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP D

Q124 · ANSWER B

Which One? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

scribbles that

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

scribbles that often incorporate words or phrases

WHY IT WORKS

That tells us more about which scribbles are meant. Keep it attached.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A / C / D: The mark cuts that away from the thing it describes.

Hack 10 · Lesson p. 60 · Practice p. 66 · d198997b

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP D

Q125 · ANSWER C

Which One? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

dependable

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

so dependable that it has become known as ...

WHY IT WORKS

Keep so ... that together. The last part tells the result.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A / B / D: This cuts the so ... that wording apart.

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP D

Q126 · ANSWER C

Which One? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

formation that some

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

a framework for pattern formation that some biologists believe can explain ...

WHY IT WORKS

That links the framework to the words telling what it can explain.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The comma cuts off the needed that description.

B: Some biologists believe can be used has no clear thing that can be used.

D: The words after the semicolon do not make a complete sentence.

Hack 10 · Lesson p. 60 · Practice p. 66 · 5ef9fc48

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP D

Q127 · ANSWER B

Which One? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

materials that Palma Rodríguez uses in his art

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

The materials that he uses ... highlight his background.

WHY IT WORKS

Keep that he uses with materials. Keep the whole who-or-what part beside highlight.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The comma cuts the materials and their description away from highlight.

C: One comma cuts off the needed description; the other cuts it away from highlight.

D: The comma cuts off the needed words that identify the materials.

Hack 10 · Lesson p. 60 · Practice p. 67 · 6181924a

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP D

Q128 · ANSWER A

Which One? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

club

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

a club that is the oldest ... and that has helped divers

WHY IT WORKS

Both that parts describe the club. Keep them attached.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: The comma cuts off the needed description.

C: The dash cuts off the needed description.

D: And turns the that wording into awkward separate thoughts.

Hack 10 · Lesson p. 60 · Practice p. 67 · 603755a5

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP D

Q129 · ANSWER C

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

that,

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

compounds that, among their many roles, provide pigment

WHY IT WORKS

The comma after roles is already there. Add the opening comma after that.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: A dash cannot pair with the printed closing comma.

B: A semicolon cannot open this comma pair.

D: A colon cannot open this comma pair.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 62 · Practice p. 67 · 60713427

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP D

Q130 · ANSWER B

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Swentzell,

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

The arrangement, according to Swentzell, represents her idea

WHY IT WORKS

According to Swentzell is the extra detail. The first comma is already printed.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The closing comma is missing.

C: A colon cannot close this comma pair.

D: A dash does not match the opening comma.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 62 · Practice p. 67 · b0a525be

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP D

Q131 · ANSWER B

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

movement, which

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

The movement, which is known as Brownian motion, can be observed

WHY IT WORKS

The which detail is extra. The closing comma is already printed; add its opening comma.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: A colon cannot open this comma pair.

C: The opening comma is missing.

D: Which ... is a description here, not a new sentence.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 62 · Practice p. 68 · ea8f4658

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP D

Q132 · ANSWER D

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

village, tells

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

The novel, which takes place in an Alaskan village, tells the story

WHY IT WORKS

Close the which detail with a comma. Then novel connects to tells.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The first part never reaches its main action, and Tells starts without its who-or-what.

B: The extra detail has no closing comma.

C: A colon cannot close this comma pair.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 62 · Practice p. 68 · 72b3db98

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP D

Q133 · ANSWER D

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

carbon-13 (^{13}C),

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

a rare carbon isotope, carbon-13 (^{13}C), due to ...

WHY IT WORKS

Carbon-13 (^{13}C) is the extra name. Close it with a comma to match the comma after isotope.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The comma is inside the extra name, and its closing comma is missing.

B: The closing comma after the extra name is missing.

C: The extra comma before (^{13}C) splits the name unnecessarily.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 62 · Practice p. 68 · 74ce2f05

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP D

Q134 · ANSWER C

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

nutrients,

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Photosynthesis, the mechanism ... nutrients, is fueled ...

WHY IT WORKS

The comma after Photosynthesis opens the extra detail. Add the matching comma before is fueled.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The extra detail has no closing comma.

B: And cannot close the extra detail.

D: A dash cannot close an extra detail opened with a comma.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 62 · Practice p. 68 · 7f48b098

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP D

Q135 · ANSWER B

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

taxation,

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

a system that, through trade and taxation, funded projects

WHY IT WORKS

The extra words tell how it was funded. Close the comma pair after taxation.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: A colon cannot close the comma pair.

C: A dash cannot close the comma pair.

D: The extra detail has no closing comma.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 62 · Practice p. 69 · 77e06a09

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP D

Q136 · ANSWER A

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

estimates)

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

housed residents (as many as 200,000, by some estimates) in apartments

WHY IT WORKS

The opening parenthesis needs its matching). Then the main thought continues.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: The extra comma after) wrongly cuts housed its residents from in apartments.

C: A dash cannot close a parenthesis.

D: The closing parenthesis is missing.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 62 · Practice p. 69 · 1aa3f174

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP D

Q137 · ANSWER C

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

sisters,

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

The novel, a fictionalized account of the sisters, can serve ...

WHY IT WORKS

The extra book description needs its closing comma before can serve.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The comma closes the detail, but and wrongly separates the novel from can serve.

B: And does not close the detail or connect the sentence correctly.

D: The extra detail has no closing comma.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 62 · Practice p. 69 · a3e87535

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP D

Q138 · ANSWER B

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

1804,

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

The 12th amendment, ratified in 1804, separated the elections

WHY IT WORKS

The comma after amendment opens the detail. Match it after 1804.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: A dash does not match the opening comma.

C: A colon does not close a comma pair.

D: The extra detail has no closing comma.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 62 · Practice p. 69 · cfe23776

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP D

Q139 · ANSWER C

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

method, called

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Their method, called ELISA (enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay), is used ...

WHY IT WORKS

Called ELISA is an extra name. A closing comma is printed after the parenthesis.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The added opening parenthesis has no matching closing parenthesis.

B: A dash cannot pair with the printed closing comma.

D: The opening comma before called is missing.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 62 · Practice p. 70 · c8540a5b

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP D

Q140 · ANSWER C

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

falsework,

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

These supports, a system known as falsework, were removed

WHY IT WORKS

The comma after supports opens the extra name. Close it after falsework.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: A semicolon cannot close the comma pair.

B: The closing comma is missing.

D: A colon cannot close the comma pair.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 62 · Practice p. 70 · 8790d061

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP D

Q141 · ANSWER B

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

and, in the process,

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

alter the particles and, in the process, dismantle information

WHY IT WORKS

In the process is the extra detail. Put one comma on each side.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The opening comma before in is missing.

C: The dash does not have a matching opener.

D: The closing comma after process is missing.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 62 · Practice p. 70 · fdb16e20

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP D

Q142 · ANSWER A

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Bahrain—a

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

the constitution of Bahrain — a country in Western Asia — is longer

WHY IT WORKS

The dash after Asia is already printed. Match it after Bahrain.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: A comma does not match the closing dash.

C: The opening dash is missing.

D: A colon does not match the closing dash.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 62 · Practice p. 70 · f2eaaf5d

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP D

Q143 · ANSWER D

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

chloroplasts—

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

chloroplasts — the cellular organs ... — reshuffled

WHY IT WORKS

A dash is already printed after from light. Match it with a dash after chloroplasts.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The extra detail has no opening mark.

B: A semicolon does not match the printed closing dash.

C: A comma does not match the printed closing dash.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 62 · Practice p. 71 · 7f226b4b

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP D

Q144 · ANSWER D

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

cephalopods—ocean dwellers that include the squid, the octopus, and the cuttlefish—

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

cephalopods — ocean dwellers ... cuttlefish — have a special ability

WHY IT WORKS

The whole ocean dwellers detail fits between two dashes. The main thought is cephalopods have an ability.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The extra detail opens with a comma but never closes.

B: The second dash comes too soon; the last comma does not fix the extra detail.

C: The colon splits include from its list. The commas around the larger list also make its edges unclear.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 62 · Practice p. 71 · 2b512e65

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP D

Q145 · ANSWER A

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

stratigraphy—the

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

stratigraphy — the analysis of Earth’s layers — to estimate the age

WHY IT WORKS

The dash after (strata) is printed. Add the matching dash after stratigraphy.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: A parenthesis cannot pair with a dash.

C: A colon cannot pair with a dash.

D: A comma cannot pair with a dash.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 62 · Practice p. 71 · ace95f84

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP D

Q146 · ANSWER C

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Springs—to

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

through the earth — in this case, the rocks ... — to collect in a basin

WHY IT WORKS

Close the detail about the rocks. Match the dash after earth.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The closing dash is missing.

B: A colon does not match the opening dash.

D: A comma does not match the opening dash.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 62 · Practice p. 71 · 432b1ede

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP D

Q147 · ANSWER D

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

prose—

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Her book — a combination of fiction and memoir, poetry and prose — serves ...

WHY IT WORKS

The dash after the book’s title opens the detail. Close it after prose.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: A semicolon cannot close the dash pair.

B: The closing dash is missing.

C: A comma does not match the opening dash.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 62 · Practice p. 72 · 40c3589d

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP D

Q148 · ANSWER B

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

cooperation—this

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

that — assuming the installers’ cooperation — this practice can help

WHY IT WORKS

A dash already comes after that. Close the extra assuming detail with another dash.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: A comma does not match the opening dash.

C: A colon does not match the opening dash.

D: The closing dash is missing.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 62 · Practice p. 72 · 12013e06

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP D

Q149 · ANSWER A

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

models—which

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

models — which assume people are rational — cannot explain

WHY IT WORKS

The printed dash after decision-makers closes the extra detail. Add its opening dash.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: The opening comma does not match the closing dash.

C: The opening dash is missing.

D: The opening dash goes after models, not after which.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 62 · Practice p. 72 · 626a1642

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP D

Q150 · ANSWER D

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Ecuador)—

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

three territories — New Granada, Venezuela, and Quito (Ecuador) — from colonial rule

WHY IT WORKS

First close the parenthesis. Then close the dash pair.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The comma is inside the parenthesis, and the closing dash is missing.

B: The closing parenthesis is present, but the closing dash is missing.

C: A comma cannot close the dash pair.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 62 · Practice p. 72 · 83898524

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP D

Q151 · ANSWER B

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

described, from hair to grass to sculptures—

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

photographs — both the people and their items, from hair to sculptures — to powerful effect

WHY IT WORKS

The first comma adds the examples. The final dash matches the dash after photographs.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The closing dash after sculptures is missing.

