GOUDA ACADEMY

777 QUESTIONS

SUPER PUNCTUATION GUIDE

SAT READING & WRITING

8 SKILL FAMILIES

Simple rules • Grouped practice • Clear explanations



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HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

777 questions. One clear method.

Grouped edition · 8 families · 21 memorable hacks

Start with the sentence.

Find who or what it is about. Find the main action. Decide what job the punctuation must do.

Use the grouped edition.

Learn each hack, then practice the questions in its family. Questions stay together by hack.

Check the reason, not just the letter.

Every question has a full explanation and a reason for rejecting each wrong choice. The key gives the page of that explanation.

Use both books wisely.

These editions contain the same 777 question-and-choice sets. The randomized edition changes their order and question numbers. It does not add 777 more questions.

Practice honestly.

Write your answer and confidence level before checking. If you remember an answer from the other edition, explain the rule in your own words.

What is included.

This edition retains the 260 earlier questions and adds 517 original Gouda Academy practice questions. Apostrophes, possessives, and contractions remain in the separate grammar guide.

What the numbers mean.

The family and hack proportions closely match the 260-question book. Whole-number rounding is necessary. These are teaching allocations, not predictions of SAT frequency.

A note on sources.

The retained collection includes two items that share a passage but offer different punctuation choices. They are distinct practice items. New questions use original classroom scenarios; they are not official SAT items.

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The same 21 hacks from the 260-question book remain in place. The teaching examples are not counted among the 777 practice questions.

FIND YOUR HACK

Say the hack’s name.

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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 Q1–30 · p. 16

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 Q31–77 · p. 23

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 Q78–86 · p. 35

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 777

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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,

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

011 Hack 01

The pattern of cracks along the bottom of the clay _____ that the bowl cooled too quickly after firing.

A. bowl; suggests

B. bowl, suggests

C. bowl suggests

D. bowl: suggests

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

012 Hack 01

A comparison of bird calls recorded before and after the _____ a change in the number of species near the lake.

A. storm: reveals

B. storm; reveals

C. storm reveals

D. storm, reveals

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 01

The small collection of handwritten recipes donated by local _____ a glimpse of everyday life in the fishing village.

A. families; offers
B. families offers
C. families: offers
D. families, offers

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

014 Hack 01

The narrow strips of fabric woven into the edge of the _____ keep the loose threads from unraveling.

A. blanket; help
B. blanket: help
C. blanket, help
D. blanket help

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

015 Hack 01

A sudden increase in the temperature of the water near the _____ that warm water is entering the stream.

A. outlet: indicates
B. outlet indicates
C. outlet; indicates
D. outlet, indicates

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

016 Hack 01

The ability of certain roots to grow around stones in the _____ the plants to survive in rocky habitats.

A. soil: allows
B. soil, allows
C. soil allows
D. soil; allows

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 01

The notes that accompany the earliest surviving version of the _____ a rhythm quite different from the one used today.

A. song; describe
B. song, describe
C. song: describe
D. song describe

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

018 Hack 01

A series of photographs taken from the same hill over several _____ how quickly the edge of the forest has moved.

A. decades shows
B. decades: shows
C. decades; shows
D. decades, shows

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

019 Hack 01

The wooden supports beneath the upper floor of the old _____ strong despite years of exposure to damp air.

A. theater, remain
B. theater; remain
C. theater: remain
D. theater remain

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

020 Hack 01

The difference between the original drawing and the final printed _____ a decision to emphasize walking routes.

A. map; reflects
B. map: reflects
C. map, reflects
D. map reflects

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 01

A network of shallow channels running through the _____ excess rainwater toward the river.

A. wetland; carries
B. wetland: carries
C. wetland carries
D. wetland, carries

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

022 Hack 01

The unusually thick layer of pollen preserved at the bottom of the _____ evidence of a long period of flowering.

A. core, provides
B. core provides
C. core: provides
D. core; provides

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

023 Hack 01

The team of volunteers responsible for labeling the museum _____ every Saturday to compare notes.

A. collection meets
B. collection: meets
C. collection, meets
D. collection; meets

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

024 Hack 01

The copper wires hidden inside the outer covering of the _____ electricity from the battery to the small motor.

A. cable conduct
B. cable; conduct
C. cable, conduct
D. cable: conduct

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 01

The choice of materials used to repair the damaged section of the _____ how the building responds to changes in temperature.

A. wall: affects
B. wall; affects
C. wall, affects
D. wall affects

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

026 Hack 01

The arrangement of stones around the entrance to the ancient _____ puzzled researchers for many years.

A. shelter, has
B. shelter; has
C. shelter has
D. shelter: has

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

027 Hack 01

The tiny pockets of air trapped between the fibers of the _____ the rate at which body heat escapes.

A. coat reduce
B. coat: reduce
C. coat; reduce
D. coat, reduce

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

028 Hack 01

The evidence gathered during repeated observations of the nesting _____ the idea that both birds help feed the young.

A. pair supports
B. pair, supports
C. pair: supports
D. pair; supports

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 01

The process of turning discarded glass into tiles for kitchen _____ careful control of heat and cooling time.

A. walls, requires

B. walls requires

C. walls: requires

D. walls; requires

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

030 Hack 01

The remarkable consistency of the marks on the recovered metal _____ that they were made with the same tool.

A. pieces; suggests

B. pieces suggests

C. pieces, suggests

D. pieces: suggests

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

031 Hack 02

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

032 Hack 02

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?

033 Hack 02

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

034 Hack 02

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

035 Hack 02

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

036 Hack 02

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?

037 Hack 02

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

038 Hack 02

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

039 Hack 02

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

040 Hack 02

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?

041 Hack 02

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

042 Hack 02

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

043 Hack 02

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

044 Hack 02

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?

045 Hack 02

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

046 Hack 02

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;

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

047 Hack 02

The laboratory team attributed the unexpected change in color _____ reaction between the liquid and the metal lid.

A. to: a

B. to a

C. to; a

D. to, a

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

048 Hack 02

The walking guide _____ route that passes through several neighborhoods before reaching the harbor.

A. describes, a

B. describes: a

C. describes a

D. describes; a

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP A · PRACTICE

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

049 Hack 02

The success of the seed exchange depends _____ records of where each batch of seeds originated.

A. on careful
B. on; careful
C. on: careful
D. on, careful

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

050 Hack 02

During the workshop, the students learned how to _____ tracks left by animals along the muddy riverbank.

A. identify, the
B. identify the
C. identify; the
D. identify: the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

051 Hack 02

The curator refers to the earliest object in the display _____ ceremonial vessel rather than an everyday cooking pot.

A. as; a
B. as, a
C. as a
D. as: a

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

052 Hack 02

The researchers wanted to know _____ birds returned to the same branch on successive evenings.

A. whether, the
B. whether; the
C. whether the
D. whether: the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP A · PRACTICE

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

053 Hack 02

The city planners _____ proposal to turn an unused railway corridor into a public path.

A. considered; a
B. considered: a
C. considered a
D. considered, a

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

054 Hack 02

The final chapter of the report focuses _____ ways that residents adapted to seasonal flooding.

A. on, the
B. on: the
C. on the
D. on; the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

055 Hack 02

The artist _____ of polished stone with narrow strips of colored glass.

A. combined; pieces
B. combined, pieces
C. combined pieces
D. combined: pieces

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

056 Hack 02

The unusual feature of the restored clock _____ second dial that shows the phase of the moon.

A. is a
B. is, a
C. is; a
D. is: a

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP A · PRACTICE

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

057 Hack 02

The hikers carried enough water _____ long climb from the valley to the ridge.

A. for: the
B. for; the
C. for, the
D. for the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

058 Hack 02

The documentary _____ group of apprentices as they learn to repair traditional wooden boats.

A. follows, a
B. follows: a
C. follows a
D. follows; a

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

059 Hack 02

The experiment demonstrated _____ changes in surface texture can alter the motion of water droplets.

A. that; small
B. that small
C. that, small
D. that: small

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

060 Hack 02

The volunteers divided the recovered fragments _____ groups based on thickness and surface color.

A. into; several
B. into several
C. into: several
D. into, several

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP A · PRACTICE

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

061 Hack 02

The archive _____ written by people who traveled along the trade route.

A. contains; letters
B. contains: letters
C. contains, letters
D. contains letters

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

062 Hack 02

The new telescope is capable _____ objects too faint to appear in the earlier images.

A. of; detecting
B. of detecting
C. of: detecting
D. of, detecting

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

063 Hack 02

The students compared the revised translation _____ version published nearly a century earlier.

A. with: a
B. with, a
C. with a
D. with; a

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

064 Hack 02

The conservation team protected the fragile edges _____ them with a thin layer of removable paper.

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

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP A · PRACTICE

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

065 Hack 02

The instruction sheet asks participants to _____ time at which each flower first opens.

A. record the
B. record, the
C. record: the
D. record; the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

066 Hack 02

The shared goal of the two neighborhood groups _____ safer crossing near the public library.

A. was; a
B. was a
C. was: a
D. was, a

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

067 Hack 02

The guide explained _____ trail followed the shaded side of the valley.

A. why: the
B. why; the
C. why, the
D. why the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

068 Hack 02

The instrument _____ distance between two points without touching either surface.

A. measures, the
B. measures: the
C. measures the
D. measures; the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP A · PRACTICE

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

069 Hack 02

The restored building now serves _____ meeting place for musicians and local historians.

A. as: a
B. as, a
C. as; a
D. as a

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

070 Hack 02

The writer drew inspiration _____ told by relatives who had worked in the shipyard.

A. from; stories
B. from stories
C. from, stories
D. from: stories

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

071 Hack 02

The park staff reminded visitors _____ sections of the path remained closed after the storm.

A. that: some
B. that, some
C. that some
D. that; some

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

072 Hack 02

The engineers replaced the cracked panel _____ lighter material that could bend without breaking.

A. with a
B. with, a
C. with; a
D. with: a

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP A · PRACTICE

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

073 Hack 02

The audience listened _____ recording of the melody played on three different instruments.

A. to, a
B. to a
C. to: a
D. to; a

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

074 Hack 02

The study examined the relationship _____ amount of shade and the growth of the young trees.

A. between, the
B. between: the
C. between the
D. between; the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

075 Hack 02

The records indicate _____ workshop continued operating after its founder retired.

A. that: the
B. that the
C. that; the
D. that, the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

076 Hack 02

The organizer introduced the next event _____ opportunity to exchange practical ideas about gardening.

A. as, an
B. as: an
C. as; an
D. as an

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP A · PRACTICE

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

077 Hack 02

The most useful clue in the notebook _____ small sketch of the bridge seen from the south bank.

A. was a

B. was; a

C. was: a

D. was, a

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

078 Hack 03

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

079 Hack 03

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

080 Hack 03

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

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP A · PRACTICE

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

081 Hack 03

The crew tested the emergency _____ every battery that failed the test.

A. lights. And replaced
B. lights; and replaced
C. lights: and replaced
D. lights and replaced

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

082 Hack 03

The historian searched the town _____ the names with those in the private letters.

A. registers and compared
B. registers: and compared
C. registers; and compared
D. registers. And compared

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

083 Hack 03

The mechanical arm lifted the empty _____ it beneath the filling tube.

A. container: and placed
B. container and placed
C. container. And placed
D. container; and placed

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

084 Hack 03

The photographer waited for the fog to _____ the reflection of the bridge in the canal.

A. clear; and captured
B. clear: and captured
C. clear. And captured
D. clear and captured

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP A · PRACTICE

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

085 Hack 03

The research vessel crossed the shallow _____ beside the sheltered island.

A. bay and anchored

B. bay; and anchored

C. bay: and anchored

D. bay. And anchored

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

086 Hack 03

The committee reviewed the proposed _____ a revised plan to the neighborhood council.

A. changes and sent

B. changes: and sent

C. changes. And sent

D. changes; and sent

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 Q87–202 · p. 44

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 Q203–238 · p. 73

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 Q239–283 · p. 82

GROUP B · WORKED EXAMPLE

Try it together.

Teaching example · not part of the 777

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?

087 Hack 04

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

088 Hack 04

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

089 Hack 04

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

090 Hack 04

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?

091 Hack 04

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

092 Hack 04

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

093 Hack 04

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

094 Hack 04

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?

095 Hack 04

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

096 Hack 04

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

097 Hack 04

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

098 Hack 04

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?

099 Hack 04

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

100 Hack 04

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

101 Hack 04

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

102 Hack 04

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?

103 Hack 04

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

104 Hack 04

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

105 Hack 04

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

106 Hack 04

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?

107 Hack 04

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

108 Hack 04

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

109 Hack 04

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

110 Hack 04

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?

111 Hack 04

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

112 Hack 04

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

113 Hack 04

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

114 Hack 04

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?

115 Hack 04

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

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

116 Hack 04

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

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

117 Hack 04

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

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

118 Hack 04

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

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP B · PRACTICE

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

119 Hack 04

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

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

120 Hack 04

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

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

121 Hack 04

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,

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

122 Hack 04

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

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP B · PRACTICE

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

123 Hack 04

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

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

124 Hack 04

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

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

125 Hack 04

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,

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

126 Hack 04

The first survey covered only the northern _____ second survey extended around the entire lake.

A. shore, the
B. shore. The
C. shore the
D. shore, and, the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP B · PRACTICE

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

127 Hack 04

Researchers photographed the nest from a fixed distance each _____ avoided approaching it during feeding periods.

A. morning. They
B. morning they
C. morning, they
D. morning, and, they

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

128 Hack 04

The original performance lasted nearly three _____ touring version omitted two scenes to fit a shorter schedule.

A. hours, the
B. hours, and, the
C. hours the
D. hours. The

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

129 Hack 04

A layer of sand protected the floor of the storage _____ tools beneath that layer survived in excellent condition.

A. chamber several
B. chamber, and, several
C. chamber. Several
D. chamber, several

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

130 Hack 04

The new recording includes the sound of the audience entering the _____ detail helps listeners imagine the setting of the performance.

A. hall that
B. hall. That
C. hall, that
D. hall, and, that

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP B · PRACTICE

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

131 Hack 04

The bridge remained open to walkers during the _____ crossed the river by a different route.

A. repairs vehicles
B. repairs. Vehicles
C. repairs, vehicles
D. repairs, and, vehicles

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

132 Hack 04

A small change in the angle of the reflector improved the _____ engineers repeated the adjustment on the other units.

A. signal, and, the
B. signal the
C. signal, the
D. signal. The

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

133 Hack 04

The study compared reports from several coastal _____ community had observed a different pattern of seasonal change.

A. communities each
B. communities. Each
C. communities, and, each
D. communities, each

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

134 Hack 04

The first chapter introduces the central _____ chapters examine the evidence from different regions.

A. question. Later
B. question, later
C. question later
D. question, and, later

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP B · PRACTICE

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

135 Hack 04

The fabric looked plain when viewed from a _____ inspection revealed a pattern of tiny raised threads.

A. distance, and, close
B. distance. Close
C. distance close
D. distance, close

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

136 Hack 04

The children sorted the shells by shape before measuring _____ preliminary step made later comparisons easier.

A. them, this
B. them this
C. them, and, this
D. them. This

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

137 Hack 04

The painter usually worked outdoors during the early _____ light at that time produced long shadows across the hillside.

A. morning, and, the
B. morning. The
C. morning, the
D. morning the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

138 Hack 04

The map preserves the names of several abandoned _____ names do not appear on modern road signs.

A. settlements those
B. settlements. Those
C. settlements, and, those
D. settlements, those

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP B · PRACTICE

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

139 Hack 04

The experiment required a steady flow of water through the _____ small pump maintained that flow throughout the test.

A. tube, a
B. tube a
C. tube. A
D. tube, and, a

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

140 Hack 04

The roof of the pavilion rests on four narrow _____ open sides allow visitors to see the surrounding garden.

A. columns, its
B. columns, and, its
C. columns its
D. columns. Its

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

141 Hack 04

The library received the papers in several unmarked _____ spent months identifying the dates of individual documents.

A. boxes, volunteers
B. boxes. Volunteers
C. boxes volunteers
D. boxes, and, volunteers

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

142 Hack 04

The first prototype was too heavy for one person to _____ later version used a lighter frame.

A. carry, and, a
B. carry a
C. carry, a
D. carry. A

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP B · PRACTICE

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

143 Hack 04

The researcher checked the calibration before each _____ routine reduced the risk of a repeated measurement error.

A. trial. This
B. trial, this
C. trial, and, this
D. trial this

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

144 Hack 04

The village market moved to a covered square during _____ new location provided shelter from rain and wind.

A. winter, the
B. winter the
C. winter, and, the
D. winter. The

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

145 Hack 04

A narrow ridge divides the two drainage _____ falling on opposite sides eventually reaches different rivers.

A. areas, and, rain
B. areas, rain
C. areas. Rain
D. areas rain

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

146 Hack 04

The manuscript contains several passages in a second _____ additions may have been made by a later owner.

A. handwriting, those
B. handwriting, and, those
C. handwriting. Those
D. handwriting those

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP B · PRACTICE

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

147 Hack 04

The workshop opened its doors to the public for one _____ watched craftspeople demonstrate several traditional techniques.

A. afternoon. Visitors
B. afternoon, visitors
C. afternoon visitors
D. afternoon, and, visitors

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

148 Hack 04

The plant produces flowers only after a long dry _____ cannot predict the exact week when the buds will open.

A. period, and, gardeners
B. period gardeners
C. period. Gardeners
D. period, gardeners

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

149 Hack 04

The old ferry landing is now part of a riverside _____ small sign describes the boats that once stopped there.

A. park a
B. park. A
C. park, and, a
D. park, a

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

150 Hack 04

The guidebook includes photographs of the trail in different _____ can compare the bare winter landscape with the summer vegetation.

A. seasons readers
B. seasons. Readers
C. seasons, readers
D. seasons, and, readers

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP B · PRACTICE

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

151 Hack 04

The sound reached the distant microphone slightly _____ time difference helped the team estimate the distance between the devices.

A. later, the
B. later the
C. later, and, the
D. later. The

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

152 Hack 04

The restored mural covers an entire wall of the entrance _____ largest figures are visible from the street outside.

A. hall, and, its
B. hall. Its
C. hall, its
D. hall its

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

153 Hack 04

The workers discovered a second layer of brick beneath the _____ earlier surface lay at a different angle from the present road.

A. pavement the
B. pavement. The
C. pavement, and, the
D. pavement, the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

154 Hack 04

The prize recognized a series of articles about local water _____ journalist had spent a year interviewing residents and engineers.

A. supplies, the
B. supplies. The
C. supplies the
D. supplies, and, the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP B · PRACTICE

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

155 Hack 04

The telescope remained pointed at the same region of the _____ computer recorded small changes in brightness over time.

A. sky, a
B. sky. A
C. sky a
D. sky, and, a

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

156 Hack 04

The field notebook contains measurements but few _____ taken on the same trip provide additional context.

A. descriptions photographs
B. descriptions, photographs
C. descriptions, and, photographs
D. descriptions. Photographs

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

157 Hack 04

The new benches were built from wood recovered from the old _____ holes in the boards show where metal fittings once held them together.

A. pier, and, small
B. pier, small
C. pier small
D. pier. Small

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

158 Hack 04

The museum placed the smallest objects in cases with built-in _____ could examine details that would otherwise be difficult to see.

A. lenses. Visitors
B. lenses, visitors
C. lenses, and, visitors
D. lenses visitors

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP B · PRACTICE

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

159 Hack 04

The path follows the edge of a former irrigation _____ sections of the stone lining are still visible.

A. channel, some
B. channel. Some
C. channel some
D. channel, and, some

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

160 Hack 04

The experiment began with identical amounts of liquid in each _____ the shape of the containers varied.

A. container, and, only
B. container. Only
C. container, only
D. container only

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

161 Hack 04

The sculptor tested the balance of the model before casting it in _____ small adjustment to the base prevented it from tipping.

A. metal a
B. metal, and, a
C. metal, a
D. metal. A

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

162 Hack 04

The survey recorded the positions of more than a hundred _____ resulting map will help workers plan repairs to the underground pipes.

A. trees, the
B. trees the
C. trees. The
D. trees, and, the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP B · PRACTICE

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

163 Hack 04

The choir practiced the unfamiliar rhythm at a slower _____ the pattern became comfortable, the conductor increased the tempo.

A. speed, once
B. speed once
C. speed. Once
D. speed, and, once

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

164 Hack 04

The new catalog includes objects that were never placed on public _____ of those objects are ordinary tools used in daily work.

A. display, and, many
B. display many
C. display. Many
D. display, many

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

165 Hack 04

The insects gathered near the pale flowers after _____ camera recorded their visits throughout the night.

A. sunset. A
B. sunset a
C. sunset, a
D. sunset, and, a

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

166 Hack 04

The first translation emphasized the literal meaning of the _____ later translation tried to preserve the rhythm of the original lines.

A. words a
B. words, a
C. words. A
D. words, and, a

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP B · PRACTICE

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

167 Hack 04

The sensor was attached to the outside of the _____ could record changes without coming into contact with the liquid.

A. container, and, it
B. container. It
C. container, it
D. container it

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

168 Hack 04

The excavation stopped at the edge of the modern _____ team plans to investigate the remaining area when repairs begin.

A. road. The
B. road, and, the
C. road the
D. road, the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

169 Hack 04

The students built a model of the watershed from layers of _____ threads showed the routes of the main streams.

A. cardboard colored
B. cardboard, and, colored
C. cardboard. Colored
D. cardboard, colored

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

170 Hack 04

The old theater had no permanent stage _____ lamps were moved into place before each performance.

A. lighting portable
B. lighting, portable
C. lighting, and, portable
D. lighting. Portable

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP B · PRACTICE

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

171 Hack 04

The annual count took place on the same weekend at every _____ a common date made the observations easier to compare.

A. site. Using
B. site, and, using
C. site, using
D. site using

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

172 Hack 04

The potter left the lower part of the vessel _____ rough surface allowed people to grip it more securely.

A. unglazed the
B. unglazed, the
C. unglazed. The
D. unglazed, and, the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

173 Hack 04

The final report separated direct observations from proposed _____ could therefore see which claims still needed testing.

A. explanations, readers
B. explanations readers
C. explanations, and, readers
D. explanations. Readers

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

174 Hack 04

The observatory stands well above the surrounding _____ location reduces interference from streetlights.

A. towns its
B. towns, and, its
C. towns. Its
D. towns, its

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP B · PRACTICE

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

175 Hack 04

The recipe calls for the mixture to rest before _____ pause allows the dry ingredients to absorb more liquid.

A. baking this
B. baking, and, this
C. baking. This
D. baking, this

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

176 Hack 04

The restored path includes several areas where walkers can _____ resting place offers a view of a different part of the valley.

A. stop each
B. stop, each
C. stop, and, each
D. stop. Each

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

177 Hack 04

The researcher found the same unusual spelling in three _____ repeated detail helped connect documents from different collections.

A. letters, and, that
B. letters. That
C. letters, that
D. letters that

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

178 Hack 04

The vessel carried a small library for the _____ of its books contained notes written during earlier voyages.

A. crew, some
B. crew, and, some
C. crew some
D. crew. Some

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP B · PRACTICE

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

179 Hack 04

The machine sorts the fragments according to their _____ wider than the opening move into a separate tray.

A. width, and, objects
B. width, objects
C. width. Objects
D. width objects

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

180 Hack 04

The second edition contains a longer _____ author used it to respond to questions raised by early readers.

A. introduction the
B. introduction. The
C. introduction, the
D. introduction, and, the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

181 Hack 04

The water level fell steadily throughout the _____ on the support posts showed how high it had been in the morning.

A. afternoon. Marks
B. afternoon, and, marks
C. afternoon marks
D. afternoon, marks

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

182 Hack 04

The students used the same camera settings for every _____ consistency made changes in color easier to detect.

A. photograph, this
B. photograph this
C. photograph. This
D. photograph, and, this

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP B · PRACTICE

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

183 Hack 04

The garden includes a bed reserved for plants with fragrant _____ can gently touch selected plants during guided tours.

A. leaves visitors
B. leaves, and, visitors
C. leaves. Visitors
D. leaves, visitors

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

184 Hack 04

The researcher stored a second copy of every _____ copies were kept in a different building.

A. recording. The
B. recording, and, the
C. recording, the
D. recording the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

185 Hack 04

The outer layer of the wall contains unusually small _____ blocks form the foundation beneath it.

A. stones, larger
B. stones. Larger
C. stones larger
D. stones, and, larger

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

186 Hack 04

The composer wrote the final movement before the opening _____ dated sketchbook reveals that unexpected order.

A. section. A
B. section, and, a
C. section a
D. section, a

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP B · PRACTICE

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

187 Hack 04

The volunteers checked every number in the transcribed _____ entries were corrected after comparison with the original page.

A. table, and, several
B. table several
C. table, several
D. table. Several

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

188 Hack 04

The sheltered pool stayed calm during the windy _____ moved across the larger lake beyond the rocks.

A. afternoon ripples
B. afternoon. Ripples
C. afternoon, and, ripples
D. afternoon, ripples

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

189 Hack 04

The team painted a reference line on the rotating _____ line made it easier to count complete turns.

A. wheel the
B. wheel. The
C. wheel, and, the
D. wheel, the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

190 Hack 04

The poem appeared first in a small regional _____ reached a wider audience when it was included in an anthology.

A. newspaper it
B. newspaper, and, it
C. newspaper, it
D. newspaper. It

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP B · PRACTICE

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

191 Hack 04

The replacement lens produced a sharper image at the _____ near the center looked much the same as before.

A. edges. Objects
B. edges, objects
C. edges objects
D. edges, and, objects

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

192 Hack 04

The artist arranged the panels at slightly different _____ saw the colors change as they walked past.

A. angles. Visitors
B. angles, visitors
C. angles visitors
D. angles, and, visitors

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

193 Hack 04

The first seeds sprouted near the warmest part of the _____ at the shaded end appeared several days later.

A. greenhouse, and, those
B. greenhouse, those
C. greenhouse those
D. greenhouse. Those

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

194 Hack 04

The archive keeps the envelopes together with the _____ sometimes supply dates missing from the letters themselves.

A. letters. Postmarks
B. letters, and, postmarks
C. letters, postmarks
D. letters postmarks

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP B · PRACTICE

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

195 Hack 04

The repair crew left one section of the old surface _____ exposed area shows how the floor was originally constructed.

A. visible the
B. visible, the
C. visible. The
D. visible, and, the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

196 Hack 04

The team collected observations during both high and low _____ at the site changed considerably between the two periods.

A. tide, and, conditions
B. tide, conditions
C. tide. Conditions
D. tide conditions

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

197 Hack 04

The small bell was cast separately from its _____ metal pin connected the two pieces.

A. handle. A
B. handle, and, a
C. handle, a
D. handle a

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

198 Hack 04

The new edition reproduces the original page numbers in the _____ can still use references written for the earlier edition.

A. margins. Scholars
B. margins scholars
C. margins, and, scholars
D. margins, scholars

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP B · PRACTICE

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

199 Hack 04

The performers entered through different doors around the _____ movement created the impression that the music came from every direction.

A. hall. Their

B. hall, their

C. hall, and, their

D. hall their

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

200 Hack 04

The farmer planted a narrow strip of flowers beside the _____ flowers provided food for insects during a gap in the crop cycle.

A. field. The

B. field, the

C. field, and, the

D. field the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

201 Hack 04

The survey team returned to the same marker each _____ a fixed starting point reduced differences between daily measurements.

A. morning, using

B. morning. Using

C. morning, and, using

D. morning using

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

202 Hack 04

The newly uncovered window faces a wall added much _____ unusual arrangement reveals how the building changed over time.

A. later, and, the

B. later. The

C. later the

D. later, the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP B · PRACTICE

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

203 Hack 05

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

204 Hack 05

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

205 Hack 05

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

206 Hack 05

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

GROUP B · PRACTICE

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

207 Hack 05

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

208 Hack 05

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

209 Hack 05

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

210 Hack 05

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

GROUP B · PRACTICE

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

211 Hack 05

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

212 Hack 05

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

213 Hack 05

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

214 Hack 05

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

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP B · PRACTICE

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

215 Hack 05

The thick walls slowed the warming of the _____ air inside stayed cool well into the afternoon.

A. room; the
B. room, the
C. room; and, the
D. room the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

216 Hack 05

The first copy of the record is _____ second preserves the missing final column.

A. incomplete; the
B. incomplete, the
C. incomplete; and, the
D. incomplete the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

217 Hack 05

The two instruments produced similar _____ tones differed because their bodies were made from different materials.

A. notes; their
B. notes; and, their
C. notes their
D. notes, their

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

218 Hack 05

The team kept a control sample in _____ other samples were exposed to light for different lengths of time.

A. darkness the
B. darkness; the
C. darkness, the
D. darkness; and, the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP B · PRACTICE

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

219 Hack 05

The local newspaper printed a drawing of the proposed _____ could comment before construction began.

A. park; and, residents
B. park; residents
C. park residents
D. park, residents

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

220 Hack 05

The original handle had broken away from the _____ replacement was attached during an earlier repair.

A. tool a
B. tool; a
C. tool; and, a
D. tool, a

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

221 Hack 05

The sound faded quickly in the open _____ lasted much longer inside the stone passage.

A. field it
B. field; and, it
C. field, it
D. field; it

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

222 Hack 05

The first group approached the task through _____ second began by writing a list of possible solutions.

A. diagrams the
B. diagrams; the
C. diagrams; and, the
D. diagrams, the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP B · PRACTICE

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

223 Hack 05

The new label gives the date of the _____ older label records only the place where the object was found.

A. excavation an
B. excavation; an
C. excavation; and, an
D. excavation, an

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

224 Hack 05

The recording captured a brief pause before the final _____ printed score does not indicate that pause.

A. note, the
B. note; the
C. note; and, the
D. note the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

225 Hack 05

The outer container prevented the solution from cooling _____ inner container held the liquid being tested.

A. rapidly the
B. rapidly, the
C. rapidly; the
D. rapidly; and, the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

226 Hack 05

The stream runs beneath the road through a narrow _____ sometimes collects at the tunnel entrance.

A. tunnel, debris
B. tunnel; debris
C. tunnel; and, debris
D. tunnel debris

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP B · PRACTICE

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

227 Hack 05

The team used a long exposure to photograph the faint _____ camera had to remain perfectly still during the process.

A. markings; and, the
B. markings; the
C. markings the
D. markings, the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

228 Hack 05

The garden was designed for visitors with limited _____ of its plants can be recognized by scent or texture.

A. vision; many
B. vision, many
C. vision many
D. vision; and, many

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

229 Hack 05

The early drawings show a tower with a pointed _____ photographs show a flat roof in the same location.

A. roof, later
B. roof; later
C. roof later
D. roof; and, later

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

230 Hack 05

The new schedule allows extra time between _____ stage crew can move the larger equipment more safely.

A. performances; the
B. performances the
C. performances, the
D. performances; and, the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP B · PRACTICE

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

231 Hack 05

The survey identified several damaged sections of the _____ will begin with the section closest to the reservoir.

A. canal; repairs
B. canal, repairs
C. canal repairs
D. canal; and, repairs

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

232 Hack 05

The first layer of cloth absorbed most of the _____ layer beneath it remained nearly dry.

A. liquid; and, the
B. liquid, the
C. liquid the
D. liquid; the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

233 Hack 05

The notebook lists expenses for each day of the _____ entries help historians reconstruct the route.

A. journey those
B. journey; and, those
C. journey; those
D. journey, those

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

234 Hack 05

The glass beads were sorted by color before being _____ beads formed the largest group.

A. counted; clear
B. counted, clear
C. counted; and, clear
D. counted clear

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP B · PRACTICE

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

235 Hack 05

The researcher repeated the interview a month _____ second conversation clarified several uncertain details.

A. later; the
B. later the
C. later, the
D. later; and, the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

236 Hack 05

The new shelter faces away from the strongest prevailing _____ entrance receives sunlight during the cooler morning hours.

A. winds; its
B. winds; and, its
C. winds its
D. winds, its

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

237 Hack 05

The demonstration used a small model of the larger _____ could see the moving parts more easily.

A. system observers
B. system; observers
C. system; and, observers
D. system, observers

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

238 Hack 05

The restoration removed a dark coating from the _____ bright details became visible for the first time in decades.

A. painting; several
B. painting several
C. painting, several
D. painting; and, several

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP B · PRACTICE

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

239 Hack 06

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

240 Hack 06

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

241 Hack 06

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

242 Hack 06

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

GROUP B · PRACTICE

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

243 Hack 06

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

244 Hack 06

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

245 Hack 06

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

246 Hack 06

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

GROUP B · PRACTICE

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

247 Hack 06

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

248 Hack 06

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

249 Hack 06

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

250 Hack 06

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

GROUP B · PRACTICE

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

251 Hack 06

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

252 Hack 06

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

253 Hack 06

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

254 Hack 06

The original plan called for a narrow wooden walkway across the _____ final design used a wider platform supported by metal posts.

A. marsh, but, the
B. marsh but: the
C. marsh but; the
D. marsh, but the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP B · PRACTICE

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

255 Hack 06

The two samples appeared identical under ordinary room _____ special lamp revealed a difference in their surface coatings.

A. lighting, but a
B. lighting, but, a
C. lighting but; a
D. lighting but: a

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

256 Hack 06

The first survey suggested that the tunnel ended beneath the _____ later inspection located a passage extending beyond the outer wall.

A. courtyard but: a
B. courtyard, but a
C. courtyard, but, a
D. courtyard but; a

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

257 Hack 06

The opening scene presents the traveler as an experienced _____ following scene reveals that she has never visited the region before.

A. guide, but the
B. guide but; the
C. guide, but, the
D. guide but: the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

258 Hack 06

The early model could lift the required load without _____ motor became too hot after several minutes of continuous use.

A. difficulty, but its
B. difficulty but: its
C. difficulty, but, its
D. difficulty but; its

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP B · PRACTICE

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

259 Hack 06

The museum had enough information to identify the maker of the _____ date of its construction remained uncertain.

A. instrument, but the
B. instrument but: the
C. instrument, but, the
D. instrument but; the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

260 Hack 06

The birds returned to the island at the expected time of _____ selected a nesting site farther from the shore.

A. year, but they
B. year but: they
C. year, but, they
D. year but; they

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

261 Hack 06

The town preserved the outside walls of the former _____ interior was completely rebuilt to serve as a public library.

A. factory, but, the
B. factory, but the
C. factory but: the
D. factory but; the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

262 Hack 06

The two translators agreed on the meaning of the final _____ chose very different ways to express its humor.

A. sentence but: they
B. sentence but; they
C. sentence, but, they
D. sentence, but they

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP B · PRACTICE

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

263 Hack 06

The planting experiment produced a larger number of _____ total height of the plants changed very little.

A. leaves but: the
B. leaves, but, the
C. leaves but; the
D. leaves, but the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

264 Hack 06

The recording preserves the melody clearly enough for musicians to _____ makes several of the spoken words impossible to identify.

A. follow, but noise
B. follow but; noise
C. follow but: noise
D. follow, but, noise

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

265 Hack 06

The new route shortened the journey between the _____ required travelers to cross a much steeper ridge.

A. villages, but it
B. villages, but, it
C. villages but; it
D. villages but: it

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

266 Hack 06

The artist planned to display the sculpture in an enclosed _____ finished work was eventually installed in an open courtyard.

A. room, but, the
B. room, but the
C. room but; the
D. room but: the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP B · PRACTICE

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

267 Hack 06

The committee supported the main purpose of the _____ members questioned whether the suggested timetable was practical.

A. proposal but; several
B. proposal, but, several
C. proposal but: several
D. proposal, but several

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

268 Hack 06

The first layer of paint matched the color shown in old _____ team discovered a different color beneath that layer.

A. photographs, but the
B. photographs but; the
C. photographs, but, the
D. photographs but: the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

269 Hack 06

The device worked reliably when tested on a level _____ readings became less consistent when the platform tilted.

A. surface, but, its
B. surface but; its
C. surface, but its
D. surface but: its

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

270 Hack 06

The villagers recognized the name written on the old _____ of them could identify the location marked beside it.

A. map, but none
B. map, but, none
C. map but: none
D. map but; none

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP B · PRACTICE

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

271 Hack 06

The printed instructions described the order of assembly in _____ did not explain how to adjust the tension afterward.

A. detail but: they
B. detail, but, they
C. detail but; they
D. detail, but they

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

272 Hack 06

The researchers expected the insects to gather near the warmer _____ of the insects moved toward the cooler one.

A. container but; most
B. container, but, most
C. container, but most
D. container but: most

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

273 Hack 06

The new edition corrected several errors in the earlier _____ retained the original arrangement of the chapters.

A. translation, but it
B. translation but: it
C. translation, but, it
D. translation but; it

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

274 Hack 06

The storm damaged many of the exposed branches along the _____ in the sheltered valley suffered little harm.

A. coast, but trees
B. coast but; trees
C. coast but: trees
D. coast, but, trees

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP B · PRACTICE

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

275 Hack 06

The workshop could produce the metal components in large _____ wooden handle still had to be shaped individually.

A. numbers but; each
B. numbers but: each
C. numbers, but each
D. numbers, but, each

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

276 Hack 06

The first photographs showed what appeared to be a continuous _____ examination revealed several narrow openings near the base.

A. wall but; closer
B. wall, but, closer
C. wall but: closer
D. wall, but closer

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

277 Hack 06

The melody was familiar to almost everyone in the _____ listeners recognized the older words used by the singer.

A. audience, but, few
B. audience, but few
C. audience but; few
D. audience but: few

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

278 Hack 06

The protective coating kept water away from the surface of the _____ also made the colors appear slightly darker.

A. paper, but it
B. paper, but, it
C. paper but; it
D. paper but: it

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP B · PRACTICE

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

279 Hack 06

The new reservoir provided a more dependable supply of _____ its channels required more work than the planners expected.