C: The dash is put in the middle of the extra detail; the final comma cannot close it.

D: The colon does not separate these details correctly, and the closing dash is missing.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 62 · Practice p. 73 · 6e071432

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP D

Q152 · ANSWER C

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

vibrato—

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

her abilities — acquiring control of timbre, pitch, dynamics, and vibrato — she earned ...

WHY IT WORKS

The first dash opens the long skill description. Close it after vibrato.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: A colon does not match the opening dash.

B: A comma does not match the opening dash.

D: The closing dash is missing.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 62 · Practice p. 73 · aacddbd8

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP D

Q153 · ANSWER B

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Culture—

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

The festival — or FESTAC ’77, as it was known — became the largest event

WHY IT WORKS

The printed dash after known closes the extra name. Add the opening dash after Culture.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: A colon does not match the closing dash.

C: A comma does not match the closing dash.

D: The opening dash is missing.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 62 · Practice p. 73 · 109d5bbb

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP D

Q154 · ANSWER B

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

box—

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

The modifications—adding a sole and toe box—began the modernization.

WHY IT WORKS

The first dash opens the extra detail. The answer must close it with another dash.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: A colon cannot close the opening dash.

C: A comma cannot close the opening dash.

D: The extra detail has no closing dash.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 62 · Practice p. 73 · O1-M1Q17

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP D

Q155 · ANSWER C

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

operators, recognizing

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Experienced operators, recognizing the first considerations, learn to balance the factors.

WHY IT WORKS

Operators learn is the main thought. The two commas hold the extra recognizing detail.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: Experienced operators is not a full thought before a semicolon.

B: Recognize creates another main action without a proper link to learn.

D: Can recognize creates another main action without a proper link to learn.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 62 · Practice p. 74 · O1-M2Q17

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP D

Q156 · ANSWER A

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Robin”—a technique that,

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Vidler layered the music—a technique that, by changing the notes, creates a bluesy effect.

WHY IT WORKS

The dash adds the technique. Inside that detail, two commas hold by inserting ... framework together.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: A technique that creates ... is a description, not a full sentence after a semicolon.

C: The comma before creates has no matching opening comma before by inserting.

D: A technique that creates ... has no main action of its own after the period.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 62 · Practice p. 74 · O1-M2Q20

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP D

Q157 · ANSWER D

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Robin”—a technique that,

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Vidler layered the music—a technique that, by changing the notes, creates a bluesy effect.

WHY IT WORKS

The dash adds the technique. Inside that detail, two commas hold by inserting ... framework together.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The comma before creates has no matching opening comma before by inserting.

B: A technique that creates ... has no main action of its own after the period.

C: A technique that creates ... is a description, not a full sentence after a semicolon.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 62 · Practice p. 74 · O2-M2Q19

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP D

Q158 · ANSWER C

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Robin”—a technique that,

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Vidler layered the music—a technique that, by changing the notes, creates a bluesy effect.

WHY IT WORKS

The dash adds the technique. Inside that detail, two commas hold by inserting ... framework together.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The comma before creates has no matching opening comma before by inserting.

B: A technique that creates ... has no main action of its own after the period.

D: A technique that creates ... is a description, not a full sentence after a semicolon.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 62 · Practice p. 74 · O3-M2Q20

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP D

Q159 · ANSWER D

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Susana Martinez—

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Susana Martinez—the first woman in that role—took office.

WHY IT WORKS

The dash already printed before took closes the detail. Add an opening dash.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: A colon does not match the closing dash.

B: The extra detail has no opening mark.

C: A comma does not match the closing dash.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 62 · Practice p. 75 · DA-M1Q21

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP D

Q160 · ANSWER B

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

system, the Delhi Metro,

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

The city opened its system, the Delhi Metro, in that year.

WHY IT WORKS

The system name is an extra detail in the middle. Open and close it with commas.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The extra name has a closing comma but no opening comma.

C: The colon is not a matching pair around the extra system name.

D: The extra name has an opening comma but no closing comma.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 62 · Practice p. 75 · DB-M1Q19

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP D

Q161 · ANSWER D

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

system, the Dalian Metro,

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

The city opened its system, the Dalian Metro, in that year.

WHY IT WORKS

The system name is an extra detail in the middle. Open and close it with commas.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The colon is not a matching pair around the extra system name.

B: The extra name has a closing comma but no opening comma.

C: The extra name has an opening comma but no closing comma.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 62 · Practice p. 75 · DC-M1Q18

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP D

Q162 · ANSWER C

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

material—to

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Soboleff uses red cedar—a durable and flexible material—to craft baskets.

WHY IT WORKS

The extra material description starts with a dash. Close it with another dash.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: A colon cannot close the opening dash.

B: A semicolon cannot close the opening dash.

D: A period cannot close the opening dash, and To craft baskets is a fragment.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 62 · Practice p. 75 · S-M2Q19

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP D

Q163 · ANSWER A

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

coalition—

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

The lions of the Mapogo coalition—including these three lions—thrived.

WHY IT WORKS

The printed dash after Makhulu closes the names. Add an opening dash before including.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: A comma cannot match the closing dash.

C: The extra detail has no opening mark.

D: A semicolon cannot match the closing dash.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 62 · Practice p. 76 · S-M2Q20

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP D

Q164 · ANSWER B

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

time,

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Angell’s reputation, bolstered by essays, has overshadowed his editing career.

WHY IT WORKS

Reputation has overshadowed is the main thought. The commas hold the extra detail.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: Was creates a second main action and leaves the extra detail without its opening comma.

C: Had been creates a second main action and misses the opening comma.

D: The comma is useful, but was adds an unwanted main action.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 62 · Practice p. 76 · MIB-M2Q18

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP D

Q165 · ANSWER A

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

(65 mya)—

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

The five prior events—the five names and dates—all predate us.

WHY IT WORKS

The list of names is extra information inside a dash pair. Close the pair after the last date.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: A semicolon cannot close the opening dash.

C: The opening dash has no matching closing dash.

D: A comma cannot close the opening dash.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 62 · Practice p. 76 · MIB-M2Q21

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP D

Q166 · ANSWER C

Job + Name Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

researchers Roberto Scandone and Christopher Kilburn

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

researchers Roberto Scandone and Christopher Kilburn

WHY IT WORKS

Researchers is the job label. The two names tell us who.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A / B / D: The extra commas split the job-and-name group or split the two-name pair.

Hack 12 · Lesson p. 63 · Practice p. 76 · fcaff694

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP D

Q167 · ANSWER C

Job + Name Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Entomologist Heather Grab

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Entomologist Heather Grab found ...

WHY IT WORKS

Entomologist is the job. Heather Grab is the name. Keep them together, then connect them to found.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The colon cuts Heather Grab away from found.

B: The commas separate the job from the name that identifies the person.

D: The comma cuts the name away from found.

Hack 12 · Lesson p. 63 · Practice p. 77 · 960dec02

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP D

Q168 · ANSWER A

Job + Name Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

professor Yugang Sun

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

chemistry professor Yugang Sun and his colleagues developed ...

WHY IT WORKS

Keep professor Yugang Sun together. Sun and his colleagues form one who group.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: The comma splits the two parts of the who group.

C: The commas cut the job away from the name and split the who group.

D: The comma cuts professor away from Yugang Sun.

Hack 12 · Lesson p. 63 · Practice p. 77 · 4dcedc31

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP D

Q169 · ANSWER D

Job + Name Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

compound aluminum oxide

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

the chemical compound aluminum oxide

WHY IT WORKS

The name aluminum oxide tells us which compound. No commas are needed around it.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A / B / C: This separates the compound label from its needed name.

Hack 12 · Lesson p. 63 · Practice p. 77 · 59a246dc

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP D

Q170 · ANSWER C

Job + Name Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

linguist Diane Massam

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

linguist Diane Massam

WHY IT WORKS

Linguist is the job. Diane Massam tells us which linguist.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A / B / D: The mark cuts the job away from the needed name.

Hack 12 · Lesson p. 63 · Practice p. 77 · 80aa7690

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP D

Q171 · ANSWER B

Job + Name Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

artist

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

portrait artist Marie-Denise Villers

WHY IT WORKS

Artist is the job. Marie-Denise Villers is the name.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A / C / D: The mark cuts the job away from the needed name.

Hack 12 · Lesson p. 63 · Practice p. 78 · fa36d803

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP D

Q172 · ANSWER B

Job + Name Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

geologist

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

American geologist Marie Tharp

WHY IT WORKS

Geologist tells her job. Marie Tharp tells who.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A / C / D: The mark cuts the job away from the needed name.

Hack 12 · Lesson p. 63 · Practice p. 78 · 594b4a94

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP D

Q173 · ANSWER C

Job + Name Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

biologist Yuree Lee

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

plant cell biologist Yuree Lee showed ...

WHY IT WORKS

Keep the job and name together. Then keep the name beside showed.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The comma cuts biologist away from Yuree Lee.

B: The comma cuts Yuree Lee away from showed.

D: Both commas split parts that need to stay together.

Hack 12 · Lesson p. 63 · Practice p. 78 · 5aae2475

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP D

Q174 · ANSWER C

Job + Name Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

critic Stina Chyn claims

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

critic Stina Chyn claims “expanded ...”

WHY IT WORKS

Keep critic Stina Chyn together. The quoted words also fit into the sentence; do not cut them away with a comma.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The commas separate the job critic from the needed name.

B: The commas split the job and name, then cut off the words in the quote.

D: The commas split the name from claims and cut off the quoted words.

Hack 12 · Lesson p. 63 · Practice p. 78 · 0a114526

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP D

Q175 · ANSWER D

Job + Name Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

playwright Wakako Yamauchi

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

playwright Wakako Yamauchi compares ...

WHY IT WORKS

Keep the job and name together. Connect them to compares.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The commas cut the job, name, and action apart.

B: The comma cuts the job away from the name.

C: The comma cuts the name away from compares.

Hack 12 · Lesson p. 63 · Practice p. 79 · 6d4b2e1e

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP D

Q176 · ANSWER D

Job + Name Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

nations Chile

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

fellow OECD nations Chile and Luxembourg

WHY IT WORKS

The two country names tell us which nations. Keep the label and names together.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A / B / C: The mark cuts nations away from the names that identify them.