A. water, but, maintaining
B. water but; maintaining
C. water, but maintaining
D. water but: maintaining

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

280 Hack 06

The team found evidence that people had occupied the site in _____ found no clear signs of winter occupation.

A. summer but: it
B. summer but; it
C. summer, but, it
D. summer, but it

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

281 Hack 06

The manuscript gives a detailed account of the outward _____ says almost nothing about the return trip.

A. journey, but it
B. journey, but, it
C. journey but; it
D. journey but: it

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

282 Hack 06

The first trial met every requirement listed in the test _____ researchers repeated it to check that the result was consistent.

A. plan but; the
B. plan but: the
C. plan, but the
D. plan, but, the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP B · PRACTICE

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

283 Hack 06

The replacement material was easier to shape than the original _____ did not withstand outdoor conditions as well.

A. stone but: it

B. stone, but, it

C. stone, but it

D. stone but; it

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 Q284–295 · p. 101

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 Q296–310 · p. 104

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 Q311–364 · p. 107

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 777

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?

284 Hack 07

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

285 Hack 07

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

286 Hack 07

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

287 Hack 07

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?

288 Hack 07

Although the oldest map omits several small _____ accurately shows the shape of the main coastline.

A. islands: it
B. islands, it
C. islands; it
D. islands. it

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

289 Hack 07

Because the outer layer had become brittle after years in _____ technicians handled the sample with padded tools.

A. sunlight, the
B. sunlight. the
C. sunlight; the
D. sunlight: the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

290 Hack 07

When the final section of the footbridge was lowered into _____ workers checked that both ends rested securely on their supports.

A. place; the
B. place, the
C. place: the
D. place. the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

291 Hack 07

If the temperature inside the chamber rises above the selected _____ cooling system switches on automatically.

A. limit; the
B. limit. the
C. limit: the
D. limit, the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP C · PRACTICE

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

292 Hack 07

While the musicians rehearsed in the main _____ stage crew adjusted the lights above the empty seats.

A. hall: the
B. hall; the
C. hall. the
D. hall, the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

293 Hack 07

After the floodwater had retreated from the lower _____ inspected the soil for signs of erosion.

A. fields, farmers
B. fields; farmers
C. fields: farmers
D. fields. farmers

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

294 Hack 07

Before the volunteers began entering the handwritten records into a _____ agreed on a common method for uncertain spellings.

A. database. they
B. database; they
C. database, they
D. database: they

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

295 Hack 07

Since the original recording was too damaged to play _____ archivists created a digital copy for researchers.

A. safely; the
B. safely: the
C. safely. the
D. safely, the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP C · PRACTICE

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

296 Hack 08

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

297 Hack 08

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

298 Hack 08

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

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

299 Hack 08

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

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP C · PRACTICE

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

300 Hack 08

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

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

301 Hack 08

The seedlings survived the unusually dry _____ their roots had already reached moist soil below the surface.

A. week. because

B. week; because

C. week because

D. week because:

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

302 Hack 08

The warning light remains _____ the cover is fully closed.

A. on until:

B. on until

C. on. until

D. on; until

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

303 Hack 08

The students could use the workshop _____ if a trained supervisor was present.

A. equipment only:

B. equipment. only

C. equipment; only

D. equipment only

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP C · PRACTICE

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

304 Hack 08

The protective screen becomes _____ an electric current passes through its outer layer.

A. transparent when:
B. transparent. when
C. transparent when
D. transparent; when

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

305 Hack 08

The team rejected the first set of _____ the reference scale had shifted during the experiment.

A. measurements because:
B. measurements because
C. measurements. because
D. measurements; because

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

306 Hack 08

Visitors can reach the upper _____ they climb the narrow staircase beside the entrance.

A. gallery after:
B. gallery after
C. gallery. after
D. gallery; after

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

307 Hack 08

The machine will stop _____ the sensor detects an obstacle in its path.

A. moving if
B. moving; if
C. moving if:
D. moving. if

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP C · PRACTICE

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

308 Hack 08

The volunteers kept the fragile pages _____ that the brittle edges would not bend during scanning.

A. flat so:
B. flat so
C. flat; so
D. flat. so

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

309 Hack 08

The new path follows the old _____ the valley becomes too narrow for separate routes.

A. road where:
B. road; where
C. road. where
D. road where

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

310 Hack 08

The committee postponed its _____ two important cost estimates had not yet arrived.

A. decision; because
B. decision because:
C. decision because
D. decision. because

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

311 Hack 09

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

GROUP C · PRACTICE

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

312 Hack 09

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

313 Hack 09

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

314 Hack 09

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

315 Hack 09

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

GROUP C · PRACTICE

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

316 Hack 09

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

317 Hack 09

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

318 Hack 09

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

319 Hack 09

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

GROUP C · PRACTICE

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

320 Hack 09

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

321 Hack 09

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

322 Hack 09

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

323 Hack 09

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

GROUP C · PRACTICE

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

324 Hack 09

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

325 Hack 09

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

326 Hack 09

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

327 Hack 09

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

GROUP C · PRACTICE

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

328 Hack 09

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

329 Hack 09

Working from photographs taken before the building was _____ restorers recreated the pattern above the doorway.

A. damaged: the
B. damaged. the
C. damaged; the
D. damaged, the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

330 Hack 09

Hidden beneath several layers of _____ original sign remained almost completely intact.

A. paint, the
B. paint: the
C. paint; the
D. paint. the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

331 Hack 09

Designed to fold into a compact _____ instrument could be carried easily between observation sites.

A. case; the
B. case. the
C. case: the
D. case, the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP C · PRACTICE

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

332 Hack 09

Using a brush softer than the surrounding _____ conservator removed dust from the carved lines.

A. clay, the
B. clay: the
C. clay. the
D. clay; the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

333 Hack 09

The afternoon rehearsal _____ musicians packed their instruments and left the hall.

A. complete, the
B. complete; the
C. complete. the
D. complete: the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

334 Hack 09

Looking through the narrow opening in the _____ children watched the young foxes playing near their den.

A. fence, the
B. fence. the
C. fence; the
D. fence: the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

335 Hack 09

Built on a platform above the wet _____ shelter stayed dry through the rainy season.

A. ground: the
B. ground. the
C. ground; the
D. ground, the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP C · PRACTICE

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

336 Hack 09

Unable to find the document in the main _____ librarian searched a set of handwritten indexes.

A. catalog. the
B. catalog, the
C. catalog; the
D. catalog: the

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

337 Hack 09

Following the faint marks along the edge of the _____ restorer located the original fold lines.

A. paper: the
B. paper, the
C. paper. the
D. paper; the

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

338 Hack 09

The final measurements _____ technicians switched off the equipment.

A. recorded. the
B. recorded: the
C. recorded, the
D. recorded; the

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

339 Hack 09

Surrounded by taller buildings on three _____ small garden received direct sunlight only around midday.

A. sides, the
B. sides: the
C. sides; the
D. sides. the

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP C · PRACTICE

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

340 Hack 09

Comparing samples collected at different _____ scientists identified a gradual change in mineral content.

A. depths. the
B. depths; the
C. depths: the
D. depths, the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

341 Hack 09

Carefully balanced on a low wooden _____ heavy drum could be played without a supporting strap.

A. stand. the
B. stand, the
C. stand; the
D. stand: the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

342 Hack 09

Hoping to reduce noise near the nesting _____ park staff moved the main walking route farther inland.

A. area; the
B. area, the
C. area. the
D. area: the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

343 Hack 09

The old labels _____ volunteers attached new tags printed on acid-free paper.

A. removed: the
B. removed; the
C. removed, the
D. removed. the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP C · PRACTICE

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

344 Hack 09

Made from thin strips of flexible _____ basket could expand slightly when filled.

A. wood; the
B. wood, the
C. wood: the
D. wood. the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

345 Hack 09

Searching the shelves for an early edition of the _____ student noticed a volume containing handwritten corrections.

A. poem, the
B. poem; the
C. poem: the
D. poem. the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

346 Hack 09

Placed at regular intervals along the _____ lamps provided an even level of light.

A. platform; the
B. platform: the
C. platform. the
D. platform, the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

347 Hack 09

The river too high to cross _____ survey team returned to camp by a longer route.

A. safely; the
B. safely. the
C. safely, the
D. safely: the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP C · PRACTICE

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

348 Hack 09

Guided by an experienced _____ apprentices learned to recognize weakened joints.

A. boatbuilder, the
B. boatbuilder; the
C. boatbuilder: the
D. boatbuilder. the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

349 Hack 09

Unable to distinguish the faint letters under ordinary _____ researchers photographed the page with a special camera.

A. light, the
B. light; the
C. light. the
D. light: the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

350 Hack 09

Worn smooth by decades of _____ stone steps reflected the light from the open doorway.

A. use: the
B. use; the
C. use. the
D. use, the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

351 Hack 09

The last audience members _____ conductor raised her hands to begin.

A. seated. the
B. seated: the
C. seated, the
D. seated; the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP C · PRACTICE

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

352 Hack 09

Watching the shadows change across the _____ architect studied how the roof would affect the available light.

A. courtyard; the
B. courtyard, the
C. courtyard: the
D. courtyard. the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

353 Hack 09

Stored in sealed containers away from strong _____ samples remained suitable for later tests.

A. odors, the
B. odors; the
C. odors: the
D. odors. the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

354 Hack 09

Eager to learn which plants attracted the most _____ class kept a daily record of visits to the garden.

A. insects. the
B. insects; the
C. insects: the
D. insects, the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

355 Hack 09

The first path blocked by fallen _____ hikers followed the signs toward an alternate trail.

A. branches: the
B. branches; the
C. branches. the
D. branches, the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP C · PRACTICE

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

356 Hack 09

Painted in colors visible from a great _____ marker helped sailors locate the channel.

A. distance, the
B. distance. the
C. distance: the
D. distance; the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

357 Hack 09

Carrying only the tools needed for the _____ engineer climbed the ladder to the upper platform.

A. inspection, the
B. inspection; the
C. inspection. the
D. inspection: the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

358 Hack 09

Taken from the sheltered side of the _____ photographs showed a clear view of the exposed rock layers.

A. valley. the
B. valley, the
C. valley; the
D. valley: the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

359 Hack 09

The instructions translated into several _____ museum could offer the activity to a wider audience.

A. languages, the
B. languages: the
C. languages. the
D. languages; the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP C · PRACTICE

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

360 Hack 09

Keeping the camera at a fixed height above the _____ researcher photographed each section of the plot.

A. ground, the
B. ground. the
C. ground; the
D. ground: the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

361 Hack 09

Arranged in order of increasing _____ samples revealed small but consistent differences in color.

A. thickness; the
B. thickness, the
C. thickness: the
D. thickness. the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

362 Hack 09

The rehearsal room unavailable that _____ choir practiced in the library meeting room.

A. afternoon. the
B. afternoon: the
C. afternoon, the
D. afternoon; the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

363 Hack 09

Examining the broken end of the tool under _____ technician found a small area of earlier damage.

A. magnification: the
B. magnification; the
C. magnification. the
D. magnification, the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP C · PRACTICE

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

364 Hack 09

Located beyond the reach of ordinary _____ storage room protected the records during heavy rain.

A. floodwater; the

B. floodwater: the

C. floodwater, the

D. floodwater. the

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 Q365–382 · p. 128

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 Q383–492 · p. 132

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 Q493–531 · p. 160

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 777

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?

365 Hack 10

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

366 Hack 10

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

367 Hack 10

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

368 Hack 10

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?

369 Hack 10

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

370 Hack 10

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

371 Hack 10

The _____ had been kept in a cool room sprouted earlier than the seeds stored near the window.

A. seeds; that

B. seeds that

C. seeds, that

D. seeds: that

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

372 Hack 10

The _____ had completed the safety course were allowed to operate the cutting equipment.

A. volunteers: who

B. volunteers who

C. volunteers; who

D. volunteers, who

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP D · PRACTICE

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

373 Hack 10

The section of the _____ faces the sea shows more damage than the sheltered sections.

A. wall that
B. wall: that
C. wall; that
D. wall, that

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

374 Hack 10

The _____ mention the new railway were written later than the letters describing travel by coach.

A. letters; that
B. letters: that
C. letters that
D. letters, that

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

375 Hack 10

The _____ grow beside the stream have broader leaves than those on the dry hillside.

A. plants; that
B. plants, that
C. plants: that
D. plants that

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

376 Hack 10

The _____ perform the opening passage sit near the front of the stage.

A. musicians: who
B. musicians, who
C. musicians who
D. musicians; who

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP D · PRACTICE

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

377 Hack 10

The _____ held the darkest liquid was placed in a separate tray for further inspection.

A. container, that
B. container that
C. container; that
D. container: that

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

378 Hack 10

The _____ were displayed in the entrance hall attracted more visitors than those in the smaller room.

A. paintings: that
B. paintings, that
C. paintings; that
D. paintings that

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

379 Hack 10

The _____ lived closest to the river developed different ways of protecting their homes from floods.

A. families; who
B. families: who
C. families, who
D. families who

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

380 Hack 10

The _____ has a curved wooden handle belongs with the set used for carving shallow bowls.

A. tool that
B. tool; that
C. tool: that
D. tool, that

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP D · PRACTICE

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

381 Hack 10

The _____ include background conversation were excluded from the study of bird calls.

A. recordings: that
B. recordings that
C. recordings, that
D. recordings; that

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

382 Hack 10

The _____ crosses the eastern branch of the river remains closed while its wooden deck is replaced.

A. bridge: that
B. bridge, that
C. bridge that
D. bridge; that

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

383 Hack 11

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

384 Hack 11

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?

385 Hack 11

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

386 Hack 11

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

387 Hack 11

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

388 Hack 11

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?

389 Hack 11

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

390 Hack 11

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

391 Hack 11

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

392 Hack 11

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?

393 Hack 11

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

394 Hack 11

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

395 Hack 11

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

396 Hack 11

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?

397 Hack 11

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

398 Hack 11

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

399 Hack 11

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

400 Hack 11

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?

401 Hack 11

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

402 Hack 11

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

403 Hack 11

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

404 Hack 11

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?

405 Hack 11

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

406 Hack 11

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

407 Hack 11

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

408 Hack 11

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

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP D · PRACTICE

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

409 Hack 11

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

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

410 Hack 11

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

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

411 Hack 11

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C. Robin”; a technique that,
D. Robin”—a technique that,

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GROUP D · PRACTICE

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413 Hack 11

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—

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

414 Hack 11

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

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

415 Hack 11

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,

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

416 Hack 11

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

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP D · PRACTICE

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

417 Hack 11

”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;

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

418 Hack 11

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

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

419 Hack 11

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),

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

420 Hack 11

The limestone arch, the oldest part of the surviving _____ several meters above the modern road.

A. gateway— stands

B. gateway, stands

C. gateway; stands

D. gateway: stands

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP D · PRACTICE

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

421 Hack 11

The new sensor, a device designed to detect very small _____ attached to the lower edge of the frame.

A. movements; was
B. movements— was
C. movements: was
D. movements, was

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

422 Hack 11

The central courtyard, once used as a place to dry harvested _____ serves as an outdoor performance space.

A. grain: now
B. grain— now
C. grain, now
D. grain; now

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

423 Hack 11

The blue pigment, which had faded less than the surrounding _____ the restorer identify the original pattern.

A. colors, helped
B. colors— helped
C. colors: helped
D. colors; helped

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

424 Hack 11

The final notebook, the only volume containing a complete list of _____ discovered in a box of unrelated papers.

A. expenses— was
B. expenses; was
C. expenses: was
D. expenses, was

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP D · PRACTICE

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

425 Hack 11

The northern path, a narrow track that follows the base of the _____ shaded for most of the day.

A. cliff, remains
B. cliff; remains
C. cliff— remains
D. cliff: remains

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

426 Hack 11

The second violinist, who had joined the ensemble only a week _____ the unfamiliar passage with remarkable confidence.

A. earlier— played
B. earlier, played
C. earlier: played
D. earlier; played

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

427 Hack 11

The upper chamber, a room with no windows facing the _____ probably used to store valuable materials.

A. street; was
B. street— was
C. street: was
D. street, was

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

428 Hack 11

The iron clasp, the only metal part of the wooden _____ been replaced during an earlier repair.

A. chest— had
B. chest, had
C. chest: had
D. chest; had

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP D · PRACTICE

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

429 Hack 11

The first recording, made while the musicians were still _____ a version of the ending that was later changed.

A. rehearsing, preserves
B. rehearsing: preserves
C. rehearsing; preserves
D. rehearsing— preserves

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

430 Hack 11

The shallow pond, a temporary body of water formed by winter _____ several species of breeding insects.

A. rain; supports
B. rain— supports
C. rain, supports
D. rain: supports

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

431 Hack 11

The red line, which marks the route proposed by the original _____ at the edge of the steepest slope.

A. surveyors: ends
B. surveyors— ends
C. surveyors; ends
D. surveyors, ends

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

432 Hack 11

The new catalog, a project supported by several small _____ photographs of objects held in private collections.

A. museums— includes
B. museums: includes
C. museums, includes
D. museums; includes

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP D · PRACTICE

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

433 Hack 11

The valley floor, covered with a thick layer of loose _____ difficult to cross after heavy rain.

A. stones, was
B. stones— was
C. stones: was
D. stones; was

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

434 Hack 11

The earliest sketch, which shows the building without its later _____ a useful guide for the restoration team.

A. additions, provides
B. additions; provides
C. additions— provides
D. additions: provides

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

435 Hack 11

The control sample, kept at a constant temperature throughout the _____ no measurable change in color.

A. experiment: showed
B. experiment; showed
C. experiment— showed
D. experiment, showed

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

436 Hack 11

The old waterwheel, a structure built largely from local _____ operating long after newer mills had opened nearby.

A. timber— continued
B. timber; continued
C. timber, continued
D. timber: continued

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP D · PRACTICE

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

437 Hack 11

The largest seed, almost twice the width of the smallest _____ the longest time to sprout.

A. one; took
B. one: took
C. one— took
D. one, took

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

438 Hack 11

The entrance passage, a space wide enough for only one person at a _____ into a much larger central room.

A. time, opens
B. time; opens
C. time— opens
D. time: opens

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

439 Hack 11

The printed map, which was folded inside the back cover of the _____ several roads that no longer exist.

A. guidebook: shows
B. guidebook; shows
C. guidebook, shows
D. guidebook— shows

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

440 Hack 11

The restored bell, a small instrument with an unusually low _____ be displayed beside the tools used to repair it.

A. tone, will
B. tone: will
C. tone— will
D. tone; will

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP D · PRACTICE

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

441 Hack 11

The lower shelf, the only part of the cabinet protected from direct _____ the best-preserved books.

A. sunlight; held
B. sunlight, held
C. sunlight: held
D. sunlight— held

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

442 Hack 11

The west-facing window, which had been sealed during an earlier _____ reopened to admit more afternoon light.

A. renovation: was
B. renovation, was
C. renovation— was
D. renovation; was

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

443 Hack 11

The final movement, a lively section built around a repeated _____ with the quiet opening of the piece.

A. rhythm, contrasts
B. rhythm; contrasts
C. rhythm— contrasts
D. rhythm: contrasts

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

444 Hack 11

The remaining fragment, a piece no larger than a _____ carries part of the original painted design.

A. fingernail, still
B. fingernail; still
C. fingernail— still
D. fingernail: still

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP D · PRACTICE

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

445 Hack 11

The community garden, maintained entirely by neighborhood _____ fresh herbs for a nearby kitchen.

A. volunteers: provides
B. volunteers; provides
C. volunteers— provides
D. volunteers, provides

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

446 Hack 11

The smallest camera, which could fit inside the narrow inspection _____ damage that the larger camera could not reach.

A. opening: recorded
B. opening; recorded
C. opening, recorded
D. opening— recorded

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

447 Hack 11

The upper layer of soil, a deposit rich in small shell _____ sharply from the dark layer beneath it.

A. fragments; differed
B. fragments, differed
C. fragments: differed
D. fragments— differed

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

448 Hack 11

The handwritten index, prepared by an unknown clerk many years _____ several helpful references to missing documents.

A. later: contains
B. later— contains
C. later, contains
D. later; contains

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP D · PRACTICE

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

449 Hack 11

The wooden platform, supported by posts driven deep into the _____ level during the spring floods.

A. riverbed: remained
B. riverbed; remained
C. riverbed, remained
D. riverbed— remained

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

450 Hack 11

The newly translated passage, an account of a journey across the _____ a settlement absent from the other surviving records.

A. desert, mentions
B. desert; mentions
C. desert— mentions
D. desert: mentions

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

451 Hack 11

The second performer, who carried a drum suspended from a shoulder _____ the rhythm for the procession.

A. strap: set
B. strap— set
C. strap; set
D. strap, set

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

452 Hack 11

The eastern field, a plot left unplanted for several _____ a wider variety of wildflowers than the neighboring fields.

A. seasons; contained
B. seasons— contained
C. seasons, contained
D. seasons: contained

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP D · PRACTICE

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

453 Hack 11

The silver thread, which reflects light more strongly than the surrounding _____ the stitched pattern visible from a distance.

A. fabric; makes
B. fabric— makes
C. fabric: makes
D. fabric, makes

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

454 Hack 11

The rebuilt engine, a machine assembled from parts of several damaged _____ its final inspection on the first attempt.

A. units: passed
B. units, passed
C. units— passed
D. units; passed

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

455 Hack 11

The opening lecture, an introduction to the history of the _____ take place in the museum auditorium.

A. collection, will
B. collection: will
C. collection— will
D. collection; will

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

456 Hack 11

The curved blade, a tool used to trim the inside of wooden _____ a different sharpening method from a straight blade.

A. bowls: requires
B. bowls; requires
C. bowls, requires
D. bowls— requires

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP D · PRACTICE

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

457 Hack 11

The outer ring, which turns independently of the central _____ users to align the markings without moving the whole device.

A. disk; allows
B. disk— allows
C. disk: allows
D. disk, allows

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

458 Hack 11

The village archive, a collection begun by a retired _____ photographs donated by families from across the district.

A. teacher; contains
B. teacher: contains
C. teacher, contains
D. teacher— contains

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

459 Hack 11

The replacement beam, cut from a tree felled during the _____ allowed to dry before being fitted into place.

A. winter; was
B. winter, was
C. winter— was
D. winter: was

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

460 Hack 11

The small island—an important resting place for migrating _____ beyond the mouth of the river.

A. birds: lies
B. birds; lies
C. birds, lies
D. birds— lies

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP D · PRACTICE

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

461 Hack 11

The first chamber—a room carved directly into the soft _____ no surviving traces of decoration.

A. rock; contains
B. rock: contains
C. rock— contains
D. rock, contains

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

462 Hack 11

The newly identified instrument—a portable device for measuring wind _____ in a drawing made decades before the patent application.

A. speed: appears
B. speed— appears
C. speed; appears
D. speed, appears

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

463 Hack 11

The river path—closed for several months after the _____ when workers completed a protective barrier.

A. landslide— reopened
B. landslide, reopened
C. landslide: reopened
D. landslide; reopened

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

464 Hack 11

The final scene—a conversation between two characters who never meet earlier in the _____ how the audience understands the opening scene.

A. play: changes
B. play— changes
C. play, changes
D. play; changes

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP D · PRACTICE

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

465 Hack 11

The damaged page—the only sheet bearing the signature of the original _____ stored separately during conservation.

A. owner; was
B. owner, was
C. owner: was
D. owner— was

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

466 Hack 11

The largest container—a shallow tray with a tightly fitting _____ samples from the deepest part of the excavation.

A. lid: held
B. lid; held
C. lid, held
D. lid— held

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

467 Hack 11

The narrow channel—a route once used by boats carrying _____ gradually filled with mud and reeds.

A. stone; has
B. stone, has
C. stone— has
D. stone: has

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

468 Hack 11

The newly discovered passage—a short section missing from all later _____ an unexpected detail to the account of the journey.

A. copies; adds
B. copies: adds
C. copies— adds
D. copies, adds

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP D · PRACTICE

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

469 Hack 11

The rotating platform—a device controlled by a small electric _____ the photographer record every side of the object.

A. motor: lets
B. motor— lets
C. motor; lets
D. motor, lets

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

470 Hack 11

The southern slope—exposed to sunlight for most of the _____ fewer moisture-loving plants than the shaded slope.

A. afternoon— supported
B. afternoon: supported
C. afternoon, supported
D. afternoon; supported

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

471 Hack 11

The oldest surviving photograph—a blurred view of the market _____ a fountain that was removed during later construction.

A. square; shows
B. square, shows
C. square— shows
D. square: shows

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

472 Hack 11

The bronze fitting—the only object recovered from the lower _____ sent to a specialist for further analysis.

A. trench: was
B. trench; was
C. trench, was
D. trench— was

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP D · PRACTICE

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

473 Hack 11

The proposed footpath—a route connecting the station to the riverside _____ allow walkers to avoid the busy main road.

A. park; would
B. park, would
C. park— would
D. park: would

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

474 Hack 11

The second movement—a quiet section written for only three _____ added after the first public performance.

A. instruments, was
B. instruments: was
C. instruments; was
D. instruments— was

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

475 Hack 11

The glass panel—a surface coated with a thin reflective _____ light toward the small detector.

A. layer— directs
B. layer; directs
C. layer: directs
D. layer, directs

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

476 Hack 11

The outer wall—a structure rebuilt several times over the _____ stones of noticeably different sizes.

A. centuries; contains
B. centuries, contains
C. centuries: contains
D. centuries— contains

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP D · PRACTICE

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

477 Hack 11

The sealed envelope—the last item listed in the _____ opened in the presence of two archivists.

A. inventory; was
B. inventory, was
C. inventory: was
D. inventory— was

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

478 Hack 11

The first prototype—a model made from inexpensive cardboard and _____ the students test the basic mechanism.

A. wire; helped
B. wire— helped
C. wire: helped
D. wire, helped

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

479 Hack 11

The sheltered inlet—a stretch of calm water behind the rocky _____ a safe place to unload the equipment.

A. headland; provided
B. headland: provided
C. headland, provided
D. headland— provided

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

480 Hack 11

The final letter—a brief message written on reused _____ the only direct reference to the canceled voyage.

A. paper, contains
B. paper— contains
C. paper: contains
D. paper; contains

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP D · PRACTICE

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

481 Hack 11

The central panel—a painting restored more recently than its _____ brighter because its darkened coating has been removed.

A. neighbors; appears
B. neighbors— appears
C. neighbors: appears
D. neighbors, appears

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

482 Hack 11

The monitoring station—a small hut powered by solar _____ temperature readings to the laboratory every hour.

A. panels: sends
B. panels— sends
C. panels; sends
D. panels, sends

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

483 Hack 11

The earliest edition—a volume printed before the author revised the _____ now difficult to find outside major libraries.

A. conclusion; is
B. conclusion, is
C. conclusion— is
D. conclusion: is

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

484 Hack 11

The experimental plot—a fenced area protected from grazing _____ denser vegetation than the surrounding land.

A. animals, developed
B. animals— developed
C. animals: developed
D. animals; developed

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP D · PRACTICE

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

485 Hack 11

The surviving witness—a resident who had watched the bridge being _____ the original arrangement of its wooden supports.

A. built: described
B. built— described
C. built; described
D. built, described

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

486 Hack 11

The portable screen—a folding structure covered with pale _____ glare during outdoor demonstrations.

A. fabric, reduced
B. fabric: reduced
C. fabric— reduced
D. fabric; reduced

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

487 Hack 11

The abandoned quarry—a deep hollow now partly filled with _____ plants rarely found in the nearby woodland.

A. water— supports
B. water: supports
C. water, supports
D. water; supports

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

488 Hack 11

The second sample—a powder collected from the inside of the _____ traces of a different mineral.

A. vessel; contained
B. vessel, contained
C. vessel— contained
D. vessel: contained

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP D · PRACTICE

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

489 Hack 11

The public reading—a performance organized to mark the library _____ poems chosen by local residents.

A. anniversary: included
B. anniversary, included
C. anniversary— included
D. anniversary; included

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

490 Hack 11

The insulated box—a container designed for transporting fragile _____ the contents at a nearly constant temperature.

A. instruments; kept
B. instruments: kept
C. instruments— kept
D. instruments, kept

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

491 Hack 11

The former ticket office—a room barely large enough for a _____ become a small exhibition space.

A. desk: has
B. desk— has
C. desk; has
D. desk, has

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

492 Hack 11

The translated inscription—a short message carved above the _____ the person who paid for the building.

A. doorway; identifies
B. doorway, identifies
C. doorway— identifies
D. doorway: identifies

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP D · PRACTICE

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

493 Hack 12

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

494 Hack 12

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

495 Hack 12

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

496 Hack 12

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

GROUP D · PRACTICE

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

497 Hack 12

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

498 Hack 12

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

499 Hack 12

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

500 Hack 12

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

GROUP D · PRACTICE

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

501 Hack 12

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

502 Hack 12

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

503 Hack 12

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

504 Hack 12

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

GROUP D · PRACTICE

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

505 Hack 12

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,

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

506 Hack 12

Botanist _____ mapped the spread of a climbing plant along the river.

A. Leila Rahman
B. Leila Rahman,
C. , Leila Rahman
D. : Leila Rahman

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

507 Hack 12

Composer _____ built the final movement around a melody first heard in the opening.

A. Mateo Solis
B. , Mateo Solis
C. : Mateo Solis
D. Mateo Solis,

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

508 Hack 12

Architect _____ designed a roof that channels rainwater into a garden.

A. Nora Okafor,
B. : Nora Okafor
C. , Nora Okafor
D. Nora Okafor

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP D · PRACTICE

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

509 Hack 12

Historian _____ compared shipping records with letters written by coastal merchants.

A. : Elias Chen
B. Elias Chen,
C. , Elias Chen
D. Elias Chen

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

510 Hack 12

Ceramic artist _____ left a small section of each vessel unglazed.

A. , Mina Farouk
B. : Mina Farouk
C. Mina Farouk
D. Mina Farouk,

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

511 Hack 12

Marine ecologist _____ studied the animals living beneath floating docks.

A. , Tessa Morgan
B. Tessa Morgan,
C. Tessa Morgan
D. : Tessa Morgan

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

512 Hack 12

Translator _____ retained several unfamiliar place names from the original text.

A. Samir Haddad,
B. Samir Haddad
C. , Samir Haddad
D. : Samir Haddad

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP D · PRACTICE

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

513 Hack 12

Photographer _____ recorded the changing shadows across the same wall each morning.

A. Ana Valdez
B. : Ana Valdez
C. , Ana Valdez
D. Ana Valdez,

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

514 Hack 12

Engineer _____ developed a valve that closes when water pressure drops.

A. , Dara Mensah
B. Dara Mensah,
C. Dara Mensah
D. : Dara Mensah

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

515 Hack 12

Poet _____ used a repeated line to connect the separate sections of the poem.

A. : Luca Sato
B. Luca Sato
C. Luca Sato,
D. , Luca Sato

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

516 Hack 12

Geologist _____ identified a thin layer of volcanic material between two deposits of sand.

A. : Imani Cole
B. Imani Cole
C. , Imani Cole
D. Imani Cole,

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP D · PRACTICE

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

517 Hack 12

Museum conservator _____ removed the later coating without disturbing the paint beneath it.

A. , Theo Marin
B. : Theo Marin
C. Theo Marin
D. Theo Marin,

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

518 Hack 12

Linguist _____ recorded speakers telling the same story in several regional varieties.

A. , Rania Aziz
B. Rania Aziz
C. : Rania Aziz
D. Rania Aziz,

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

519 Hack 12

Illustrator _____ drew each plant at two stages of growth.

A. Owen Park,
B. Owen Park
C. : Owen Park
D. , Owen Park

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

520 Hack 12

Archaeologist _____ located the edge of a buried floor beneath the courtyard.

A. Sofia Neri,
B. : Sofia Neri
C. Sofia Neri
D. , Sofia Neri

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP D · PRACTICE

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

521 Hack 12

Wildlife biologist _____ tracked the movements of foxes near the edge of the city.

A. , Jonah Reed
B. Jonah Reed,
C. Jonah Reed
D. : Jonah Reed

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

522 Hack 12

Playwright _____ set the entire second act inside an empty railway station.

A. , Amina Bello
B. Amina Bello,
C. : Amina Bello
D. Amina Bello

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

523 Hack 12

Sound designer _____ combined field recordings with sounds made in the studio.

A. , Felix Duarte
B. Felix Duarte,
C. : Felix Duarte
D. Felix Duarte

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

524 Hack 12

Textile researcher _____ examined the twists in threads recovered from a dry cave.

A. , Yara Malik
B. : Yara Malik
C. Yara Malik
D. Yara Malik,

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP D · PRACTICE

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

525 Hack 12

Landscape architect _____ placed shaded seating beside the busiest walking route.

A. : Hugo Silva
B. , Hugo Silva
C. Hugo Silva,
D. Hugo Silva

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

526 Hack 12

Astronomer _____ compared repeated images of a faint region of the sky.

A. : Lina Costa
B. Lina Costa,
C. Lina Costa
D. , Lina Costa

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

527 Hack 12

Bookbinder _____ repaired the damaged spine using materials that could later be removed.

A. Noah Kim,
B. , Noah Kim
C. Noah Kim
D. : Noah Kim

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

528 Hack 12

Cartographer _____ marked uncertain routes with a different type of line.

A. Zain Abbas
B. : Zain Abbas
C. , Zain Abbas
D. Zain Abbas,

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP D · PRACTICE

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

529 Hack 12

Dancer _____ adapted a traditional step for a performance on a much smaller stage.

A. Rosa Vega
B. Rosa Vega,
C. : Rosa Vega
D. , Rosa Vega

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

530 Hack 12

Materials scientist _____ tested how thin sheets bend after repeated heating.

A. , Arun Patel
B. Arun Patel,
C. : Arun Patel
D. Arun Patel

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

531 Hack 12

Oral historian _____ interviewed retired workers about the former shipyard.

A. : Maya Ellis
B. , Maya Ellis
C. Maya Ellis,
D. Maya Ellis

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 Q532–543 · p. 176

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 Q544–597 · p. 179

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 Q598–603 · p. 192

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 777

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?

532 Hack 13

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

533 Hack 13

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

534 Hack 13

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

535 Hack 13

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

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP E · PRACTICE

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

536 Hack 13

Each repair kit contained three basic _____ small hammer, a narrow file, and a pair of pliers.

A. tools a
B. tools; a
C. tools. a
D. tools: a

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

537 Hack 13

The exhibition was divided into three _____ experiments, working models, and finished designs.

A. sections. early
B. sections early
C. sections: early
D. sections; early

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

538 Hack 13

The garden plan included four kinds of _____ beds, shaded paths, seating areas, and a central lawn.

A. spaces; vegetable
B. spaces: vegetable
C. spaces. vegetable
D. spaces vegetable

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

539 Hack 13

The volunteers recorded three details for every _____ date, its location, and the name of its photographer.

A. photograph; its
B. photograph. its
C. photograph: its
D. photograph its

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP E · PRACTICE

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

540 Hack 13

The workshop focused on three practical _____ accurately, cutting safely, and joining pieces securely.

A. skills. measuring
B. skills measuring
C. skills: measuring
D. skills; measuring

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

541 Hack 13

The vessel carried several types of _____ food, fresh water, spare rope, and repair tools.

A. supplies. dried
B. supplies; dried
C. supplies dried
D. supplies: dried

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

542 Hack 13

The survey covered three distinct _____ grassland, dense woodland, and shallow marsh.

A. habitats. open
B. habitats: open
C. habitats open
D. habitats; open

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

543 Hack 13

The final report contained three supporting _____ map of the site, a table of measurements, and a list of photographs.

A. documents. a
B. documents; a
C. documents: a
D. documents a

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP E · PRACTICE

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

544 Hack 14

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

545 Hack 14

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

546 Hack 14

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

547 Hack 14

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?

548 Hack 14

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

549 Hack 14

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

550 Hack 14

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

551 Hack 14

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?

552 Hack 14

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

553 Hack 14

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

554 Hack 14

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

555 Hack 14

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?

556 Hack 14

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

557 Hack 14

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

558 Hack 14

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

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

559 Hack 14

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

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP E · PRACTICE

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

560 Hack 14

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

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

561 Hack 14

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

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

562 Hack 14

The team still lacked one essential piece of _____ depth of the narrow channel beside the landing.

A. information: the

B. information. the

C. information the

D. information; the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

563 Hack 14

The newly opened box contained a surprising _____ miniature model of the bridge made from folded paper.

A. object: a

B. object. a

C. object; a

D. object a

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP E · PRACTICE

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

564 Hack 14

The experiment had one clear _____ small number of samples available for comparison.

A. limitation: the
B. limitation; the
C. limitation the
D. limitation. the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

565 Hack 14

The artist chose a single material for the entire _____ wire bent into overlapping loops.

A. sculpture; thin
B. sculpture. thin
C. sculpture: thin
D. sculpture thin

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

566 Hack 14

The plan depended on one practical _____ safer way to move heavy objects between the two floors.

A. improvement a
B. improvement: a
C. improvement; a
D. improvement. a

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

567 Hack 14

The last photograph revealed an overlooked _____ faint line running across the edge of the panel.

A. detail; a
B. detail: a
C. detail. a
D. detail a

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP E · PRACTICE

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

568 Hack 14

The two stories share a central _____ difficulty of returning to a place that has changed.

A. theme: the
B. theme the
C. theme. the
D. theme; the

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

569 Hack 14

The new method offered a major _____ way to take measurements without touching the fragile surface.

A. advantage; a
B. advantage. a
C. advantage a
D. advantage: a

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

570 Hack 14

The inscription supplied the missing _____ name of a village farther upstream.

A. clue the
B. clue; the
C. clue. the
D. clue: the

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

571 Hack 14

The performers faced an unusual _____ stage too narrow to accommodate their normal movements.