Hack 12 · Lesson p. 63 · Practice p. 79 · 78e978b5

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP D

Q177 · ANSWER B

Job + Name Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

artists Thomas Hart Benton and Jackson Pollock

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

artists Thomas Hart Benton and Jackson Pollock were featured

WHY IT WORKS

The two names identify the artists. Keep that group together and beside were featured.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The colon cuts the job from the names; the comma cuts the group from were featured.

C: The commas split the two-name pair and cut it from were featured.

D: The comma cuts artists away from the names.

Hack 12 · Lesson p. 63 · Practice p. 79 · d4fe8f03

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP D

Q178 · ANSWER B

Job + Name Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

student Roger Bannister

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

an English medical student Roger Bannister who ran the first sub-four-minute mile

WHY IT WORKS

The job and name identify the same person. Keep student Roger Bannister together; who ran stays with that person.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The comma separates the job from the needed name.

C: The comma unnecessarily cuts away who ran from the person it identifies.

D: The two commas treat the needed name as an extra interruption.

Hack 12 · Lesson p. 63 · Practice p. 79 · DB-M1Q17

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP E

Q179 · ANSWER B

List Colon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

periods: the

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Historians divide the past into three periods: the Old, Middle, and New Kingdoms.

WHY IT WORKS

The setup is a full thought. The colon introduces the list of three periods.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The list after The is not a full sentence.

C: The list is not a full thought to join with a semicolon.

D: This list already has commas inside it. A colon clearly marks where the whole list begins.

Hack 13 · Lesson p. 80 · Practice p. 86 · c3397d25

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP E

Q180 · ANSWER A

List Colon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

threefold: to

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

The goals were threefold: to join the talks, to serve, and to defend rights.

WHY IT WORKS

Threefold means three parts. The setup is finished; the colon introduces those three goals.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: The list of goals is not a full sentence.

C: The list needs a mark to introduce it.

D: The list of goals is not a full sentence after a semicolon.

Hack 13 · Lesson p. 80 · Practice p. 86 · da53d726

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP E

Q181 · ANSWER B

List Colon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Earth: at 41 light-years away,

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

The method found distant planets: at 41 light-years away, one planet; at 60, another ...

WHY IT WORKS

The colon introduces the whole list. The comma after away ends the first item’s opening distance detail.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The colon comes after a distance detail instead of introducing the whole list.

C: One comma does not clearly separate the setup from this complex list.

D: The list needs a clear starting mark after Earth, before the distance details.

Hack 13 · Lesson p. 80 · Practice p. 86 · e7afd0a1

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP E

Q182 · ANSWER C

List Colon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

threefold: to

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

The purpose was threefold: to entertain, to reflect beliefs, and to build thinking skills.

WHY IT WORKS

Threefold means three parts. Finish that full setup, then use a colon to introduce the list.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The list needs a mark after the completed setup.

B: To provide ... is a list of purposes, not a full sentence after a period.

D: The list after the semicolon is not a full sentence.

Hack 13 · Lesson p. 80 · Practice p. 86 · O1-M2Q16

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP E

Q183 · ANSWER D

Here It Is! Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

music: the flute. A

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

They added another instrument: the flute. A quiet instrument, it became audible.

WHY IT WORKS

The colon names the instrument. The period then starts the next full sentence.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: Commas do not clearly introduce the instrument and separate the next full thought.

B: The first sentence ends, but the next two naming details run together.

C: After the semicolon, the flute, a quiet instrument ... does not connect correctly to its full thought.

Hack 14 · Lesson p. 82 · Practice p. 87 · 3a2d77d7

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP E

Q184 · ANSWER B

Here It Is! Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

dislodge, in part due to its sheer size:

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

The ship was hard to move, partly because of its size: it weighed as much as 2,000 whales.

WHY IT WORKS

The comma adds the size detail. The colon introduces the weight that explains it.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: One comma cannot join the two full thoughts.

C: The comma before it’s cannot join the two full thoughts.

D: This leaves no proper break before the full thought it’s as heavy ...

Hack 14 · Lesson p. 82 · Practice p. 87 · 435809d8

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP E

Q185 · ANSWER D

Here It Is! Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

high on:

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

They scored high on one trait: openness to experience.

WHY IT WORKS

The setup is complete. The colon tells us which trait it was.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: On openness to experience cannot be a sentence by itself.

B: Openness to experience is not a full sentence after a semicolon.

C: The added name needs a mark to introduce it.

Hack 14 · Lesson p. 82 · Practice p. 87 · fba5d8d1

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP E

Q186 · ANSWER A

Here It Is! Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

varied:

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

The number of jams varied: some shoppers had 24 options, others only 6.

WHY IT WORKS

The part after the colon explains varied. It tells us how the number changed.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: One comma does not properly join the setup to this explanation.

C: While suggests a difference. These numbers explain varied instead.

D: While suggests two things happening at the same time. Here, the numbers tell us how the jams varied.

Hack 14 · Lesson p. 82 · Practice p. 87 · e76e74e8

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP E

Q187 · ANSWER B

Here It Is! Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

spectrum:

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

The painting uses the whole color spectrum: the swimmer and water have rainbow colors.

WHY IT WORKS

The next full thought explains how the painting uses the spectrum.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The two full thoughts run together.

C: While does not correctly join this setup to the next full thought.

D: A comma and while do not correctly attach this explanation.

Hack 14 · Lesson p. 82 · Practice p. 88 · 6fac7f45

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP E

Q188 · ANSWER A

Here It Is! Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

extensive: a

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

The effort had become something more extensive: a network of committees.

WHY IT WORKS

The setup is finished. The colon tells us what it had become.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: A network … is not a full sentence after a semicolon.

C: It was starts a new full thought. One comma cannot join it to the first.

D: A network … cannot stand alone as a sentence.

Hack 14 · Lesson p. 82 · Practice p. 88 · e9aee0d8

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP E

Q189 · ANSWER C

Here It Is! Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

emerged:

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Different strategies emerged: one method spread in one region, another elsewhere.

WHY IT WORKS

The entire next part explains which different strategies emerged.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The two full thoughts run together.

B: And lacks the comma needed to join these longer full thoughts.

D: One comma cannot join the two full thoughts.

Hack 14 · Lesson p. 82 · Practice p. 88 · 9579581e

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP E

Q190 · ANSWER C

Here It Is! Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

photosynthesis:

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Light affects photosynthesis: more light speeds up the reaction.

WHY IT WORKS

The next thought explains how light changes the process.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: And lacks the comma needed to join these longer full thoughts.

B: One comma cannot join the two full thoughts.

D: The two full thoughts run together.

Hack 14 · Lesson p. 82 · Practice p. 88 · 9d4a701b

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP E

Q191 · ANSWER B

Here It Is! Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

continents: geological

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

The study offers an explanation: geological structures called arcs.

WHY IT WORKS

The colon introduces what the new explanation is.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The explanation has no mark to introduce it.

C: Geological structures ... is a naming group, not a full sentence.

D: Geological structures ... cannot stand as a sentence here.

Hack 14 · Lesson p. 82 · Practice p. 89 · f30a478e

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP E

Q192 · ANSWER D

Here It Is! Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

indiscriminate:

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Goats are indiscriminate: they eat all kinds of plants.

WHY IT WORKS

The next thought explains indiscriminate: goats do not choose carefully.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: And needs a comma before it to join these longer full thoughts.

B: One comma cannot join two full thoughts.

C: The two full thoughts run together.

Hack 14 · Lesson p. 82 · Practice p. 89 · 8772475b

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP E

Q193 · ANSWER A

Here It Is! Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

new: sequencing

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

The team tried something new: sequencing dental-plaque DNA.

WHY IT WORKS

Something new finishes the setup. The colon names the new method.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: Sequencing … is a naming group here, not a full sentence.

C: The colon after sequencing cuts that action away from its answer: the DNA.

D: Sequencing … cannot stand alone as a sentence here.

Hack 14 · Lesson p. 82 · Practice p. 89 · c101fc44

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP E

Q194 · ANSWER D

Here It Is! Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

plant:

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

The team examined two varieties: TN57 and TN66.

WHY IT WORKS

The colon introduces the names of the two varieties.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A / B: The two names and their descriptions are not a full sentence.

C: The names need a clear mark to introduce them.

Hack 14 · Lesson p. 82 · Practice p. 89 · c468db1c

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP E

Q195 · ANSWER D

Here It Is! Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

functions:

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Cells develop different functions: the genome holds DNA, while the epigenome controls its use.

WHY IT WORKS

Read the whole next part. It explains the different functions.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The setup and explanation run together.

B: One comma cannot join these two full thoughts.

C: And, does not correctly join the setup to this explanation.

Hack 14 · Lesson p. 82 · Practice p. 90 · bb4557cf

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP E

Q196 · ANSWER A

Here It Is! Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

food:

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Researchers found why the worms move that way: the field points away from their food.

WHY IT WORKS

The words after the colon explain why the worms move in that direction.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: One comma cannot join the two full thoughts.

C: While does not make the needed link to this full explanation.

D: The setup and explanation run together.

Hack 14 · Lesson p. 82 · Practice p. 90 · 2c4cd76d

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP E

Q197 · ANSWER B

Here It Is! Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

age: built

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

The dating confirmed the site’s age: built long ago, the city preceded the Olmec civilization.

WHY IT WORKS

The first thought is complete. The next part explains what the dating showed about the age.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: One comma cannot join the two full thoughts.

C: And built wrongly connects built to confirmed and misses the sentence break.

D: The two full thoughts run together.

Hack 14 · Lesson p. 82 · Practice p. 90 · O2-M1Q21

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP E

Q198 · ANSWER B

Here It Is! Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

ancestor: mexicana, a

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

The genes trace to a second ancestor: mexicana, a highland subspecies.

WHY IT WORKS

The setup is complete. The colon names the second ancestor, then the comma adds a description.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: Mexicana, a highland subspecies ... is not a full sentence after a semicolon.

C: The name and extra description need clear punctuation.

D: A highland subspecies ... is not a full sentence after a period.

Hack 14 · Lesson p. 82 · Practice p. 90 · MIB-M1Q18

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP E

Q199 · ANSWER C

Here It Is! Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

mediated:

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

The process is electrically mediated: when mites move, electricity pulls them to the bird.

WHY IT WORKS

The full thought before the colon is finished. The next part explains HOW the electrical process works.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: One comma cannot join the two full thoughts.

B: The two full thoughts run together.

D: Joining the two full thoughts with and needs a comma before and.

Hack 14 · Lesson p. 82 · Practice p. 91 · MIB-M1Q19

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP E

Q200 · ANSWER C

Here It Is! Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

1642:

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Contrast one country with the other: the second has little spoken Spanish today.

WHY IT WORKS

The first sentence is a command: Contrast .... The colon introduces the explanation of that contrast.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: One comma cannot join the two full thoughts.

B: Joining these longer full thoughts with and needs a comma before and.

D: The two full thoughts have no proper break.

Hack 14 · Lesson p. 82 · Practice p. 91 · MUB-M2Q19

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP E

Q201 · ANSWER D

Ta-Da Dash Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

name—

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

A statue was placed in the location that inspired the name—Gangnam District.

WHY IT WORKS

The setup is complete. The dash introduces the place’s name.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: Gangnam District ... is not a full sentence after a semicolon.

B: Gangnam District ... is not a full sentence after a period.

C: The added place name needs a mark to introduce it.

Hack 15 · Lesson p. 83 · Practice p. 91 · 92f309b2

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP E

Q202 · ANSWER D

Ta-Da Dash Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

empowerment—not only in India

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

They promoted women’s empowerment—not only in India but also around the world.

WHY IT WORKS

The dash introduces where the effort reached. Keep not only ... but also ... together as one pair.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The second dash wrongly closes the detail before but also finishes it.

B: The comma splits the short not only ... but also ... pair.

C: The commas break up that pair and treat only its first half as extra.

Hack 15 · Lesson p. 83 · Practice p. 91 · MIB-M2Q20

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP F

Q203 · ANSWER C

However Is Not But Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

ones; even so,

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Technology usually moves forward; even so, old technology can return.

WHY IT WORKS

Even so introduces the surprising second thought. Put the semicolon before it.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: Even so is attached to the wrong thought. The surprising point comes after it.

B: The sentence break before even so is missing.

D: Commas around even so cannot join two full thoughts.

Hack 16 · Lesson p. 92 · Practice p. 99 · 548f4956

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP F

Q204 · ANSWER D

However Is Not But Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

prey; rather,

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

The spider does not seem hidden; rather, it seems easy to see.

WHY IT WORKS

Rather introduces what we see instead. It belongs with the second thought.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: Commas around rather cannot join two full thoughts.

B: The sentence break before rather is missing.

C: Rather is attached to the wrong thought. It introduces the next idea.

Hack 16 · Lesson p. 92 · Practice p. 99 · ad046778

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP F

Q205 · ANSWER C

However Is Not But Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

moved; for example,

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Horsepower measures weight moved; for example, one unit can lift a certain weight.

WHY IT WORKS

For example starts the next full thought. Use a semicolon before it.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: Commas around for example cannot join two full thoughts.

B: One comma cannot join two full thoughts.

D: The two full thoughts run together.

Hack 16 · Lesson p. 92 · Practice p. 99 · a5079e0d

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP F

Q206 · ANSWER C

However Is Not But Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

novel; rather,

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Saville is not the main character; rather, she is the reason for the letters.

WHY IT WORKS

Rather means instead here. It belongs with the second full thought.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The full thoughts run together.

B: One comma cannot join the two full thoughts.

D: Commas around rather cannot join two full thoughts.

Hack 16 · Lesson p. 92 · Practice p. 99 · a9e5b788

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP F

Q207 · ANSWER B

Comma Sandwich Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

newts, for

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

In a JSON file about newts, for instance, you could find a species key.

WHY IT WORKS

For instance is an extra phrase. Take it out: In a JSON file ... you could find ... still works.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The words before the period are only an opening detail, not a full sentence.

C: The words before the colon are not a full setup.

D: The opening detail is not a full sentence before a semicolon.

Hack 17 · Lesson p. 94 · Practice p. 100 · 82a76537

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP F

Q208 · ANSWER A

Comma Sandwich Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

work, though,

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

To create the warmth of her work, though, she sometimes uses paint.

WHY IT WORKS

Though is an extra word. The comma after work and the comma after though hold it.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: The closing comma after though is missing.

C: The opening To ... part is not a full sentence before the semicolon.

D: The words before the semicolon are still only an opening detail.

Hack 17 · Lesson p. 94 · Practice p. 100 · e3c1b4f7

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP F

Q209 · ANSWER C

Comma Sandwich Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

nickname, however,

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Scott-Heron resisted the nickname, however, feeling it did not fit.

WHY IT WORKS

However is extra. Feeling ... adds a detail, not a new full thought.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The comma after however is missing.

B: Feeling ... is not a full sentence after a semicolon.

D: However, feeling ... is not a full sentence after a semicolon.

Hack 17 · Lesson p. 94 · Practice p. 100 · 1ee4485c

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP F

Q210 · ANSWER B

Comma Sandwich Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

observation, however,

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

They want direct observation, however, recommending a way to get it.

WHY IT WORKS

However is extra. Recommending ... adds a detail about what they suggest.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: However, recommending ... is not a full sentence after a semicolon.

C: However, recommending ... is not a full sentence after a period.

D: Recommending ... is not a full sentence after a semicolon.

Hack 17 · Lesson p. 94 · Practice p. 100 · 5cc69ee1

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP F

Q211 · ANSWER A

Comma Sandwich Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

1890, for example,

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Wyoming gained statehood in 1890, for example, while eastern states waited.

WHY IT WORKS

For example is a short extra phrase. Commas hold it. While then introduces the difference.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: The while part shows a difference; this colon does not introduce an explanation.

C: While makes the next part dependent. It cannot stand alone after a semicolon.

D: For example, while ... still cannot stand alone after a semicolon.

Hack 17 · Lesson p. 94 · Practice p. 101 · MIA-M2Q19

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP F

Q212 · ANSWER D

Which Thought? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

case, though;

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Fixed today → not always fixed.

WHY IT WORKS

Though belongs with This has not always been the case. The next full thought explains why.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The full thought after though needs a strong break before it.

B: One comma after though cannot join two full thoughts.

C: Though is moved to the wrong thought. The difference is not always fixed.

Hack 18 · Lesson p. 96 · Practice p. 101 · 81f43b85

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP F

Q213 · ANSWER B

Which Thought? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

speculative, though;

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Looks icy → still only a guess.

WHY IT WORKS

Though belongs with interpretations are speculative: they are only guesses. The semicolon starts the reason.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The full thoughts run together after though.

C: Though is put with the next thought instead of the difference before it.

D: One comma after though cannot join two full thoughts.

Hack 18 · Lesson p. 96 · Practice p. 101 · f78997cf

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP F

Q214 · ANSWER A

Which Thought? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

single-handedly, however;

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

He sits on the board → he does not decide alone.

WHY IT WORKS

However belongs with does not decide alone. A semicolon starts the explanation about the other experts.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: However is placed with the reason instead of the thought showing the difference.

C: One comma after however cannot join two full thoughts.

D: The needed comma and strong sentence break are missing.

Hack 18 · Lesson p. 96 · Practice p. 101 · c06af4d8

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP F

Q215 · ANSWER A

Which Thought? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

information, though;

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

She gathers data → she does more than gather it.

WHY IT WORKS

Though belongs with does not just compile. A semicolon introduces what else she does.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: One comma cannot join the two full thoughts.

C: Though is moved to the next thought and does not link the ideas correctly.

D: Though needs its comma, and the two full thoughts still need a strong break.

Hack 18 · Lesson p. 96 · Practice p. 102 · 790fc366

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP F

Q216 · ANSWER D

Which Thought? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

however. It

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

The name suggests the real thing → it is not the real thing.

WHY IT WORKS

However finishes the not the real thing thought. A period begins the explanation that it is a look-alike.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: But puts the difference in the wrong place and does not make the needed clear join.

B: There is no proper break before it is a look-alike.

C: One comma cannot join these two full thoughts.

Hack 18 · Lesson p. 96 · Practice p. 102 · 2bb7416a

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP F

Q217 · ANSWER C

Which Thought? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

conservation, though;

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

We expect less use → use may rise.

WHY IT WORKS

Though belongs with the surprising finding about conservation. The next thought explains the finding.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: One comma after though cannot join two full thoughts.

B: Though is attached to the explanation instead of the surprising finding.

D: The strong break after though is missing.

Hack 18 · Lesson p. 96 · Practice p. 102 · a05cc490

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP F

Q218 · ANSWER D

Which Thought? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

1929, for one. The

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

First example: the group’s founding. Next example: the court decision.

WHY IT WORKS

For one belongs with the founding in 1929. End that sentence before The Katzenbach ...

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: For one is put with the second event, but it should label the first example.

B: One comma cannot join the two full thoughts.

C: The comma before for one and the sentence break are both missing.

Hack 18 · Lesson p. 96 · Practice p. 102 · 5670a657

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP F

Q219 · ANSWER B

Which Thought? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

pristine, though;

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Not melted into layers → still not untouched.

WHY IT WORKS

Though belongs with hardly pristine: not untouched. The next full thought gives the reasons.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The strong break after though is missing.

C: Though is attached to the reason instead of the thought showing the difference.

D: One comma after though cannot join two full thoughts.

Hack 18 · Lesson p. 96 · Practice p. 103 · 5aa171de

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP F

Q220 · ANSWER A

Which Thought? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

effect, though;

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Jetties protect coasts → they can cause the opposite effect.

WHY IT WORKS

Though belongs with the opposite effect. Then the next full thought explains erosion.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: The strong break after though is missing.

C: Though is attached to the explanation instead of the opposite-effect thought.

D: One comma cannot join two full thoughts.

Hack 18 · Lesson p. 96 · Practice p. 103 · 21e58a83

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP F

Q221 · ANSWER D

Which Thought? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

languages, however;

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Scala uses compiling → compiling is not limited to certain languages.

WHY IT WORKS

However belongs with isn’t exclusive. The next thought explains that any language can use it.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A / B: However is placed with the explanation instead of the difference before it.

C: Commas around however cannot join two full thoughts.

Hack 18 · Lesson p. 96 · Practice p. 103 · b771d175

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP F

Q222 · ANSWER A

Which Thought? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

equations, though:

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Hopper solved equations → she later did much more.

WHY IT WORKS

Though belongs with more than just equations. The colon introduces what more she did.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: One comma cannot join the setup and its full explanation.

C: Though is moved into the next sentence and does not make a correct opening.

D: The extra though and the next full thought need punctuation.

Hack 18 · Lesson p. 96 · Practice p. 103 · 84658166

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP F

Q223 · ANSWER C

Which Thought? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

antiquity, however;

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Those writers copied ancient styles → they were not the first.