A. challenge; a
B. challenge. a
C. challenge: a
D. challenge a

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP E · PRACTICE

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

572 Hack 14

The discovery answered a long-standing _____ location of the original entrance to the building.

A. question; the
B. question the
C. question: the
D. question. the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

573 Hack 14

The workshop had a simple _____ stronger connection between local artists and public schools.

A. goal. a
B. goal; a
C. goal a
D. goal: a

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

574 Hack 14

The finished map highlighted a significant _____ concentration of wells along the edge of the former riverbed.

A. pattern; a
B. pattern. a
C. pattern a
D. pattern: a

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

575 Hack 14

The notebook preserved a valuable _____ daily account of weather conditions during the voyage.

A. record. a
B. record: a
C. record; a
D. record a

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP E · PRACTICE

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

576 Hack 14

The restored window displays one repeated _____ six-pointed star made from pieces of colored glass.

A. shape: a
B. shape. a
C. shape; a
D. shape a

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

577 Hack 14

The researchers identified a likely source of the _____ loose connection between the sensor and the recording unit.

A. error; a
B. error: a
C. error. a
D. error a

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

578 Hack 14

The landscape offered only one safe _____ narrow ridge above the flooded valley floor.

A. route. a
B. route: a
C. route; a
D. route a

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

579 Hack 14

The revised design introduced a useful _____ removable panel that provides access to the motor.

A. feature. a
B. feature a
C. feature; a
D. feature: a

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP E · PRACTICE

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

580 Hack 14

The final scene leaves the audience with a troubling _____ misunderstanding that none of the characters can correct.

A. possibility: a
B. possibility a
C. possibility. a
D. possibility; a

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

581 Hack 14

The outer covering serves an important _____ against rapid changes in temperature.

A. purpose; protection
B. purpose: protection
C. purpose. protection
D. purpose protection

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

582 Hack 14

The first trial exposed a serious _____ tendency for the supporting frame to bend under an uneven load.

A. weakness a
B. weakness; a
C. weakness: a
D. weakness. a

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

583 Hack 14

The new display centers on a remarkable _____ wooden clock made entirely with hand tools.

A. object a
B. object: a
C. object; a
D. object. a

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP E · PRACTICE

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

584 Hack 14

The two instruments differ in one visible _____ shape of the opening near the top of the body.

A. way. the
B. way; the
C. way the
D. way: the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

585 Hack 14

The project produced an unexpected _____ collection of family stories that had never been written down.

A. benefit; a
B. benefit: a
C. benefit. a
D. benefit a

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

586 Hack 14

The team settled on the simplest _____ change in the direction of the prevailing wind.

A. explanation: a
B. explanation a
C. explanation; a
D. explanation. a

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

587 Hack 14

The instructions emphasize one _____ need to keep the cutting surface dry.

A. precaution; the
B. precaution: the
C. precaution. the
D. precaution the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP E · PRACTICE

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

588 Hack 14

The recovered letter contains a rare _____ eyewitness account of the old market on a winter morning.

A. description an
B. description. an
C. description: an
D. description; an

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

589 Hack 14

The poet repeatedly returns to the same _____ lighted window seen from an empty street.

A. image. a
B. image a
C. image; a
D. image: a

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

590 Hack 14

The new planting scheme addresses a common _____ loss of shade when older trees must be removed.

A. problem; the
B. problem. the
C. problem the
D. problem: the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

591 Hack 14

The final box held the most delicate _____ group of thin glass plates containing early photographs.

A. material: a
B. material. a
C. material a
D. material; a

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP E · PRACTICE

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

592 Hack 14

The survey recorded a striking _____ vegetation on one bank and exposed soil on the other.

A. contrast. dense
B. contrast: dense
C. contrast dense
D. contrast; dense

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

593 Hack 14

The repaired instrument now has a distinctive _____ soft tone with a faint metallic echo.

A. sound. a
B. sound; a
C. sound: a
D. sound a

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

594 Hack 14

The experiment required one carefully controlled _____ constant level of light throughout the observation period.

A. condition: a
B. condition. a
C. condition a
D. condition; a

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

595 Hack 14

The revised schedule creates a welcome _____ full afternoon for participants to exchange ideas.

A. opportunity. a
B. opportunity; a
C. opportunity: a
D. opportunity a

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP E · PRACTICE

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

596 Hack 14

The report ends with a practical _____ inspections of the joints beneath the platform.

A. recommendation: regular

B. recommendation. regular

C. recommendation; regular

D. recommendation regular

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

597 Hack 14

The abandoned room contained evidence of its former _____ row of hooks once used to hang drying plants.

A. use. a

B. use a

C. use: a

D. use; a

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

598 Hack 15

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

599 Hack 15

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

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP E · PRACTICE

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

600 Hack 15

One object survived the fire almost _____ small stone seal stored beneath the floor.

A. untouched— a

B. untouched; a

C. untouched. a

D. untouched a

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

601 Hack 15

The final measurement revealed the source of the _____ slight tilt in the supporting platform.

A. problem; a

B. problem. a

C. problem— a

D. problem a

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

602 Hack 15

The painting contains one detail that changes the whole _____ second figure reflected in the window.

A. scene— a

B. scene a

C. scene; a

D. scene. a

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

603 Hack 15

The new path offers something the old route _____ sheltered place to stop beside the river.

A. lacked. a

B. lacked a

C. lacked; a

D. lacked— a

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 Q604–615 · p. 201

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 Q616–630 · p. 204

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 Q631–669 · p. 207

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 777

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?

604 Hack 16

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

605 Hack 16

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

606 Hack 16

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

607 Hack 16

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?

608 Hack 16

The first sample appeared completely _____ second still contained a small amount of moisture.

A. dry, however, the
B. dry; however; the
C. dry; however, the
D. dry however, the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

609 Hack 16

The guidebook describes the path as _____ sections rise sharply above the river.

A. level, however, several
B. level; however; several
C. level; however, several
D. level however, several

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

610 Hack 16

The earliest copies omit the final _____ recently discovered manuscript includes it.

A. paragraph, however, a
B. paragraph; however; a
C. paragraph; however, a
D. paragraph however, a

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

611 Hack 16

The smaller device uses less _____ cannot record measurements as frequently as the larger model.

A. electricity; however; it
B. electricity however, it
C. electricity; however, it
D. electricity, however, it

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP F · PRACTICE

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

612 Hack 16

The two melodies begin with the same sequence of _____ later sections develop in different directions.

A. notes, however, their
B. notes however, their
C. notes; however, their
D. notes; however; their

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

613 Hack 16

The western wall receives strong afternoon _____ eastern wall remains shaded by nearby buildings.

A. sunlight; however; the
B. sunlight; however, the
C. sunlight, however, the
D. sunlight however, the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

614 Hack 16

The first survey found no traces of the earlier _____ later survey detected a line of buried stones.

A. road; however; a
B. road; however, a
C. road however, a
D. road, however, a

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

615 Hack 16

The object looks fragile because of its thin _____ curved shape makes it surprisingly resistant to pressure.

A. edges; however; its
B. edges; however, its
C. edges, however, its
D. edges however, its

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP F · PRACTICE

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

616 Hack 17

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

617 Hack 17

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

618 Hack 17

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

619 Hack 17

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?

620 Hack 17

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,

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

621 Hack 17

The second version of the _____ fewer moving parts than the first.

A. model; however, required

B. model, however, required

C. model: however, required

D. model, however; required

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

622 Hack 17

The measurements taken after the _____ from those collected before the equipment was adjusted.

A. repairs, however, differed

B. repairs, however; differed

C. repairs: however, differed

D. repairs; however, differed

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

623 Hack 17

The oldest surviving copy of the _____ a different ending.

A. poem, however; contains

B. poem, however, contains

C. poem: however, contains

D. poem; however, contains

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP F · PRACTICE

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

624 Hack 17

The smaller containers in the back of the _____ the most valuable samples.

A. storeroom: however, held
B. storeroom; however, held
C. storeroom, however; held
D. storeroom, however, held

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

625 Hack 17

The road along the southern edge of the _____ open throughout the storm.

A. lake; however, remained
B. lake, however; remained
C. lake: however, remained
D. lake, however, remained

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

626 Hack 17

The final design chosen by the _____ a covered waiting area.

A. committee; however, included
B. committee: however, included
C. committee, however; included
D. committee, however, included

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

627 Hack 17

The plants growing closest to the shaded _____ flowers later in the season.

A. wall; however, produced
B. wall: however, produced
C. wall, however, produced
D. wall, however; produced

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP F · PRACTICE

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

628 Hack 17

The recording made during the _____ a clearer version of the spoken introduction.

A. rehearsal: however, captured
B. rehearsal, however, captured
C. rehearsal, however; captured
D. rehearsal; however, captured

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

629 Hack 17

The map printed in the revised _____ several minor paths shown in the earlier edition.

A. guidebook, however, omits
B. guidebook, however; omits
C. guidebook: however, omits
D. guidebook; however, omits

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

630 Hack 17

The evidence from the deepest layer of the _____ a much earlier period of occupation.

A. excavation; however, suggests
B. excavation, however, suggests
C. excavation: however, suggests
D. excavation, however; suggests

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

631 Hack 18

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

GROUP F · PRACTICE

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

632 Hack 18

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

633 Hack 18

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

634 Hack 18

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

635 Hack 18

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

GROUP F · PRACTICE

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

636 Hack 18

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

637 Hack 18

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

638 Hack 18

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

639 Hack 18

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

GROUP F · PRACTICE

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

640 Hack 18

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

641 Hack 18

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

642 Hack 18

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

643 Hack 18

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 F · PRACTICE

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

644 Hack 18

Early visitors described the chamber as empty. One object _____ sealed wooden box.

A. remained; however, a

B. remained, however; a

C. remained, however: a

D. remained however a

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

645 Hack 18

Most of the proposals required expensive equipment. One plan was _____ volunteer survey using borrowed measuring tools.

A. affordable; however, a

B. affordable however a

C. affordable, however: a

D. affordable, however; a

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

646 Hack 18

The old guide claimed that no original decoration survived. A single detail was _____ painted border beneath the window.

A. intact however a

B. intact, however: a

C. intact, however; a

D. intact; however, a

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

647 Hack 18

The first report described every sample as identical. One difference was _____ pale band around the edge of the smallest sample.

A. visible; however, a

B. visible, however; a

C. visible however a

D. visible, however: a

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP F · PRACTICE

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

648 Hack 18

The planners expected the new entrance to solve every access problem. One obstacle _____ steep step between the street and the doorway.

A. remained however a

B. remained, however: a

C. remained, however; a

D. remained; however, a

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

649 Hack 18

The catalog listed the collection as complete. One item was _____ smallest of the three measuring instruments.

A. missing, however: the

B. missing, however; the

C. missing; however, the

D. missing however the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

650 Hack 18

The first account gave no explanation for the delay. A later letter offered a _____ damaged wheel on the supply wagon.

A. reason, however; a

B. reason; however, a

C. reason however a

D. reason, however: a

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

651 Hack 18

The notes suggested that the machine had no adjustable parts. One component could _____ narrow plate above the main opening.

A. move, however: a

B. move, however; a

C. move however a

D. move; however, a

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP F · PRACTICE

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

652 Hack 18

Most of the recovered papers were badly damaged. One document was _____ neatly folded list of household expenses.

A. readable, however; a
B. readable; however, a
C. readable, however: a
D. readable however a

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

653 Hack 18

The team expected all the birds to leave before winter. One species _____ small finch that fed on seeds near the village.

A. stayed; however, a
B. stayed, however; a
C. stayed however a
D. stayed, however: a

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

654 Hack 18

The earlier design provided no shelter from rain. The revised plan added _____ broad roof extending over the entrance.

A. protection, however; a
B. protection; however, a
C. protection however a
D. protection, however: a

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

655 Hack 18

The report suggested that no witnesses had recorded the event. One description _____ brief entry in a private diary.

A. survived, however: a
B. survived; however, a
C. survived, however; a
D. survived however a

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP F · PRACTICE

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

656 Hack 18

The first tour route avoided the upper floor. The new route included another _____ recently restored room above the entrance hall.

A. stop, however; a
B. stop, however: a
C. stop however a
D. stop; however, a

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

657 Hack 18

The early drawings showed no signs of a separate foundation. The excavation revealed a _____ wide stone slab beneath the central post.

A. support, however; a
B. support however a
C. support; however, a
D. support, however: a

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

658 Hack 18

Most of the instruments were made from imported materials. One used local _____ small flute carved from a fallen branch.

A. wood, however; a
B. wood; however, a
C. wood, however: a
D. wood however a

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

659 Hack 18

The original plan left no room for visitors to sit. The finished garden included _____ curved bench beneath the oldest tree.

A. seating; however, a
B. seating, however: a
C. seating, however; a
D. seating however a

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP F · PRACTICE

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

660 Hack 18

The first inspection found no opening in the wall. A second inspection revealed an _____ low doorway hidden behind stacked boxes.

A. entrance however a
B. entrance; however, a
C. entrance, however: a
D. entrance, however; a

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

661 Hack 18

Most of the letters discuss routine business. One concerns a personal _____ request for news of a missing relative.

A. matter, however; a
B. matter; however, a
C. matter however a
D. matter, however: a

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

662 Hack 18

The team expected the final tray to contain only broken glass. It held something _____ metal tag stamped with a date.

A. else, however; a
B. else; however, a
C. else however a
D. else, however: a

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

663 Hack 18

The proposed timetable allowed no breaks between demonstrations. The revised schedule included a _____ short interval for questions from the audience.

A. pause however a
B. pause, however; a
C. pause; however, a
D. pause, however: a

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP F · PRACTICE

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

664 Hack 18

The earlier survey recorded no flowering plants on the ridge. The new survey found one _____ low-growing plant with tiny white blossoms.

A. species however a
B. species, however; a
C. species; however, a
D. species, however: a

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

665 Hack 18

The surviving photographs show an undecorated ceiling. The restoration uncovered a _____ ring of stars hidden beneath later paint.

A. pattern; however, a
B. pattern, however: a
C. pattern however a
D. pattern, however; a

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

666 Hack 18

Most sections of the path were wide enough for two walkers. One section was _____ ledge beside the waterfall.

A. narrow however a
B. narrow, however: a
C. narrow; however, a
D. narrow, however; a

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

667 Hack 18

The first recipe listed no ingredient that would color the mixture. A later version named _____ small amount of powdered red fruit.

A. one, however: a
B. one; however, a
C. one, however; a
D. one however a

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP F · PRACTICE

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

668 Hack 18

The description implied that every part of the model was fixed. One part could _____ circular disk at the center of the base.

A. turn, however; a

B. turn however a

C. turn, however: a

D. turn; however, a

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

669 Hack 18

The first inventory recorded only large pieces of furniture. The revised inventory added a small _____ carved wooden spoon found in a drawer.

A. object; however, a

B. object, however; a

C. object, however: a

D. object however a

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.

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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 777

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?

670 Hack 19

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

671 Hack 19

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

672 Hack 19

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

673 Hack 19

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?

674 Hack 19

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

675 Hack 19

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;

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

676 Hack 19

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

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

677 Hack 19

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,

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP G · PRACTICE

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

678 Hack 19

The workshop introduced three techniques: _____.

A. sketching, folding, and, weaving
B. sketching, folding, and weaving
C. sketching, folding; and, weaving
D. sketching, folding and, weaving

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

679 Hack 19

The volunteer teams spent the morning _____ the garden.

A. weeding, pruning, and, watering
B. weeding, pruning and, watering
C. weeding, pruning, and watering
D. weeding, pruning; and, watering

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

680 Hack 19

The three stages of the project were _____.

A. planning, testing and, revising
B. planning, testing; and, revising
C. planning, testing, and revising
D. planning, testing, and, revising

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

681 Hack 19

The course offered practice in _____.

A. reading maps, measuring distances, and recording observations
B. reading maps, measuring distances, and, recording observations
C. reading maps, measuring distances; and, recording observations
D. reading maps, measuring distances and, recording observations

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP G · PRACTICE

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

682 Hack 19

During the repair, the workers were responsible for _____.

A. removing damaged boards, fitting new supports, and sealing exposed joints

B. removing damaged boards, fitting new supports, and, sealing exposed joints

C. removing damaged boards, fitting new supports; and, sealing exposed joints

D. removing damaged boards, fitting new supports and, sealing exposed joints

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

683 Hack 19

The festival program included _____.

A. a concert in the square, a reading in the library and, a dance performance in the park

B. a concert in the square, a reading in the library, and a dance performance in the park

C. a concert in the square, a reading in the library, and, a dance performance in the park

D. a concert in the square, a reading in the library; and, a dance performance in the park

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

684 Hack 19

The class compared _____.

A. the shape of each leaf, the length of each stem and, the number of flowers on each plant

B. the shape of each leaf, the length of each stem, and the number of flowers on each plant

C. the shape of each leaf, the length of each stem, and, the number of flowers on each plant

D. the shape of each leaf, the length of each stem; and, the number of flowers on each plant

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

685 Hack 19

The crew checked _____.

A. the tension in the cables, the condition of the pulleys, and the position of the support posts

B. the tension in the cables, the condition of the pulleys, and, the position of the support posts

C. the tension in the cables, the condition of the pulleys; and, the position of the support posts

D. the tension in the cables, the condition of the pulleys and, the position of the support posts

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP G · PRACTICE

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

686 Hack 19

The museum guide explains _____.

A. how the object was made, where it was found, and, why it was preserved

B. how the object was made, where it was found; and, why it was preserved

C. how the object was made, where it was found and, why it was preserved

D. how the object was made, where it was found, and why it was preserved

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

687 Hack 19

The survey asked residents about _____.

A. the paths they used, the places they avoided, and the improvements they wanted

B. the paths they used, the places they avoided, and, the improvements they wanted

C. the paths they used, the places they avoided and, the improvements they wanted

D. the paths they used, the places they avoided; and, the improvements they wanted

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

688 Hack 19

The students practiced _____.

A. drawing curved lines, cutting straight edges, and joining flat surfaces

B. drawing curved lines, cutting straight edges, and, joining flat surfaces

C. drawing curved lines, cutting straight edges and, joining flat surfaces

D. drawing curved lines, cutting straight edges; and, joining flat surfaces

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

689 Hack 19

The report describes _____.

A. changes in the river, damage to the roads, and, repairs to the bridges

B. changes in the river, damage to the roads and, repairs to the bridges

C. changes in the river, damage to the roads, and repairs to the bridges

D. changes in the river, damage to the roads; and, repairs to the bridges

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP G · PRACTICE

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

690 Hack 19

The committee reviewed _____.

A. letters from residents, notes from inspectors, and, estimates from builders

B. letters from residents, notes from inspectors and, estimates from builders

C. letters from residents, notes from inspectors, and estimates from builders

D. letters from residents, notes from inspectors; and, estimates from builders

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

691 Hack 19

The new display brings together _____.

A. photographs of the harbor, models of sailing vessels, and tools used by boatbuilders

B. photographs of the harbor, models of sailing vessels and, tools used by boatbuilders

C. photographs of the harbor, models of sailing vessels; and, tools used by boatbuilders

D. photographs of the harbor, models of sailing vessels, and, tools used by boatbuilders

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

692 Hack 19

The experiment involved _____.

A. heating the liquid, measuring its volume, and, recording its color

B. heating the liquid, measuring its volume; and, recording its color

C. heating the liquid, measuring its volume and, recording its color

D. heating the liquid, measuring its volume, and recording its color

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

693 Hack 19

The archive preserves _____.

A. diaries kept by travelers, maps drawn by surveyors, and, songs collected by teachers

B. diaries kept by travelers, maps drawn by surveyors, and songs collected by teachers

C. diaries kept by travelers, maps drawn by surveyors and, songs collected by teachers

D. diaries kept by travelers, maps drawn by surveyors; and, songs collected by teachers

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP G · PRACTICE

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

694 Hack 20

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

695 Hack 20

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

696 Hack 20

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

697 Hack 20

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?

698 Hack 20

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

699 Hack 20

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

700 Hack 20

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

701 Hack 20

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?

702 Hack 20

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

703 Hack 20

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

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

704 Hack 20

The panel included three speakers: Asha, a _____ a geologist; and Mei, a historian.

A. botanist; Luis,

B. botanist Luis,

C. botanist: Luis,

D. botanist, Luis,

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

705 Hack 20

The exhibition featured three objects: a compass, used for _____ scale, used for weighing cargo; and a clock, used for keeping watch.

A. navigation, a

B. navigation: a

C. navigation; a

D. navigation a

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP G · PRACTICE

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

706 Hack 20

The survey covered three areas: the meadow, a site with deep _____ ridge, a site with shallow soil; and the marsh, a site with standing water.

A. soil the

B. soil, the

C. soil: the

D. soil; the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

707 Hack 20

The team assigned three roles: organizer, held by _____ held by Tomas; and photographer, held by Noor.

A. Rina: recorder,

B. Rina recorder,

C. Rina, recorder,

D. Rina; recorder,

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

708 Hack 20

The reading list contained three works: a diary, written during a _____ report, prepared after the return; and a poem, composed many years later.

A. voyage: a

B. voyage a

C. voyage; a

D. voyage, a

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

709 Hack 20

The workshop used three materials: clay, which could be shaped by _____ which required cutting tools; and wire, which could be bent into frames.

A. hand; wood,

B. hand, wood,

C. hand wood,

D. hand: wood,

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP G · PRACTICE

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

710 Hack 20

The guide describes three routes: the coastal path, suitable for experienced _____ garden loop, suitable for beginners; and the river trail, suitable for cyclists.

A. walkers the

B. walkers: the

C. walkers; the

D. walkers, the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

711 Hack 20

The musicians played three instruments: a drum, made from wood and _____ flute, carved from a reed; and a bell, cast in bronze.

A. skin: a

B. skin, a

C. skin a

D. skin; a

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

712 Hack 20

The cabinet held three groups of samples: seeds, collected in _____ collected in summer; and fruit, collected in autumn.

A. spring; leaves,

B. spring leaves,

C. spring: leaves,

D. spring, leaves,

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

713 Hack 20

The project involved three institutions: the library, which stored the _____ museum, which supplied the objects; and the school, which organized the volunteers.

A. documents; the

B. documents: the

C. documents, the

D. documents the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP G · PRACTICE

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

714 Hack 20

The display followed three stages: discovery, when the object was first _____ when specialists examined it; and restoration, when damaged sections were repaired.

A. recovered study,

B. recovered, study,

C. recovered: study,

D. recovered; study,

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

715 Hack 20

The committee invited three advisers: Salma, an _____ a designer; and Inez, an ecologist.

A. engineer: Pavel,

B. engineer; Pavel,

C. engineer, Pavel,

D. engineer Pavel,

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

716 Hack 20

The report compares three periods: early spring, when the river was _____ when the soil was dry; and late autumn, when rainfall increased.

A. high; midsummer,

B. high midsummer,

C. high: midsummer,

D. high, midsummer,

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

717 Hack 20

The collection includes three models: a bridge, built from strips of _____ tower, assembled from metal rods; and a boat, shaped from folded paper.

A. wood, a

B. wood: a

C. wood; a

D. wood a

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP G · PRACTICE

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

718 Hack 20

The class visited three rooms: the workshop, where the objects were _____ storeroom, where supplies were kept; and the gallery, where finished work was displayed.

A. made the

B. made: the

C. made; the

D. made, the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

719 Hack 20

The catalog lists three donors: Omar, a former _____ a retired musician; and Priya, a local business owner.

A. teacher; Elena,

B. teacher, Elena,

C. teacher: Elena,

D. teacher Elena,

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

720 Hack 20

The team tested three surfaces: glass, which was _____ which was flexible; and stone, which was rough.

A. smooth: cloth,

B. smooth, cloth,

C. smooth cloth,

D. smooth; cloth,

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

721 Hack 20

The festival had three venues: the courtyard, used for _____ library, used for readings; and the garden, used for demonstrations.

A. performances, the

B. performances: the

C. performances the

D. performances; the

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP G · PRACTICE

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

722 Hack 20

The plan contained three drawings: an elevation, showing the outside _____ section, showing the interior structure; and a plan, showing the arrangement of rooms.

A. wall: a

B. wall, a

C. wall a

D. wall; a

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

723 Hack 20

The researchers used three records: photographs, taken at fixed _____ recorded each morning; and interviews, conducted at the end of the study.

A. intervals: measurements,

B. intervals; measurements,

C. intervals measurements,

D. intervals, measurements,

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 777

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?

724 Hack 21

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

725 Hack 21

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

726 Hack 21

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

727 Hack 21

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?

728 Hack 21

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

729 Hack 21

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

730 Hack 21

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

731 Hack 21

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?

732 Hack 21

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

733 Hack 21

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

734 Hack 21

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

735 Hack 21

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?

736 Hack 21

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

737 Hack 21

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?

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

738 Hack 21

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?

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

739 Hack 21

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.

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP H · PRACTICE

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

740 Hack 21

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

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

741 Hack 21

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.

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

742 Hack 21

Why does the older map show a second path across the _____

A. hillside;
B. hillside?
C. hillside,
D. hillside.

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

743 Hack 21

The researcher asked why the older map showed a second path across the _____

A. hillside;
B. hillside?
C. hillside.
D. hillside,

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP H · PRACTICE

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

744 Hack 21

Can you explain how the small wheel controls the larger _____

A. platform,
B. platform?
C. platform;
D. platform.

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

745 Hack 21

The instructions explain how the small wheel controls the larger _____

A. platform.
B. platform?
C. platform,
D. platform;

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

746 Hack 21

Which of the two samples contains more dissolved _____

A. material?
B. material,
C. material.
D. material;

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

747 Hack 21

The students investigated which of the two samples contained more dissolved _____

A. material;
B. material?
C. material,
D. material.

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP H · PRACTICE

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

748 Hack 21

Do the photographs reveal where the original entrance was _____

A. located;
B. located,
C. located.
D. located?

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

749 Hack 21

The photographs reveal where the original entrance was _____

A. located;
B. located?
C. located.
D. located,

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

750 Hack 21

When did the village begin using the new _____

A. crossing.
B. crossing,
C. crossing?
D. crossing;

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

751 Hack 21

The historian wanted to know when the village began using the new _____

A. crossing,
B. crossing?
C. crossing.
D. crossing;

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP H · PRACTICE

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

752 Hack 21

How could the workers move such a heavy stone without modern _____

A. equipment;
B. equipment.
C. equipment?
D. equipment,

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

753 Hack 21

The guide described how the workers could move such a heavy stone without modern _____

A. equipment,
B. equipment;
C. equipment?
D. equipment.

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

754 Hack 21

Does the report explain why the second experiment produced a different _____

A. result.
B. result;
C. result,
D. result?

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

755 Hack 21

The report explains why the second experiment produced a different _____

A. result?
B. result;
C. result.
D. result,

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP H · PRACTICE

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

756 Hack 21

What happens to the signal when the reflector is turned away from the _____

A. receiver,
B. receiver;
C. receiver?
D. receiver.

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

757 Hack 21

The team recorded what happened to the signal when the reflector was turned away from the _____

A. receiver;
B. receiver?
C. receiver,
D. receiver.

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

758 Hack 21

Where should the volunteers place the objects that have not yet been _____

A. labeled?
B. labeled.
C. labeled;
D. labeled,

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

759 Hack 21

The coordinator showed the volunteers where they should place the objects that had not yet been _____

A. labeled?
B. labeled;
C. labeled,
D. labeled.

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP H · PRACTICE

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

760 Hack 21

Can the musicians identify which note begins the repeated _____

A. pattern.
B. pattern,
C. pattern;
D. pattern?

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

761 Hack 21

The musicians discussed which note began the repeated _____

A. pattern.
B. pattern;
C. pattern?
D. pattern,

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

762 Hack 21

Why were the lower shelves less damaged than the upper _____

A. shelves.
B. shelves;
C. shelves,
D. shelves?

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

763 Hack 21

The conservator investigated why the lower shelves were less damaged than the upper _____

A. shelves;
B. shelves,
C. shelves?
D. shelves.

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP H · PRACTICE

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

764 Hack 21

Is there any evidence that the building once had a second _____

A. floor;
B. floor.
C. floor,
D. floor?

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

765 Hack 21

The survey examined whether there was any evidence that the building once had a second _____

A. floor?
B. floor.
C. floor,
D. floor;

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

766 Hack 21

How does the shape of the container affect the rate of _____

A. cooling;
B. cooling?
C. cooling,
D. cooling.

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

767 Hack 21

The experiment tested how the shape of the container affected the rate of _____

A. cooling.
B. cooling,
C. cooling;
D. cooling?

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP H · PRACTICE

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

768 Hack 21

Would a visitor know which door leads to the public _____

A. gallery.
B. gallery;
C. gallery,
D. gallery?

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

769 Hack 21

The new signs show visitors which door leads to the public _____

A. gallery,
B. gallery;
C. gallery?
D. gallery.

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

770 Hack 21

Who arranged the objects in the order shown in the earliest _____

A. photograph,
B. photograph.
C. photograph;
D. photograph?

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

771 Hack 21

The curator could not determine who had arranged the objects in the order shown in the earliest _____

A. photograph.
B. photograph,
C. photograph;
D. photograph?

Answer: ____ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP H · PRACTICE

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

772 Hack 21

Have the researchers established when the river changed its _____

A. course.
B. course,
C. course?
D. course;

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

773 Hack 21

The researchers have established when the river changed its _____

A. course.
B. course?
C. course,
D. course;

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

774 Hack 21

What evidence supports the claim that the two letters were written by the same _____

A. person;
B. person,
C. person.
D. person?

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

775 Hack 21

The article considers what evidence supports the claim that the two letters were written by the same _____

A. person;
B. person,
C. person?
D. person.

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

GROUP H · PRACTICE

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

776 Hack 21

Does the final scene explain why the traveler refused to _____

A. return,

B. return.

C. return;

D. return?

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

777 Hack 21

The reviewer asked whether the final scene explained why the traveler had refused to _____

A. return,

B. return;

C. return?

D. return.

Answer: ___ Confidence: 1 / 2 / 3

QUICK ANSWER KEY

Check your answer.

Q1–72 · Then read the explanation.

Q	Key	Explain p.	Q	Key	Explain p.	Q	Key	Explain p.
1	A	264	25	D	288	49	A	312
2	B	265	26	C	289	50	B	313
3	D	266	27	A	290	51	C	314
4	D	267	28	A	291	52	C	315
5	C	268	29	B	292	53	C	316
6	D	269	30	B	293	54	C	317
7	C	270	31	D	294	55	C	318
8	C	271	32	B	295	56	A	319
9	C	272	33	A	296	57	D	320
10	A	273	34	B	297	58	C	321
11	C	274	35	C	298	59	B	322
12	C	275	36	D	299	60	B	323
13	B	276	37	A	300	61	D	324
14	D	277	38	A	301	62	B	325
15	B	278	39	C	302	63	C	326
16	C	279	40	C	303	64	A	327
17	D	280	41	A	304	65	A	328
18	A	281	42	D	305	66	B	329
19	D	282	43	C	306	67	D	330
20	D	283	44	B	307	68	C	331
21	C	284	45	D	308	69	D	332
22	B	285	46	B	309	70	B	333
23	A	286	47	B	310	71	C	334
24	A	287	48	C	311	72	A	335

QUICK ANSWER KEY

Check your answer.

Q73–144 · Then read the explanation.

Q	Key	Explain p.	Q	Key	Explain p.	Q	Key	Explain p.
73	B	336	97	C	360	121	A	384
74	C	337	98	A	361	122	D	385
75	B	338	99	C	362	123	D	386
76	D	339	100	D	363	124	D	387
77	A	340	101	B	364	125	A	388
78	D	341	102	D	365	126	B	389
79	D	342	103	C	366	127	A	390
80	B	343	104	D	367	128	D	391
81	D	344	105	A	368	129	C	392
82	A	345	106	D	369	130	B	393
83	B	346	107	A	370	131	B	394
84	D	347	108	B	371	132	D	395
85	A	348	109	D	372	133	B	396
86	A	349	110	A	373	134	A	397
87	C	350	111	B	374	135	B	398
88	A	351	112	C	375	136	D	399
89	A	352	113	C	376	137	B	400
90	D	353	114	B	377	138	B	401
91	D	354	115	A	378	139	C	402
92	C	355	116	A	379	140	D	403
93	D	356	117	B	380	141	B	404
94	C	357	118	D	381	142	D	405
95	A	358	119	B	382	143	A	406
96	D	359	120	B	383	144	D	407

QUICK ANSWER KEY

Check your answer.

Q145–216 · Then read the explanation.

Q	Key	Explain p.	Q	Key	Explain p.	Q	Key	Explain p.
145	C	408	169	C	432	193	D	456
146	C	409	170	D	433	194	A	457
147	A	410	171	A	434	195	C	458
148	C	411	172	C	435	196	C	459
149	B	412	173	D	436	197	A	460
150	B	413	174	C	437	198	A	461
151	D	414	175	C	438	199	A	462
152	B	415	176	D	439	200	A	463
153	B	416	177	B	440	201	B	464
154	B	417	178	D	441	202	B	465
155	B	418	179	C	442	203	C	466
156	D	419	180	B	443	204	C	467
157	D	420	181	A	444	205	B	468
158	A	421	182	C	445	206	D	469
159	B	422	183	C	446	207	D	470
160	B	423	184	A	447	208	C	471
161	D	424	185	B	448	209	D	472
162	C	425	186	A	449	210	A	473
163	C	426	187	D	450	211	A	474
164	C	427	188	B	451	212	D	475
165	A	428	189	B	452	213	B	476
166	C	429	190	D	453	214	B	477
167	B	430	191	A	454	215	A	478
168	A	431	192	A	455	216	A	479

QUICK ANSWER KEY

Check your answer.

Q217–288 · Then read the explanation.

Q	Key	Explain p.	Q	Key	Explain p.	Q	Key	Explain p.
217	A	480	241	C	504	265	A	528
218	B	481	242	A	505	266	B	529
219	B	482	243	C	506	267	D	530
220	B	483	244	B	507	268	A	531
221	D	484	245	D	508	269	C	532
222	B	485	246	B	509	270	A	533
223	B	486	247	D	510	271	D	534
224	B	487	248	A	511	272	C	535
225	C	488	249	B	512	273	A	536
226	B	489	250	D	513	274	A	537
227	B	490	251	C	514	275	C	538
228	A	491	252	A	515	276	D	539
229	B	492	253	C	516	277	B	540
230	A	493	254	D	517	278	A	541
231	A	494	255	A	518	279	C	542
232	D	495	256	B	519	280	D	543
233	C	496	257	A	520	281	A	544
234	A	497	258	A	521	282	C	545
235	A	498	259	A	522	283	C	546
236	A	499	260	A	523	284	B	547
237	B	500	261	B	524	285	B	548
238	A	501	262	D	525	286	C	549
239	D	502	263	D	526	287	C	550
240	B	503	264	A	527	288	B	551

QUICK ANSWER KEY

Check your answer.

Q289–360 · Then read the explanation.

Q	Key	Explain p.	Q	Key	Explain p.	Q	Key	Explain p.
289	A	552	313	C	576	337	B	600
290	B	553	314	D	577	338	C	601
291	D	554	315	C	578	339	A	602
292	D	555	316	D	579	340	D	603
293	A	556	317	D	580	341	B	604
294	C	557	318	A	581	342	B	605
295	D	558	319	D	582	343	C	606
296	D	559	320	C	583	344	B	607
297	D	560	321	D	584	345	A	608
298	B	561	322	C	585	346	D	609
299	C	562	323	A	586	347	C	610
300	C	563	324	C	587	348	A	611
301	C	564	325	D	588	349	A	612
302	B	565	326	C	589	350	D	613
303	D	566	327	B	590	351	C	614
304	C	567	328	D	591	352	B	615
305	B	568	329	D	592	353	A	616
306	B	569	330	A	593	354	D	617
307	A	570	331	D	594	355	D	618
308	B	571	332	A	595	356	A	619
309	D	572	333	A	596	357	A	620
310	C	573	334	A	597	358	B	621
311	B	574	335	D	598	359	A	622
312	C	575	336	B	599	360	A	623

QUICK ANSWER KEY

Check your answer.

Q361–432 · Then read the explanation.

Q	Key	Explain p.	Q	Key	Explain p.	Q	Key	Explain p.
361	B	624	385	B	648	409	C	672
362	C	625	386	D	649	410	A	673
363	D	626	387	D	650	411	D	674
364	C	627	388	C	651	412	C	675
365	B	628	389	B	652	413	D	676
366	B	629	390	A	653	414	B	677
367	C	630	391	C	654	415	D	678
368	C	631	392	B	655	416	C	679
369	B	632	393	C	656	417	A	680
370	A	633	394	C	657	418	B	681
371	B	634	395	B	658	419	A	682
372	B	635	396	A	659	420	B	683
373	A	636	397	D	660	421	D	684
374	C	637	398	D	661	422	C	685
375	D	638	399	A	662	423	A	686
376	C	639	400	C	663	424	D	687
377	B	640	401	D	664	425	A	688
378	D	641	402	B	665	426	B	689
379	D	642	403	A	666	427	D	690
380	A	643	404	D	667	428	B	691
381	B	644	405	B	668	429	A	692
382	C	645	406	C	669	430	C	693
383	C	646	407	B	670	431	D	694
384	B	647	408	B	671	432	C	695

QUICK ANSWER KEY

Check your answer.

Q433–504 · Then read the explanation.