WHY IT WORKS

However belongs with not the first. The semicolon starts the proof about earlier writers.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The strong break after however is missing.

B: One comma after however cannot join two full thoughts.

D: However is attached to the proof instead of the thought showing the difference.

Hack 18 · Lesson p. 96 · Practice p. 104 · be37d4ae

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP F

Q224 · ANSWER A

Which Thought? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

competitions, however:

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Many dances exist → only five are included.

WHY IT WORKS

However belongs with only five. The colon then names the five dances.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: The comma does not clearly introduce this already comma-filled list.

C: The list of dances is not a full sentence after a semicolon.

D: However is attached to the list, and the list is not a full sentence.

Hack 18 · Lesson p. 96 · Practice p. 104 · c15069eb

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP G

Q225 · ANSWER D

List Comma Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

life,

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

animal life, the elderly, and ending the slave trade

WHY IT WORKS

These are three items in a list. Put a comma between the first two.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The separator between the first two items is missing.

B: This simple list uses commas, not semicolons.

C: The second item does not explain the first; it is the next item.

Hack 19 · Lesson p. 105 · Practice p. 109 · 6fece68e

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP G

Q226 · ANSWER D

List Comma Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

libraries, train

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

libraries, train stations, and public squares

WHY IT WORKS

These are three places. A comma separates the first two.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The first two places run together.

B: Train stations is another item, not an explanation of libraries.

C: A dash does not fit the commas in this ordinary list.

Hack 19 · Lesson p. 105 · Practice p. 109 · a7fdf862

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP G

Q227 · ANSWER B

List Comma Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

themselves,

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

clone themselves, enter a dormant state, and grow without soil

WHY IT WORKS

These are three actions sharing they can. Use commas between them.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: Use the same ordinary-list commas for all three actions.

C: The remaining two actions are not a new full sentence.

D: The comma between the first two actions is missing.

Hack 19 · Lesson p. 105 · Practice p. 109 · 577b09fa

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP G

Q228 · ANSWER C

List Comma Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

(1981), El Norte (1983),

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Zoot Suit (1981), El Norte (1983), and Stand and Deliver (1988)

WHY IT WORKS

These are three films. Keep each year with its film; use commas between films.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The comma after (1981) is missing.

B: El Norte is another equal list item, not a dash-framed aside.

D: Both commas between the films are missing.

Hack 19 · Lesson p. 105 · Practice p. 109 · c88d6301

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP G

Q229 · ANSWER B

List Comma Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

variables, travel to greater depths,

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

measure variables, travel deeper, and monitor ice zones

WHY IT WORKS

These are three actions. Use commas to separate them.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: Travel is another action, not an explanation after a colon.

C: The comma after variables is missing.

D: The semicolon does not match this ordinary comma list.

Hack 19 · Lesson p. 105 · Practice p. 110 · e15c50b2

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP G

Q230 · ANSWER C

List Comma Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

climate, famous residents,

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

landscape, climate, famous residents, or chief exports

WHY IT WORKS

There are four ordinary list items. Keep a comma between each neighboring item.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A / B: The comma between climate and famous residents is missing.

D: Use commas consistently in this ordinary list, not semicolons or a colon.

Hack 19 · Lesson p. 105 · Practice p. 110 · DA-M1Q19

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP G

Q231 · ANSWER B

List Comma Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

climate, famous residents,

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

landscape, climate, famous residents, or chief exports

WHY IT WORKS

There are four ordinary list items. Keep a comma between each neighboring item.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: Use commas consistently in this ordinary list, not semicolons or a colon.

C / D: The comma between climate and famous residents is missing.

Hack 19 · Lesson p. 105 · Practice p. 110 · DB-M2Q17

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP G

Q232 · ANSWER B

List Comma Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

climate, famous residents,

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

landscape, climate, famous residents, or chief exports

WHY IT WORKS

There are four ordinary list items. Keep a comma between each neighboring item.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A / D: The comma between climate and famous residents is missing.

C: Use commas consistently in this ordinary list, not semicolons or a colon.

Hack 19 · Lesson p. 105 · Practice p. 110 · DC-M1Q19

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP G

Q233 · ANSWER C

Super List Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

return;

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

The Siege of Thebes, description; The Tale of Beryn, description; and The Ploughman’s Tale

WHY IT WORKS

Each tale has its own detail. Semicolons separate the tales.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The rest of the list is not a new full sentence.

B: The separator between the first two tales is missing.

D: Use semicolons between the big items; commas are already inside them.

Hack 20 · Lesson p. 107 · Practice p. 111 · e2f77ae7

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP G

Q234 · ANSWER B

Super List Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

practice at the time;

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

offered storytelling, an uncommon practice; celebrated a holiday; and put on shows

WHY IT WORKS

Each big action may have its own detail. Match the semicolon already later in the list.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The list needs a semicolon after the first whole item, and the comma after practice is unnecessary.

C: The extra comma splits practice at the time, and the big list separator is still wrong.

D: The big items need semicolons, not this comma.

Hack 20 · Lesson p. 107 · Practice p. 111 · aaa1907f

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP G

Q235 · ANSWER B

Super List Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

leaves; man-made trash,

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

natural debris, example; man-made trash, example; and art supplies, example

WHY IT WORKS

A semicolon ends the debris item. A comma introduces the example of trash.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The first big separator should be a semicolon; the trash example needs a comma, not a colon.

C: The first big separator must match the semicolon later in the list.

D: After trash, such as gives an example inside the item. Use a comma there.

Hack 20 · Lesson p. 107 · Practice p. 111 · 9c3630b9

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP G

Q236 · ANSWER B

Super List Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

species, both native and nonnative;

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

growing plants, native and nonnative; fostering research; and educating people

WHY IT WORKS

The comma adds a detail inside item one. The semicolon separates item one from item two.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The comma after nonnative is too small for this complex-list break.

C: The semicolon comes too early, splitting the first item from its detail.

D: The first item’s detail and the next big item are not separated correctly.

Hack 20 · Lesson p. 107 · Practice p. 111 · db24ecc9

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP G

Q237 · ANSWER A

Super List Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

significance; depictions

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

patterns, description; depictions of animals; and enamel accents

WHY IT WORKS

The first item already has a comma inside it. Match the semicolon after the second item.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: A comma does not match the big-item separators in this list.

C: The next item does not explain significance. It is a new list item.

D: The rest of the list is not a full sentence.

Hack 20 · Lesson p. 107 · Practice p. 112 · 05a14e18

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP G

Q238 · ANSWER B

Super List Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Lagos; A Kind of Marriage,

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

The Joys of Motherhood, a novel; A Kind of Marriage, a play; and Head Above Water

WHY IT WORKS

The semicolon separates two works. The comma introduces the second work’s description.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: Use a semicolon, not a comma, between the big items.

C: The big separator is wrong, and the second work’s detail needs a comma, not a colon.

D: The comma before a television play is missing.

Hack 20 · Lesson p. 107 · Practice p. 112 · a8fa749a

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP G

Q239 · ANSWER D

Super List Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Stanford;

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Sharpless, description; Bertozzi, description; and Meldal, description

WHY IT WORKS

Three people, each with a comma-containing detail. Use semicolons between the people.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The separator after Bertozzi’s item is missing.

B: A comma does not match the semicolon separating the other big items.

C: The next person is another item, not an explanation of Stanford.

Hack 20 · Lesson p. 107 · Practice p. 112 · c04e9136

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP G

Q240 · ANSWER C

Super List Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

items; managing

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

overseeing collections, detail; managing the Copyright Office, detail; and appointing a poet

WHY IT WORKS

These are three jobs. The first two contain commas, so semicolons separate the big jobs.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The first and second jobs run together.

B: A comma does not match the big-item separators in this list.

D: Managing ... is not a new full sentence.

Hack 20 · Lesson p. 107 · Practice p. 112 · c49e946e

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP G

Q241 · ANSWER C

Super List Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Basic, in 2009; an online television network,

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

an app, name, in 2009; a network, name, in 2010; and a course, in 2015

WHY IT WORKS

A comma keeps 2009 inside item one. A semicolon ends item one. A comma introduces the network’s name.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The first semicolon splits item one too early, and the next breaks are also misplaced.

B: The semicolon splits item one before its date; the separator after 2009 is too weak.

D: Use a semicolon after 2009 to separate the big items.

Hack 20 · Lesson p. 107 · Practice p. 113 · 78b88c04

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP G

Q242 · ANSWER D

Super List Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

target; maintaining

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Skills: shooting at a target; maintaining balance, such as during loops; and walking on a wing.

WHY IT WORKS

The second big item contains a comma. Semicolons separate the three big skills.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: Maintaining ... and walking ... is a list, not a full sentence after a period.

B: The first and second big items have no separator.

C: This comma does not match the semicolon separating the other big items.

Hack 20 · Lesson p. 107 · Practice p. 113 · O1-M2Q18

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP H

Q243 · ANSWER C

Ask or Tell? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

where sound is made.

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

The reed is the mouthpiece where sound is made.

WHY IT WORKS

The sentence tells us what a reed is. It does not ask where sound is made.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The sentence is telling, so it needs a period, not a question mark.

B: This uses asking order. Here we need telling order.

D: This uses asking order and a question mark, but the sentence is telling.

Hack 21 · Lesson p. 114 · Practice p. 117 · 4b0c7b62

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP H

Q244 · ANSWER D

Ask or Tell? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

people perceive acts of kindness.

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

The researchers investigated how people perceive kindness.

WHY IT WORKS

This tells us what the researchers investigated. It is not a direct question.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: This uses asking order. Here we need telling order.

B: This uses asking order and a question mark, but the sentence is telling.

C: The sentence is telling, so it needs a period, not a question mark.

Hack 21 · Lesson p. 114 · Practice p. 117 · a7c85001

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP H

Q245 · ANSWER B

Ask or Tell? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

their use could be better regulated.

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

The team investigated how their use could be better regulated.

WHY IT WORKS

This tells us what the team investigated. Use telling order and a period.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: This uses asking order and a question mark, but the sentence is telling.

C: The sentence is telling, so it needs a period, not a question mark.

D: This uses asking order. Here we need telling order.

Hack 21 · Lesson p. 114 · Practice p. 117 · b0115ef6

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP H

Q246 · ANSWER D

Ask or Tell? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

most people prefer in a diet drink.

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Moskowitz was hired to determine how much sweetener most people prefer.

WHY IT WORKS

This tells us what he was hired to find out. It does not ask the reader.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: This uses asking order and a question mark, but the sentence is telling.

B: This uses asking order. Here we need telling order.

C: The sentence is telling, so it needs a period, not a question mark.

Hack 21 · Lesson p. 114 · Practice p. 117 · aab78b25

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP H

Q247 · ANSWER B

Ask or Tell? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Soto would see in her neighborhood.

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

The pattern was inspired by gates Soto would see.

WHY IT WORKS

This tells us about the gates. It is not asking a question.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The sentence is telling, so it needs a period, not a question mark.

C: This uses asking order. Here we need telling order.

D: This uses asking order and a question mark, but the sentence is telling.

Hack 21 · Lesson p. 114 · Practice p. 118 · 02871a0d

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP H

Q248 · ANSWER D

Ask or Tell? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

you should choose.

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

The practice includes deciding which link you should choose.

WHY IT WORKS

This tells us about deciding. It does not ask the reader which link to choose.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: This uses asking order. Here we need telling order.

B: The sentence is telling, so it needs a period, not a question mark.

C: This uses asking order and a question mark, but the sentence is telling.

Hack 21 · Lesson p. 114 · Practice p. 118 · 8459dc2f

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP H

Q249 · ANSWER B

Ask or Tell? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

ganga has been used as a communication method.

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

That is why ganga has been used for communication.

WHY IT WORKS

The sentence explains a fact. It does not ask a question.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The sentence is telling, so it needs a period, not a question mark.

C: This uses asking order. Here we need telling order.

D: This uses asking order and a question mark, but the sentence is telling.

Hack 21 · Lesson p. 114 · Practice p. 118 · fa07bcb6

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP H

Q250 · ANSWER D

Ask or Tell? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

are they able to move so fast?

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

How are they able to move so fast?

WHY IT WORKS

The sentence asks how. The next sentence answers it.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A / C: Both parts are wrong for this question: the word order and the ending.

B: The word order asks a question, but the question mark is missing.

Hack 21 · Lesson p. 114 · Practice p. 118 · 9091458d

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP H

Q251 · ANSWER B

Ask or Tell? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

do consumers actually prefer this simpler style?

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

But do consumers actually prefer this style?

WHY IT WORKS

The text asks a question. The next sentence says the researchers tried to find out.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: Both parts are wrong for this question: the word order and the ending.

C: The word order asks a question, but the question mark is missing.

D: The question mark is present, but the words use telling order.

Hack 21 · Lesson p. 114 · Practice p. 119 · 75eb5242

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP H

Q252 · ANSWER D

Ask or Tell? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

could the blueberries thrive?

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

If the grasses were added, could the blueberries thrive?

WHY IT WORKS

The If part sets up a real question. Use could the blueberries ... ?

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The word order asks a question, but the question mark is missing.

B: Both parts are wrong for this question: the word order and the ending.

C: The question mark is present, but the words use telling order.

Hack 21 · Lesson p. 114 · Practice p. 119 · 4565a53c

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP H

Q253 · ANSWER C

Ask or Tell? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

did the word “chortle” come from?

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Where did the word “chortle” come from?

WHY IT WORKS

This is a direct question. Use did the word ... and finish with ?

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The word order asks a question, but the question mark is missing.

B: The question mark is present, but the words use telling order.

D: Both parts are wrong for this question: the word order and the ending.

Hack 21 · Lesson p. 114 · Practice p. 119 · 5aa1fffd

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP H

Q254 · ANSWER D

Ask or Tell? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

will Umuofia’s traditions be affected?

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

How will Umuofia’s traditions be affected?

WHY IT WORKS

The text says the novel asks a question. Use asking order and ?

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: Both parts are wrong for this question: the word order and the ending.

B: The word order asks a question, but the question mark is missing.

C: The question mark is present, but the words use telling order.

Hack 21 · Lesson p. 114 · Practice p. 119 · 1f39ab8b

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP H

Q255 · ANSWER C

Ask or Tell? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

do they affect our weather?

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

What are atmospheric rivers, and how do they affect our weather?

WHY IT WORKS

Both parts ask questions. Finish with a question mark.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The word order asks a question, but the question mark is missing.

B: Both parts are wrong for this question: the word order and the ending.

D: The question mark is present, but the words use telling order.

Hack 21 · Lesson p. 114 · Practice p. 120 · 39ac6498

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP H

Q256 · ANSWER C

Ask or Tell? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

her favorite book was.

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Calvani asked what her favorite book was.

WHY IT WORKS

The sentence TELLS us about a question. Use telling word order and a period.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: Was her favorite book uses asking order. The exclamation mark does not fix it.

B: Both the asking order and question mark are wrong for this reported question.

D: The order is right, but the sentence tells; use a period.

Hack 21 · Lesson p. 114 · Practice p. 120 · DA-M1Q17

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP H

Q257 · ANSWER C

Ask or Tell? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

we can hold contradictory beliefs about a single thing.

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

This raises questions about how we can hold contradictory beliefs.

WHY IT WORKS

The whole sentence tells us what the issue raises. It does not directly ask us a question.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The telling sentence needs a period, not a question mark.

B: Can we uses direct-question order inside a telling sentence.

D: Both the word order and question mark treat this as a direct question.

Hack 21 · Lesson p. 114 · Practice p. 120 · DC-M1Q22

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP H

Q258 · ANSWER D

Ask or Tell? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

do have something in common.

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Though the towns are in different countries, they do have something in common.

WHY IT WORKS

The whole sentence tells us a fact. Do have is the telling order; a period ends it.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: This sentence tells, so it needs a period.

B: Do they uses asking order, but this sentence tells us about the towns.

C: Both the asking order and question mark are wrong for this telling sentence.

Hack 21 · Lesson p. 114 · Practice p. 120 · MIB-M1Q16

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP H

Q259 · ANSWER C

Ask or Tell? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

others? The

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Why do children resemble their parents in some ways but not in others? The answer requires genetics.

WHY IT WORKS

Why do children ... asks a direct question. End it with ?. Then begin The answer.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: A comma does not end the direct question.

B: This is a direct question, so it needs a question mark.

D: The question and the next sentence run together.

Hack 21 · Lesson p. 114 · Practice p. 121 · MUA-M2Q18

ANSWER EXPLANATION · GROUP H

Q260 · ANSWER D

Ask or Tell? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

do have something in common.

SEE THE SHAPE · shortened to help you

Though the towns are in different countries, they do have something in common.

WHY IT WORKS

The whole sentence tells us a fact. Do have is the telling order; a period ends it.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: Do they uses asking order, but this sentence tells us about the towns.

B: This sentence tells, so it needs a period.

C: Both the asking order and question mark are wrong for this telling sentence.

Hack 21 · Lesson p. 114 · Practice p. 121 · MUB-M1Q14

QUICK HACK REVIEW

What is the job?

A · KEEP TOGETHER

Find WHO + DOES. Keep needed words together. A long group does not need a comma.

B · FULL THOUGHTS

Full thought. Full thought.
Full thought; full thought.
Full thought, but full thought.

C · BACKGROUND

Although ... , main thought.
Extra detail, main thought.
Main thought, extra detail.

D · EXTRA WORDS

Job + needed name: no comma.
Extra words in the middle: match both sides.

QUICK HACK REVIEW

What is the job?

E · EXPLAIN

Finish the setup: then name it, list it, or explain it. A single dash can also introduce an explanation.

F · HOWEVER

New thought? Use a strong break.
Extra word? Use a comma sandwich.
Looking back? Put it with the right thought.

G · LISTS

Ordinary list: commas.
List with commas inside: semicolons between big items.

H · ASK OR TELL

Whole sentence asks? Use ?.
Whole sentence tells? Use .
Check the word order too.

MIX THE QUESTIONS

Can you name the hack?

These sets reuse questions from the book. They are not extra questions.

SET 1 · 15 QUESTIONS

255, 146, 14, 113, 74, 218, 143, 223, 179, 45, 5, 111, 187, 73, 240

Correct: ____ / 15 Hacks to review: _____

SET 2 · 15 QUESTIONS

248, 213, 119, 189, 10, 97, 238, 194, 85, 46, 53, 168, 8, 208, 140

Correct: ____ / 15 Hacks to review: _____

SET 3 · 15 QUESTIONS

116, 180, 1, 31, 234, 54, 99, 219, 147, 172, 70, 252, 199, 7, 216

Correct: ____ / 15 Hacks to review: _____

Ask a partner or teacher to hide the group and hack labels. For each question, say the hack’s name and explain your answer in one short sentence.

After checking, write one clue you will look for next time.

MY MISTAKE LOG

My mistake → my next clue

Name: _____ Date: _____

Write what fooled you. Then write the hack or clue that will help next time.

Q / hack	My answer → key	What fooled me?	Next time, I will ...

I know it when I can explain it simply.

QUESTION + SOURCE LOOKUP

Find any question.

Q1–40 · QB = original question bank. Old Q = previous 213-book number.

Q	Book p.	Hack	Old Q	Source
1	15	1	1	QB p. 1 / de55ec71
2	15	1	2	QB p. 173 / a2293b3f
3	15	1	3	QB p. 59 / be34a3df
4	15	1	4	QB p. 112 / 403d7bb5
5	16	1	5	QB p. 122 / 83c9c503
6	16	1	6	QB p. 187 / d073983d
7	16	1	7	QB p. 143 / 2fd05c15
8	16	1	8	QB p. 179 / f868d438
9	17	1	9	QB p. 183 / 8d00cd7c
10	17	1	—	O3-M1Q16 / p. 18
11	17	2	10	QB p. 50 / ffea47e1
12	17	2	11	QB p. 51 / a1e0c981
13	18	2	12	QB p. 66 / 96953201
14	18	2	13	QB p. 67 / 6fdddabf
15	18	2	14	QB p. 84 / 89ab0d46
16	18	2	15	QB p. 125 / a466679a
17	19	2	16	QB p. 148 / 261f4ca6
18	19	2	17	QB p. 149 / 96499989
19	19	2	18	QB p. 176 / 831b55ec
20	19	2	19	QB p. 180 / 60dd03bc

Q	Book p.	Hack	Old Q	Source
21	20	2	20	QB p. 185 / b5ff8f8e
22	20	2	21	QB p. 195 / eb03096e
23	20	2	22	QB p. 198 / 6997261f
24	20	2	23	QB p. 208 / 64a40675
25	21	2	24	QB p. 155 / b1e8b87f
26	21	2	—	MUB-M1Q12 / p. 12
27	21	3	25	QB p. 58 / 145d5ca7
28	21	3	26	QB p. 42 / 6ea8c23f
29	22	3	—	DC-M1Q20 / p. 7
30	29	4	27	QB p. 65 / 8a3998f1
31	29	4	28	QB p. 87 / eef91a50
32	29	4	29	QB p. 103 / 04bfd364
33	29	4	30	QB p. 132 / 7b950fc2
34	30	4	31	QB p. 20 / 0f39b19c
35	30	4	32	QB p. 88 / 01a32c84
36	30	4	33	QB p. 91 / 2c84f96a
37	30	4	34	QB p. 98 / 6df020e6
38	31	4	35	QB p. 104 / 36868920
39	31	4	36	QB p. 111 / 267a13e2
40	31	4	37	QB p. 113 / fcab3630

QUESTION + SOURCE LOOKUP

Find any question.