Q	Key	Explain p.	Q	Key	Explain p.	Q	Key	Explain p.
433	A	696	457	D	720	481	B	744
434	A	697	458	C	721	482	B	745
435	D	698	459	B	722	483	C	746
436	C	699	460	D	723	484	B	747
437	D	700	461	C	724	485	B	748
438	A	701	462	B	725	486	C	749
439	C	702	463	A	726	487	A	750
440	A	703	464	B	727	488	C	751
441	B	704	465	D	728	489	C	752
442	B	705	466	D	729	490	C	753
443	A	706	467	C	730	491	B	754
444	A	707	468	C	731	492	C	755
445	D	708	469	B	732	493	C	756
446	C	709	470	A	733	494	C	757
447	B	710	471	C	734	495	A	758
448	C	711	472	D	735	496	D	759
449	C	712	473	C	736	497	C	760
450	A	713	474	D	737	498	B	761
451	D	714	475	A	738	499	B	762
452	C	715	476	D	739	500	C	763
453	D	716	477	D	740	501	C	764
454	B	717	478	B	741	502	D	765
455	A	718	479	D	742	503	D	766
456	C	719	480	B	743	504	B	767

QUICK ANSWER KEY

Check your answer.

Q505–576 · Then read the explanation.

Q	Key	Explain p.	Q	Key	Explain p.	Q	Key	Explain p.
505	B	768	529	A	792	553	D	816
506	A	769	530	D	793	554	A	817
507	A	770	531	D	794	555	D	818
508	D	771	532	B	795	556	D	819
509	D	772	533	A	796	557	A	820
510	C	773	534	B	797	558	B	821
511	C	774	535	C	798	559	B	822
512	B	775	536	D	799	560	C	823
513	A	776	537	C	800	561	C	824
514	C	777	538	B	801	562	A	825
515	B	778	539	C	802	563	A	826
516	B	779	540	C	803	564	A	827
517	C	780	541	D	804	565	C	828
518	B	781	542	B	805	566	B	829
519	B	782	543	C	806	567	B	830
520	C	783	544	D	807	568	A	831
521	C	784	545	B	808	569	D	832
522	D	785	546	D	809	570	D	833
523	D	786	547	A	810	571	C	834
524	C	787	548	B	811	572	C	835
525	D	788	549	A	812	573	D	836
526	C	789	550	C	813	574	D	837
527	C	790	551	C	814	575	B	838
528	A	791	552	B	815	576	A	839

QUICK ANSWER KEY

Check your answer.

Q577–648 · Then read the explanation.

Q	Key	Explain p.	Q	Key	Explain p.	Q	Key	Explain p.
577	B	840	601	C	864	625	D	888
578	B	841	602	A	865	626	D	889
579	D	842	603	D	866	627	C	890
580	A	843	604	C	867	628	B	891
581	B	844	605	D	868	629	A	892
582	C	845	606	C	869	630	B	893
583	B	846	607	C	870	631	D	894
584	D	847	608	C	871	632	B	895
585	B	848	609	C	872	633	A	896
586	A	849	610	C	873	634	A	897
587	B	850	611	C	874	635	D	898
588	C	851	612	C	875	636	C	899
589	D	852	613	B	876	637	D	900
590	D	853	614	B	877	638	B	901
591	A	854	615	B	878	639	A	902
592	B	855	616	B	879	640	D	903
593	C	856	617	A	880	641	A	904
594	A	857	618	C	881	642	C	905
595	C	858	619	B	882	643	A	906
596	A	859	620	A	883	644	C	907
597	C	860	621	B	884	645	C	908
598	D	861	622	A	885	646	B	909
599	D	862	623	B	886	647	D	910
600	A	863	624	D	887	648	B	911

QUICK ANSWER KEY

Check your answer.

Q649–720 · Then read the explanation.

Q	Key	Explain p.	Q	Key	Explain p.	Q	Key	Explain p.
649	A	912	673	C	936	697	B	960
650	D	913	674	B	937	698	A	961
651	A	914	675	C	938	699	B	962
652	C	915	676	B	939	700	D	963
653	D	916	677	B	940	701	C	964
654	D	917	678	B	941	702	C	965
655	A	918	679	C	942	703	D	966
656	B	919	680	C	943	704	A	967
657	D	920	681	A	944	705	C	968
658	C	921	682	A	945	706	D	969
659	B	922	683	B	946	707	D	970
660	C	923	684	B	947	708	C	971
661	D	924	685	A	948	709	A	972
662	D	925	686	D	949	710	C	973
663	D	926	687	A	950	711	D	974
664	D	927	688	A	951	712	A	975
665	B	928	689	C	952	713	A	976
666	B	929	690	C	953	714	D	977
667	A	930	691	A	954	715	B	978
668	C	931	692	D	955	716	A	979
669	C	932	693	B	956	717	C	980
670	D	933	694	C	957	718	C	981
671	D	934	695	B	958	719	A	982
672	B	935	696	B	959	720	D	983

QUICK ANSWER KEY

Check your answer.

Q721–777 · Then read the explanation.

Q	Key	Explain p.
721	D	984
722	D	985
723	B	986
724	C	987
725	D	988
726	B	989
727	D	990
728	B	991
729	D	992
730	B	993
731	D	994
732	B	995
733	D	996
734	C	997
735	D	998
736	C	999
737	C	1000
738	C	1001
739	D	1002
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ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q001 · ANSWER A

Who + Does Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

writers

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 9 · Practice p. 16
Earlier book Q1

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q002 · ANSWER B

Who + Does Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

instrument

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 9 · Practice p. 16
Earlier book Q2

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q003 · ANSWER D

Who + Does Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

California

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 9 · Practice p. 16
Earlier book Q3

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q004 · ANSWER D

Who + Does Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

falling

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 9 · Practice p. 16
Earlier book Q4

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q005 · ANSWER C

Who + Does Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Smith

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 9 · Practice p. 17
Earlier book Q5

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q006 · ANSWER D

Who + Does Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Rawles

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 9 · Practice p. 17
Earlier book Q6

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q007 · ANSWER C

Who + Does Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Gingerbread

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 9 · Practice p. 17
Earlier book Q7

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q008 · ANSWER C

Who + Does Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Kingelez

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 9 · Practice p. 17
Earlier book Q8

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q009 · ANSWER C

Who + Does Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

200,000 km² Puntland Desert

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 9 · Practice p. 18
Earlier book Q9

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q010 · ANSWER A

Who + Does Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

areas

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 9 · Practice p. 18
Earlier book Q10

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q011 · ANSWER C

Who + Does Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

bowl suggests

SEE THE SHAPE

The pattern of cracks along the bottom of the clay bowl suggests that the bowl cooled too quickly after firing.

WHY IT WORKS

The words “The pattern of cracks along the bottom of the clay bowl” form the subject. The main verb starts with “suggests.” Keep the subject and its verb together.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: A comma splits the subject from its main verb.

A: A semicolon needs a full thought before it; the subject alone is not one.

D: A colon needs a full setup; the subject has not reached its main verb.

Hack 01 · Lesson p. 9 · Practice p. 18
GA777-001 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q012 · ANSWER C

Who + Does Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

storm reveals

SEE THE SHAPE

A comparison of bird calls recorded before and after the storm reveals a change in the number of species near the lake.

WHY IT WORKS

The words “A comparison of bird calls recorded before and after the storm” form the subject. The main verb starts with “reveals.” Keep the subject and its verb together.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: A comma splits the subject from its main verb.

B: A semicolon needs a full thought before it; the subject alone is not one.

A: A colon needs a full setup; the subject has not reached its main verb.

Hack 01 · Lesson p. 9 · Practice p. 18
GA777-002 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q013 · ANSWER B

Who + Does Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

families offers

SEE THE SHAPE

The small collection of handwritten recipes donated by local families offers a glimpse of everyday life in the fishing village.

WHY IT WORKS

The words “The small collection of handwritten recipes donated by local families” form the subject. The main verb starts with “offers.” Keep the subject and its verb together.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: A comma splits the subject from its main verb.

A: A semicolon needs a full thought before it; the subject alone is not one.

C: A colon needs a full setup; the subject has not reached its main verb.

Hack 01 · Lesson p. 9 · Practice p. 19
GA777-003 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q014 · ANSWER D

Who + Does Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

blanket help

SEE THE SHAPE

The narrow strips of fabric woven into the edge of the blanket help keep the loose threads from unraveling.

WHY IT WORKS

The words “The narrow strips of fabric woven into the edge of the blanket” form the subject. The main verb starts with “help.” Keep the subject and its verb together.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: A comma splits the subject from its main verb.

A: A semicolon needs a full thought before it; the subject alone is not one.

B: A colon needs a full setup; the subject has not reached its main verb.

Hack 01 · Lesson p. 9 · Practice p. 19
GA777-004 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q015 · ANSWER B

Who + Does Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

outlet indicates

SEE THE SHAPE

A sudden increase in the temperature of the water near the outlet indicates that warm water is entering the stream.

WHY IT WORKS

The words “A sudden increase in the temperature of the water near the outlet” form the subject. The main verb starts with “indicates.” Keep the subject and its verb together.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: A comma splits the subject from its main verb.

C: A semicolon needs a full thought before it; the subject alone is not one.

A: A colon needs a full setup; the subject has not reached its main verb.

Hack 01 · Lesson p. 9 · Practice p. 19
GA777-005 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q016 · ANSWER C

Who + Does Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

soil allows

SEE THE SHAPE

The ability of certain roots to grow around stones in the soil allows the plants to survive in rocky habitats.

WHY IT WORKS

The words “The ability of certain roots to grow around stones in the soil” form the subject. The main verb starts with “allows.” Keep the subject and its verb together.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: A comma splits the subject from its main verb.

D: A semicolon needs a full thought before it; the subject alone is not one.

A: A colon needs a full setup; the subject has not reached its main verb.

Hack 01 · Lesson p. 9 · Practice p. 19
GA777-006 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q017 · ANSWER D

Who + Does Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

song describe

SEE THE SHAPE

The notes that accompany the earliest surviving version of the song describe a rhythm quite different from the one used today.

WHY IT WORKS

The words “The notes that accompany the earliest surviving version of the song” form the subject. The main verb starts with “describe.” Keep the subject and its verb together.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: A comma splits the subject from its main verb.

A: A semicolon needs a full thought before it; the subject alone is not one.

C: A colon needs a full setup; the subject has not reached its main verb.

Hack 01 · Lesson p. 9 · Practice p. 20
GA777-007 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q018 · ANSWER A

Who + Does Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

decades shows

SEE THE SHAPE

A series of photographs taken from the same hill over several decades shows how quickly the edge of the forest has moved.

WHY IT WORKS

The words “A series of photographs taken from the same hill over several decades” form the subject. The main verb starts with “shows.” Keep the subject and its verb together.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: A comma splits the subject from its main verb.

C: A semicolon needs a full thought before it; the subject alone is not one.

B: A colon needs a full setup; the subject has not reached its main verb.

Hack 01 · Lesson p. 9 · Practice p. 20
GA777-008 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q019 · ANSWER D

Who + Does Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

theater remain

SEE THE SHAPE

The wooden supports beneath the upper floor of the old theater remain strong despite years of exposure to damp air.

WHY IT WORKS

The words “The wooden supports beneath the upper floor of the old theater” form the subject. The main verb starts with “remain.” Keep the subject and its verb together.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: A comma splits the subject from its main verb.

B: A semicolon needs a full thought before it; the subject alone is not one.

C: A colon needs a full setup; the subject has not reached its main verb.

Hack 01 · Lesson p. 9 · Practice p. 20
GA777-009 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q020 · ANSWER D

Who + Does Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

map reflects

SEE THE SHAPE

The difference between the original drawing and the final printed map reflects a decision to emphasize walking routes.

WHY IT WORKS

The words “The difference between the original drawing and the final printed map” form the subject. The main verb starts with “reflects.” Keep the subject and its verb together.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: A comma splits the subject from its main verb.

A: A semicolon needs a full thought before it; the subject alone is not one.

B: A colon needs a full setup; the subject has not reached its main verb.

Hack 01 · Lesson p. 9 · Practice p. 20
GA777-010 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q021 · ANSWER C

Who + Does Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

wetland carries

SEE THE SHAPE

A network of shallow channels running through the wetland carries excess rainwater toward the river.

WHY IT WORKS

The words “A network of shallow channels running through the wetland” form the subject. The main verb starts with “carries.” Keep the subject and its verb together.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: A comma splits the subject from its main verb.

A: A semicolon needs a full thought before it; the subject alone is not one.

B: A colon needs a full setup; the subject has not reached its main verb.

Hack 01 · Lesson p. 9 · Practice p. 21
GA777-011 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q022 · ANSWER B

Who + Does Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

core provides

SEE THE SHAPE

The unusually thick layer of pollen preserved at the bottom of the core provides evidence of a long period of flowering.

WHY IT WORKS

The words “The unusually thick layer of pollen preserved at the bottom of the core” form the subject. The main verb starts with “provides.” Keep the subject and its verb together.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: A comma splits the subject from its main verb.

D: A semicolon needs a full thought before it; the subject alone is not one.

C: A colon needs a full setup; the subject has not reached its main verb.

Hack 01 · Lesson p. 9 · Practice p. 21
GA777-012 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q023 · ANSWER A

Who + Does Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

collection meets

SEE THE SHAPE

The team of volunteers responsible for labeling the museum collection meets every Saturday to compare notes.

WHY IT WORKS

The words “The team of volunteers responsible for labeling the museum collection” form the subject. The main verb starts with “meets.” Keep the subject and its verb together.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: A comma splits the subject from its main verb.

D: A semicolon needs a full thought before it; the subject alone is not one.

B: A colon needs a full setup; the subject has not reached its main verb.

Hack 01 · Lesson p. 9 · Practice p. 21
GA777-013 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q024 · ANSWER A

Who + Does Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

cable conduct

SEE THE SHAPE

The copper wires hidden inside the outer covering of the cable conduct electricity from the battery to the small motor.

WHY IT WORKS

The words “The copper wires hidden inside the outer covering of the cable” form the subject. The main verb starts with “conduct.” Keep the subject and its verb together.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: A comma splits the subject from its main verb.

B: A semicolon needs a full thought before it; the subject alone is not one.

D: A colon needs a full setup; the subject has not reached its main verb.

Hack 01 · Lesson p. 9 · Practice p. 21
GA777-014 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q025 · ANSWER D

Who + Does Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

wall affects

SEE THE SHAPE

The choice of materials used to repair the damaged section of the wall affects how the building responds to changes in temperature.

WHY IT WORKS

The words “The choice of materials used to repair the damaged section of the wall” form the subject. The main verb starts with “affects.” Keep the subject and its verb together.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: A comma splits the subject from its main verb.

B: A semicolon needs a full thought before it; the subject alone is not one.

A: A colon needs a full setup; the subject has not reached its main verb.

Hack 01 · Lesson p. 9 · Practice p. 22
GA777-015 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q026 · ANSWER C

Who + Does Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

shelter has

SEE THE SHAPE

The arrangement of stones around the entrance to the ancient shelter has puzzled researchers for many years.

WHY IT WORKS

The words “The arrangement of stones around the entrance to the ancient shelter” form the subject. The main verb starts with “has.” Keep the subject and its verb together.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: A comma splits the subject from its main verb.

B: A semicolon needs a full thought before it; the subject alone is not one.

D: A colon needs a full setup; the subject has not reached its main verb.

Hack 01 · Lesson p. 9 · Practice p. 22
GA777-016 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q027 · ANSWER A

Who + Does Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

coat reduce

SEE THE SHAPE

The tiny pockets of air trapped between the fibers of the coat reduce the rate at which body heat escapes.

WHY IT WORKS

The words “The tiny pockets of air trapped between the fibers of the coat” form the subject. The main verb starts with “reduce.” Keep the subject and its verb together.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: A comma splits the subject from its main verb.

C: A semicolon needs a full thought before it; the subject alone is not one.

B: A colon needs a full setup; the subject has not reached its main verb.

Hack 01 · Lesson p. 9 · Practice p. 22
GA777-017 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q028 · ANSWER A

Who + Does Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

pair supports

SEE THE SHAPE

The evidence gathered during repeated observations of the nesting pair supports the idea that both birds help feed the young.

WHY IT WORKS

The words “The evidence gathered during repeated observations of the nesting pair” form the subject. The main verb starts with “supports.” Keep the subject and its verb together.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: A comma splits the subject from its main verb.

D: A semicolon needs a full thought before it; the subject alone is not one.

C: A colon needs a full setup; the subject has not reached its main verb.

Hack 01 · Lesson p. 9 · Practice p. 22
GA777-018 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q029 · ANSWER B

Who + Does Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

walls requires

SEE THE SHAPE

The process of turning discarded glass into tiles for kitchen walls requires careful control of heat and cooling time.

WHY IT WORKS

The words “The process of turning discarded glass into tiles for kitchen walls” form the subject. The main verb starts with “requires.” Keep the subject and its verb together.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: A comma splits the subject from its main verb.

D: A semicolon needs a full thought before it; the subject alone is not one.

C: A colon needs a full setup; the subject has not reached its main verb.

Hack 01 · Lesson p. 9 · Practice p. 23
GA777-019 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q030 · ANSWER B

Who + Does Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

pieces suggests

SEE THE SHAPE

The remarkable consistency of the marks on the recovered metal pieces suggests that they were made with the same tool.

WHY IT WORKS

The words “The remarkable consistency of the marks on the recovered metal pieces” form the subject. The main verb starts with “suggests.” Keep the subject and its verb together.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: A comma splits the subject from its main verb.

A: A semicolon needs a full thought before it; the subject alone is not one.

D: A colon needs a full setup; the subject has not reached its main verb.

Hack 01 · Lesson p. 9 · Practice p. 23
GA777-020 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q031 · ANSWER D

Stay Together Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

during

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 11 · Practice p. 23
Earlier book Q11

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q032 · ANSWER B

Stay Together Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

of

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 11 · Practice p. 23
Earlier book Q12

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q033 · ANSWER A

Stay Together Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

of

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 11 · Practice p. 24
Earlier book Q13

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q034 · ANSWER B

Stay Together Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

called

SEE THE SHAPE

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.

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q035 · ANSWER C

Stay Together Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

from

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 11 · Practice p. 24
Earlier book Q15

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q036 · ANSWER D

Stay Together Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

blend with

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 11 · Practice p. 24
Earlier book Q16

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q037 · ANSWER A

Stay Together Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

created

SEE THE SHAPE

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.

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q038 · ANSWER A

Stay Together Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

appreciate the

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 11 · Practice p. 25
Earlier book Q18

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q039 · ANSWER C

Stay Together Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

popularized

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 11 · Practice p. 25
Earlier book Q19

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q040 · ANSWER C

Stay Together Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

to

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 11 · Practice p. 25
Earlier book Q20

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q041 · ANSWER A

Stay Together Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

of

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 11 · Practice p. 26
Earlier book Q21

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q042 · ANSWER D

Stay Together Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

by

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 11 · Practice p. 26
Earlier book Q22

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q043 · ANSWER C

Stay Together Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

pieces

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 11 · Practice p. 26
Earlier book Q23

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q044 · ANSWER B

Stay Together Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

preferred the

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 11 · Practice p. 26
Earlier book Q24

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q045 · ANSWER D

Stay Together Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

unearthed

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 11 · Practice p. 27
Earlier book Q25

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q046 · ANSWER B

Stay Together Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

had

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 11 · Practice p. 27
Earlier book Q26

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q047 · ANSWER B

Stay Together Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

to a

SEE THE SHAPE

The laboratory team attributed the unexpected change in color to a reaction between the liquid and the metal lid.

WHY IT WORKS

The word “to” still needs the words that follow it. Keep this needed connection together.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: The comma cuts off a needed completion.

C: The semicolon comes before the first thought is complete.

A: A colon cannot separate this word from the completion it needs.

Hack 02 · Lesson p. 11 · Practice p. 27
GA777-021 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q048 · ANSWER C

Stay Together Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

describes a

SEE THE SHAPE

The walking guide describes a route that passes through several neighborhoods before reaching the harbor.

WHY IT WORKS

The word “describes” still needs the words that follow it. Keep this needed connection together.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The comma cuts off a needed completion.

D: The semicolon comes before the first thought is complete.

B: A colon cannot separate this word from the completion it needs.

Hack 02 · Lesson p. 11 · Practice p. 27
GA777-022 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q049 · ANSWER A

Stay Together Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

on careful

SEE THE SHAPE

The success of the seed exchange depends on careful records of where each batch of seeds originated.

WHY IT WORKS

The word “on” still needs the words that follow it. Keep this needed connection together.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: The comma cuts off a needed completion.

B: The semicolon comes before the first thought is complete.

C: A colon cannot separate this word from the completion it needs.

Hack 02 · Lesson p. 11 · Practice p. 28
GA777-023 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q050 · ANSWER B

Stay Together Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

identify the

SEE THE SHAPE

During the workshop, the students learned how to identify the tracks left by animals along the muddy riverbank.

WHY IT WORKS

The word “identify” still needs the words that follow it. Keep this needed connection together.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The comma cuts off a needed completion.

C: The semicolon comes before the first thought is complete.

D: A colon cannot separate this word from the completion it needs.

Hack 02 · Lesson p. 11 · Practice p. 28
GA777-024 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q051 · ANSWER C

Stay Together Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

as a

SEE THE SHAPE

The curator refers to the earliest object in the display as a ceremonial vessel rather than an everyday cooking pot.

WHY IT WORKS

The word “as” still needs the words that follow it. Keep this needed connection together.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: The comma cuts off a needed completion.

A: The semicolon comes before the first thought is complete.

D: A colon cannot separate this word from the completion it needs.

Hack 02 · Lesson p. 11 · Practice p. 28
GA777-025 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q052 · ANSWER C

Stay Together Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

whether the

SEE THE SHAPE

The researchers wanted to know whether the birds returned to the same branch on successive evenings.

WHY IT WORKS

The word “whether” still needs the words that follow it. Keep this needed connection together.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The comma cuts off a needed completion.

B: The semicolon comes before the first thought is complete.

D: A colon cannot separate this word from the completion it needs.

Hack 02 · Lesson p. 11 · Practice p. 28
GA777-026 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q053 · ANSWER C

Stay Together Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

considered a

SEE THE SHAPE

The city planners considered a proposal to turn an unused railway corridor into a public path.

WHY IT WORKS

The word “considered” still needs the words that follow it. Keep this needed connection together.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: The comma cuts off a needed completion.

A: The semicolon comes before the first thought is complete.

B: A colon cannot separate this word from the completion it needs.

Hack 02 · Lesson p. 11 · Practice p. 29
GA777-027 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q054 · ANSWER C

Stay Together Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

on the

SEE THE SHAPE

The final chapter of the report focuses on the ways that residents adapted to seasonal flooding.

WHY IT WORKS

The word “on” still needs the words that follow it. Keep this needed connection together.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The comma cuts off a needed completion.

D: The semicolon comes before the first thought is complete.

B: A colon cannot separate this word from the completion it needs.

Hack 02 · Lesson p. 11 · Practice p. 29
GA777-028 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q055 · ANSWER C

Stay Together Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

combined pieces

SEE THE SHAPE

The artist combined pieces of polished stone with narrow strips of colored glass.

WHY IT WORKS

The word “combined” still needs the words that follow it. Keep this needed connection together.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: The comma cuts off a needed completion.

A: The semicolon comes before the first thought is complete.

D: A colon cannot separate this word from the completion it needs.

Hack 02 · Lesson p. 11 · Practice p. 29
GA777-029 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q056 · ANSWER A

Stay Together Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

is a

SEE THE SHAPE

The unusual feature of the restored clock is a second dial that shows the phase of the moon.

WHY IT WORKS

The word “is” still needs the words that follow it. Keep this needed connection together.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: The comma cuts off a needed completion.

C: The semicolon comes before the first thought is complete.

D: A colon cannot separate this word from the completion it needs.

Hack 02 · Lesson p. 11 · Practice p. 29
GA777-030 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q057 · ANSWER D

Stay Together Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

for the

SEE THE SHAPE

The hikers carried enough water for the long climb from the valley to the ridge.

WHY IT WORKS

The word “for” still needs the words that follow it. Keep this needed connection together.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: The comma cuts off a needed completion.

B: The semicolon comes before the first thought is complete.

A: A colon cannot separate this word from the completion it needs.

Hack 02 · Lesson p. 11 · Practice p. 30
GA777-031 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q058 · ANSWER C

Stay Together Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

follows a

SEE THE SHAPE

The documentary follows a group of apprentices as they learn to repair traditional wooden boats.

WHY IT WORKS

The word “follows” still needs the words that follow it. Keep this needed connection together.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The comma cuts off a needed completion.

D: The semicolon comes before the first thought is complete.

B: A colon cannot separate this word from the completion it needs.

Hack 02 · Lesson p. 11 · Practice p. 30
GA777-032 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q059 · ANSWER B

Stay Together Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

that small

SEE THE SHAPE

The experiment demonstrated that small changes in surface texture can alter the motion of water droplets.

WHY IT WORKS

The word “that” still needs the words that follow it. Keep this needed connection together.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: The comma cuts off a needed completion.

A: The semicolon comes before the first thought is complete.

D: A colon cannot separate this word from the completion it needs.

Hack 02 · Lesson p. 11 · Practice p. 30
GA777-033 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q060 · ANSWER B

Stay Together Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

into several

SEE THE SHAPE

The volunteers divided the recovered fragments into several groups based on thickness and surface color.

WHY IT WORKS

The word “into” still needs the words that follow it. Keep this needed connection together.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: The comma cuts off a needed completion.

A: The semicolon comes before the first thought is complete.

C: A colon cannot separate this word from the completion it needs.

Hack 02 · Lesson p. 11 · Practice p. 30
GA777-034 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q061 · ANSWER D

Stay Together Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

contains letters

SEE THE SHAPE

The archive contains letters written by people who traveled along the trade route.

WHY IT WORKS

The word “contains” still needs the words that follow it. Keep this needed connection together.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: The comma cuts off a needed completion.

A: The semicolon comes before the first thought is complete.

B: A colon cannot separate this word from the completion it needs.

Hack 02 · Lesson p. 11 · Practice p. 31
GA777-035 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q062 · ANSWER B

Stay Together Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

of detecting

SEE THE SHAPE

The new telescope is capable of detecting objects too faint to appear in the earlier images.

WHY IT WORKS

The word “of” still needs the words that follow it. Keep this needed connection together.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: The comma cuts off a needed completion.

A: The semicolon comes before the first thought is complete.

C: A colon cannot separate this word from the completion it needs.

Hack 02 · Lesson p. 11 · Practice p. 31
GA777-036 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q063 · ANSWER C

Stay Together Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

with a

SEE THE SHAPE

The students compared the revised translation with a version published nearly a century earlier.

WHY IT WORKS

The word “with” still needs the words that follow it. Keep this needed connection together.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: The comma cuts off a needed completion.

D: The semicolon comes before the first thought is complete.

A: A colon cannot separate this word from the completion it needs.

Hack 02 · Lesson p. 11 · Practice p. 31
GA777-037 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q064 · ANSWER A

Stay Together Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

by covering

SEE THE SHAPE

The conservation team protected the fragile edges by covering them with a thin layer of removable paper.

WHY IT WORKS

The word “by” still needs the words that follow it. Keep this needed connection together.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: The comma cuts off a needed completion.

B: The semicolon comes before the first thought is complete.

D: A colon cannot separate this word from the completion it needs.

Hack 02 · Lesson p. 11 · Practice p. 31
GA777-038 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q065 · ANSWER A

Stay Together Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

record the

SEE THE SHAPE

The instruction sheet asks participants to record the time at which each flower first opens.

WHY IT WORKS

The word “record” still needs the words that follow it. Keep this needed connection together.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: The comma cuts off a needed completion.

D: The semicolon comes before the first thought is complete.

C: A colon cannot separate this word from the completion it needs.

Hack 02 · Lesson p. 11 · Practice p. 32
GA777-039 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q066 · ANSWER B

Stay Together Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

was a

SEE THE SHAPE

The shared goal of the two neighborhood groups was a safer crossing near the public library.

WHY IT WORKS

The word “was” still needs the words that follow it. Keep this needed connection together.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: The comma cuts off a needed completion.

A: The semicolon comes before the first thought is complete.

C: A colon cannot separate this word from the completion it needs.

Hack 02 · Lesson p. 11 · Practice p. 32
GA777-040 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q067 · ANSWER D

Stay Together Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

why the

SEE THE SHAPE

The guide explained why the trail followed the shaded side of the valley.

WHY IT WORKS

The word “why” still needs the words that follow it. Keep this needed connection together.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: The comma cuts off a needed completion.

B: The semicolon comes before the first thought is complete.

A: A colon cannot separate this word from the completion it needs.

Hack 02 · Lesson p. 11 · Practice p. 32
GA777-041 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q068 · ANSWER C

Stay Together Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

measures the

SEE THE SHAPE

The instrument measures the distance between two points without touching either surface.

WHY IT WORKS

The word “measures” still needs the words that follow it. Keep this needed connection together.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The comma cuts off a needed completion.

D: The semicolon comes before the first thought is complete.

B: A colon cannot separate this word from the completion it needs.

Hack 02 · Lesson p. 11 · Practice p. 32
GA777-042 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q069 · ANSWER D

Stay Together Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

as a

SEE THE SHAPE

The restored building now serves as a meeting place for musicians and local historians.

WHY IT WORKS

The word “as” still needs the words that follow it. Keep this needed connection together.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: The comma cuts off a needed completion.

C: The semicolon comes before the first thought is complete.

A: A colon cannot separate this word from the completion it needs.

Hack 02 · Lesson p. 11 · Practice p. 33
GA777-043 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q070 · ANSWER B

Stay Together Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

from stories

SEE THE SHAPE

The writer drew inspiration from stories told by relatives who had worked in the shipyard.

WHY IT WORKS

The word “from” still needs the words that follow it. Keep this needed connection together.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: The comma cuts off a needed completion.

A: The semicolon comes before the first thought is complete.

D: A colon cannot separate this word from the completion it needs.

Hack 02 · Lesson p. 11 · Practice p. 33
GA777-044 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q071 · ANSWER C

Stay Together Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

that some

SEE THE SHAPE

The park staff reminded visitors that some sections of the path remained closed after the storm.

WHY IT WORKS

The word “that” still needs the words that follow it. Keep this needed connection together.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: The comma cuts off a needed completion.

D: The semicolon comes before the first thought is complete.

A: A colon cannot separate this word from the completion it needs.

Hack 02 · Lesson p. 11 · Practice p. 33
GA777-045 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q072 · ANSWER A

Stay Together Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

with a

SEE THE SHAPE

The engineers replaced the cracked panel with a lighter material that could bend without breaking.

WHY IT WORKS

The word “with” still needs the words that follow it. Keep this needed connection together.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: The comma cuts off a needed completion.

C: The semicolon comes before the first thought is complete.

D: A colon cannot separate this word from the completion it needs.

Hack 02 · Lesson p. 11 · Practice p. 33
GA777-046 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q073 · ANSWER B

Stay Together Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

to a

SEE THE SHAPE

The audience listened to a recording of the melody played on three different instruments.

WHY IT WORKS

The word “to” still needs the words that follow it. Keep this needed connection together.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The comma cuts off a needed completion.

D: The semicolon comes before the first thought is complete.

C: A colon cannot separate this word from the completion it needs.

Hack 02 · Lesson p. 11 · Practice p. 34
GA777-047 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q074 · ANSWER C

Stay Together Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

between the

SEE THE SHAPE

The study examined the relationship between the amount of shade and the growth of the young trees.

WHY IT WORKS

The word “between” still needs the words that follow it. Keep this needed connection together.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The comma cuts off a needed completion.

D: The semicolon comes before the first thought is complete.

B: A colon cannot separate this word from the completion it needs.

Hack 02 · Lesson p. 11 · Practice p. 34
GA777-048 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q075 · ANSWER B

Stay Together Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

that the

SEE THE SHAPE

The records indicate that the workshop continued operating after its founder retired.

WHY IT WORKS

The word “that” still needs the words that follow it. Keep this needed connection together.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: The comma cuts off a needed completion.

C: The semicolon comes before the first thought is complete.

A: A colon cannot separate this word from the completion it needs.

Hack 02 · Lesson p. 11 · Practice p. 34
GA777-049 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q076 · ANSWER D

Stay Together Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

as an

SEE THE SHAPE

The organizer introduced the next event as an opportunity to exchange practical ideas about gardening.

WHY IT WORKS

The word “as” still needs the words that follow it. Keep this needed connection together.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The comma cuts off a needed completion.

C: The semicolon comes before the first thought is complete.

B: A colon cannot separate this word from the completion it needs.

Hack 02 · Lesson p. 11 · Practice p. 34
GA777-050 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q077 · ANSWER A

Stay Together Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

was a

SEE THE SHAPE

The most useful clue in the notebook was a small sketch of the bridge seen from the south bank.

WHY IT WORKS

The word “was” still needs the words that follow it. Keep this needed connection together.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: The comma cuts off a needed completion.

B: The semicolon comes before the first thought is complete.

C: A colon cannot separate this word from the completion it needs.

Hack 02 · Lesson p. 11 · Practice p. 35
GA777-051 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q078 · ANSWER D

One Who, Two Dos Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

waterways and the fact that

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 13 · Practice p. 35
Earlier book Q27

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q079 · ANSWER D

One Who, Two Dos Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

regions

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 13 · Practice p. 35
Earlier book Q28

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q080 · ANSWER B

One Who, Two Dos Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

energy and

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 13 · Practice p. 35
Earlier book Q29

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q081 · ANSWER D

One Who, Two Dos Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

lights and replaced

SEE THE SHAPE

The crew tested the emergency lights and replaced every battery that failed the test.

WHY IT WORKS

The same subject performs both actions: “The crew tested the emergency lights” and “replaced every battery that failed the test.” And connects the actions without making a new sentence.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: After the semicolon, and plus an action has no subject of its own.

A: After the period, the new sentence has an action but no person or thing doing it.

C: The colon improperly separates two coordinated actions.

Hack 03 · Lesson p. 13 · Practice p. 36
GA777-052 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q082 · ANSWER A

One Who, Two Dos Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

registers and compared

SEE THE SHAPE

The historian searched the town registers and compared the names with those in the private letters.

WHY IT WORKS

The same subject performs both actions: “The historian searched the town registers” and “compared the names with those in the private letters.” And connects the actions without making a new sentence.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: After the semicolon, and plus an action has no subject of its own.

D: After the period, the new sentence has an action but no person or thing doing it.

B: The colon improperly separates two coordinated actions.

Hack 03 · Lesson p. 13 · Practice p. 36
GA777-053 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q083 · ANSWER B

One Who, Two Dos Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

container and placed

SEE THE SHAPE

The mechanical arm lifted the empty container and placed it beneath the filling tube.

WHY IT WORKS

The same subject performs both actions: “The mechanical arm lifted the empty container” and “placed it beneath the filling tube.” And connects the actions without making a new sentence.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: After the semicolon, and plus an action has no subject of its own.

C: After the period, the new sentence has an action but no person or thing doing it.

A: The colon improperly separates two coordinated actions.

Hack 03 · Lesson p. 13 · Practice p. 36
GA777-054 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q084 · ANSWER D

One Who, Two Dos Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

clear and captured

SEE THE SHAPE

The photographer waited for the fog to clear and captured the reflection of the bridge in the canal.

WHY IT WORKS

The same subject performs both actions: “The photographer waited for the fog to clear” and “captured the reflection of the bridge in the canal.” And connects the actions without making a new sentence.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: After the semicolon, and plus an action has no subject of its own.

C: After the period, the new sentence has an action but no person or thing doing it.

B: The colon improperly separates two coordinated actions.

Hack 03 · Lesson p. 13 · Practice p. 36
GA777-055 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q085 · ANSWER A

One Who, Two Dos Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

bay and anchored

SEE THE SHAPE

The research vessel crossed the shallow bay and anchored beside the sheltered island.

WHY IT WORKS

The same subject performs both actions: “The research vessel crossed the shallow bay” and “anchored beside the sheltered island.” And connects the actions without making a new sentence.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: After the semicolon, and plus an action has no subject of its own.

D: After the period, the new sentence has an action but no person or thing doing it.

C: The colon improperly separates two coordinated actions.

Hack 03 · Lesson p. 13 · Practice p. 37
GA777-056 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q086 · ANSWER A

One Who, Two Dos Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

changes and sent

SEE THE SHAPE

The committee reviewed the proposed changes and sent a revised plan to the neighborhood council.

WHY IT WORKS

The same subject performs both actions: “The committee reviewed the proposed changes” and “sent a revised plan to the neighborhood council.” And connects the actions without making a new sentence.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: After the semicolon, and plus an action has no subject of its own.

C: After the period, the new sentence has an action but no person or thing doing it.

B: The colon improperly separates two coordinated actions.

Hack 03 · Lesson p. 13 · Practice p. 37
GA777-057 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q087 · ANSWER C

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

percent. Such

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 38 · Practice p. 44
Earlier book Q30

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q088 · ANSWER A

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

offense. According

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 38 · Practice p. 44
Earlier book Q31

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q089 · ANSWER A

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

configurations. TMAO

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 38 · Practice p. 44
Earlier book Q32

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q090 · ANSWER D

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

settings. She

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 38 · Practice p. 44
Earlier book Q33

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q091 · ANSWER D

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

ran—fast. During

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 38 · Practice p. 45
Earlier book Q34

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q092 · ANSWER C

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

adjustments. Prior

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 38 · Practice p. 45
Earlier book Q35

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q093 · ANSWER D

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Nutcracker. According

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 38 · Practice p. 45
Earlier book Q36

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q094 · ANSWER C

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

area. After

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 38 · Practice p. 45
Earlier book Q37

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q095 · ANSWER A

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

vapor. With

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 38 · Practice p. 46
Earlier book Q38

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q096 · ANSWER D

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

walls. With

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 38 · Practice p. 46
Earlier book Q39

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q097 · ANSWER C

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

work. That

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 38 · Practice p. 46
Earlier book Q40

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q098 · ANSWER A

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

plant). By

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 38 · Practice p. 46
Earlier book Q41

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q099 · ANSWER C

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

microsculptures. Creations

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 38 · Practice p. 47
Earlier book Q42

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q100 · ANSWER D

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

aesthetics. As

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 38 · Practice p. 47
Earlier book Q43

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q101 · ANSWER B

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Bay. Having

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 38 · Practice p. 47
Earlier book Q44

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q102 · ANSWER D

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

silk. By

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 38 · Practice p. 47
Earlier book Q45

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q103 · ANSWER C

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

temperature. Adding

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 38 · Practice p. 48
Earlier book Q46

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q104 · ANSWER D

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Panchali. A

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 38 · Practice p. 48
Earlier book Q47

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q105 · ANSWER A

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

earlier. In

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 38 · Practice p. 48
Earlier book Q48

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q106 · ANSWER D

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

exclamation. Translated

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 38 · Practice p. 48
Earlier book Q49

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q107 · ANSWER A

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

tombs. Built

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 38 · Practice p. 49
Earlier book Q50

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q108 · ANSWER B

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Belgravia. Published

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 38 · Practice p. 49
Earlier book Q51

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q109 · ANSWER D

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

essays. Praising

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 38 · Practice p. 49
Earlier book Q52

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q110 · ANSWER A

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

tenets. Developed

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 38 · Practice p. 49
Earlier book Q53

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q111 · ANSWER B

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

works. Because

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 38 · Practice p. 50
Earlier book Q54

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q112 · ANSWER C

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

system. Analyzing

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 38 · Practice p. 50
Earlier book Q55

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q113 · ANSWER C

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

audience. To

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 38 · Practice p. 50
Earlier book Q56

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q114 · ANSWER B

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

three. Known

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 38 · Practice p. 50
Earlier book Q57

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q115 · ANSWER A

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

star). Occurring

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 38 · Practice p. 51
Earlier book Q58

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q116 · ANSWER A

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

music. Featuring

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 38 · Practice p. 51
Earlier book Q59

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q117 · ANSWER B

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

music. Featuring

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 38 · Practice p. 51
Earlier book Q60

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q118 · ANSWER D

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

tip. Mimicking

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 38 · Practice p. 51
Earlier book Q61

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q119 · ANSWER B

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

2003, revolutionizing the field of economic research. Before

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 38 · Practice p. 52
Earlier book Q62

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q120 · ANSWER B

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

butterflies. Belonging

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 38 · Practice p. 52
Earlier book Q63

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q121 · ANSWER A

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

originates. Many

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 38 · Practice p. 52
Earlier book Q64

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q122 · ANSWER D

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

pineapples. For

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 38 · Practice p. 52
Earlier book Q65

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q123 · ANSWER D

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

STS-51-D. Lasting

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 38 · Practice p. 53
Earlier book Q66

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q124 · ANSWER D

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

snow. This

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 38 · Practice p. 53
Earlier book Q67

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q125 · ANSWER A

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

originates. Many

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 38 · Practice p. 53
Earlier book Q68

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q126 · ANSWER B

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

shore. The

SEE THE SHAPE

The first survey covered only the northern shore. The second survey extended around the entire lake.

WHY IT WORKS

“The first survey covered only the northern shore” is a full thought. “The second survey extended around the entire lake” is another full thought. A period closes the first one.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: A comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

C: Two full thoughts run together without a boundary.

D: The extra comma after and incorrectly separates and from the subject.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 38 · Practice p. 53
GA777-112 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q127 · ANSWER A

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

morning. They

SEE THE SHAPE

Researchers photographed the nest from a fixed distance each morning. They avoided approaching it during feeding periods.

WHY IT WORKS

“Researchers photographed the nest from a fixed distance each morning” is a full thought. “They avoided approaching it during feeding periods” is another full thought. A period closes the first one.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: A comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

B: Two full thoughts run together without a boundary.

D: The extra comma after and incorrectly separates and from the subject.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 38 · Practice p. 54
GA777-113 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q128 · ANSWER D

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

hours. The

SEE THE SHAPE

The original performance lasted nearly three hours. The touring version omitted two scenes to fit a shorter schedule.

WHY IT WORKS

“The original performance lasted nearly three hours” is a full thought. “The touring version omitted two scenes to fit a shorter schedule” is another full thought. A period closes the first one.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: A comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

C: Two full thoughts run together without a boundary.

B: The extra comma after and incorrectly separates and from the subject.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 38 · Practice p. 54
GA777-114 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q129 · ANSWER C

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

chamber. Several

SEE THE SHAPE

A layer of sand protected the floor of the storage chamber. Several tools beneath that layer survived in excellent condition.

WHY IT WORKS

“A layer of sand protected the floor of the storage chamber” is a full thought. “Several tools beneath that layer survived in excellent condition” is another full thought. A period closes the first one.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: A comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

A: Two full thoughts run together without a boundary.

B: The extra comma after and incorrectly separates and from the subject.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 38 · Practice p. 54
GA777-115 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q130 · ANSWER B

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

hall. That

SEE THE SHAPE

The new recording includes the sound of the audience entering the hall. That detail helps listeners imagine the setting of the performance.

WHY IT WORKS

“The new recording includes the sound of the audience entering the hall” is a full thought. “That detail helps listeners imagine the setting of the performance” is another full thought. A period closes the first one.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: A comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

A: Two full thoughts run together without a boundary.

D: The extra comma after and incorrectly separates and from the subject.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 38 · Practice p. 54
GA777-116 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q131 · ANSWER B

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

repairs. Vehicles

SEE THE SHAPE

The bridge remained open to walkers during the repairs. Vehicles crossed the river by a different route.

WHY IT WORKS

“The bridge remained open to walkers during the repairs” is a full thought. “Vehicles crossed the river by a different route” is another full thought. A period closes the first one.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: A comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

A: Two full thoughts run together without a boundary.

D: The extra comma after and incorrectly separates and from the subject.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 38 · Practice p. 55
GA777-117 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q132 · ANSWER D

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

signal. The

SEE THE SHAPE

A small change in the angle of the reflector improved the signal. The engineers repeated the adjustment on the other units.

WHY IT WORKS

“A small change in the angle of the reflector improved the signal” is a full thought. “The engineers repeated the adjustment on the other units” is another full thought. A period closes the first one.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: A comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

B: Two full thoughts run together without a boundary.

A: The extra comma after and incorrectly separates and from the subject.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 38 · Practice p. 55
GA777-118 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q133 · ANSWER B

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

communities. Each

SEE THE SHAPE

The study compared reports from several coastal communities. Each community had observed a different pattern of seasonal change.

WHY IT WORKS

“The study compared reports from several coastal communities” is a full thought. “Each community had observed a different pattern of seasonal change” is another full thought. A period closes the first one.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: A comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

A: Two full thoughts run together without a boundary.

C: The extra comma after and incorrectly separates and from the subject.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 38 · Practice p. 55
GA777-119 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q134 · ANSWER A

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

question. Later

SEE THE SHAPE

The first chapter introduces the central question. Later chapters examine the evidence from different regions.

WHY IT WORKS

“The first chapter introduces the central question” is a full thought. “Later chapters examine the evidence from different regions” is another full thought. A period closes the first one.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: A comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

C: Two full thoughts run together without a boundary.

D: The extra comma after and incorrectly separates and from the subject.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 38 · Practice p. 55
GA777-120 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q135 · ANSWER B

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

distance. Close

SEE THE SHAPE

The fabric looked plain when viewed from a distance. Close inspection revealed a pattern of tiny raised threads.

WHY IT WORKS

“The fabric looked plain when viewed from a distance” is a full thought. “Close inspection revealed a pattern of tiny raised threads” is another full thought. A period closes the first one.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: A comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

C: Two full thoughts run together without a boundary.

A: The extra comma after and incorrectly separates and from the subject.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 38 · Practice p. 56
GA777-121 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q136 · ANSWER D

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

them. This

SEE THE SHAPE

The children sorted the shells by shape before measuring them. This preliminary step made later comparisons easier.

WHY IT WORKS

“The children sorted the shells by shape before measuring them” is a full thought. “This preliminary step made later comparisons easier” is another full thought. A period closes the first one.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: A comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

B: Two full thoughts run together without a boundary.

C: The extra comma after and incorrectly separates and from the subject.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 38 · Practice p. 56
GA777-122 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q137 · ANSWER B

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

morning. The

SEE THE SHAPE

The painter usually worked outdoors during the early morning. The light at that time produced long shadows across the hillside.

WHY IT WORKS

“The painter usually worked outdoors during the early morning” is a full thought. “The light at that time produced long shadows across the hillside” is another full thought. A period closes the first one.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: A comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

D: Two full thoughts run together without a boundary.

A: The extra comma after and incorrectly separates and from the subject.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 38 · Practice p. 56
GA777-123 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q138 · ANSWER B

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

settlements. Those

SEE THE SHAPE

The map preserves the names of several abandoned settlements. Those names do not appear on modern road signs.

WHY IT WORKS

“The map preserves the names of several abandoned settlements” is a full thought. “Those names do not appear on modern road signs” is another full thought. A period closes the first one.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: A comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

A: Two full thoughts run together without a boundary.

C: The extra comma after and incorrectly separates and from the subject.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 38 · Practice p. 56
GA777-124 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q139 · ANSWER C

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

tube. A

SEE THE SHAPE

The experiment required a steady flow of water through the tube. A small pump maintained that flow throughout the test.

WHY IT WORKS

“The experiment required a steady flow of water through the tube” is a full thought. “A small pump maintained that flow throughout the test” is another full thought. A period closes the first one.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: A comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

B: Two full thoughts run together without a boundary.

D: The extra comma after and incorrectly separates and from the subject.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 38 · Practice p. 57
GA777-125 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q140 · ANSWER D

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

columns. Its

SEE THE SHAPE

The roof of the pavilion rests on four narrow columns. Its open sides allow visitors to see the surrounding garden.

WHY IT WORKS

“The roof of the pavilion rests on four narrow columns” is a full thought. “Its open sides allow visitors to see the surrounding garden” is another full thought. A period closes the first one.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: A comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

C: Two full thoughts run together without a boundary.

B: The extra comma after and incorrectly separates and from the subject.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 38 · Practice p. 57
GA777-126 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q141 · ANSWER B

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

boxes. Volunteers

SEE THE SHAPE

The library received the papers in several unmarked boxes. Volunteers spent months identifying the dates of individual documents.

WHY IT WORKS

“The library received the papers in several unmarked boxes” is a full thought. “Volunteers spent months identifying the dates of individual documents” is another full thought. A period closes the first one.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: A comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

C: Two full thoughts run together without a boundary.

D: The extra comma after and incorrectly separates and from the subject.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 38 · Practice p. 57
GA777-127 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q142 · ANSWER D

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

carry. A

SEE THE SHAPE

The first prototype was too heavy for one person to carry. A later version used a lighter frame.

WHY IT WORKS

“The first prototype was too heavy for one person to carry” is a full thought. “A later version used a lighter frame” is another full thought. A period closes the first one.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: A comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

B: Two full thoughts run together without a boundary.

A: The extra comma after and incorrectly separates and from the subject.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 38 · Practice p. 57
GA777-128 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q143 · ANSWER A

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

trial. This

SEE THE SHAPE

The researcher checked the calibration before each trial. This routine reduced the risk of a repeated measurement error.

WHY IT WORKS

“The researcher checked the calibration before each trial” is a full thought. “This routine reduced the risk of a repeated measurement error” is another full thought. A period closes the first one.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: A comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

D: Two full thoughts run together without a boundary.

C: The extra comma after and incorrectly separates and from the subject.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 38 · Practice p. 58
GA777-129 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q144 · ANSWER D

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

winter. The

SEE THE SHAPE

The village market moved to a covered square during winter. The new location provided shelter from rain and wind.

WHY IT WORKS

“The village market moved to a covered square during winter” is a full thought. “The new location provided shelter from rain and wind” is another full thought. A period closes the first one.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: A comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

B: Two full thoughts run together without a boundary.

C: The extra comma after and incorrectly separates and from the subject.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 38 · Practice p. 58
GA777-130 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q145 · ANSWER C

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

areas. Rain

SEE THE SHAPE

A narrow ridge divides the two drainage areas. Rain falling on opposite sides eventually reaches different rivers.

WHY IT WORKS

“A narrow ridge divides the two drainage areas” is a full thought. “Rain falling on opposite sides eventually reaches different rivers” is another full thought. A period closes the first one.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: A comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

D: Two full thoughts run together without a boundary.

A: The extra comma after and incorrectly separates and from the subject.

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GA777-131 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q146 · ANSWER C

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

handwriting. Those

SEE THE SHAPE

The manuscript contains several passages in a second handwriting. Those additions may have been made by a later owner.

WHY IT WORKS

“The manuscript contains several passages in a second handwriting” is a full thought. “Those additions may have been made by a later owner” is another full thought. A period closes the first one.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: A comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

D: Two full thoughts run together without a boundary.

B: The extra comma after and incorrectly separates and from the subject.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 38 · Practice p. 58
GA777-132 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q147 · ANSWER A

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

afternoon. Visitors

SEE THE SHAPE

The workshop opened its doors to the public for one afternoon. Visitors watched craftspeople demonstrate several traditional techniques.

WHY IT WORKS

“The workshop opened its doors to the public for one afternoon” is a full thought. “Visitors watched craftspeople demonstrate several traditional techniques” is another full thought. A period closes the first one.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: A comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

C: Two full thoughts run together without a boundary.

D: The extra comma after and incorrectly separates and from the subject.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 38 · Practice p. 59
GA777-133 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q148 · ANSWER C

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

period. Gardeners

SEE THE SHAPE

The plant produces flowers only after a long dry period. Gardeners cannot predict the exact week when the buds will open.

WHY IT WORKS

“The plant produces flowers only after a long dry period” is a full thought. “Gardeners cannot predict the exact week when the buds will open” is another full thought. A period closes the first one.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: A comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

B: Two full thoughts run together without a boundary.

A: The extra comma after and incorrectly separates and from the subject.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 38 · Practice p. 59
GA777-134 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q149 · ANSWER B

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

park. A

SEE THE SHAPE

The old ferry landing is now part of a riverside park. A small sign describes the boats that once stopped there.

WHY IT WORKS

“The old ferry landing is now part of a riverside park” is a full thought. “A small sign describes the boats that once stopped there” is another full thought. A period closes the first one.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: A comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

A: Two full thoughts run together without a boundary.

C: The extra comma after and incorrectly separates and from the subject.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 38 · Practice p. 59
GA777-135 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q150 · ANSWER B

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

seasons. Readers

SEE THE SHAPE

The guidebook includes photographs of the trail in different seasons. Readers can compare the bare winter landscape with the summer vegetation.

WHY IT WORKS

“The guidebook includes photographs of the trail in different seasons” is a full thought. “Readers can compare the bare winter landscape with the summer vegetation” is another full thought. A period closes the first one.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: A comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

A: Two full thoughts run together without a boundary.

D: The extra comma after and incorrectly separates and from the subject.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 38 · Practice p. 59
GA777-136 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q151 · ANSWER D

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

later. The

SEE THE SHAPE

The sound reached the distant microphone slightly later. The time difference helped the team estimate the distance between the devices.

WHY IT WORKS

“The sound reached the distant microphone slightly later” is a full thought. “The time difference helped the team estimate the distance between the devices” is another full thought. A period closes the first one.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: A comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

B: Two full thoughts run together without a boundary.

C: The extra comma after and incorrectly separates and from the subject.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 38 · Practice p. 60
GA777-137 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q152 · ANSWER B

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

hall. Its

SEE THE SHAPE

The restored mural covers an entire wall of the entrance hall. Its largest figures are visible from the street outside.

WHY IT WORKS

“The restored mural covers an entire wall of the entrance hall” is a full thought. “Its largest figures are visible from the street outside” is another full thought. A period closes the first one.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: A comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

D: Two full thoughts run together without a boundary.

A: The extra comma after and incorrectly separates and from the subject.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 38 · Practice p. 60
GA777-138 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q153 · ANSWER B

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

pavement. The

SEE THE SHAPE

The workers discovered a second layer of brick beneath the pavement. The earlier surface lay at a different angle from the present road.

WHY IT WORKS

“The workers discovered a second layer of brick beneath the pavement” is a full thought. “The earlier surface lay at a different angle from the present road” is another full thought. A period closes the first one.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: A comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

A: Two full thoughts run together without a boundary.

C: The extra comma after and incorrectly separates and from the subject.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 38 · Practice p. 60
GA777-139 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q154 · ANSWER B

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

supplies. The

SEE THE SHAPE

The prize recognized a series of articles about local water supplies. The journalist had spent a year interviewing residents and engineers.

WHY IT WORKS

“The prize recognized a series of articles about local water supplies” is a full thought. “The journalist had spent a year interviewing residents and engineers” is another full thought. A period closes the first one.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: A comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

C: Two full thoughts run together without a boundary.

D: The extra comma after and incorrectly separates and from the subject.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 38 · Practice p. 60
GA777-140 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q155 · ANSWER B

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

sky. A

SEE THE SHAPE

The telescope remained pointed at the same region of the sky. A computer recorded small changes in brightness over time.

WHY IT WORKS

“The telescope remained pointed at the same region of the sky” is a full thought. “A computer recorded small changes in brightness over time” is another full thought. A period closes the first one.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: A comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

C: Two full thoughts run together without a boundary.

D: The extra comma after and incorrectly separates and from the subject.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 38 · Practice p. 61
GA777-141 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q156 · ANSWER D

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

descriptions. Photographs

SEE THE SHAPE

The field notebook contains measurements but few descriptions. Photographs taken on the same trip provide additional context.

WHY IT WORKS

“The field notebook contains measurements but few descriptions” is a full thought. “Photographs taken on the same trip provide additional context” is another full thought. A period closes the first one.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: A comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

A: Two full thoughts run together without a boundary.

C: The extra comma after and incorrectly separates and from the subject.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 38 · Practice p. 61
GA777-142 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q157 · ANSWER D

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

pier. Small

SEE THE SHAPE

The new benches were built from wood recovered from the old pier. Small holes in the boards show where metal fittings once held them together.

WHY IT WORKS

“The new benches were built from wood recovered from the old pier” is a full thought. “Small holes in the boards show where metal fittings once held them together” is another full thought. A period closes the first one.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: A comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

C: Two full thoughts run together without a boundary.

A: The extra comma after and incorrectly separates and from the subject.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 38 · Practice p. 61
GA777-143 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q158 · ANSWER A

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

lenses. Visitors

SEE THE SHAPE

The museum placed the smallest objects in cases with built-in lenses. Visitors could examine details that would otherwise be difficult to see.

WHY IT WORKS

“The museum placed the smallest objects in cases with built-in lenses” is a full thought. “Visitors could examine details that would otherwise be difficult to see” is another full thought. A period closes the first one.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: A comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

D: Two full thoughts run together without a boundary.

C: The extra comma after and incorrectly separates and from the subject.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 38 · Practice p. 61
GA777-144 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q159 · ANSWER B

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

channel. Some

SEE THE SHAPE

The path follows the edge of a former irrigation channel. Some sections of the stone lining are still visible.

WHY IT WORKS

“The path follows the edge of a former irrigation channel” is a full thought. “Some sections of the stone lining are still visible” is another full thought. A period closes the first one.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: A comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

C: Two full thoughts run together without a boundary.

D: The extra comma after and incorrectly separates and from the subject.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 38 · Practice p. 62
GA777-145 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q160 · ANSWER B

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

container. Only

SEE THE SHAPE

The experiment began with identical amounts of liquid in each container. Only the shape of the containers varied.

WHY IT WORKS

“The experiment began with identical amounts of liquid in each container” is a full thought. “Only the shape of the containers varied” is another full thought. A period closes the first one.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: A comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

D: Two full thoughts run together without a boundary.

A: The extra comma after and incorrectly separates and from the subject.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 38 · Practice p. 62
GA777-146 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q161 · ANSWER D

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

metal. A

SEE THE SHAPE

The sculptor tested the balance of the model before casting it in metal. A small adjustment to the base prevented it from tipping.

WHY IT WORKS

“The sculptor tested the balance of the model before casting it in metal” is a full thought. “A small adjustment to the base prevented it from tipping” is another full thought. A period closes the first one.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: A comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

A: Two full thoughts run together without a boundary.

B: The extra comma after and incorrectly separates and from the subject.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 38 · Practice p. 62
GA777-147 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q162 · ANSWER C

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

trees. The

SEE THE SHAPE

The survey recorded the positions of more than a hundred trees. The resulting map will help workers plan repairs to the underground pipes.

WHY IT WORKS

“The survey recorded the positions of more than a hundred trees” is a full thought. “The resulting map will help workers plan repairs to the underground pipes” is another full thought. A period closes the first one.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: A comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

B: Two full thoughts run together without a boundary.

D: The extra comma after and incorrectly separates and from the subject.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 38 · Practice p. 62
GA777-148 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q163 · ANSWER C

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

speed. Once

SEE THE SHAPE

The choir practiced the unfamiliar rhythm at a slower speed. Once the pattern became comfortable, the conductor increased the tempo.

WHY IT WORKS

“The choir practiced the unfamiliar rhythm at a slower speed” is a full thought. “Once the pattern became comfortable, the conductor increased the tempo” is another full thought. A period closes the first one.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: A comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

B: Two full thoughts run together without a boundary.

D: The extra comma after and incorrectly separates and from the subject.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 38 · Practice p. 63
GA777-149 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q164 · ANSWER C

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

display. Many

SEE THE SHAPE

The new catalog includes objects that were never placed on public display. Many of those objects are ordinary tools used in daily work.

WHY IT WORKS

“The new catalog includes objects that were never placed on public display” is a full thought. “Many of those objects are ordinary tools used in daily work” is another full thought. A period closes the first one.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: A comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

B: Two full thoughts run together without a boundary.

A: The extra comma after and incorrectly separates and from the subject.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 38 · Practice p. 63
GA777-150 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q165 · ANSWER A

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

sunset. A

SEE THE SHAPE

The insects gathered near the pale flowers after sunset. A camera recorded their visits throughout the night.

WHY IT WORKS

“The insects gathered near the pale flowers after sunset” is a full thought. “A camera recorded their visits throughout the night” is another full thought. A period closes the first one.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: A comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

B: Two full thoughts run together without a boundary.

D: The extra comma after and incorrectly separates and from the subject.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 38 · Practice p. 63
GA777-151 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q166 · ANSWER C

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

words. A

SEE THE SHAPE

The first translation emphasized the literal meaning of the words. A later translation tried to preserve the rhythm of the original lines.

WHY IT WORKS

“The first translation emphasized the literal meaning of the words” is a full thought. “A later translation tried to preserve the rhythm of the original lines” is another full thought. A period closes the first one.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: A comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

A: Two full thoughts run together without a boundary.

D: The extra comma after and incorrectly separates and from the subject.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 38 · Practice p. 63
GA777-152 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q167 · ANSWER B

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

container. It

SEE THE SHAPE

The sensor was attached to the outside of the container. It could record changes without coming into contact with the liquid.

WHY IT WORKS

“The sensor was attached to the outside of the container” is a full thought. “It could record changes without coming into contact with the liquid” is another full thought. A period closes the first one.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: A comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

D: Two full thoughts run together without a boundary.

A: The extra comma after and incorrectly separates and from the subject.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 38 · Practice p. 64
GA777-153 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q168 · ANSWER A

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

road. The

SEE THE SHAPE

The excavation stopped at the edge of the modern road. The team plans to investigate the remaining area when repairs begin.

WHY IT WORKS

“The excavation stopped at the edge of the modern road” is a full thought. “The team plans to investigate the remaining area when repairs begin” is another full thought. A period closes the first one.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: A comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

C: Two full thoughts run together without a boundary.

B: The extra comma after and incorrectly separates and from the subject.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 38 · Practice p. 64
GA777-154 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q169 · ANSWER C

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

cardboard. Colored

SEE THE SHAPE

The students built a model of the watershed from layers of cardboard. Colored threads showed the routes of the main streams.

WHY IT WORKS

“The students built a model of the watershed from layers of cardboard” is a full thought. “Colored threads showed the routes of the main streams” is another full thought. A period closes the first one.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: A comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

A: Two full thoughts run together without a boundary.

B: The extra comma after and incorrectly separates and from the subject.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 38 · Practice p. 64
GA777-155 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q170 · ANSWER D

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

lighting. Portable

SEE THE SHAPE

The old theater had no permanent stage lighting. Portable lamps were moved into place before each performance.

WHY IT WORKS

“The old theater had no permanent stage lighting” is a full thought. “Portable lamps were moved into place before each performance” is another full thought. A period closes the first one.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: A comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

A: Two full thoughts run together without a boundary.

C: The extra comma after and incorrectly separates and from the subject.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 38 · Practice p. 64
GA777-156 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q171 · ANSWER A

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

site. Using

SEE THE SHAPE

The annual count took place on the same weekend at every site. Using a common date made the observations easier to compare.

WHY IT WORKS

“The annual count took place on the same weekend at every site” is a full thought. “Using a common date made the observations easier to compare” is another full thought. A period closes the first one.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: A comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

D: Two full thoughts run together without a boundary.

B: The extra comma after and incorrectly separates and from the subject.

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GA777-157 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q172 · ANSWER C

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

unglazed. The

SEE THE SHAPE

The potter left the lower part of the vessel unglazed. The rough surface allowed people to grip it more securely.

WHY IT WORKS

“The potter left the lower part of the vessel unglazed” is a full thought. “The rough surface allowed people to grip it more securely” is another full thought. A period closes the first one.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: A comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

A: Two full thoughts run together without a boundary.

D: The extra comma after and incorrectly separates and from the subject.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 38 · Practice p. 65
GA777-158 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q173 · ANSWER D

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

explanations. Readers

SEE THE SHAPE

The final report separated direct observations from proposed explanations. Readers could therefore see which claims still needed testing.

WHY IT WORKS

“The final report separated direct observations from proposed explanations” is a full thought. “Readers could therefore see which claims still needed testing” is another full thought. A period closes the first one.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: A comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

B: Two full thoughts run together without a boundary.

C: The extra comma after and incorrectly separates and from the subject.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 38 · Practice p. 65
GA777-159 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q174 · ANSWER C

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

towns. Its

SEE THE SHAPE

The observatory stands well above the surrounding towns. Its location reduces interference from streetlights.

WHY IT WORKS

“The observatory stands well above the surrounding towns” is a full thought. “Its location reduces interference from streetlights” is another full thought. A period closes the first one.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: A comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

A: Two full thoughts run together without a boundary.

B: The extra comma after and incorrectly separates and from the subject.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 38 · Practice p. 65
GA777-160 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q175 · ANSWER C

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

baking. This

SEE THE SHAPE

The recipe calls for the mixture to rest before baking. This pause allows the dry ingredients to absorb more liquid.

WHY IT WORKS

“The recipe calls for the mixture to rest before baking” is a full thought. “This pause allows the dry ingredients to absorb more liquid” is another full thought. A period closes the first one.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: A comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

A: Two full thoughts run together without a boundary.

B: The extra comma after and incorrectly separates and from the subject.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 38 · Practice p. 66
GA777-161 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q176 · ANSWER D

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

stop. Each

SEE THE SHAPE

The restored path includes several areas where walkers can stop. Each resting place offers a view of a different part of the valley.

WHY IT WORKS

“The restored path includes several areas where walkers can stop” is a full thought. “Each resting place offers a view of a different part of the valley” is another full thought. A period closes the first one.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: A comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

A: Two full thoughts run together without a boundary.

C: The extra comma after and incorrectly separates and from the subject.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 38 · Practice p. 66
GA777-162 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q177 · ANSWER B

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

letters. That

SEE THE SHAPE

The researcher found the same unusual spelling in three letters. That repeated detail helped connect documents from different collections.

WHY IT WORKS

“The researcher found the same unusual spelling in three letters” is a full thought. “That repeated detail helped connect documents from different collections” is another full thought. A period closes the first one.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: A comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

D: Two full thoughts run together without a boundary.

A: The extra comma after and incorrectly separates and from the subject.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 38 · Practice p. 66
GA777-163 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q178 · ANSWER D

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

crew. Some

SEE THE SHAPE

The vessel carried a small library for the crew. Some of its books contained notes written during earlier voyages.

WHY IT WORKS

“The vessel carried a small library for the crew” is a full thought. “Some of its books contained notes written during earlier voyages” is another full thought. A period closes the first one.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: A comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

C: Two full thoughts run together without a boundary.

B: The extra comma after and incorrectly separates and from the subject.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 38 · Practice p. 66
GA777-164 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q179 · ANSWER C

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

width. Objects

SEE THE SHAPE

The machine sorts the fragments according to their width. Objects wider than the opening move into a separate tray.

WHY IT WORKS

“The machine sorts the fragments according to their width” is a full thought. “Objects wider than the opening move into a separate tray” is another full thought. A period closes the first one.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: A comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

D: Two full thoughts run together without a boundary.

A: The extra comma after and incorrectly separates and from the subject.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 38 · Practice p. 67
GA777-165 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q180 · ANSWER B

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

introduction. The

SEE THE SHAPE

The second edition contains a longer introduction. The author used it to respond to questions raised by early readers.

WHY IT WORKS

“The second edition contains a longer introduction” is a full thought. “The author used it to respond to questions raised by early readers” is another full thought. A period closes the first one.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: A comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

A: Two full thoughts run together without a boundary.

D: The extra comma after and incorrectly separates and from the subject.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 38 · Practice p. 67
GA777-166 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q181 · ANSWER A

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

afternoon. Marks

SEE THE SHAPE

The water level fell steadily throughout the afternoon. Marks on the support posts showed how high it had been in the morning.

WHY IT WORKS

“The water level fell steadily throughout the afternoon” is a full thought. “Marks on the support posts showed how high it had been in the morning” is another full thought. A period closes the first one.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: A comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

C: Two full thoughts run together without a boundary.

B: The extra comma after and incorrectly separates and from the subject.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 38 · Practice p. 67
GA777-167 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q182 · ANSWER C

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

photograph. This

SEE THE SHAPE

The students used the same camera settings for every photograph. This consistency made changes in color easier to detect.

WHY IT WORKS

“The students used the same camera settings for every photograph” is a full thought. “This consistency made changes in color easier to detect” is another full thought. A period closes the first one.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: A comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

B: Two full thoughts run together without a boundary.

D: The extra comma after and incorrectly separates and from the subject.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 38 · Practice p. 67
GA777-168 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q183 · ANSWER C

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

leaves. Visitors

SEE THE SHAPE

The garden includes a bed reserved for plants with fragrant leaves. Visitors can gently touch selected plants during guided tours.

WHY IT WORKS

“The garden includes a bed reserved for plants with fragrant leaves” is a full thought. “Visitors can gently touch selected plants during guided tours” is another full thought. A period closes the first one.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: A comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

A: Two full thoughts run together without a boundary.

B: The extra comma after and incorrectly separates and from the subject.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 38 · Practice p. 68
GA777-169 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q184 · ANSWER A

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

recording. The

SEE THE SHAPE

The researcher stored a second copy of every recording. The copies were kept in a different building.

WHY IT WORKS

“The researcher stored a second copy of every recording” is a full thought. “The copies were kept in a different building” is another full thought. A period closes the first one.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: A comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

D: Two full thoughts run together without a boundary.

B: The extra comma after and incorrectly separates and from the subject.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 38 · Practice p. 68
GA777-170 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q185 · ANSWER B

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

stones. Larger

SEE THE SHAPE

The outer layer of the wall contains unusually small stones. Larger blocks form the foundation beneath it.

WHY IT WORKS

“The outer layer of the wall contains unusually small stones” is a full thought. “Larger blocks form the foundation beneath it” is another full thought. A period closes the first one.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: A comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

C: Two full thoughts run together without a boundary.

D: The extra comma after and incorrectly separates and from the subject.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 38 · Practice p. 68
GA777-171 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q186 · ANSWER A

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

section. A

SEE THE SHAPE

The composer wrote the final movement before the opening section. A dated sketchbook reveals that unexpected order.

WHY IT WORKS

“The composer wrote the final movement before the opening section” is a full thought. “A dated sketchbook reveals that unexpected order” is another full thought. A period closes the first one.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: A comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

C: Two full thoughts run together without a boundary.

B: The extra comma after and incorrectly separates and from the subject.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 38 · Practice p. 68
GA777-172 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q187 · ANSWER D

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

table. Several

SEE THE SHAPE

The volunteers checked every number in the transcribed table. Several entries were corrected after comparison with the original page.

WHY IT WORKS

“The volunteers checked every number in the transcribed table” is a full thought. “Several entries were corrected after comparison with the original page” is another full thought. A period closes the first one.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: A comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

B: Two full thoughts run together without a boundary.

A: The extra comma after and incorrectly separates and from the subject.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 38 · Practice p. 69
GA777-173 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q188 · ANSWER B

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

afternoon. Ripples

SEE THE SHAPE

The sheltered pool stayed calm during the windy afternoon. Ripples moved across the larger lake beyond the rocks.

WHY IT WORKS

“The sheltered pool stayed calm during the windy afternoon” is a full thought. “Ripples moved across the larger lake beyond the rocks” is another full thought. A period closes the first one.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: A comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

A: Two full thoughts run together without a boundary.

C: The extra comma after and incorrectly separates and from the subject.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 38 · Practice p. 69
GA777-174 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q189 · ANSWER B

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

wheel. The

SEE THE SHAPE

The team painted a reference line on the rotating wheel. The line made it easier to count complete turns.

WHY IT WORKS

“The team painted a reference line on the rotating wheel” is a full thought. “The line made it easier to count complete turns” is another full thought. A period closes the first one.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: A comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

A: Two full thoughts run together without a boundary.

C: The extra comma after and incorrectly separates and from the subject.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 38 · Practice p. 69
GA777-175 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q190 · ANSWER D

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

newspaper. It

SEE THE SHAPE

The poem appeared first in a small regional newspaper. It reached a wider audience when it was included in an anthology.

WHY IT WORKS

“The poem appeared first in a small regional newspaper” is a full thought. “It reached a wider audience when it was included in an anthology” is another full thought. A period closes the first one.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: A comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

A: Two full thoughts run together without a boundary.

B: The extra comma after and incorrectly separates and from the subject.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 38 · Practice p. 69
GA777-176 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q191 · ANSWER A

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

edges. Objects

SEE THE SHAPE

The replacement lens produced a sharper image at the edges. Objects near the center looked much the same as before.

WHY IT WORKS

“The replacement lens produced a sharper image at the edges” is a full thought. “Objects near the center looked much the same as before” is another full thought. A period closes the first one.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: A comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

C: Two full thoughts run together without a boundary.

D: The extra comma after and incorrectly separates and from the subject.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 38 · Practice p. 70
GA777-177 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q192 · ANSWER A

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

angles. Visitors

SEE THE SHAPE

The artist arranged the panels at slightly different angles. Visitors saw the colors change as they walked past.

WHY IT WORKS

“The artist arranged the panels at slightly different angles” is a full thought. “Visitors saw the colors change as they walked past” is another full thought. A period closes the first one.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: A comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

C: Two full thoughts run together without a boundary.

D: The extra comma after and incorrectly separates and from the subject.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 38 · Practice p. 70
GA777-178 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q193 · ANSWER D

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

greenhouse. Those

SEE THE SHAPE

The first seeds sprouted near the warmest part of the greenhouse. Those at the shaded end appeared several days later.

WHY IT WORKS

“The first seeds sprouted near the warmest part of the greenhouse” is a full thought. “Those at the shaded end appeared several days later” is another full thought. A period closes the first one.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: A comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

C: Two full thoughts run together without a boundary.

A: The extra comma after and incorrectly separates and from the subject.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 38 · Practice p. 70
GA777-179 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q194 · ANSWER A

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

letters. Postmarks

SEE THE SHAPE

The archive keeps the envelopes together with the letters. Postmarks sometimes supply dates missing from the letters themselves.

WHY IT WORKS

“The archive keeps the envelopes together with the letters” is a full thought. “Postmarks sometimes supply dates missing from the letters themselves” is another full thought. A period closes the first one.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: A comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

D: Two full thoughts run together without a boundary.

B: The extra comma after and incorrectly separates and from the subject.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 38 · Practice p. 70
GA777-180 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q195 · ANSWER C

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

visible. The

SEE THE SHAPE

The repair crew left one section of the old surface visible. The exposed area shows how the floor was originally constructed.

WHY IT WORKS

“The repair crew left one section of the old surface visible” is a full thought. “The exposed area shows how the floor was originally constructed” is another full thought. A period closes the first one.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: A comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

A: Two full thoughts run together without a boundary.

D: The extra comma after and incorrectly separates and from the subject.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 38 · Practice p. 71
GA777-181 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q196 · ANSWER C

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

tide. Conditions

SEE THE SHAPE

The team collected observations during both high and low tide. Conditions at the site changed considerably between the two periods.

WHY IT WORKS

“The team collected observations during both high and low tide” is a full thought. “Conditions at the site changed considerably between the two periods” is another full thought. A period closes the first one.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: A comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

D: Two full thoughts run together without a boundary.

A: The extra comma after and incorrectly separates and from the subject.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 38 · Practice p. 71
GA777-182 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q197 · ANSWER A

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

handle. A

SEE THE SHAPE

The small bell was cast separately from its handle. A metal pin connected the two pieces.

WHY IT WORKS

“The small bell was cast separately from its handle” is a full thought. “A metal pin connected the two pieces” is another full thought. A period closes the first one.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: A comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

D: Two full thoughts run together without a boundary.

B: The extra comma after and incorrectly separates and from the subject.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 38 · Practice p. 71
GA777-183 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q198 · ANSWER A

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

margins. Scholars

SEE THE SHAPE

The new edition reproduces the original page numbers in the margins. Scholars can still use references written for the earlier edition.

WHY IT WORKS

“The new edition reproduces the original page numbers in the margins” is a full thought. “Scholars can still use references written for the earlier edition” is another full thought. A period closes the first one.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: A comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

B: Two full thoughts run together without a boundary.

C: The extra comma after and incorrectly separates and from the subject.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 38 · Practice p. 71
GA777-184 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q199 · ANSWER A

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

hall. Their

SEE THE SHAPE

The performers entered through different doors around the hall. Their movement created the impression that the music came from every direction.