Q41–80 · QB = original question bank. Old Q = previous 213-book number.

Q	Book p.	Hack	Old Q	Source
41	31	4	38	QB p. 11 / 707461d8
42	32	4	39	QB p. 13 / 940ff6f7
43	32	4	40	QB p. 28 / 5bed774c
44	32	4	41	QB p. 36 / 886dc9f9
45	32	4	42	QB p. 43 / aab74a3b
46	33	4	43	QB p. 60 / 73a6603c
47	33	4	44	QB p. 96 / 0fa289a7
48	33	4	45	QB p. 100 / 67667d72
49	33	4	46	QB p. 124 / ba8ebf49
50	34	4	47	QB p. 134 / 1b97cce9
51	34	4	48	QB p. 135 / 952fd392
52	34	4	49	QB p. 137 / b15724fc
53	34	4	50	QB p. 139 / a872c60a
54	35	4	51	QB p. 140 / 615f001e
55	35	4	52	QB p. 156 / f45ae404
56	35	4	53	QB p. 199 / 5ee7fb04
57	35	4	54	QB p. 209 / 4b424102
58	36	4	—	O2-M2Q21 / p. 51
59	36	4	—	DA-M1Q18 / p. 8
60	36	4	—	DC-M1Q21 / p. 8

Q	Book p.	Hack	Old Q	Source
61	36	4	—	S-M1Q20 / p. 10
62	37	4	—	S-M2Q21 / p. 23
63	37	4	—	MIA-M1Q17 / p. 7
64	37	4	—	MIA-M1Q18 / p. 7
65	37	4	—	MIA-M1Q21 / p. 8
66	38	4	—	MIB-M2Q22 / p. 18
67	38	4	—	MUA-M1Q10 / p. 10
68	38	4	—	MUA-M2Q10 / p. 37
69	38	5	55	QB p. 3 / 89fbc3eb
70	39	5	56	QB p. 38 / a153ad6a
71	39	5	57	QB p. 93 / 4ba99a6f
72	39	5	58	QB p. 154 / a421f749
73	39	5	59	QB p. 9 / eb95235b
74	40	5	60	QB p. 44 / 1724dac2
75	40	5	61	QB p. 64 / 2c9c6ca9
76	40	5	62	QB p. 76 / e41018de
77	40	5	63	QB p. 119 / 235c8338
78	41	5	64	QB p. 151 / 7e37affc
79	41	5	65	QB p. 186 / 3fee46f2
80	41	5	—	O1-M1Q20 / p. 22

QUESTION + SOURCE LOOKUP

Find any question.

Q81–120 · QB = original question bank. Old Q = previous 213-book number.

Q	Book p.	Hack	Old Q	Source
81	41	6	66	QB p. 19 / 148be4da
82	42	6	67	QB p. 23 / 155239cf
83	42	6	68	QB p. 57 / 8b002b08
84	42	6	69	QB p. 61 / 70ced8dc
85	42	6	70	QB p. 85 / 85b8b9c5
86	43	6	71	QB p. 116 / 6b49f5f1
87	43	6	72	QB p. 163 / b6de636f
88	43	6	73	QB p. 207 / 9902d2de
89	43	6	74	QB p. 54 / 083a35dc
90	44	6	75	QB p. 63 / aecdb820
91	44	6	76	QB p. 77 / 870ae7ec
92	44	6	77	QB p. 107 / b6560e5a
93	44	6	78	QB p. 200 / a12e3b8a
94	45	6	79	QB p. 118 / 59094d87
95	45	6	80	QB p. 171 / 7ce4ee13
96	53	7	81	QB p. 52 / b35cefb7
97	53	7	82	QB p. 69 / 26c8c88c
98	53	7	83	QB p. 196 / d75d57a0
99	53	7	84	QB p. 14 / 333b2b65
100	54	8	85	QB p. 94 / ce81d0b7

Q	Book p.	Hack	Old Q	Source
101	54	8	86	QB p. 48 / cdbbbf94
102	54	8	—	O2-M2Q20 / p. 50
103	54	8	—	MIA-M2Q16 / p. 17
104	55	8	—	MUA-M1Q12 / p. 12
105	55	9	87	QB p. 153 / 91fbd59d
106	55	9	88	QB p. 161 / dddfa043
107	55	9	89	QB p. 213 / 9f0ac61d
108	56	9	90	QB p. 130 / 5cc85f01
109	56	9	91	QB p. 197 / a427a52c
110	56	9	92	QB p. 206 / 8a264a54
111	56	9	93	QB p. 55 / 486f03da
112	57	9	94	QB p. 159 / 667a0587
113	57	9	95	QB p. 27 / ac5536c1
114	57	9	96	QB p. 68 / 8f6d6ae6
115	57	9	97	QB p. 110 / c21df211
116	58	9	98	QB p. 169 / 8999c0c5
117	58	9	99	QB p. 204 / fe41f258
118	58	9	100	QB p. 211 / 3ed5ebb4
119	58	9	101	QB p. 10 / adf210e7
120	59	9	102	QB p. 45 / e67f9967

QUESTION + SOURCE LOOKUP

Find any question.

Q121–160 · QB = original question bank. Old Q = previous 213-book number.

Q	Book p.	Hack	Old Q	Source
121	59	9	103	QB p. 81 / 62120607
122	59	9	104	QB p. 194 / 0b005ae2
123	66	10	105	QB p. 131 / cabe71d4
124	66	10	106	QB p. 72 / d198997b
125	66	10	107	QB p. 12 / 13fcf575
126	66	10	108	QB p. 39 / 5ef9fc48
127	67	10	109	QB p. 92 / 6181924a
128	67	10	110	QB p. 168 / 603755a5
129	67	11	111	QB p. 74 / 60713427
130	67	11	112	QB p. 86 / b0a525be
131	68	11	113	QB p. 105 / ea8f4658
132	68	11	114	QB p. 138 / 72b3db98
133	68	11	115	QB p. 7 / 74ce2f05
134	68	11	116	QB p. 17 / 7f48b098
135	69	11	117	QB p. 41 / 77e06a09
136	69	11	118	QB p. 46 / 1aa3f174
137	69	11	119	QB p. 49 / a3e87535
138	69	11	120	QB p. 78 / cfe23776
139	70	11	121	QB p. 146 / c8540a5b
140	70	11	122	QB p. 205 / 8790d061

Q	Book p.	Hack	Old Q	Source
141	70	11	123	QB p. 150 / fdb16e20
142	70	11	124	QB p. 193 / f2eaaf5d
143	71	11	125	QB p. 6 / 7f226b4b
144	71	11	126	QB p. 75 / 2b512e65
145	71	11	127	QB p. 97 / ace95f84
146	71	11	128	QB p. 109 / 432b1ede
147	72	11	129	QB p. 136 / 40c3589d
148	72	11	130	QB p. 166 / 12013e06
149	72	11	131	QB p. 18 / 626a1642
150	72	11	132	QB p. 33 / 83898524
151	73	11	133	QB p. 40 / 6e071432
152	73	11	134	QB p. 145 / aacddbd8
153	73	11	135	QB p. 184 / 109d5bbb
154	73	11	—	O1-M1Q17 / p. 19
155	74	11	—	O1-M2Q17 / p. 47
156	74	11	—	O1-M2Q20 / p. 50
157	74	11	—	O2-M2Q19 / p. 49
158	74	11	—	O3-M2Q20 / p. 50
159	75	11	—	DA-M1Q21 / p. 9
160	75	11	—	DB-M1Q19 / p. 8

QUESTION + SOURCE LOOKUP

Find any question.

Q161–200 · QB = original question bank. Old Q = previous 213-book number.

Q	Book p.	Hack	Old Q	Source
161	75	11	—	DC-M1Q18 / p. 7
162	75	11	—	S-M2Q19 / p. 22
163	76	11	—	S-M2Q20 / p. 23
164	76	11	—	MIB-M2Q18 / p. 17
165	76	11	—	MIB-M2Q21 / p. 18
166	76	12	136	QB p. 79 / fcaff694
167	77	12	137	QB p. 4 / 960dec02
168	77	12	138	QB p. 22 / 4dcedc31
169	77	12	139	QB p. 37 / 59a246dc
170	77	12	140	QB p. 101 / 80aa7690
171	78	12	141	QB p. 127 / fa36d803
172	78	12	142	QB p. 141 / 594b4a94
173	78	12	143	QB p. 165 / 5aae2475
174	78	12	144	QB p. 172 / 0a114526
175	79	12	145	QB p. 181 / 6d4b2e1e
176	79	12	146	QB p. 189 / 78e978b5
177	79	12	147	QB p. 190 / d4fe8f03
178	79	12	—	DB-M1Q17 / p. 7
179	86	13	148	QB p. 2 / c3397d25
180	86	13	149	QB p. 192 / da53d726
181	86	13	150	QB p. 133 / e7afd0a1
182	86	13	—	O1-M2Q16 / p. 46
183	87	14	151	QB p. 30 / 3a2d77d7
184	87	14	152	QB p. 31 / 435809d8
185	87	14	153	QB p. 34 / fba5d8d1
186	87	14	154	QB p. 53 / e76e74e8
187	88	14	155	QB p. 62 / 6fac7f45
188	88	14	156	QB p. 71 / e9aee0d8
189	88	14	157	QB p. 73 / 9579581e
190	88	14	158	QB p. 90 / 9d4a701b
191	89	14	159	QB p. 99 / f30a478e
192	89	14	160	QB p. 121 / 8772475b
193	89	14	161	QB p. 160 / c101fc44
194	89	14	162	QB p. 188 / c468db1c
195	90	14	163	QB p. 191 / bb4557cf
196	90	14	164	QB p. 210 / 2c4cd76d
197	90	14	—	O2-M1Q21 / p. 23
198	90	14	—	MIB-M1Q18 / p. 6
199	91	14	—	MIB-M1Q19 / p. 7
200	91	14	—	MUB-M2Q19 / p. 46

QUESTION + SOURCE LOOKUP

Find any question.