WHY IT WORKS

“The performers entered through different doors around the hall” is a full thought. “Their movement created the impression that the music came from every direction” is another full thought. A period closes the first one.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: A comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

D: Two full thoughts run together without a boundary.

C: The extra comma after and incorrectly separates and from the subject.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 38 · Practice p. 72
GA777-185 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q200 · ANSWER A

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

field. The

SEE THE SHAPE

The farmer planted a narrow strip of flowers beside the field. The flowers provided food for insects during a gap in the crop cycle.

WHY IT WORKS

“The farmer planted a narrow strip of flowers beside the field” is a full thought. “The flowers provided food for insects during a gap in the crop cycle” is another full thought. A period closes the first one.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: A comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

D: Two full thoughts run together without a boundary.

C: The extra comma after and incorrectly separates and from the subject.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 38 · Practice p. 72
GA777-186 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q201 · ANSWER B

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

morning. Using

SEE THE SHAPE

The survey team returned to the same marker each morning. Using a fixed starting point reduced differences between daily measurements.

WHY IT WORKS

“The survey team returned to the same marker each morning” is a full thought. “Using a fixed starting point reduced differences between daily measurements” is another full thought. A period closes the first one.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: A comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

D: Two full thoughts run together without a boundary.

C: The extra comma after and incorrectly separates and from the subject.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 38 · Practice p. 72
GA777-187 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q202 · ANSWER B

Full Stop Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

later. The

SEE THE SHAPE

The newly uncovered window faces a wall added much later. The unusual arrangement reveals how the building changed over time.

WHY IT WORKS

“The newly uncovered window faces a wall added much later” is a full thought. “The unusual arrangement reveals how the building changed over time” is another full thought. A period closes the first one.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: A comma alone cannot join these two full thoughts.

C: Two full thoughts run together without a boundary.

A: The extra comma after and incorrectly separates and from the subject.

Hack 04 · Lesson p. 38 · Practice p. 72
GA777-188 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q203 · ANSWER C

Super Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

parks;

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 40 · Practice p. 73
Earlier book Q69

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q204 · ANSWER C

Super Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

(BEC);

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 40 · Practice p. 73
Earlier book Q70

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q205 · ANSWER B

Super Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

sampler;

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 40 · Practice p. 73
Earlier book Q71

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q206 · ANSWER D

Super Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

greenery;

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 40 · Practice p. 73
Earlier book Q72

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q207 · ANSWER D

Super Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

weightlessness;

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 40 · Practice p. 74
Earlier book Q73

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q208 · ANSWER C

Super Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

advance;

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 40 · Practice p. 74
Earlier book Q74

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q209 · ANSWER D

Super Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

rare;

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 40 · Practice p. 74
Earlier book Q75

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q210 · ANSWER A

Super Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

awards, respectively;

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 40 · Practice p. 74
Earlier book Q76

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q211 · ANSWER A

Super Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Chulalongkorn;

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 40 · Practice p. 75
Earlier book Q77

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q212 · ANSWER D

Super Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

involved;

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 40 · Practice p. 75
Earlier book Q78

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q213 · ANSWER B

Super Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

content; in that era,

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 40 · Practice p. 75
Earlier book Q79

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q214 · ANSWER B

Super Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

age; built

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 40 · Practice p. 75
Earlier book Q80

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q215 · ANSWER A

Super Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

room; the

SEE THE SHAPE

The thick walls slowed the warming of the room; the air inside stayed cool well into the afternoon.

WHY IT WORKS

Both sides can be sentences: “The thick walls slowed the warming of the room” and “the air inside stayed cool well into the afternoon.” A semicolon joins them.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: A comma alone cannot join two full thoughts.

D: A boundary is missing between two full thoughts.

C: The comma immediately after and separates the conjunction from its clause.

Hack 05 · Lesson p. 40 · Practice p. 76
GA777-189 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q216 · ANSWER A

Super Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

incomplete; the

SEE THE SHAPE

The first copy of the record is incomplete; the second preserves the missing final column.

WHY IT WORKS

Both sides can be sentences: “The first copy of the record is incomplete” and “the second preserves the missing final column.” A semicolon joins them.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: A comma alone cannot join two full thoughts.

D: A boundary is missing between two full thoughts.

C: The comma immediately after and separates the conjunction from its clause.

Hack 05 · Lesson p. 40 · Practice p. 76
GA777-190 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q217 · ANSWER A

Super Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

notes; their

SEE THE SHAPE

The two instruments produced similar notes; their tones differed because their bodies were made from different materials.

WHY IT WORKS

Both sides can be sentences: “The two instruments produced similar notes” and “their tones differed because their bodies were made from different materials.” A semicolon joins them.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: A comma alone cannot join two full thoughts.

C: A boundary is missing between two full thoughts.

B: The comma immediately after and separates the conjunction from its clause.

Hack 05 · Lesson p. 40 · Practice p. 76
GA777-191 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q218 · ANSWER B

Super Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

darkness; the

SEE THE SHAPE

The team kept a control sample in darkness; the other samples were exposed to light for different lengths of time.

WHY IT WORKS

Both sides can be sentences: “The team kept a control sample in darkness” and “the other samples were exposed to light for different lengths of time.” A semicolon joins them.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: A comma alone cannot join two full thoughts.

A: A boundary is missing between two full thoughts.

D: The comma immediately after and separates the conjunction from its clause.

Hack 05 · Lesson p. 40 · Practice p. 76
GA777-192 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q219 · ANSWER B

Super Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

park; residents

SEE THE SHAPE

The local newspaper printed a drawing of the proposed park; residents could comment before construction began.

WHY IT WORKS

Both sides can be sentences: “The local newspaper printed a drawing of the proposed park” and “residents could comment before construction began.” A semicolon joins them.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: A comma alone cannot join two full thoughts.

C: A boundary is missing between two full thoughts.

A: The comma immediately after and separates the conjunction from its clause.

Hack 05 · Lesson p. 40 · Practice p. 77
GA777-193 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q220 · ANSWER B

Super Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

tool; a

SEE THE SHAPE

The original handle had broken away from the tool; a replacement was attached during an earlier repair.

WHY IT WORKS

Both sides can be sentences: “The original handle had broken away from the tool” and “a replacement was attached during an earlier repair.” A semicolon joins them.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: A comma alone cannot join two full thoughts.

A: A boundary is missing between two full thoughts.

C: The comma immediately after and separates the conjunction from its clause.

Hack 05 · Lesson p. 40 · Practice p. 77
GA777-194 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q221 · ANSWER D

Super Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

field; it

SEE THE SHAPE

The sound faded quickly in the open field; it lasted much longer inside the stone passage.

WHY IT WORKS

Both sides can be sentences: “The sound faded quickly in the open field” and “it lasted much longer inside the stone passage.” A semicolon joins them.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: A comma alone cannot join two full thoughts.

A: A boundary is missing between two full thoughts.

B: The comma immediately after and separates the conjunction from its clause.

Hack 05 · Lesson p. 40 · Practice p. 77
GA777-195 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q222 · ANSWER B

Super Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

diagrams; the

SEE THE SHAPE

The first group approached the task through diagrams; the second began by writing a list of possible solutions.

WHY IT WORKS

Both sides can be sentences: “The first group approached the task through diagrams” and “the second began by writing a list of possible solutions.” A semicolon joins them.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: A comma alone cannot join two full thoughts.

A: A boundary is missing between two full thoughts.

C: The comma immediately after and separates the conjunction from its clause.

Hack 05 · Lesson p. 40 · Practice p. 77
GA777-196 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q223 · ANSWER B

Super Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

excavation; an

SEE THE SHAPE

The new label gives the date of the excavation; an older label records only the place where the object was found.

WHY IT WORKS

Both sides can be sentences: “The new label gives the date of the excavation” and “an older label records only the place where the object was found.” A semicolon joins them.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: A comma alone cannot join two full thoughts.

A: A boundary is missing between two full thoughts.

C: The comma immediately after and separates the conjunction from its clause.

Hack 05 · Lesson p. 40 · Practice p. 78
GA777-197 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q224 · ANSWER B

Super Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

note; the

SEE THE SHAPE

The recording captured a brief pause before the final note; the printed score does not indicate that pause.

WHY IT WORKS

Both sides can be sentences: “The recording captured a brief pause before the final note” and “the printed score does not indicate that pause.” A semicolon joins them.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: A comma alone cannot join two full thoughts.

D: A boundary is missing between two full thoughts.

C: The comma immediately after and separates the conjunction from its clause.

Hack 05 · Lesson p. 40 · Practice p. 78
GA777-198 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q225 · ANSWER C

Super Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

rapidly; the

SEE THE SHAPE

The outer container prevented the solution from cooling rapidly; the inner container held the liquid being tested.

WHY IT WORKS

Both sides can be sentences: “The outer container prevented the solution from cooling rapidly” and “the inner container held the liquid being tested.” A semicolon joins them.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: A comma alone cannot join two full thoughts.

A: A boundary is missing between two full thoughts.

D: The comma immediately after and separates the conjunction from its clause.

Hack 05 · Lesson p. 40 · Practice p. 78
GA777-199 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q226 · ANSWER B

Super Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

tunnel; debris

SEE THE SHAPE

The stream runs beneath the road through a narrow tunnel; debris sometimes collects at the tunnel entrance.

WHY IT WORKS

Both sides can be sentences: “The stream runs beneath the road through a narrow tunnel” and “debris sometimes collects at the tunnel entrance.” A semicolon joins them.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: A comma alone cannot join two full thoughts.

D: A boundary is missing between two full thoughts.

C: The comma immediately after and separates the conjunction from its clause.

Hack 05 · Lesson p. 40 · Practice p. 78
GA777-200 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q227 · ANSWER B

Super Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

markings; the

SEE THE SHAPE

The team used a long exposure to photograph the faint markings; the camera had to remain perfectly still during the process.

WHY IT WORKS

Both sides can be sentences: “The team used a long exposure to photograph the faint markings” and “the camera had to remain perfectly still during the process.” A semicolon joins them.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: A comma alone cannot join two full thoughts.

C: A boundary is missing between two full thoughts.

A: The comma immediately after and separates the conjunction from its clause.

Hack 05 · Lesson p. 40 · Practice p. 79
GA777-201 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q228 · ANSWER A

Super Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

vision; many

SEE THE SHAPE

The garden was designed for visitors with limited vision; many of its plants can be recognized by scent or texture.

WHY IT WORKS

Both sides can be sentences: “The garden was designed for visitors with limited vision” and “many of its plants can be recognized by scent or texture.” A semicolon joins them.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: A comma alone cannot join two full thoughts.

C: A boundary is missing between two full thoughts.

D: The comma immediately after and separates the conjunction from its clause.

Hack 05 · Lesson p. 40 · Practice p. 79
GA777-202 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q229 · ANSWER B

Super Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

roof; later

SEE THE SHAPE

The early drawings show a tower with a pointed roof; later photographs show a flat roof in the same location.

WHY IT WORKS

Both sides can be sentences: “The early drawings show a tower with a pointed roof” and “later photographs show a flat roof in the same location.” A semicolon joins them.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: A comma alone cannot join two full thoughts.

C: A boundary is missing between two full thoughts.

D: The comma immediately after and separates the conjunction from its clause.

Hack 05 · Lesson p. 40 · Practice p. 79
GA777-203 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q230 · ANSWER A

Super Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

performances; the

SEE THE SHAPE

The new schedule allows extra time between performances; the stage crew can move the larger equipment more safely.

WHY IT WORKS

Both sides can be sentences: “The new schedule allows extra time between performances” and “the stage crew can move the larger equipment more safely.” A semicolon joins them.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: A comma alone cannot join two full thoughts.

B: A boundary is missing between two full thoughts.

D: The comma immediately after and separates the conjunction from its clause.

Hack 05 · Lesson p. 40 · Practice p. 79
GA777-204 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q231 · ANSWER A

Super Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

canal; repairs

SEE THE SHAPE

The survey identified several damaged sections of the canal; repairs will begin with the section closest to the reservoir.

WHY IT WORKS

Both sides can be sentences: “The survey identified several damaged sections of the canal” and “repairs will begin with the section closest to the reservoir.” A semicolon joins them.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: A comma alone cannot join two full thoughts.

C: A boundary is missing between two full thoughts.

D: The comma immediately after and separates the conjunction from its clause.

Hack 05 · Lesson p. 40 · Practice p. 80
GA777-205 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q232 · ANSWER D

Super Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

liquid; the

SEE THE SHAPE

The first layer of cloth absorbed most of the liquid; the layer beneath it remained nearly dry.

WHY IT WORKS

Both sides can be sentences: “The first layer of cloth absorbed most of the liquid” and “the layer beneath it remained nearly dry.” A semicolon joins them.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: A comma alone cannot join two full thoughts.

C: A boundary is missing between two full thoughts.

A: The comma immediately after and separates the conjunction from its clause.

Hack 05 · Lesson p. 40 · Practice p. 80
GA777-206 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q233 · ANSWER C

Super Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

journey; those

SEE THE SHAPE

The notebook lists expenses for each day of the journey; those entries help historians reconstruct the route.

WHY IT WORKS

Both sides can be sentences: “The notebook lists expenses for each day of the journey” and “those entries help historians reconstruct the route.” A semicolon joins them.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: A comma alone cannot join two full thoughts.

A: A boundary is missing between two full thoughts.

B: The comma immediately after and separates the conjunction from its clause.

Hack 05 · Lesson p. 40 · Practice p. 80
GA777-207 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q234 · ANSWER A

Super Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

counted; clear

SEE THE SHAPE

The glass beads were sorted by color before being counted; clear beads formed the largest group.

WHY IT WORKS

Both sides can be sentences: “The glass beads were sorted by color before being counted” and “clear beads formed the largest group.” A semicolon joins them.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: A comma alone cannot join two full thoughts.

D: A boundary is missing between two full thoughts.

C: The comma immediately after and separates the conjunction from its clause.

Hack 05 · Lesson p. 40 · Practice p. 80
GA777-208 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q235 · ANSWER A

Super Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

later; the

SEE THE SHAPE

The researcher repeated the interview a month later; the second conversation clarified several uncertain details.

WHY IT WORKS

Both sides can be sentences: “The researcher repeated the interview a month later” and “the second conversation clarified several uncertain details.” A semicolon joins them.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: A comma alone cannot join two full thoughts.

B: A boundary is missing between two full thoughts.

D: The comma immediately after and separates the conjunction from its clause.

Hack 05 · Lesson p. 40 · Practice p. 81
GA777-209 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q236 · ANSWER A

Super Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

winds; its

SEE THE SHAPE

The new shelter faces away from the strongest prevailing winds; its entrance receives sunlight during the cooler morning hours.

WHY IT WORKS

Both sides can be sentences: “The new shelter faces away from the strongest prevailing winds” and “its entrance receives sunlight during the cooler morning hours.” A semicolon joins them.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: A comma alone cannot join two full thoughts.

C: A boundary is missing between two full thoughts.

B: The comma immediately after and separates the conjunction from its clause.

Hack 05 · Lesson p. 40 · Practice p. 81
GA777-210 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q237 · ANSWER B

Super Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

system; observers

SEE THE SHAPE

The demonstration used a small model of the larger system; observers could see the moving parts more easily.

WHY IT WORKS

Both sides can be sentences: “The demonstration used a small model of the larger system” and “observers could see the moving parts more easily.” A semicolon joins them.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: A comma alone cannot join two full thoughts.

A: A boundary is missing between two full thoughts.

C: The comma immediately after and separates the conjunction from its clause.

Hack 05 · Lesson p. 40 · Practice p. 81
GA777-211 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q238 · ANSWER A

Super Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

painting; several

SEE THE SHAPE

The restoration removed a dark coating from the painting; several bright details became visible for the first time in decades.

WHY IT WORKS

Both sides can be sentences: “The restoration removed a dark coating from the painting” and “several bright details became visible for the first time in decades.” A semicolon joins them.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: A comma alone cannot join two full thoughts.

B: A boundary is missing between two full thoughts.

D: The comma immediately after and separates the conjunction from its clause.

Hack 05 · Lesson p. 40 · Practice p. 81
GA777-212 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q239 · ANSWER D

FANBOYS Bridge Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

fibers, but

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 42 · Practice p. 82
Earlier book Q81

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q240 · ANSWER B

FANBOYS Bridge Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

time, but

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 42 · Practice p. 82
Earlier book Q82

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q241 · ANSWER C

FANBOYS Bridge Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

cricket, but

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 42 · Practice p. 82
Earlier book Q83

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q242 · ANSWER A

FANBOYS Bridge Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

value, but

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 42 · Practice p. 82
Earlier book Q84

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q243 · ANSWER C

FANBOYS Bridge Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

century, but

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 42 · Practice p. 83
Earlier book Q85

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q244 · ANSWER B

FANBOYS Bridge Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

skeptical, but

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 42 · Practice p. 83
Earlier book Q86

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q245 · ANSWER D

FANBOYS Bridge Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

world, but

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 42 · Practice p. 83
Earlier book Q87

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q246 · ANSWER B

FANBOYS Bridge Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

out, but

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 42 · Practice p. 83
Earlier book Q88

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q247 · ANSWER D

FANBOYS Bridge Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

1680, and

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 42 · Practice p. 84
Earlier book Q89

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q248 · ANSWER A

FANBOYS Bridge Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

1950s, and

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 42 · Practice p. 84
Earlier book Q90

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q249 · ANSWER B

FANBOYS Bridge Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

apiary, and

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 42 · Practice p. 84
Earlier book Q91

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q250 · ANSWER D

FANBOYS Bridge Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

(Ru), but

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 42 · Practice p. 84
Earlier book Q92

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q251 · ANSWER C

FANBOYS Bridge Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

paradox, and

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 42 · Practice p. 85
Earlier book Q93

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q252 · ANSWER A

FANBOYS Bridge Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Tribe, and

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 42 · Practice p. 85
Earlier book Q94

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q253 · ANSWER C

FANBOYS Bridge Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

New Mexico, and

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 42 · Practice p. 85
Earlier book Q95

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q254 · ANSWER D

FANBOYS Bridge Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

marsh, but the

SEE THE SHAPE

The original plan called for a narrow wooden walkway across the marsh, but the final design used a wider platform supported by metal posts.

WHY IT WORKS

The first full thought is “The original plan called for a narrow wooden walkway across the marsh.” The next is “the final design used a wider platform supported by metal posts.” Use a comma before but to join them.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The extra comma after but splits but from the clause it introduces.

C: The semicolon is on the wrong side of but.

B: The colon incorrectly separates but from the clause it introduces.

Hack 06 · Lesson p. 42 · Practice p. 85
GA777-213 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q255 · ANSWER A

FANBOYS Bridge Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

lighting, but a

SEE THE SHAPE

The two samples appeared identical under ordinary room lighting, but a special lamp revealed a difference in their surface coatings.

WHY IT WORKS

The first full thought is “The two samples appeared identical under ordinary room lighting.” The next is “a special lamp revealed a difference in their surface coatings.” Use a comma before but to join them.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: The extra comma after but splits but from the clause it introduces.

C: The semicolon is on the wrong side of but.

D: The colon incorrectly separates but from the clause it introduces.

Hack 06 · Lesson p. 42 · Practice p. 86
GA777-214 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q256 · ANSWER B

FANBOYS Bridge Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

courtyard, but a

SEE THE SHAPE

The first survey suggested that the tunnel ended beneath the courtyard, but a later inspection located a passage extending beyond the outer wall.

WHY IT WORKS

The first full thought is “The first survey suggested that the tunnel ended beneath the courtyard.” The next is “a later inspection located a passage extending beyond the outer wall.” Use a comma before but to join them.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: The extra comma after but splits but from the clause it introduces.

D: The semicolon is on the wrong side of but.

A: The colon incorrectly separates but from the clause it introduces.

Hack 06 · Lesson p. 42 · Practice p. 86
GA777-215 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q257 · ANSWER A

FANBOYS Bridge Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

guide, but the

SEE THE SHAPE

The opening scene presents the traveler as an experienced guide, but the following scene reveals that she has never visited the region before.

WHY IT WORKS

The first full thought is “The opening scene presents the traveler as an experienced guide.” The next is “the following scene reveals that she has never visited the region before.” Use a comma before but to join them.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: The extra comma after but splits but from the clause it introduces.

B: The semicolon is on the wrong side of but.

D: The colon incorrectly separates but from the clause it introduces.

Hack 06 · Lesson p. 42 · Practice p. 86
GA777-216 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q258 · ANSWER A

FANBOYS Bridge Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

difficulty, but its

SEE THE SHAPE

The early model could lift the required load without difficulty, but its motor became too hot after several minutes of continuous use.

WHY IT WORKS

The first full thought is “The early model could lift the required load without difficulty.” The next is “its motor became too hot after several minutes of continuous use.” Use a comma before but to join them.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: The extra comma after but splits but from the clause it introduces.

D: The semicolon is on the wrong side of but.

B: The colon incorrectly separates but from the clause it introduces.

Hack 06 · Lesson p. 42 · Practice p. 86
GA777-217 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q259 · ANSWER A

FANBOYS Bridge Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

instrument, but the

SEE THE SHAPE

The museum had enough information to identify the maker of the instrument, but the date of its construction remained uncertain.

WHY IT WORKS

The first full thought is “The museum had enough information to identify the maker of the instrument.” The next is “the date of its construction remained uncertain.” Use a comma before but to join them.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: The extra comma after but splits but from the clause it introduces.

D: The semicolon is on the wrong side of but.

B: The colon incorrectly separates but from the clause it introduces.

Hack 06 · Lesson p. 42 · Practice p. 87
GA777-218 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q260 · ANSWER A

FANBOYS Bridge Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

year, but they

SEE THE SHAPE

The birds returned to the island at the expected time of year, but they selected a nesting site farther from the shore.

WHY IT WORKS

The first full thought is “The birds returned to the island at the expected time of year.” The next is “they selected a nesting site farther from the shore.” Use a comma before but to join them.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: The extra comma after but splits but from the clause it introduces.

D: The semicolon is on the wrong side of but.

B: The colon incorrectly separates but from the clause it introduces.

Hack 06 · Lesson p. 42 · Practice p. 87
GA777-219 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q261 · ANSWER B

FANBOYS Bridge Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

factory, but the

SEE THE SHAPE

The town preserved the outside walls of the former factory, but the interior was completely rebuilt to serve as a public library.

WHY IT WORKS

The first full thought is “The town preserved the outside walls of the former factory.” The next is “the interior was completely rebuilt to serve as a public library.” Use a comma before but to join them.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The extra comma after but splits but from the clause it introduces.

D: The semicolon is on the wrong side of but.

C: The colon incorrectly separates but from the clause it introduces.

Hack 06 · Lesson p. 42 · Practice p. 87
GA777-220 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q262 · ANSWER D

FANBOYS Bridge Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

sentence, but they

SEE THE SHAPE

The two translators agreed on the meaning of the final sentence, but they chose very different ways to express its humor.

WHY IT WORKS

The first full thought is “The two translators agreed on the meaning of the final sentence.” The next is “they chose very different ways to express its humor.” Use a comma before but to join them.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: The extra comma after but splits but from the clause it introduces.

B: The semicolon is on the wrong side of but.

A: The colon incorrectly separates but from the clause it introduces.

Hack 06 · Lesson p. 42 · Practice p. 87
GA777-221 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q263 · ANSWER D

FANBOYS Bridge Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

leaves, but the

SEE THE SHAPE

The planting experiment produced a larger number of leaves, but the total height of the plants changed very little.

WHY IT WORKS

The first full thought is “The planting experiment produced a larger number of leaves.” The next is “the total height of the plants changed very little.” Use a comma before but to join them.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: The extra comma after but splits but from the clause it introduces.

C: The semicolon is on the wrong side of but.

A: The colon incorrectly separates but from the clause it introduces.

Hack 06 · Lesson p. 42 · Practice p. 88
GA777-222 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q264 · ANSWER A

FANBOYS Bridge Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

follow, but noise

SEE THE SHAPE

The recording preserves the melody clearly enough for musicians to follow, but noise makes several of the spoken words impossible to identify.

WHY IT WORKS

The first full thought is “The recording preserves the melody clearly enough for musicians to follow.” The next is “noise makes several of the spoken words impossible to identify.” Use a comma before but to join them.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: The extra comma after but splits but from the clause it introduces.

B: The semicolon is on the wrong side of but.

C: The colon incorrectly separates but from the clause it introduces.

Hack 06 · Lesson p. 42 · Practice p. 88
GA777-223 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q265 · ANSWER A

FANBOYS Bridge Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

villages, but it

SEE THE SHAPE

The new route shortened the journey between the villages, but it required travelers to cross a much steeper ridge.

WHY IT WORKS

The first full thought is “The new route shortened the journey between the villages.” The next is “it required travelers to cross a much steeper ridge.” Use a comma before but to join them.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: The extra comma after but splits but from the clause it introduces.

C: The semicolon is on the wrong side of but.

D: The colon incorrectly separates but from the clause it introduces.

Hack 06 · Lesson p. 42 · Practice p. 88
GA777-224 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q266 · ANSWER B

FANBOYS Bridge Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

room, but the

SEE THE SHAPE

The artist planned to display the sculpture in an enclosed room, but the finished work was eventually installed in an open courtyard.

WHY IT WORKS

The first full thought is “The artist planned to display the sculpture in an enclosed room.” The next is “the finished work was eventually installed in an open courtyard.” Use a comma before but to join them.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The extra comma after but splits but from the clause it introduces.

C: The semicolon is on the wrong side of but.

D: The colon incorrectly separates but from the clause it introduces.

Hack 06 · Lesson p. 42 · Practice p. 88
GA777-225 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q267 · ANSWER D

FANBOYS Bridge Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

proposal, but several

SEE THE SHAPE

The committee supported the main purpose of the proposal, but several members questioned whether the suggested timetable was practical.

WHY IT WORKS

The first full thought is “The committee supported the main purpose of the proposal.” The next is “several members questioned whether the suggested timetable was practical.” Use a comma before but to join them.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: The extra comma after but splits but from the clause it introduces.

A: The semicolon is on the wrong side of but.

C: The colon incorrectly separates but from the clause it introduces.

Hack 06 · Lesson p. 42 · Practice p. 89
GA777-226 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q268 · ANSWER A

FANBOYS Bridge Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

photographs, but the

SEE THE SHAPE

The first layer of paint matched the color shown in old photographs, but the team discovered a different color beneath that layer.

WHY IT WORKS

The first full thought is “The first layer of paint matched the color shown in old photographs.” The next is “the team discovered a different color beneath that layer.” Use a comma before but to join them.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: The extra comma after but splits but from the clause it introduces.

B: The semicolon is on the wrong side of but.

D: The colon incorrectly separates but from the clause it introduces.

Hack 06 · Lesson p. 42 · Practice p. 89
GA777-227 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q269 · ANSWER C

FANBOYS Bridge Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

surface, but its

SEE THE SHAPE

The device worked reliably when tested on a level surface, but its readings became less consistent when the platform tilted.

WHY IT WORKS

The first full thought is “The device worked reliably when tested on a level surface.” The next is “its readings became less consistent when the platform tilted.” Use a comma before but to join them.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The extra comma after but splits but from the clause it introduces.

B: The semicolon is on the wrong side of but.

D: The colon incorrectly separates but from the clause it introduces.

Hack 06 · Lesson p. 42 · Practice p. 89
GA777-228 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q270 · ANSWER A

FANBOYS Bridge Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

map, but none

SEE THE SHAPE

The villagers recognized the name written on the old map, but none of them could identify the location marked beside it.

WHY IT WORKS

The first full thought is “The villagers recognized the name written on the old map.” The next is “none of them could identify the location marked beside it.” Use a comma before but to join them.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: The extra comma after but splits but from the clause it introduces.

D: The semicolon is on the wrong side of but.

C: The colon incorrectly separates but from the clause it introduces.

Hack 06 · Lesson p. 42 · Practice p. 89
GA777-229 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q271 · ANSWER D

FANBOYS Bridge Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

detail, but they

SEE THE SHAPE

The printed instructions described the order of assembly in detail, but they did not explain how to adjust the tension afterward.

WHY IT WORKS

The first full thought is “The printed instructions described the order of assembly in detail.” The next is “they did not explain how to adjust the tension afterward.” Use a comma before but to join them.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: The extra comma after but splits but from the clause it introduces.

C: The semicolon is on the wrong side of but.

A: The colon incorrectly separates but from the clause it introduces.

Hack 06 · Lesson p. 42 · Practice p. 90
GA777-230 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q272 · ANSWER C

FANBOYS Bridge Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

container, but most

SEE THE SHAPE

The researchers expected the insects to gather near the warmer container, but most of the insects moved toward the cooler one.

WHY IT WORKS

The first full thought is “The researchers expected the insects to gather near the warmer container.” The next is “most of the insects moved toward the cooler one.” Use a comma before but to join them.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: The extra comma after but splits but from the clause it introduces.

A: The semicolon is on the wrong side of but.

D: The colon incorrectly separates but from the clause it introduces.

Hack 06 · Lesson p. 42 · Practice p. 90
GA777-231 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q273 · ANSWER A

FANBOYS Bridge Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

translation, but it

SEE THE SHAPE

The new edition corrected several errors in the earlier translation, but it retained the original arrangement of the chapters.

WHY IT WORKS

The first full thought is “The new edition corrected several errors in the earlier translation.” The next is “it retained the original arrangement of the chapters.” Use a comma before but to join them.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: The extra comma after but splits but from the clause it introduces.

D: The semicolon is on the wrong side of but.

B: The colon incorrectly separates but from the clause it introduces.

Hack 06 · Lesson p. 42 · Practice p. 90
GA777-232 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q274 · ANSWER A

FANBOYS Bridge Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

coast, but trees

SEE THE SHAPE

The storm damaged many of the exposed branches along the coast, but trees in the sheltered valley suffered little harm.

WHY IT WORKS

The first full thought is “The storm damaged many of the exposed branches along the coast.” The next is “trees in the sheltered valley suffered little harm.” Use a comma before but to join them.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: The extra comma after but splits but from the clause it introduces.

B: The semicolon is on the wrong side of but.

C: The colon incorrectly separates but from the clause it introduces.

Hack 06 · Lesson p. 42 · Practice p. 90
GA777-233 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q275 · ANSWER C

FANBOYS Bridge Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

numbers, but each

SEE THE SHAPE

The workshop could produce the metal components in large numbers, but each wooden handle still had to be shaped individually.

WHY IT WORKS

The first full thought is “The workshop could produce the metal components in large numbers.” The next is “each wooden handle still had to be shaped individually.” Use a comma before but to join them.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: The extra comma after but splits but from the clause it introduces.

A: The semicolon is on the wrong side of but.

B: The colon incorrectly separates but from the clause it introduces.

Hack 06 · Lesson p. 42 · Practice p. 91
GA777-234 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q276 · ANSWER D

FANBOYS Bridge Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

wall, but closer

SEE THE SHAPE

The first photographs showed what appeared to be a continuous wall, but closer examination revealed several narrow openings near the base.

WHY IT WORKS

The first full thought is “The first photographs showed what appeared to be a continuous wall.” The next is “closer examination revealed several narrow openings near the base.” Use a comma before but to join them.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: The extra comma after but splits but from the clause it introduces.

A: The semicolon is on the wrong side of but.

C: The colon incorrectly separates but from the clause it introduces.

Hack 06 · Lesson p. 42 · Practice p. 91
GA777-235 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q277 · ANSWER B

FANBOYS Bridge Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

audience, but few

SEE THE SHAPE

The melody was familiar to almost everyone in the audience, but few listeners recognized the older words used by the singer.

WHY IT WORKS

The first full thought is “The melody was familiar to almost everyone in the audience.” The next is “few listeners recognized the older words used by the singer.” Use a comma before but to join them.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The extra comma after but splits but from the clause it introduces.

C: The semicolon is on the wrong side of but.

D: The colon incorrectly separates but from the clause it introduces.

Hack 06 · Lesson p. 42 · Practice p. 91
GA777-236 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q278 · ANSWER A

FANBOYS Bridge Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

paper, but it

SEE THE SHAPE

The protective coating kept water away from the surface of the paper, but it also made the colors appear slightly darker.

WHY IT WORKS

The first full thought is “The protective coating kept water away from the surface of the paper.” The next is “it also made the colors appear slightly darker.” Use a comma before but to join them.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: The extra comma after but splits but from the clause it introduces.

C: The semicolon is on the wrong side of but.

D: The colon incorrectly separates but from the clause it introduces.

Hack 06 · Lesson p. 42 · Practice p. 91
GA777-237 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q279 · ANSWER C

FANBOYS Bridge Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

water, but maintaining

SEE THE SHAPE

The new reservoir provided a more dependable supply of water, but maintaining its channels required more work than the planners expected.

WHY IT WORKS

The first full thought is “The new reservoir provided a more dependable supply of water.” The next is “maintaining its channels required more work than the planners expected.” Use a comma before but to join them.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The extra comma after but splits but from the clause it introduces.

B: The semicolon is on the wrong side of but.

D: The colon incorrectly separates but from the clause it introduces.

Hack 06 · Lesson p. 42 · Practice p. 92
GA777-238 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q280 · ANSWER D

FANBOYS Bridge Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

summer, but it

SEE THE SHAPE

The team found evidence that people had occupied the site in summer, but it found no clear signs of winter occupation.

WHY IT WORKS

The first full thought is “The team found evidence that people had occupied the site in summer.” The next is “it found no clear signs of winter occupation.” Use a comma before but to join them.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: The extra comma after but splits but from the clause it introduces.

B: The semicolon is on the wrong side of but.

A: The colon incorrectly separates but from the clause it introduces.

Hack 06 · Lesson p. 42 · Practice p. 92
GA777-239 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q281 · ANSWER A

FANBOYS Bridge Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

journey, but it

SEE THE SHAPE

The manuscript gives a detailed account of the outward journey, but it says almost nothing about the return trip.

WHY IT WORKS

The first full thought is “The manuscript gives a detailed account of the outward journey.” The next is “it says almost nothing about the return trip.” Use a comma before but to join them.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: The extra comma after but splits but from the clause it introduces.

C: The semicolon is on the wrong side of but.

D: The colon incorrectly separates but from the clause it introduces.

Hack 06 · Lesson p. 42 · Practice p. 92
GA777-240 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q282 · ANSWER C

FANBOYS Bridge Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

plan, but the

SEE THE SHAPE

The first trial met every requirement listed in the test plan, but the researchers repeated it to check that the result was consistent.

WHY IT WORKS

The first full thought is “The first trial met every requirement listed in the test plan.” The next is “the researchers repeated it to check that the result was consistent.” Use a comma before but to join them.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: The extra comma after but splits but from the clause it introduces.

A: The semicolon is on the wrong side of but.

B: The colon incorrectly separates but from the clause it introduces.

Hack 06 · Lesson p. 42 · Practice p. 92
GA777-241 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q283 · ANSWER C

FANBOYS Bridge Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

stone, but it

SEE THE SHAPE

The replacement material was easier to shape than the original stone, but it did not withstand outdoor conditions as well.

WHY IT WORKS

The first full thought is “The replacement material was easier to shape than the original stone.” The next is “it did not withstand outdoor conditions as well.” Use a comma before but to join them.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: The extra comma after but splits but from the clause it introduces.

D: The semicolon is on the wrong side of but.

A: The colon incorrectly separates but from the clause it introduces.

Hack 06 · Lesson p. 42 · Practice p. 93
GA777-242 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q284 · ANSWER B

Wait, Then Comma Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

content,

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 94 · Practice p. 101
Earlier book Q96

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q285 · ANSWER B

Wait, Then Comma Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

asteroids, several

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 94 · Practice p. 101
Earlier book Q97

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q286 · ANSWER C

Wait, Then Comma Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

lifelike,

SEE THE SHAPE

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.

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q287 · ANSWER C

Wait, Then Comma Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

not, aerobic

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 94 · Practice p. 101
Earlier book Q99

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q288 · ANSWER B

Wait, Then Comma Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

islands, it

SEE THE SHAPE

Although the oldest map omits several small islands, it accurately shows the shape of the main coastline.

WHY IT WORKS

“Although the oldest map omits several small islands” makes us wait for the main message. The main message is “it accurately shows the shape of the main coastline.” Use a comma after the opening clause.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: The opening dependent clause cannot stand before a semicolon.

D: The period leaves the opening dependent clause unfinished.

A: The opening dependent clause is not a complete setup for a colon.

Hack 07 · Lesson p. 94 · Practice p. 102
GA777-058 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q289 · ANSWER A

Wait, Then Comma Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

sunlight, the

SEE THE SHAPE

Because the outer layer had become brittle after years in sunlight, the technicians handled the sample with padded tools.

WHY IT WORKS

“Because the outer layer had become brittle after years in sunlight” makes us wait for the main message. The main message is “the technicians handled the sample with padded tools.” Use a comma after the opening clause.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: The opening dependent clause cannot stand before a semicolon.

B: The period leaves the opening dependent clause unfinished.

D: The opening dependent clause is not a complete setup for a colon.

Hack 07 · Lesson p. 94 · Practice p. 102
GA777-059 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q290 · ANSWER B

Wait, Then Comma Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

place, the

SEE THE SHAPE

When the final section of the footbridge was lowered into place, the workers checked that both ends rested securely on their supports.

WHY IT WORKS

“When the final section of the footbridge was lowered into place” makes us wait for the main message. The main message is “the workers checked that both ends rested securely on their supports.” Use a comma after the opening clause.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The opening dependent clause cannot stand before a semicolon.

D: The period leaves the opening dependent clause unfinished.

C: The opening dependent clause is not a complete setup for a colon.

Hack 07 · Lesson p. 94 · Practice p. 102
GA777-060 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q291 · ANSWER D

Wait, Then Comma Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

limit, the

SEE THE SHAPE

If the temperature inside the chamber rises above the selected limit, the cooling system switches on automatically.

WHY IT WORKS

“If the temperature inside the chamber rises above the selected limit” makes us wait for the main message. The main message is “the cooling system switches on automatically.” Use a comma after the opening clause.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The opening dependent clause cannot stand before a semicolon.

B: The period leaves the opening dependent clause unfinished.

C: The opening dependent clause is not a complete setup for a colon.

Hack 07 · Lesson p. 94 · Practice p. 102
GA777-061 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q292 · ANSWER D

Wait, Then Comma Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

hall, the

SEE THE SHAPE

While the musicians rehearsed in the main hall, the stage crew adjusted the lights above the empty seats.

WHY IT WORKS

“While the musicians rehearsed in the main hall” makes us wait for the main message. The main message is “the stage crew adjusted the lights above the empty seats.” Use a comma after the opening clause.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: The opening dependent clause cannot stand before a semicolon.

C: The period leaves the opening dependent clause unfinished.

A: The opening dependent clause is not a complete setup for a colon.

Hack 07 · Lesson p. 94 · Practice p. 103
GA777-062 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q293 · ANSWER A

Wait, Then Comma Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

fields, farmers

SEE THE SHAPE

After the floodwater had retreated from the lower fields, farmers inspected the soil for signs of erosion.

WHY IT WORKS

“After the floodwater had retreated from the lower fields” makes us wait for the main message. The main message is “farmers inspected the soil for signs of erosion.” Use a comma after the opening clause.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: The opening dependent clause cannot stand before a semicolon.

D: The period leaves the opening dependent clause unfinished.

C: The opening dependent clause is not a complete setup for a colon.

Hack 07 · Lesson p. 94 · Practice p. 103
GA777-063 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q294 · ANSWER C

Wait, Then Comma Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

database, they

SEE THE SHAPE

Before the volunteers began entering the handwritten records into a database, they agreed on a common method for uncertain spellings.

WHY IT WORKS

“Before the volunteers began entering the handwritten records into a database” makes us wait for the main message. The main message is “they agreed on a common method for uncertain spellings.” Use a comma after the opening clause.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: The opening dependent clause cannot stand before a semicolon.

A: The period leaves the opening dependent clause unfinished.

D: The opening dependent clause is not a complete setup for a colon.

Hack 07 · Lesson p. 94 · Practice p. 103
GA777-064 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q295 · ANSWER D

Wait, Then Comma Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

safely, the

SEE THE SHAPE

Since the original recording was too damaged to play safely, the archivists created a digital copy for researchers.

WHY IT WORKS

“Since the original recording was too damaged to play safely” makes us wait for the main message. The main message is “the archivists created a digital copy for researchers.” Use a comma after the opening clause.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The opening dependent clause cannot stand before a semicolon.

C: The period leaves the opening dependent clause unfinished.

B: The opening dependent clause is not a complete setup for a colon.

Hack 07 · Lesson p. 94 · Practice p. 103
GA777-065 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q296 · ANSWER D

Reason or Difference? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

decade, while

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 96 · Practice p. 104
Earlier book Q100

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q297 · ANSWER D

Reason or Difference? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

added whenever

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 96 · Practice p. 104
Earlier book Q101

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q298 · ANSWER B

Reason or Difference? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

South by

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 96 · Practice p. 104
Earlier book Q102

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q299 · ANSWER C

Reason or Difference? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

discovered while

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 96 · Practice p. 104
Earlier book Q103

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q300 · ANSWER C

Reason or Difference? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

discovered while

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 96 · Practice p. 105
Earlier book Q104

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q301 · ANSWER C

Reason or Difference? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

week because

SEE THE SHAPE

The seedlings survived the unusually dry week because their roots had already reached moist soil below the surface.

WHY IT WORKS

“because their roots had already reached moist soil below the surface” gives the needed reason or condition for the main statement. Keep it attached.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: The words after the semicolon are a dependent clause, not a full sentence.

A: The period leaves the following dependent clause as a fragment.

D: This colon splits the opening word of the reason or condition from the words that complete it.

Hack 08 · Lesson p. 96 · Practice p. 105
GA777-066 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q302 · ANSWER B

Reason or Difference? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

on until

SEE THE SHAPE

The warning light remains on until the cover is fully closed.

WHY IT WORKS

“until the cover is fully closed” gives the needed reason or condition for the main statement. Keep it attached.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: The words after the semicolon are a dependent clause, not a full sentence.

C: The period leaves the following dependent clause as a fragment.

A: This colon splits the opening word of the reason or condition from the words that complete it.

Hack 08 · Lesson p. 96 · Practice p. 105
GA777-067 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q303 · ANSWER D

Reason or Difference? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

equipment only

SEE THE SHAPE

The students could use the workshop equipment only if a trained supervisor was present.

WHY IT WORKS

“only if a trained supervisor was present” gives the needed reason or condition for the main statement. Keep it attached.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: The words after the semicolon are a dependent clause, not a full sentence.

B: The period leaves the following dependent clause as a fragment.

A: This colon splits the opening word of the reason or condition from the words that complete it.

Hack 08 · Lesson p. 96 · Practice p. 105
GA777-068 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q304 · ANSWER C

Reason or Difference? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

transparent when

SEE THE SHAPE

The protective screen becomes transparent when an electric current passes through its outer layer.

WHY IT WORKS

“when an electric current passes through its outer layer” gives the needed reason or condition for the main statement. Keep it attached.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: The words after the semicolon are a dependent clause, not a full sentence.

B: The period leaves the following dependent clause as a fragment.

A: This colon splits the opening word of the reason or condition from the words that complete it.

Hack 08 · Lesson p. 96 · Practice p. 106
GA777-069 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q305 · ANSWER B

Reason or Difference? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

measurements because

SEE THE SHAPE

The team rejected the first set of measurements because the reference scale had shifted during the experiment.

WHY IT WORKS

“because the reference scale had shifted during the experiment” gives the needed reason or condition for the main statement. Keep it attached.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: The words after the semicolon are a dependent clause, not a full sentence.

C: The period leaves the following dependent clause as a fragment.

A: This colon splits the opening word of the reason or condition from the words that complete it.

Hack 08 · Lesson p. 96 · Practice p. 106
GA777-070 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q306 · ANSWER B

Reason or Difference? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

gallery after

SEE THE SHAPE

Visitors can reach the upper gallery after they climb the narrow staircase beside the entrance.

WHY IT WORKS

“after they climb the narrow staircase beside the entrance” gives the needed reason or condition for the main statement. Keep it attached.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: The words after the semicolon are a dependent clause, not a full sentence.

C: The period leaves the following dependent clause as a fragment.

A: This colon splits the opening word of the reason or condition from the words that complete it.

Hack 08 · Lesson p. 96 · Practice p. 106
GA777-071 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q307 · ANSWER A

Reason or Difference? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

moving if

SEE THE SHAPE

The machine will stop moving if the sensor detects an obstacle in its path.

WHY IT WORKS

“if the sensor detects an obstacle in its path” gives the needed reason or condition for the main statement. Keep it attached.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: The words after the semicolon are a dependent clause, not a full sentence.

D: The period leaves the following dependent clause as a fragment.

C: This colon splits the opening word of the reason or condition from the words that complete it.

Hack 08 · Lesson p. 96 · Practice p. 106
GA777-072 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q308 · ANSWER B

Reason or Difference? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

flat so

SEE THE SHAPE

The volunteers kept the fragile pages flat so that the brittle edges would not bend during scanning.

WHY IT WORKS

“so that the brittle edges would not bend during scanning” gives the needed reason or condition for the main statement. Keep it attached.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: The words after the semicolon are a dependent clause, not a full sentence.

D: The period leaves the following dependent clause as a fragment.

A: This colon splits the opening word of the reason or condition from the words that complete it.

Hack 08 · Lesson p. 96 · Practice p. 107
GA777-073 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q309 · ANSWER D

Reason or Difference? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

road where

SEE THE SHAPE

The new path follows the old road where the valley becomes too narrow for separate routes.

WHY IT WORKS

“where the valley becomes too narrow for separate routes” gives the needed reason or condition for the main statement. Keep it attached.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: The words after the semicolon are a dependent clause, not a full sentence.

C: The period leaves the following dependent clause as a fragment.

A: This colon splits the opening word of the reason or condition from the words that complete it.

Hack 08 · Lesson p. 96 · Practice p. 107
GA777-074 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q310 · ANSWER C

Reason or Difference? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

decision because

SEE THE SHAPE

The committee postponed its decision because two important cost estimates had not yet arrived.

WHY IT WORKS

“because two important cost estimates had not yet arrived” gives the needed reason or condition for the main statement. Keep it attached.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The words after the semicolon are a dependent clause, not a full sentence.

D: The period leaves the following dependent clause as a fragment.

B: This colon splits the opening word of the reason or condition from the words that complete it.

Hack 08 · Lesson p. 96 · Practice p. 107
GA777-075 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q311 · ANSWER B

Extra Detail Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

(1947),

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 98 · Practice p. 107
Earlier book Q105

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q312 · ANSWER C

Extra Detail Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Erie, the

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 98 · Practice p. 108
Earlier book Q106

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q313 · ANSWER C

Extra Detail Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

classroom,

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 98 · Practice p. 108
Earlier book Q107

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q314 · ANSWER D

Extra Detail Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

world,

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 98 · Practice p. 108
Earlier book Q108

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q315 · ANSWER C

Extra Detail Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

energy collected by solar panels during the day,

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 98 · Practice p. 108
Earlier book Q109

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q316 · ANSWER D

Extra Detail Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

windows, transitional

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 98 · Practice p. 109
Earlier book Q110

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q317 · ANSWER D

Extra Detail Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Stars, an

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 98 · Practice p. 109
Earlier book Q111

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q318 · ANSWER A

Extra Detail Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Act, which

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 98 · Practice p. 109
Earlier book Q112

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q319 · ANSWER D

Extra Detail Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

fungi, producing

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 98 · Practice p. 109
Earlier book Q113

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q320 · ANSWER C

Extra Detail Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

CE, making

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 98 · Practice p. 110
Earlier book Q114

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q321 · ANSWER D

Extra Detail Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

movie, such

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 98 · Practice p. 110
Earlier book Q115

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q322 · ANSWER C

Extra Detail Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

dance, showcasing

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 98 · Practice p. 110
Earlier book Q116

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q323 · ANSWER A

Extra Detail Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

soul,” positing

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 98 · Practice p. 110
Earlier book Q117

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q324 · ANSWER C

Extra Detail Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

materialism,”

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 98 · Practice p. 111
Earlier book Q118

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q325 · ANSWER D

Extra Detail Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

writers, among

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 98 · Practice p. 111
Earlier book Q119

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q326 · ANSWER C

Extra Detail Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

protest, a decision that,

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 98 · Practice p. 111
Earlier book Q120

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q327 · ANSWER B

Extra Detail Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

quilts, the

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 98 · Practice p. 111
Earlier book Q121

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q328 · ANSWER D

Extra Detail Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

supposed, a

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 98 · Practice p. 112
Earlier book Q122

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q329 · ANSWER D

Extra Detail Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

damaged, the

SEE THE SHAPE

Working from photographs taken before the building was damaged, the restorers recreated the pattern above the doorway.

WHY IT WORKS

“Working from photographs taken before the building was damaged” gives opening background. It is not a full sentence. A comma connects it to “the restorers recreated the pattern above the doorway.”

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: The opening description is not a full thought, so a semicolon cannot follow it.

B: The period leaves the opening description as a fragment.

A: The opening description is not a full setup for a colon.

Hack 09 · Lesson p. 98 · Practice p. 112
GA777-076 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q330 · ANSWER A

Extra Detail Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

paint, the

SEE THE SHAPE

Hidden beneath several layers of paint, the original sign remained almost completely intact.

WHY IT WORKS

“Hidden beneath several layers of paint” gives opening background. It is not a full sentence. A comma connects it to “the original sign remained almost completely intact.”

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: The opening description is not a full thought, so a semicolon cannot follow it.

D: The period leaves the opening description as a fragment.

B: The opening description is not a full setup for a colon.

Hack 09 · Lesson p. 98 · Practice p. 112
GA777-077 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q331 · ANSWER D

Extra Detail Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

case, the

SEE THE SHAPE

Designed to fold into a compact case, the instrument could be carried easily between observation sites.

WHY IT WORKS

“Designed to fold into a compact case” gives opening background. It is not a full sentence. A comma connects it to “the instrument could be carried easily between observation sites.”

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The opening description is not a full thought, so a semicolon cannot follow it.

B: The period leaves the opening description as a fragment.

C: The opening description is not a full setup for a colon.

Hack 09 · Lesson p. 98 · Practice p. 112
GA777-078 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q332 · ANSWER A

Extra Detail Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

clay, the

SEE THE SHAPE

Using a brush softer than the surrounding clay, the conservator removed dust from the carved lines.

WHY IT WORKS

“Using a brush softer than the surrounding clay” gives opening background. It is not a full sentence. A comma connects it to “the conservator removed dust from the carved lines.”

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: The opening description is not a full thought, so a semicolon cannot follow it.

C: The period leaves the opening description as a fragment.

B: The opening description is not a full setup for a colon.

Hack 09 · Lesson p. 98 · Practice p. 113
GA777-079 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q333 · ANSWER A

Extra Detail Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

complete, the

SEE THE SHAPE

The afternoon rehearsal complete, the musicians packed their instruments and left the hall.

WHY IT WORKS

“The afternoon rehearsal complete” gives opening background. It is not a full sentence. A comma connects it to “the musicians packed their instruments and left the hall.”

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: The opening description is not a full thought, so a semicolon cannot follow it.

C: The period leaves the opening description as a fragment.

D: The opening description is not a full setup for a colon.

Hack 09 · Lesson p. 98 · Practice p. 113
GA777-080 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q334 · ANSWER A

Extra Detail Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

fence, the

SEE THE SHAPE

Looking through the narrow opening in the fence, the children watched the young foxes playing near their den.

WHY IT WORKS

“Looking through the narrow opening in the fence” gives opening background. It is not a full sentence. A comma connects it to “the children watched the young foxes playing near their den.”

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: The opening description is not a full thought, so a semicolon cannot follow it.

B: The period leaves the opening description as a fragment.

D: The opening description is not a full setup for a colon.

Hack 09 · Lesson p. 98 · Practice p. 113
GA777-081 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q335 · ANSWER D

Extra Detail Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

ground, the

SEE THE SHAPE

Built on a platform above the wet ground, the shelter stayed dry through the rainy season.

WHY IT WORKS

“Built on a platform above the wet ground” gives opening background. It is not a full sentence. A comma connects it to “the shelter stayed dry through the rainy season.”

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: The opening description is not a full thought, so a semicolon cannot follow it.

B: The period leaves the opening description as a fragment.

A: The opening description is not a full setup for a colon.

Hack 09 · Lesson p. 98 · Practice p. 113
GA777-082 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q336 · ANSWER B

Extra Detail Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

catalog, the

SEE THE SHAPE

Unable to find the document in the main catalog, the librarian searched a set of handwritten indexes.

WHY IT WORKS

“Unable to find the document in the main catalog” gives opening background. It is not a full sentence. A comma connects it to “the librarian searched a set of handwritten indexes.”

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: The opening description is not a full thought, so a semicolon cannot follow it.

A: The period leaves the opening description as a fragment.

D: The opening description is not a full setup for a colon.

Hack 09 · Lesson p. 98 · Practice p. 114
GA777-083 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q337 · ANSWER B

Extra Detail Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

paper, the

SEE THE SHAPE

Following the faint marks along the edge of the paper, the restorer located the original fold lines.

WHY IT WORKS

“Following the faint marks along the edge of the paper” gives opening background. It is not a full sentence. A comma connects it to “the restorer located the original fold lines.”

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: The opening description is not a full thought, so a semicolon cannot follow it.

C: The period leaves the opening description as a fragment.

A: The opening description is not a full setup for a colon.

Hack 09 · Lesson p. 98 · Practice p. 114
GA777-084 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q338 · ANSWER C

Extra Detail Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

recorded, the

SEE THE SHAPE

The final measurements recorded, the technicians switched off the equipment.

WHY IT WORKS

“The final measurements recorded” gives opening background. It is not a full sentence. A comma connects it to “the technicians switched off the equipment.”

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: The opening description is not a full thought, so a semicolon cannot follow it.

A: The period leaves the opening description as a fragment.

B: The opening description is not a full setup for a colon.

Hack 09 · Lesson p. 98 · Practice p. 114
GA777-085 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q339 · ANSWER A

Extra Detail Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

sides, the

SEE THE SHAPE

Surrounded by taller buildings on three sides, the small garden received direct sunlight only around midday.

WHY IT WORKS

“Surrounded by taller buildings on three sides” gives opening background. It is not a full sentence. A comma connects it to “the small garden received direct sunlight only around midday.”

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: The opening description is not a full thought, so a semicolon cannot follow it.

D: The period leaves the opening description as a fragment.

B: The opening description is not a full setup for a colon.

Hack 09 · Lesson p. 98 · Practice p. 114
GA777-086 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q340 · ANSWER D

Extra Detail Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

depths, the

SEE THE SHAPE

Comparing samples collected at different depths, the scientists identified a gradual change in mineral content.

WHY IT WORKS

“Comparing samples collected at different depths” gives opening background. It is not a full sentence. A comma connects it to “the scientists identified a gradual change in mineral content.”

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: The opening description is not a full thought, so a semicolon cannot follow it.

A: The period leaves the opening description as a fragment.

C: The opening description is not a full setup for a colon.

Hack 09 · Lesson p. 98 · Practice p. 115
GA777-087 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q341 · ANSWER B

Extra Detail Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

stand, the

SEE THE SHAPE

Carefully balanced on a low wooden stand, the heavy drum could be played without a supporting strap.

WHY IT WORKS

“Carefully balanced on a low wooden stand” gives opening background. It is not a full sentence. A comma connects it to “the heavy drum could be played without a supporting strap.”

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: The opening description is not a full thought, so a semicolon cannot follow it.

A: The period leaves the opening description as a fragment.

D: The opening description is not a full setup for a colon.

Hack 09 · Lesson p. 98 · Practice p. 115
GA777-088 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q342 · ANSWER B

Extra Detail Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

area, the

SEE THE SHAPE

Hoping to reduce noise near the nesting area, the park staff moved the main walking route farther inland.

WHY IT WORKS

“Hoping to reduce noise near the nesting area” gives opening background. It is not a full sentence. A comma connects it to “the park staff moved the main walking route farther inland.”

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The opening description is not a full thought, so a semicolon cannot follow it.

C: The period leaves the opening description as a fragment.

D: The opening description is not a full setup for a colon.

Hack 09 · Lesson p. 98 · Practice p. 115
GA777-089 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q343 · ANSWER C

Extra Detail Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

removed, the

SEE THE SHAPE

The old labels removed, the volunteers attached new tags printed on acid-free paper.

WHY IT WORKS

“The old labels removed” gives opening background. It is not a full sentence. A comma connects it to “the volunteers attached new tags printed on acid-free paper.”

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: The opening description is not a full thought, so a semicolon cannot follow it.

D: The period leaves the opening description as a fragment.

A: The opening description is not a full setup for a colon.

Hack 09 · Lesson p. 98 · Practice p. 115
GA777-090 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q344 · ANSWER B

Extra Detail Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

wood, the

SEE THE SHAPE

Made from thin strips of flexible wood, the basket could expand slightly when filled.

WHY IT WORKS

“Made from thin strips of flexible wood” gives opening background. It is not a full sentence. A comma connects it to “the basket could expand slightly when filled.”

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The opening description is not a full thought, so a semicolon cannot follow it.

D: The period leaves the opening description as a fragment.

C: The opening description is not a full setup for a colon.

Hack 09 · Lesson p. 98 · Practice p. 116
GA777-091 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q345 · ANSWER A

Extra Detail Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

poem, the

SEE THE SHAPE

Searching the shelves for an early edition of the poem, the student noticed a volume containing handwritten corrections.

WHY IT WORKS

“Searching the shelves for an early edition of the poem” gives opening background. It is not a full sentence. A comma connects it to “the student noticed a volume containing handwritten corrections.”

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: The opening description is not a full thought, so a semicolon cannot follow it.

D: The period leaves the opening description as a fragment.

C: The opening description is not a full setup for a colon.

Hack 09 · Lesson p. 98 · Practice p. 116
GA777-092 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q346 · ANSWER D

Extra Detail Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

platform, the

SEE THE SHAPE

Placed at regular intervals along the platform, the lamps provided an even level of light.

WHY IT WORKS

“Placed at regular intervals along the platform” gives opening background. It is not a full sentence. A comma connects it to “the lamps provided an even level of light.”

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The opening description is not a full thought, so a semicolon cannot follow it.

C: The period leaves the opening description as a fragment.

B: The opening description is not a full setup for a colon.

Hack 09 · Lesson p. 98 · Practice p. 116
GA777-093 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q347 · ANSWER C

Extra Detail Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

safely, the

SEE THE SHAPE

The river too high to cross safely, the survey team returned to camp by a longer route.

WHY IT WORKS

“The river too high to cross safely” gives opening background. It is not a full sentence. A comma connects it to “the survey team returned to camp by a longer route.”

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The opening description is not a full thought, so a semicolon cannot follow it.

B: The period leaves the opening description as a fragment.

D: The opening description is not a full setup for a colon.

Hack 09 · Lesson p. 98 · Practice p. 116
GA777-094 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q348 · ANSWER A

Extra Detail Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

boatbuilder, the

SEE THE SHAPE

Guided by an experienced boatbuilder, the apprentices learned to recognize weakened joints.

WHY IT WORKS

“Guided by an experienced boatbuilder” gives opening background. It is not a full sentence. A comma connects it to “the apprentices learned to recognize weakened joints.”

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: The opening description is not a full thought, so a semicolon cannot follow it.

D: The period leaves the opening description as a fragment.

C: The opening description is not a full setup for a colon.

Hack 09 · Lesson p. 98 · Practice p. 117
GA777-095 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q349 · ANSWER A

Extra Detail Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

light, the

SEE THE SHAPE

Unable to distinguish the faint letters under ordinary light, the researchers photographed the page with a special camera.

WHY IT WORKS

“Unable to distinguish the faint letters under ordinary light” gives opening background. It is not a full sentence. A comma connects it to “the researchers photographed the page with a special camera.”

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: The opening description is not a full thought, so a semicolon cannot follow it.

C: The period leaves the opening description as a fragment.

D: The opening description is not a full setup for a colon.

Hack 09 · Lesson p. 98 · Practice p. 117
GA777-096 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q350 · ANSWER D

Extra Detail Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

use, the

SEE THE SHAPE

Worn smooth by decades of use, the stone steps reflected the light from the open doorway.

WHY IT WORKS

“Worn smooth by decades of use” gives opening background. It is not a full sentence. A comma connects it to “the stone steps reflected the light from the open doorway.”

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: The opening description is not a full thought, so a semicolon cannot follow it.

C: The period leaves the opening description as a fragment.

A: The opening description is not a full setup for a colon.

Hack 09 · Lesson p. 98 · Practice p. 117
GA777-097 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q351 · ANSWER C

Extra Detail Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

seated, the

SEE THE SHAPE

The last audience members seated, the conductor raised her hands to begin.

WHY IT WORKS

“The last audience members seated” gives opening background. It is not a full sentence. A comma connects it to “the conductor raised her hands to begin.”

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: The opening description is not a full thought, so a semicolon cannot follow it.

A: The period leaves the opening description as a fragment.

B: The opening description is not a full setup for a colon.

Hack 09 · Lesson p. 98 · Practice p. 117
GA777-098 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q352 · ANSWER B

Extra Detail Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

courtyard, the

SEE THE SHAPE

Watching the shadows change across the courtyard, the architect studied how the roof would affect the available light.

WHY IT WORKS

“Watching the shadows change across the courtyard” gives opening background. It is not a full sentence. A comma connects it to “the architect studied how the roof would affect the available light.”

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The opening description is not a full thought, so a semicolon cannot follow it.

D: The period leaves the opening description as a fragment.

C: The opening description is not a full setup for a colon.

Hack 09 · Lesson p. 98 · Practice p. 118
GA777-099 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q353 · ANSWER A

Extra Detail Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

odors, the

SEE THE SHAPE

Stored in sealed containers away from strong odors, the samples remained suitable for later tests.

WHY IT WORKS

“Stored in sealed containers away from strong odors” gives opening background. It is not a full sentence. A comma connects it to “the samples remained suitable for later tests.”

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: The opening description is not a full thought, so a semicolon cannot follow it.

D: The period leaves the opening description as a fragment.

C: The opening description is not a full setup for a colon.

Hack 09 · Lesson p. 98 · Practice p. 118
GA777-100 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q354 · ANSWER D

Extra Detail Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

insects, the

SEE THE SHAPE

Eager to learn which plants attracted the most insects, the class kept a daily record of visits to the garden.

WHY IT WORKS

“Eager to learn which plants attracted the most insects” gives opening background. It is not a full sentence. A comma connects it to “the class kept a daily record of visits to the garden.”

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: The opening description is not a full thought, so a semicolon cannot follow it.

A: The period leaves the opening description as a fragment.

C: The opening description is not a full setup for a colon.

Hack 09 · Lesson p. 98 · Practice p. 118
GA777-101 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q355 · ANSWER D

Extra Detail Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

branches, the

SEE THE SHAPE

The first path blocked by fallen branches, the hikers followed the signs toward an alternate trail.

WHY IT WORKS

“The first path blocked by fallen branches” gives opening background. It is not a full sentence. A comma connects it to “the hikers followed the signs toward an alternate trail.”

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: The opening description is not a full thought, so a semicolon cannot follow it.

C: The period leaves the opening description as a fragment.

A: The opening description is not a full setup for a colon.

Hack 09 · Lesson p. 98 · Practice p. 118
GA777-102 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q356 · ANSWER A

Extra Detail Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

distance, the

SEE THE SHAPE

Painted in colors visible from a great distance, the marker helped sailors locate the channel.

WHY IT WORKS

“Painted in colors visible from a great distance” gives opening background. It is not a full sentence. A comma connects it to “the marker helped sailors locate the channel.”

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: The opening description is not a full thought, so a semicolon cannot follow it.

B: The period leaves the opening description as a fragment.

C: The opening description is not a full setup for a colon.

Hack 09 · Lesson p. 98 · Practice p. 119
GA777-103 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q357 · ANSWER A

Extra Detail Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

inspection, the

SEE THE SHAPE

Carrying only the tools needed for the inspection, the engineer climbed the ladder to the upper platform.

WHY IT WORKS

“Carrying only the tools needed for the inspection” gives opening background. It is not a full sentence. A comma connects it to “the engineer climbed the ladder to the upper platform.”

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: The opening description is not a full thought, so a semicolon cannot follow it.

C: The period leaves the opening description as a fragment.

D: The opening description is not a full setup for a colon.

Hack 09 · Lesson p. 98 · Practice p. 119
GA777-104 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q358 · ANSWER B

Extra Detail Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

valley, the

SEE THE SHAPE

Taken from the sheltered side of the valley, the photographs showed a clear view of the exposed rock layers.

WHY IT WORKS

“Taken from the sheltered side of the valley” gives opening background. It is not a full sentence. A comma connects it to “the photographs showed a clear view of the exposed rock layers.”

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: The opening description is not a full thought, so a semicolon cannot follow it.

A: The period leaves the opening description as a fragment.

D: The opening description is not a full setup for a colon.

Hack 09 · Lesson p. 98 · Practice p. 119
GA777-105 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q359 · ANSWER A

Extra Detail Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

languages, the

SEE THE SHAPE

The instructions translated into several languages, the museum could offer the activity to a wider audience.

WHY IT WORKS

“The instructions translated into several languages” gives opening background. It is not a full sentence. A comma connects it to “the museum could offer the activity to a wider audience.”

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: The opening description is not a full thought, so a semicolon cannot follow it.

C: The period leaves the opening description as a fragment.

B: The opening description is not a full setup for a colon.

Hack 09 · Lesson p. 98 · Practice p. 119
GA777-106 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q360 · ANSWER A

Extra Detail Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

ground, the

SEE THE SHAPE

Keeping the camera at a fixed height above the ground, the researcher photographed each section of the plot.

WHY IT WORKS

“Keeping the camera at a fixed height above the ground” gives opening background. It is not a full sentence. A comma connects it to “the researcher photographed each section of the plot.”

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: The opening description is not a full thought, so a semicolon cannot follow it.

B: The period leaves the opening description as a fragment.

D: The opening description is not a full setup for a colon.

Hack 09 · Lesson p. 98 · Practice p. 120
GA777-107 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q361 · ANSWER B

Extra Detail Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

thickness, the

SEE THE SHAPE

Arranged in order of increasing thickness, the samples revealed small but consistent differences in color.

WHY IT WORKS

“Arranged in order of increasing thickness” gives opening background. It is not a full sentence. A comma connects it to “the samples revealed small but consistent differences in color.”

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The opening description is not a full thought, so a semicolon cannot follow it.

D: The period leaves the opening description as a fragment.

C: The opening description is not a full setup for a colon.

Hack 09 · Lesson p. 98 · Practice p. 120
GA777-108 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q362 · ANSWER C

Extra Detail Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

afternoon, the

SEE THE SHAPE

The rehearsal room unavailable that afternoon, the choir practiced in the library meeting room.

WHY IT WORKS

“The rehearsal room unavailable that afternoon” gives opening background. It is not a full sentence. A comma connects it to “the choir practiced in the library meeting room.”

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: The opening description is not a full thought, so a semicolon cannot follow it.

A: The period leaves the opening description as a fragment.

B: The opening description is not a full setup for a colon.

Hack 09 · Lesson p. 98 · Practice p. 120
GA777-109 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q363 · ANSWER D

Extra Detail Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

magnification, the

SEE THE SHAPE

Examining the broken end of the tool under magnification, the technician found a small area of earlier damage.

WHY IT WORKS

“Examining the broken end of the tool under magnification” gives opening background. It is not a full sentence. A comma connects it to “the technician found a small area of earlier damage.”

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: The opening description is not a full thought, so a semicolon cannot follow it.

C: The period leaves the opening description as a fragment.

A: The opening description is not a full setup for a colon.

Hack 09 · Lesson p. 98 · Practice p. 120
GA777-110 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q364 · ANSWER C

Extra Detail Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

floodwater, the

SEE THE SHAPE

Located beyond the reach of ordinary floodwater, the storage room protected the records during heavy rain.

WHY IT WORKS

“Located beyond the reach of ordinary floodwater” gives opening background. It is not a full sentence. A comma connects it to “the storage room protected the records during heavy rain.”

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The opening description is not a full thought, so a semicolon cannot follow it.

D: The period leaves the opening description as a fragment.

B: The opening description is not a full setup for a colon.

Hack 09 · Lesson p. 98 · Practice p. 121
GA777-111 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q365 · ANSWER B

Which One? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

company that

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 122 · Practice p. 128
Earlier book Q123

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q366 · ANSWER B

Which One? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

scribbles that

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 122 · Practice p. 128
Earlier book Q124

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q367 · ANSWER C

Which One? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

dependable

SEE THE SHAPE

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.

Hack 10 · Lesson p. 122 · Practice p. 128
Earlier book Q125

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q368 · ANSWER C

Which One? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

formation that some

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 122 · Practice p. 128
Earlier book Q126

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q369 · ANSWER B

Which One? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

materials that Palma Rodríguez uses in his art

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 122 · Practice p. 129
Earlier book Q127

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q370 · ANSWER A

Which One? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

club

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 122 · Practice p. 129
Earlier book Q128

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q371 · ANSWER B

Which One? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

seeds that

SEE THE SHAPE

The seeds that had been kept in a cool room sprouted earlier than the seeds stored near the window.

WHY IT WORKS

The description beginning “that” identifies which people or things the sentence means. It stays attached. There is no second comma to close an extra description.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: This comma starts an interruption that is never closed before the main verb.

A: A semicolon cannot split a noun from this needed identifying description.

D: The words before the colon are not a full setup.

Hack 10 · Lesson p. 122 · Practice p. 129
GA777-243 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q372 · ANSWER B

Which One? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

volunteers who

SEE THE SHAPE

The volunteers who had completed the safety course were allowed to operate the cutting equipment.

WHY IT WORKS

The description beginning “who” identifies which people or things the sentence means. It stays attached. There is no second comma to close an extra description.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: This comma starts an interruption that is never closed before the main verb.

C: A semicolon cannot split a noun from this needed identifying description.

A: The words before the colon are not a full setup.

Hack 10 · Lesson p. 122 · Practice p. 129
GA777-244 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q373 · ANSWER A

Which One? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

wall that

SEE THE SHAPE

The section of the wall that faces the sea shows more damage than the sheltered sections.

WHY IT WORKS

The description beginning “that” identifies which people or things the sentence means. It stays attached. There is no second comma to close an extra description.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: This comma starts an interruption that is never closed before the main verb.

C: A semicolon cannot split a noun from this needed identifying description.

B: The words before the colon are not a full setup.

Hack 10 · Lesson p. 122 · Practice p. 130
GA777-245 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q374 · ANSWER C

Which One? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

letters that

SEE THE SHAPE

The letters that mention the new railway were written later than the letters describing travel by coach.

WHY IT WORKS

The description beginning “that” identifies which people or things the sentence means. It stays attached. There is no second comma to close an extra description.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: This comma starts an interruption that is never closed before the main verb.

A: A semicolon cannot split a noun from this needed identifying description.

B: The words before the colon are not a full setup.

Hack 10 · Lesson p. 122 · Practice p. 130
GA777-246 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q375 · ANSWER D

Which One? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

plants that

SEE THE SHAPE

The plants that grow beside the stream have broader leaves than those on the dry hillside.

WHY IT WORKS

The description beginning “that” identifies which people or things the sentence means. It stays attached. There is no second comma to close an extra description.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: This comma starts an interruption that is never closed before the main verb.

A: A semicolon cannot split a noun from this needed identifying description.

C: The words before the colon are not a full setup.

Hack 10 · Lesson p. 122 · Practice p. 130
GA777-247 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q376 · ANSWER C

Which One? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

musicians who

SEE THE SHAPE

The musicians who perform the opening passage sit near the front of the stage.

WHY IT WORKS

The description beginning “who” identifies which people or things the sentence means. It stays attached. There is no second comma to close an extra description.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: This comma starts an interruption that is never closed before the main verb.

D: A semicolon cannot split a noun from this needed identifying description.

A: The words before the colon are not a full setup.

Hack 10 · Lesson p. 122 · Practice p. 130
GA777-248 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q377 · ANSWER B

Which One? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

container that

SEE THE SHAPE

The container that held the darkest liquid was placed in a separate tray for further inspection.

WHY IT WORKS

The description beginning “that” identifies which people or things the sentence means. It stays attached. There is no second comma to close an extra description.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: This comma starts an interruption that is never closed before the main verb.

C: A semicolon cannot split a noun from this needed identifying description.

D: The words before the colon are not a full setup.

Hack 10 · Lesson p. 122 · Practice p. 131
GA777-249 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q378 · ANSWER D

Which One? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

paintings that

SEE THE SHAPE

The paintings that were displayed in the entrance hall attracted more visitors than those in the smaller room.

WHY IT WORKS

The description beginning “that” identifies which people or things the sentence means. It stays attached. There is no second comma to close an extra description.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: This comma starts an interruption that is never closed before the main verb.

C: A semicolon cannot split a noun from this needed identifying description.

A: The words before the colon are not a full setup.

Hack 10 · Lesson p. 122 · Practice p. 131
GA777-250 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q379 · ANSWER D

Which One? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

families who

SEE THE SHAPE

The families who lived closest to the river developed different ways of protecting their homes from floods.

WHY IT WORKS

The description beginning “who” identifies which people or things the sentence means. It stays attached. There is no second comma to close an extra description.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: This comma starts an interruption that is never closed before the main verb.

A: A semicolon cannot split a noun from this needed identifying description.

B: The words before the colon are not a full setup.

Hack 10 · Lesson p. 122 · Practice p. 131
GA777-251 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q380 · ANSWER A

Which One? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

tool that

SEE THE SHAPE

The tool that has a curved wooden handle belongs with the set used for carving shallow bowls.

WHY IT WORKS

The description beginning “that” identifies which people or things the sentence means. It stays attached. There is no second comma to close an extra description.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: This comma starts an interruption that is never closed before the main verb.

B: A semicolon cannot split a noun from this needed identifying description.

C: The words before the colon are not a full setup.

Hack 10 · Lesson p. 122 · Practice p. 131
GA777-252 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q381 · ANSWER B

Which One? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

recordings that

SEE THE SHAPE

The recordings that include background conversation were excluded from the study of bird calls.

WHY IT WORKS

The description beginning “that” identifies which people or things the sentence means. It stays attached. There is no second comma to close an extra description.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: This comma starts an interruption that is never closed before the main verb.

D: A semicolon cannot split a noun from this needed identifying description.

A: The words before the colon are not a full setup.

Hack 10 · Lesson p. 122 · Practice p. 132
GA777-253 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q382 · ANSWER C

Which One? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

bridge that

SEE THE SHAPE

The bridge that crosses the eastern branch of the river remains closed while its wooden deck is replaced.

WHY IT WORKS

The description beginning “that” identifies which people or things the sentence means. It stays attached. There is no second comma to close an extra description.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: This comma starts an interruption that is never closed before the main verb.

D: A semicolon cannot split a noun from this needed identifying description.

A: The words before the colon are not a full setup.

Hack 10 · Lesson p. 122 · Practice p. 132
GA777-254 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q383 · ANSWER C

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

that,

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 124 · Practice p. 132
Earlier book Q129

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q384 · ANSWER B

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Swentzell,

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 124 · Practice p. 132
Earlier book Q130

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q385 · ANSWER B

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

movement, which

SEE THE SHAPE

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.