Q201–240 · QB = original question bank. Old Q = previous 213-book number.

Q	Book p.	Hack	Old Q	Source
201	91	15	165	QB p. 202 / 92f309b2
202	91	15	—	MIB-M2Q20 / p. 17
203	99	16	166	QB p. 89 / 548f4956
204	99	16	167	QB p. 170 / ad046778
205	99	16	168	QB p. 175 / a5079e0d
206	99	16	169	QB p. 47 / a9e5b788
207	100	17	170	QB p. 24 / 82a76537
208	100	17	171	QB p. 129 / e3c1b4f7
209	100	17	172	QB p. 157 / 1ee4485c
210	100	17	173	QB p. 167 / 5cc69ee1
211	101	17	—	MIA-M2Q19 / p. 18
212	101	18	174	QB p. 15 / 81f43b85
213	101	18	175	QB p. 21 / f78997cf
214	101	18	176	QB p. 70 / c06af4d8
215	102	18	177	QB p. 80 / 790fc366
216	102	18	178	QB p. 82 / 2bb7416a
217	102	18	179	QB p. 83 / a05cc490
218	102	18	180	QB p. 106 / 5670a657
219	103	18	181	QB p. 108 / 5aa171de
220	103	18	182	QB p. 115 / 21e58a83

Q	Book p.	Hack	Old Q	Source
221	103	18	183	QB p. 120 / b771d175
222	103	18	184	QB p. 128 / 84658166
223	104	18	185	QB p. 162 / be37d4ae
224	104	18	186	QB p. 164 / c15069eb
225	109	19	187	QB p. 35 / 6fece68e
226	109	19	188	QB p. 114 / a7fdf862
227	109	19	189	QB p. 117 / 577b09fa
228	109	19	190	QB p. 144 / c88d6301
229	110	19	191	QB p. 147 / e15c50b2
230	110	19	—	DA-M1Q19 / p. 8
231	110	19	—	DB-M2Q17 / p. 17
232	110	19	—	DC-M1Q19 / p. 7
233	111	20	192	QB p. 25 / e2f77ae7
234	111	20	193	QB p. 16 / aaa1907f
235	111	20	194	QB p. 29 / 9c3630b9
236	111	20	195	QB p. 95 / db24ecc9
237	112	20	196	QB p. 123 / 05a14e18
238	112	20	197	QB p. 126 / a8fa749a
239	112	20	198	QB p. 201 / c04e9136
240	112	20	199	QB p. 203 / c49e946e

QUESTION + SOURCE LOOKUP

Find any question.

Q241–260 · QB = original question bank. Old Q = previous 213-book number.

Q	Book p.	Hack	Old Q	Source
241	113	20	200	QB p. 212 / 78b88c04
242	113	20	—	O1-M2Q18 / p. 48
243	117	21	201	QB p. 5 / 4b0c7b62
244	117	21	202	QB p. 8 / a7c85001
245	117	21	203	QB p. 32 / b0115ef6
246	117	21	204	QB p. 56 / aab78b25
247	118	21	205	QB p. 142 / 02871a0d
248	118	21	206	QB p. 158 / 8459dc2f
249	118	21	207	QB p. 177 / fa07bcb6
250	118	21	208	QB p. 26 / 9091458d
251	119	21	209	QB p. 102 / 75eb5242
252	119	21	210	QB p. 152 / 4565a53c
253	119	21	211	QB p. 174 / 5aa1fffd
254	119	21	212	QB p. 178 / 1f39ab8b
255	120	21	213	QB p. 182 / 39ac6498
256	120	21	—	DA-M1Q17 / p. 8
257	120	21	—	DC-M1Q22 / p. 8
258	120	21	—	MIB-M1Q16 / p. 6
259	121	21	—	MUA-M2Q18 / p. 45
260	121	21	—	MUB-M1Q14 / p. 14

TEST SOURCES + COVERAGE

From original test to hack.

11 uploaded test versions were checked. Dates and version names follow their file labels.

260 scored practice questions = 213 retained + 47 additions. Fifteen repeated source occurrences point to questions already included. Damaged or uncertain items and all apostrophe questions are excluded.

Code	Uploaded test version	Punctuation items	Where to find them
O1	October 2026 · International 1	6	Test lookup
O2	October 2026 · International 2	7	Test lookup
O3	October 2026 · International 3	5	Test lookup
S	September 2026 · International I	4	Test lookup
MIA	March 2026 · International A	5	Test lookup
MIB	March 2026 · International B	9	Test lookup
MUA	March 2026 · US A	6	Test lookup
MUB	March 2026 · US B	7	Test lookup
DA	December 2025 · US A	4	Test lookup
DB	December 2025 · US B	3	Test lookup
DC	December 2025 · US C	6	Test lookup

M1 / M2 means Reading and Writing Module 1 / 2. Q means the question inside that module. September prints 28–54 for Module 2; subtract 27 to use this book’s module numbering.

Repeated questions are counted once when the passage and choice set match, even if the letters are shuffled. Changed passages or changed punctuation options are retained. The 213 earlier questions keep their wording and answer letters; Old Q in the lookup preserves their earlier numbers.

Source typography: plain hyphens used as sentence dashes in the September file are displayed as em dashes. Passages and choices are otherwise retained, with extraction spacing cleaned. The literal _blank placeholder in December US B is displayed as a normal blank. No missing passage or damaged answer has been reconstructed.

New answer keys and explanations are Gouda Academy editorial judgments. These uploaded test compilations are not presented as authenticated College Board releases. Items without a reliable single answer are omitted.

ORIGINAL TEST QUESTION LOOKUP

Locate a test question.

Every scored source occurrence maps to its question here. Source letters may differ after a shuffle.

Test / module / Q	Source PDF p.	Book Q	Book p.	Book key
DA-M1Q17	8	256	120	C
DA-M1Q18	8	59	36	A
DA-M1Q19	8	230	110	C
DA-M1Q21	9	159	75	D
DB-M1Q17	7	178	79	B
DB-M1Q19	8	160	75	B
DB-M2Q17	17	231	110	B
DC-M1Q18	7	161	75	D
DC-M1Q19	7	232	110	B
DC-M1Q20	7	29	22	B
DC-M1Q21	8	60	36	B
DC-M1Q22	8	257	120	C
DC-M2Q17	16	231	110	B
MIA-M1Q17	7	63	37	B
MIA-M1Q18	7	64	37	A
MIA-M1Q21	8	65	37	D
MIA-M2Q16	17	103	54	C
MIA-M2Q19	18	211	101	A
MIB-M1Q16	6	258	120	D
MIB-M1Q18	6	198	90	B
MIB-M1Q19	7	199	91	C
MIB-M2Q16	16	11	17	D

ORIGINAL TEST QUESTION LOOKUP

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Test / module / Q	Source PDF p.	Book Q	Book p.	Book key
MIB-M2Q18	17	164	76	B
MIB-M2Q19	17	233	111	C
MIB-M2Q20	17	202	91	D
MIB-M2Q21	18	165	76	A
MIB-M2Q22	18	66	38	D
MUA-M1Q10	10	67	38	D
MUA-M1Q12	12	104	55	C
MUA-M1Q15	15	66	38	D
MUA-M2Q8	35	165	76	A
MUA-M2Q10	37	68	38	A
MUA-M2Q18	45	259	121	C
MUB-M1Q7	7	65	37	D
MUB-M1Q12	12	26	21	B
MUB-M1Q14	14	260	121	D
MUB-M2Q8	35	11	17	D
MUB-M2Q10	37	233	111	C
MUB-M2Q18	45	202	91	D
MUB-M2Q19	46	200	91	C
O1-M1Q17	19	154	73	B
O1-M1Q20	22	80	41	B
O1-M2Q16	46	182	86	C
O1-M2Q17	47	155	74	C

ORIGINAL TEST QUESTION LOOKUP

Locate a test question.

Every scored source occurrence maps to its question here. Source letters may differ after a shuffle.

Test / module / Q	Source PDF p.	Book Q	Book p.	Book key
O1-M2Q18	48	242	113	D
O1-M2Q20	50	156	74	A
O2-M1Q19	21	154	73	B
O2-M1Q20	22	182	86	C
O2-M1Q21	23	197	90	B
O2-M2Q17	47	242	113	D
O2-M2Q19	49	157	74	D
O2-M2Q20	50	102	54	B
O2-M2Q21	51	58	36	A
O3-M1Q16	18	10	17	A
O3-M1Q19	21	154	73	B
O3-M1Q20	22	182	86	C
O3-M2Q16	46	197	90	B
O3-M2Q20	50	158	74	C
S-M1Q20	10	61	36	D
S-M2Q19	22	162	75	C
S-M2Q20	23	163	76	A
S-M2Q21	23	62	37	B

ABOUT THIS EDITION

About this expanded edition

Gouda Academy · 260 Super Punctuation Guide · Expanded Easy Hacks

More practice. The book keeps all 213 earlier questions and adds 47 scored questions from the uploaded October 2026, September 2026, March 2026, and December 2025 test files. No uncertain-source question is included.

Simple teaching. The original easy examples, comparison examples, and eight worked questions are preserved. The teaching system keeps 21 hacks in eight groups. All 260 scored questions have plain-English answer explanations.

Find the right page. Questions are grouped by the decision that solves them. The answer key, explanation pages, hack finder, and source lookup use the new numbering. The lookup also shows the earlier book number for every retained question.

Scope. The core collection covers sentence boundaries, descriptions, lists, and questions. Apostrophes, ownership, and contractions stay in the separate grammar guide. Pure tense, agreement, vocabulary, reading, and transition-selection questions are outside this punctuation book.

How to use it. Project the large chalkboard lessons and explanations in class. Use the light practice panels for independent work. The shortened “See the shape” lines are learning aids, not replacements for the practice passages.

Source care. Duplicate references are preserved in the test lookup. Damaged and ambiguous source items are excluded. No missing passage has been invented.

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