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q386 · ANSWER D

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

village, tells

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 124 · Practice p. 133
Earlier book Q132

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q387 · ANSWER D

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

carbon-13 (^{13}C),

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 124 · Practice p. 133
Earlier book Q133

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q388 · ANSWER C

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

nutrients,

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 124 · Practice p. 133
Earlier book Q134

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q389 · ANSWER B

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

taxation,

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 124 · Practice p. 134
Earlier book Q135

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q390 · ANSWER A

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

estimates)

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 124 · Practice p. 134
Earlier book Q136

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q391 · ANSWER C

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

sisters,

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 124 · Practice p. 134
Earlier book Q137

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q392 · ANSWER B

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

1804,

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 124 · Practice p. 134
Earlier book Q138

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q393 · ANSWER C

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

method, called

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 124 · Practice p. 135
Earlier book Q139

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q394 · ANSWER C

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

falsework,

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 124 · Practice p. 135
Earlier book Q140

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q395 · ANSWER B

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

and, in the process,

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 124 · Practice p. 135
Earlier book Q141

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q396 · ANSWER A

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Bahrain—a

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 124 · Practice p. 135
Earlier book Q142

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q397 · ANSWER D

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

chloroplasts—

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 124 · Practice p. 136
Earlier book Q143

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q398 · ANSWER D

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

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

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 124 · Practice p. 136
Earlier book Q144

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q399 · ANSWER A

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

stratigraphy—the

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 124 · Practice p. 136
Earlier book Q145

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q400 · ANSWER C

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Springs—to

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 124 · Practice p. 136
Earlier book Q146

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q401 · ANSWER D

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

prose—

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 124 · Practice p. 137
Earlier book Q147

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q402 · ANSWER B

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

cooperation—this

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 124 · Practice p. 137
Earlier book Q148

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q403 · ANSWER A

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

models—which

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 124 · Practice p. 137
Earlier book Q149

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q404 · ANSWER D

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Ecuador)—

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 124 · Practice p. 137
Earlier book Q150

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q405 · ANSWER B

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

described, from hair to grass to sculptures—

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 124 · Practice p. 138
Earlier book Q151

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q406 · ANSWER C

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

vibrato—

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 124 · Practice p. 138
Earlier book Q152

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q407 · ANSWER B

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Culture—

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 124 · Practice p. 138
Earlier book Q153

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q408 · ANSWER B

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

box—

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 124 · Practice p. 138
Earlier book Q154

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q409 · ANSWER C

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

operators, recognizing

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 124 · Practice p. 139
Earlier book Q155

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q410 · ANSWER A

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Robin”—a technique that,

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 124 · Practice p. 139
Earlier book Q156

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q411 · ANSWER D

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Robin”—a technique that,

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 124 · Practice p. 139
Earlier book Q157

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q412 · ANSWER C

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Robin”—a technique that,

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 124 · Practice p. 139
Earlier book Q158

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q413 · ANSWER D

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Susana Martinez—

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 124 · Practice p. 140
Earlier book Q159

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q414 · ANSWER B

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

system, the Delhi Metro,

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 124 · Practice p. 140
Earlier book Q160

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q415 · ANSWER D

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

system, the Dalian Metro,

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 124 · Practice p. 140
Earlier book Q161

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q416 · ANSWER C

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

material—to

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 124 · Practice p. 140
Earlier book Q162

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q417 · ANSWER A

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

coalition—

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 124 · Practice p. 141
Earlier book Q163

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q418 · ANSWER B

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

time,

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 124 · Practice p. 141
Earlier book Q164

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q419 · ANSWER A

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

(65 mya)—

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 124 · Practice p. 141
Earlier book Q165

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q420 · ANSWER B

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

gateway, stands

SEE THE SHAPE

The limestone arch, the oldest part of the surviving gateway, stands several meters above the modern road.

WHY IT WORKS

The extra information opens with a comma. Close it with another comma before the main sentence continues.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: This mark does not match the opening boundary.

C: A semicolon cannot close this interruption.

D: A colon cannot close this interruption.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 124 · Practice p. 141
GA777-255 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q421 · ANSWER D

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

movements, was

SEE THE SHAPE

The new sensor, a device designed to detect very small movements, was attached to the lower edge of the frame.

WHY IT WORKS

The extra information opens with a comma. Close it with another comma before the main sentence continues.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: This mark does not match the opening boundary.

A: A semicolon cannot close this interruption.

C: A colon cannot close this interruption.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 124 · Practice p. 142
GA777-256 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q422 · ANSWER C

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

grain, now

SEE THE SHAPE

The central courtyard, once used as a place to dry harvested grain, now serves as an outdoor performance space.

WHY IT WORKS

The extra information opens with a comma. Close it with another comma before the main sentence continues.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: This mark does not match the opening boundary.

D: A semicolon cannot close this interruption.

A: A colon cannot close this interruption.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 124 · Practice p. 142
GA777-257 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q423 · ANSWER A

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

colors, helped

SEE THE SHAPE

The blue pigment, which had faded less than the surrounding colors, helped the restorer identify the original pattern.

WHY IT WORKS

The extra information opens with a comma. Close it with another comma before the main sentence continues.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: This mark does not match the opening boundary.

D: A semicolon cannot close this interruption.

C: A colon cannot close this interruption.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 124 · Practice p. 142
GA777-258 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q424 · ANSWER D

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

expenses, was

SEE THE SHAPE

The final notebook, the only volume containing a complete list of expenses, was discovered in a box of unrelated papers.

WHY IT WORKS

The extra information opens with a comma. Close it with another comma before the main sentence continues.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: This mark does not match the opening boundary.

B: A semicolon cannot close this interruption.

C: A colon cannot close this interruption.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 124 · Practice p. 142
GA777-259 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q425 · ANSWER A

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

cliff, remains

SEE THE SHAPE

The northern path, a narrow track that follows the base of the cliff, remains shaded for most of the day.

WHY IT WORKS

The extra information opens with a comma. Close it with another comma before the main sentence continues.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: This mark does not match the opening boundary.

B: A semicolon cannot close this interruption.

D: A colon cannot close this interruption.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 124 · Practice p. 143
GA777-260 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q426 · ANSWER B

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

earlier, played

SEE THE SHAPE

The second violinist, who had joined the ensemble only a week earlier, played the unfamiliar passage with remarkable confidence.

WHY IT WORKS

The extra information opens with a comma. Close it with another comma before the main sentence continues.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: This mark does not match the opening boundary.

D: A semicolon cannot close this interruption.

C: A colon cannot close this interruption.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 124 · Practice p. 143
GA777-261 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q427 · ANSWER D

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

street, was

SEE THE SHAPE

The upper chamber, a room with no windows facing the street, was probably used to store valuable materials.

WHY IT WORKS

The extra information opens with a comma. Close it with another comma before the main sentence continues.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: This mark does not match the opening boundary.

A: A semicolon cannot close this interruption.

C: A colon cannot close this interruption.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 124 · Practice p. 143
GA777-262 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q428 · ANSWER B

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

chest, had

SEE THE SHAPE

The iron clasp, the only metal part of the wooden chest, had been replaced during an earlier repair.

WHY IT WORKS

The extra information opens with a comma. Close it with another comma before the main sentence continues.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: This mark does not match the opening boundary.

D: A semicolon cannot close this interruption.

C: A colon cannot close this interruption.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 124 · Practice p. 143
GA777-263 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q429 · ANSWER A

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

rehearsing, preserves

SEE THE SHAPE

The first recording, made while the musicians were still rehearsing, preserves a version of the ending that was later changed.

WHY IT WORKS

The extra information opens with a comma. Close it with another comma before the main sentence continues.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: This mark does not match the opening boundary.

C: A semicolon cannot close this interruption.

B: A colon cannot close this interruption.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 124 · Practice p. 144
GA777-264 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q430 · ANSWER C

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

rain, supports

SEE THE SHAPE

The shallow pond, a temporary body of water formed by winter rain, supports several species of breeding insects.

WHY IT WORKS

The extra information opens with a comma. Close it with another comma before the main sentence continues.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: This mark does not match the opening boundary.

A: A semicolon cannot close this interruption.

D: A colon cannot close this interruption.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 124 · Practice p. 144
GA777-265 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q431 · ANSWER D

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

surveyors, ends

SEE THE SHAPE

The red line, which marks the route proposed by the original surveyors, ends at the edge of the steepest slope.

WHY IT WORKS

The extra information opens with a comma. Close it with another comma before the main sentence continues.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: This mark does not match the opening boundary.

C: A semicolon cannot close this interruption.

A: A colon cannot close this interruption.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 124 · Practice p. 144
GA777-266 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q432 · ANSWER C

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

museums, includes

SEE THE SHAPE

The new catalog, a project supported by several small museums, includes photographs of objects held in private collections.

WHY IT WORKS

The extra information opens with a comma. Close it with another comma before the main sentence continues.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: This mark does not match the opening boundary.

D: A semicolon cannot close this interruption.

B: A colon cannot close this interruption.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 124 · Practice p. 144
GA777-267 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q433 · ANSWER A

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

stones, was

SEE THE SHAPE

The valley floor, covered with a thick layer of loose stones, was difficult to cross after heavy rain.

WHY IT WORKS

The extra information opens with a comma. Close it with another comma before the main sentence continues.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: This mark does not match the opening boundary.

D: A semicolon cannot close this interruption.

C: A colon cannot close this interruption.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 124 · Practice p. 145
GA777-268 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q434 · ANSWER A

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

additions, provides

SEE THE SHAPE

The earliest sketch, which shows the building without its later additions, provides a useful guide for the restoration team.

WHY IT WORKS

The extra information opens with a comma. Close it with another comma before the main sentence continues.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: This mark does not match the opening boundary.

B: A semicolon cannot close this interruption.

D: A colon cannot close this interruption.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 124 · Practice p. 145
GA777-269 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q435 · ANSWER D

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

experiment, showed

SEE THE SHAPE

The control sample, kept at a constant temperature throughout the experiment, showed no measurable change in color.

WHY IT WORKS

The extra information opens with a comma. Close it with another comma before the main sentence continues.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: This mark does not match the opening boundary.

B: A semicolon cannot close this interruption.

A: A colon cannot close this interruption.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 124 · Practice p. 145
GA777-270 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q436 · ANSWER C

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

timber, continued

SEE THE SHAPE

The old waterwheel, a structure built largely from local timber, continued operating long after newer mills had opened nearby.

WHY IT WORKS

The extra information opens with a comma. Close it with another comma before the main sentence continues.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: This mark does not match the opening boundary.

B: A semicolon cannot close this interruption.

D: A colon cannot close this interruption.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 124 · Practice p. 145
GA777-271 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q437 · ANSWER D

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

one, took

SEE THE SHAPE

The largest seed, almost twice the width of the smallest one, took the longest time to sprout.

WHY IT WORKS

The extra information opens with a comma. Close it with another comma before the main sentence continues.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: This mark does not match the opening boundary.

A: A semicolon cannot close this interruption.

B: A colon cannot close this interruption.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 124 · Practice p. 146
GA777-272 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q438 · ANSWER A

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

time, opens

SEE THE SHAPE

The entrance passage, a space wide enough for only one person at a time, opens into a much larger central room.

WHY IT WORKS

The extra information opens with a comma. Close it with another comma before the main sentence continues.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: This mark does not match the opening boundary.

B: A semicolon cannot close this interruption.

D: A colon cannot close this interruption.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 124 · Practice p. 146
GA777-273 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q439 · ANSWER C

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

guidebook, shows

SEE THE SHAPE

The printed map, which was folded inside the back cover of the guidebook, shows several roads that no longer exist.

WHY IT WORKS

The extra information opens with a comma. Close it with another comma before the main sentence continues.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: This mark does not match the opening boundary.

B: A semicolon cannot close this interruption.

A: A colon cannot close this interruption.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 124 · Practice p. 146
GA777-274 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q440 · ANSWER A

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

tone, will

SEE THE SHAPE

The restored bell, a small instrument with an unusually low tone, will be displayed beside the tools used to repair it.

WHY IT WORKS

The extra information opens with a comma. Close it with another comma before the main sentence continues.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: This mark does not match the opening boundary.

D: A semicolon cannot close this interruption.

B: A colon cannot close this interruption.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 124 · Practice p. 146
GA777-275 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q441 · ANSWER B

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

sunlight, held

SEE THE SHAPE

The lower shelf, the only part of the cabinet protected from direct sunlight, held the best-preserved books.

WHY IT WORKS

The extra information opens with a comma. Close it with another comma before the main sentence continues.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: This mark does not match the opening boundary.

A: A semicolon cannot close this interruption.

C: A colon cannot close this interruption.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 124 · Practice p. 147
GA777-276 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q442 · ANSWER B

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

renovation, was

SEE THE SHAPE

The west-facing window, which had been sealed during an earlier renovation, was reopened to admit more afternoon light.

WHY IT WORKS

The extra information opens with a comma. Close it with another comma before the main sentence continues.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: This mark does not match the opening boundary.

D: A semicolon cannot close this interruption.

A: A colon cannot close this interruption.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 124 · Practice p. 147
GA777-277 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q443 · ANSWER A

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

rhythm, contrasts

SEE THE SHAPE

The final movement, a lively section built around a repeated rhythm, contrasts with the quiet opening of the piece.

WHY IT WORKS

The extra information opens with a comma. Close it with another comma before the main sentence continues.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: This mark does not match the opening boundary.

B: A semicolon cannot close this interruption.

D: A colon cannot close this interruption.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 124 · Practice p. 147
GA777-278 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q444 · ANSWER A

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

fingernail, still

SEE THE SHAPE

The remaining fragment, a piece no larger than a fingernail, still carries part of the original painted design.

WHY IT WORKS

The extra information opens with a comma. Close it with another comma before the main sentence continues.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: This mark does not match the opening boundary.

B: A semicolon cannot close this interruption.

D: A colon cannot close this interruption.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 124 · Practice p. 147
GA777-279 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q445 · ANSWER D

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

volunteers, provides

SEE THE SHAPE

The community garden, maintained entirely by neighborhood volunteers, provides fresh herbs for a nearby kitchen.

WHY IT WORKS

The extra information opens with a comma. Close it with another comma before the main sentence continues.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: This mark does not match the opening boundary.

B: A semicolon cannot close this interruption.

A: A colon cannot close this interruption.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 124 · Practice p. 148
GA777-280 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q446 · ANSWER C

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

opening, recorded

SEE THE SHAPE

The smallest camera, which could fit inside the narrow inspection opening, recorded damage that the larger camera could not reach.

WHY IT WORKS

The extra information opens with a comma. Close it with another comma before the main sentence continues.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: This mark does not match the opening boundary.

B: A semicolon cannot close this interruption.

A: A colon cannot close this interruption.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 124 · Practice p. 148
GA777-281 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q447 · ANSWER B

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

fragments, differed

SEE THE SHAPE

The upper layer of soil, a deposit rich in small shell fragments, differed sharply from the dark layer beneath it.

WHY IT WORKS

The extra information opens with a comma. Close it with another comma before the main sentence continues.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: This mark does not match the opening boundary.

A: A semicolon cannot close this interruption.

C: A colon cannot close this interruption.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 124 · Practice p. 148
GA777-282 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q448 · ANSWER C

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

later, contains

SEE THE SHAPE

The handwritten index, prepared by an unknown clerk many years later, contains several helpful references to missing documents.

WHY IT WORKS

The extra information opens with a comma. Close it with another comma before the main sentence continues.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: This mark does not match the opening boundary.

D: A semicolon cannot close this interruption.

A: A colon cannot close this interruption.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 124 · Practice p. 148
GA777-283 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q449 · ANSWER C

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

riverbed, remained

SEE THE SHAPE

The wooden platform, supported by posts driven deep into the riverbed, remained level during the spring floods.

WHY IT WORKS

The extra information opens with a comma. Close it with another comma before the main sentence continues.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: This mark does not match the opening boundary.

B: A semicolon cannot close this interruption.

A: A colon cannot close this interruption.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 124 · Practice p. 149
GA777-284 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q450 · ANSWER A

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

desert, mentions

SEE THE SHAPE

The newly translated passage, an account of a journey across the desert, mentions a settlement absent from the other surviving records.

WHY IT WORKS

The extra information opens with a comma. Close it with another comma before the main sentence continues.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: This mark does not match the opening boundary.

B: A semicolon cannot close this interruption.

D: A colon cannot close this interruption.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 124 · Practice p. 149
GA777-285 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q451 · ANSWER D

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

strap, set

SEE THE SHAPE

The second performer, who carried a drum suspended from a shoulder strap, set the rhythm for the procession.

WHY IT WORKS

The extra information opens with a comma. Close it with another comma before the main sentence continues.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: This mark does not match the opening boundary.

C: A semicolon cannot close this interruption.

A: A colon cannot close this interruption.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 124 · Practice p. 149
GA777-286 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q452 · ANSWER C

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

seasons, contained

SEE THE SHAPE

The eastern field, a plot left unplanted for several seasons, contained a wider variety of wildflowers than the neighboring fields.

WHY IT WORKS

The extra information opens with a comma. Close it with another comma before the main sentence continues.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: This mark does not match the opening boundary.

A: A semicolon cannot close this interruption.

D: A colon cannot close this interruption.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 124 · Practice p. 149
GA777-287 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q453 · ANSWER D

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

fabric, makes

SEE THE SHAPE

The silver thread, which reflects light more strongly than the surrounding fabric, makes the stitched pattern visible from a distance.

WHY IT WORKS

The extra information opens with a comma. Close it with another comma before the main sentence continues.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: This mark does not match the opening boundary.

A: A semicolon cannot close this interruption.

C: A colon cannot close this interruption.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 124 · Practice p. 150
GA777-288 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q454 · ANSWER B

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

units, passed

SEE THE SHAPE

The rebuilt engine, a machine assembled from parts of several damaged units, passed its final inspection on the first attempt.

WHY IT WORKS

The extra information opens with a comma. Close it with another comma before the main sentence continues.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: This mark does not match the opening boundary.

D: A semicolon cannot close this interruption.

A: A colon cannot close this interruption.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 124 · Practice p. 150
GA777-289 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q455 · ANSWER A

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

collection, will

SEE THE SHAPE

The opening lecture, an introduction to the history of the collection, will take place in the museum auditorium.

WHY IT WORKS

The extra information opens with a comma. Close it with another comma before the main sentence continues.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: This mark does not match the opening boundary.

D: A semicolon cannot close this interruption.

B: A colon cannot close this interruption.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 124 · Practice p. 150
GA777-290 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q456 · ANSWER C

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

bowls, requires

SEE THE SHAPE

The curved blade, a tool used to trim the inside of wooden bowls, requires a different sharpening method from a straight blade.

WHY IT WORKS

The extra information opens with a comma. Close it with another comma before the main sentence continues.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: This mark does not match the opening boundary.

B: A semicolon cannot close this interruption.

A: A colon cannot close this interruption.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 124 · Practice p. 150
GA777-291 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q457 · ANSWER D

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

disk, allows

SEE THE SHAPE

The outer ring, which turns independently of the central disk, allows users to align the markings without moving the whole device.

WHY IT WORKS

The extra information opens with a comma. Close it with another comma before the main sentence continues.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: This mark does not match the opening boundary.

A: A semicolon cannot close this interruption.

C: A colon cannot close this interruption.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 124 · Practice p. 151
GA777-292 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q458 · ANSWER C

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

teacher, contains

SEE THE SHAPE

The village archive, a collection begun by a retired teacher, contains photographs donated by families from across the district.

WHY IT WORKS

The extra information opens with a comma. Close it with another comma before the main sentence continues.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: This mark does not match the opening boundary.

A: A semicolon cannot close this interruption.

B: A colon cannot close this interruption.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 124 · Practice p. 151
GA777-293 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q459 · ANSWER B

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

winter, was

SEE THE SHAPE

The replacement beam, cut from a tree felled during the winter, was allowed to dry before being fitted into place.

WHY IT WORKS

The extra information opens with a comma. Close it with another comma before the main sentence continues.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: This mark does not match the opening boundary.

A: A semicolon cannot close this interruption.

D: A colon cannot close this interruption.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 124 · Practice p. 151
GA777-294 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q460 · ANSWER D

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

birds— lies

SEE THE SHAPE

The small island—an important resting place for migrating birds— lies beyond the mouth of the river.

WHY IT WORKS

The extra information opens with a dash. Close it with another dash before the main sentence continues.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: This mark does not match the opening boundary.

B: A semicolon cannot close this interruption.

A: A colon cannot close this interruption.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 124 · Practice p. 151
GA777-295 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q461 · ANSWER C

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

rock— contains

SEE THE SHAPE

The first chamber—a room carved directly into the soft rock— contains no surviving traces of decoration.

WHY IT WORKS

The extra information opens with a dash. Close it with another dash before the main sentence continues.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: This mark does not match the opening boundary.

A: A semicolon cannot close this interruption.

B: A colon cannot close this interruption.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 124 · Practice p. 152
GA777-296 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q462 · ANSWER B

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

speed— appears

SEE THE SHAPE

The newly identified instrument—a portable device for measuring wind speed— appears in a drawing made decades before the patent application.

WHY IT WORKS

The extra information opens with a dash. Close it with another dash before the main sentence continues.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: This mark does not match the opening boundary.

C: A semicolon cannot close this interruption.

A: A colon cannot close this interruption.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 124 · Practice p. 152
GA777-297 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q463 · ANSWER A

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

landslide— reopened

SEE THE SHAPE

The river path—closed for several months after the landslide— reopened when workers completed a protective barrier.

WHY IT WORKS

The extra information opens with a dash. Close it with another dash before the main sentence continues.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: This mark does not match the opening boundary.

D: A semicolon cannot close this interruption.

C: A colon cannot close this interruption.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 124 · Practice p. 152
GA777-298 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q464 · ANSWER B

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

play— changes

SEE THE SHAPE

The final scene—a conversation between two characters who never meet earlier in the play—changes how the audience understands the opening scene.

WHY IT WORKS

The extra information opens with a dash. Close it with another dash before the main sentence continues.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: This mark does not match the opening boundary.

D: A semicolon cannot close this interruption.

A: A colon cannot close this interruption.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 124 · Practice p. 152
GA777-299 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q465 · ANSWER D

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

owner— was

SEE THE SHAPE

The damaged page—the only sheet bearing the signature of the original owner— was stored separately during conservation.

WHY IT WORKS

The extra information opens with a dash. Close it with another dash before the main sentence continues.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: This mark does not match the opening boundary.

A: A semicolon cannot close this interruption.

C: A colon cannot close this interruption.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 124 · Practice p. 153
GA777-300 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q466 · ANSWER D

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

lid— held

SEE THE SHAPE

The largest container—a shallow tray with a tightly fitting lid— held samples from the deepest part of the excavation.

WHY IT WORKS

The extra information opens with a dash. Close it with another dash before the main sentence continues.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: This mark does not match the opening boundary.

B: A semicolon cannot close this interruption.

A: A colon cannot close this interruption.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 124 · Practice p. 153
GA777-301 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q467 · ANSWER C

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

stone— has

SEE THE SHAPE

The narrow channel—a route once used by boats carrying stone— has gradually filled with mud and reeds.

WHY IT WORKS

The extra information opens with a dash. Close it with another dash before the main sentence continues.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: This mark does not match the opening boundary.

A: A semicolon cannot close this interruption.

D: A colon cannot close this interruption.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 124 · Practice p. 153
GA777-302 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q468 · ANSWER C

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

copies— adds

SEE THE SHAPE

The newly discovered passage—a short section missing from all later copies— adds an unexpected detail to the account of the journey.

WHY IT WORKS

The extra information opens with a dash. Close it with another dash before the main sentence continues.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: This mark does not match the opening boundary.

A: A semicolon cannot close this interruption.

B: A colon cannot close this interruption.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 124 · Practice p. 153
GA777-303 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q469 · ANSWER B

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

motor— lets

SEE THE SHAPE

The rotating platform—a device controlled by a small electric motor— lets the photographer record every side of the object.

WHY IT WORKS

The extra information opens with a dash. Close it with another dash before the main sentence continues.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: This mark does not match the opening boundary.

C: A semicolon cannot close this interruption.

A: A colon cannot close this interruption.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 124 · Practice p. 154
GA777-304 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q470 · ANSWER A

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

afternoon— supported

SEE THE SHAPE

The southern slope—exposed to sunlight for most of the afternoon— supported fewer moisture-loving plants than the shaded slope.

WHY IT WORKS

The extra information opens with a dash. Close it with another dash before the main sentence continues.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: This mark does not match the opening boundary.

D: A semicolon cannot close this interruption.

B: A colon cannot close this interruption.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 124 · Practice p. 154
GA777-305 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q471 · ANSWER C

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

square— shows

SEE THE SHAPE

The oldest surviving photograph—a blurred view of the market square— shows a fountain that was removed during later construction.

WHY IT WORKS

The extra information opens with a dash. Close it with another dash before the main sentence continues.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: This mark does not match the opening boundary.

A: A semicolon cannot close this interruption.

D: A colon cannot close this interruption.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 124 · Practice p. 154
GA777-306 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q472 · ANSWER D

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

trench— was

SEE THE SHAPE

The bronze fitting—the only object recovered from the lower trench— was sent to a specialist for further analysis.

WHY IT WORKS

The extra information opens with a dash. Close it with another dash before the main sentence continues.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: This mark does not match the opening boundary.

B: A semicolon cannot close this interruption.

A: A colon cannot close this interruption.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 124 · Practice p. 154
GA777-307 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q473 · ANSWER C

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

park— would

SEE THE SHAPE

The proposed footpath—a route connecting the station to the riverside park— would allow walkers to avoid the busy main road.

WHY IT WORKS

The extra information opens with a dash. Close it with another dash before the main sentence continues.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: This mark does not match the opening boundary.

A: A semicolon cannot close this interruption.

D: A colon cannot close this interruption.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 124 · Practice p. 155
GA777-308 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q474 · ANSWER D

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

instruments— was

SEE THE SHAPE

The second movement—a quiet section written for only three instruments— was added after the first public performance.

WHY IT WORKS

The extra information opens with a dash. Close it with another dash before the main sentence continues.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: This mark does not match the opening boundary.

C: A semicolon cannot close this interruption.

B: A colon cannot close this interruption.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 124 · Practice p. 155
GA777-309 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q475 · ANSWER A

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

layer— directs

SEE THE SHAPE

The glass panel—a surface coated with a thin reflective layer— directs light toward the small detector.

WHY IT WORKS

The extra information opens with a dash. Close it with another dash before the main sentence continues.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: This mark does not match the opening boundary.

B: A semicolon cannot close this interruption.

C: A colon cannot close this interruption.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 124 · Practice p. 155
GA777-310 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q476 · ANSWER D

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

centuries— contains

SEE THE SHAPE

The outer wall—a structure rebuilt several times over the centuries— contains stones of noticeably different sizes.

WHY IT WORKS

The extra information opens with a dash. Close it with another dash before the main sentence continues.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: This mark does not match the opening boundary.

A: A semicolon cannot close this interruption.

C: A colon cannot close this interruption.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 124 · Practice p. 155
GA777-311 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q477 · ANSWER D

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

inventory— was

SEE THE SHAPE

The sealed envelope—the last item listed in the inventory— was opened in the presence of two archivists.

WHY IT WORKS

The extra information opens with a dash. Close it with another dash before the main sentence continues.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: This mark does not match the opening boundary.

A: A semicolon cannot close this interruption.

C: A colon cannot close this interruption.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 124 · Practice p. 156
GA777-312 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q478 · ANSWER B

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

wire— helped

SEE THE SHAPE

The first prototype—a model made from inexpensive cardboard and wire— helped the students test the basic mechanism.

WHY IT WORKS

The extra information opens with a dash. Close it with another dash before the main sentence continues.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: This mark does not match the opening boundary.

A: A semicolon cannot close this interruption.

C: A colon cannot close this interruption.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 124 · Practice p. 156
GA777-313 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q479 · ANSWER D

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

headland— provided

SEE THE SHAPE

The sheltered inlet—a stretch of calm water behind the rocky headland— provided a safe place to unload the equipment.

WHY IT WORKS

The extra information opens with a dash. Close it with another dash before the main sentence continues.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: This mark does not match the opening boundary.

A: A semicolon cannot close this interruption.

B: A colon cannot close this interruption.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 124 · Practice p. 156
GA777-314 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q480 · ANSWER B

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

paper— contains

SEE THE SHAPE

The final letter—a brief message written on reused paper— contains the only direct reference to the canceled voyage.

WHY IT WORKS

The extra information opens with a dash. Close it with another dash before the main sentence continues.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: This mark does not match the opening boundary.

D: A semicolon cannot close this interruption.

C: A colon cannot close this interruption.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 124 · Practice p. 156
GA777-315 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q481 · ANSWER B

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

neighbors— appears

SEE THE SHAPE

The central panel—a painting restored more recently than its neighbors— appears brighter because its darkened coating has been removed.

WHY IT WORKS

The extra information opens with a dash. Close it with another dash before the main sentence continues.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: This mark does not match the opening boundary.

A: A semicolon cannot close this interruption.

C: A colon cannot close this interruption.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 124 · Practice p. 157
GA777-316 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q482 · ANSWER B

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

panels— sends

SEE THE SHAPE

The monitoring station—a small hut powered by solar panels— sends temperature readings to the laboratory every hour.

WHY IT WORKS

The extra information opens with a dash. Close it with another dash before the main sentence continues.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: This mark does not match the opening boundary.

C: A semicolon cannot close this interruption.

A: A colon cannot close this interruption.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 124 · Practice p. 157
GA777-317 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q483 · ANSWER C

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

conclusion— is

SEE THE SHAPE

The earliest edition—a volume printed before the author revised the conclusion— is now difficult to find outside major libraries.

WHY IT WORKS

The extra information opens with a dash. Close it with another dash before the main sentence continues.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: This mark does not match the opening boundary.

A: A semicolon cannot close this interruption.

D: A colon cannot close this interruption.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 124 · Practice p. 157
GA777-318 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q484 · ANSWER B

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

animals— developed

SEE THE SHAPE

The experimental plot—a fenced area protected from grazing animals— developed denser vegetation than the surrounding land.

WHY IT WORKS

The extra information opens with a dash. Close it with another dash before the main sentence continues.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: This mark does not match the opening boundary.

D: A semicolon cannot close this interruption.

C: A colon cannot close this interruption.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 124 · Practice p. 157
GA777-319 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q485 · ANSWER B

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

built— described

SEE THE SHAPE

The surviving witness—a resident who had watched the bridge being built— described the original arrangement of its wooden supports.

WHY IT WORKS

The extra information opens with a dash. Close it with another dash before the main sentence continues.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: This mark does not match the opening boundary.

C: A semicolon cannot close this interruption.

A: A colon cannot close this interruption.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 124 · Practice p. 158
GA777-320 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q486 · ANSWER C

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

fabric— reduced

SEE THE SHAPE

The portable screen—a folding structure covered with pale fabric— reduced glare during outdoor demonstrations.

WHY IT WORKS

The extra information opens with a dash. Close it with another dash before the main sentence continues.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: This mark does not match the opening boundary.

D: A semicolon cannot close this interruption.

B: A colon cannot close this interruption.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 124 · Practice p. 158
GA777-321 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q487 · ANSWER A

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

water— supports

SEE THE SHAPE

The abandoned quarry—a deep hollow now partly filled with water— supports plants rarely found in the nearby woodland.

WHY IT WORKS

The extra information opens with a dash. Close it with another dash before the main sentence continues.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: This mark does not match the opening boundary.

D: A semicolon cannot close this interruption.

B: A colon cannot close this interruption.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 124 · Practice p. 158
GA777-322 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q488 · ANSWER C

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

vessel— contained

SEE THE SHAPE

The second sample—a powder collected from the inside of the vessel— contained traces of a different mineral.

WHY IT WORKS

The extra information opens with a dash. Close it with another dash before the main sentence continues.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: This mark does not match the opening boundary.

A: A semicolon cannot close this interruption.

D: A colon cannot close this interruption.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 124 · Practice p. 158
GA777-323 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q489 · ANSWER C

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

anniversary— included

SEE THE SHAPE

The public reading—a performance organized to mark the library anniversary— included poems chosen by local residents.

WHY IT WORKS

The extra information opens with a dash. Close it with another dash before the main sentence continues.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: This mark does not match the opening boundary.

D: A semicolon cannot close this interruption.

A: A colon cannot close this interruption.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 124 · Practice p. 159
GA777-324 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q490 · ANSWER C

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

instruments— kept

SEE THE SHAPE

The insulated box—a container designed for transporting fragile instruments— kept the contents at a nearly constant temperature.

WHY IT WORKS

The extra information opens with a dash. Close it with another dash before the main sentence continues.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: This mark does not match the opening boundary.

A: A semicolon cannot close this interruption.

B: A colon cannot close this interruption.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 124 · Practice p. 159
GA777-325 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q491 · ANSWER B

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

desk— has

SEE THE SHAPE

The former ticket office—a room barely large enough for a desk— has become a small exhibition space.

WHY IT WORKS

The extra information opens with a dash. Close it with another dash before the main sentence continues.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: This mark does not match the opening boundary.

C: A semicolon cannot close this interruption.

A: A colon cannot close this interruption.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 124 · Practice p. 159
GA777-326 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q492 · ANSWER C

Matching Pairs Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

doorway— identifies

SEE THE SHAPE

The translated inscription—a short message carved above the doorway— identifies the person who paid for the building.

WHY IT WORKS

The extra information opens with a dash. Close it with another dash before the main sentence continues.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: This mark does not match the opening boundary.

A: A semicolon cannot close this interruption.

D: A colon cannot close this interruption.

Hack 11 · Lesson p. 124 · Practice p. 159
GA777-327 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q493 · ANSWER C

Job + Name Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

researchers Roberto Scandone and Christopher Kilburn

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 125 · Practice p. 160
Earlier book Q166

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q494 · ANSWER C

Job + Name Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Entomologist Heather Grab

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 125 · Practice p. 160
Earlier book Q167

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q495 · ANSWER A

Job + Name Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

professor Yugang Sun

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 125 · Practice p. 160
Earlier book Q168

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q496 · ANSWER D

Job + Name Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

compound aluminum oxide

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 125 · Practice p. 160
Earlier book Q169

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q497 · ANSWER C

Job + Name Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

linguist Diane Massam

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 125 · Practice p. 161
Earlier book Q170

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q498 · ANSWER B

Job + Name Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

artist

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 125 · Practice p. 161
Earlier book Q171

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q499 · ANSWER B

Job + Name Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

geologist

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 125 · Practice p. 161
Earlier book Q172

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q500 · ANSWER C

Job + Name Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

biologist Yuree Lee

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 125 · Practice p. 161
Earlier book Q173

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q501 · ANSWER C

Job + Name Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

critic Stina Chyn claims

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 125 · Practice p. 162
Earlier book Q174

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q502 · ANSWER D

Job + Name Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

playwright Wakako Yamauchi

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 125 · Practice p. 162
Earlier book Q175

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q503 · ANSWER D

Job + Name Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

nations Chile

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 125 · Practice p. 162
Earlier book Q176

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q504 · ANSWER B

Job + Name Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

artists Thomas Hart Benton and Jackson Pollock

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 125 · Practice p. 162
Earlier book Q177

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q505 · ANSWER B

Job + Name Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

student Roger Bannister

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 125 · Practice p. 163
Earlier book Q178

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q506 · ANSWER A

Job + Name Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Leila Rahman

SEE THE SHAPE

Botanist Leila Rahman mapped the spread of a climbing plant along the river.

WHY IT WORKS

The job and the name work together to identify one person. Keep them together, and keep that person connected to the main verb.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: This comma separates the named person from the main verb.

C: This comma opens extra information but does not close it before the main verb.

D: A job title alone is not a full setup for a colon.

Hack 12 · Lesson p. 125 · Practice p. 163
GA777-328 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q507 · ANSWER A

Job + Name Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Mateo Solis

SEE THE SHAPE

Composer Mateo Solis built the final movement around a melody first heard in the opening.

WHY IT WORKS

The job and the name work together to identify one person. Keep them together, and keep that person connected to the main verb.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: This comma separates the named person from the main verb.

B: This comma opens extra information but does not close it before the main verb.

C: A job title alone is not a full setup for a colon.

Hack 12 · Lesson p. 125 · Practice p. 163
GA777-329 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q508 · ANSWER D

Job + Name Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Nora Okafor

SEE THE SHAPE

Architect Nora Okafor designed a roof that channels rainwater into a garden.

WHY IT WORKS

The job and the name work together to identify one person. Keep them together, and keep that person connected to the main verb.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: This comma separates the named person from the main verb.

C: This comma opens extra information but does not close it before the main verb.

B: A job title alone is not a full setup for a colon.

Hack 12 · Lesson p. 125 · Practice p. 163
GA777-330 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q509 · ANSWER D

Job + Name Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Elias Chen

SEE THE SHAPE

Historian Elias Chen compared shipping records with letters written by coastal merchants.

WHY IT WORKS

The job and the name work together to identify one person. Keep them together, and keep that person connected to the main verb.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: This comma separates the named person from the main verb.

C: This comma opens extra information but does not close it before the main verb.

A: A job title alone is not a full setup for a colon.

Hack 12 · Lesson p. 125 · Practice p. 164
GA777-331 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q510 · ANSWER C

Job + Name Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Mina Farouk

SEE THE SHAPE

Ceramic artist Mina Farouk left a small section of each vessel unglazed.

WHY IT WORKS

The job and the name work together to identify one person. Keep them together, and keep that person connected to the main verb.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: This comma separates the named person from the main verb.

A: This comma opens extra information but does not close it before the main verb.

B: A job title alone is not a full setup for a colon.

Hack 12 · Lesson p. 125 · Practice p. 164
GA777-332 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q511 · ANSWER C

Job + Name Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Tessa Morgan

SEE THE SHAPE

Marine ecologist Tessa Morgan studied the animals living beneath floating docks.

WHY IT WORKS

The job and the name work together to identify one person. Keep them together, and keep that person connected to the main verb.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: This comma separates the named person from the main verb.

A: This comma opens extra information but does not close it before the main verb.

D: A job title alone is not a full setup for a colon.

Hack 12 · Lesson p. 125 · Practice p. 164
GA777-333 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q512 · ANSWER B

Job + Name Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Samir Haddad

SEE THE SHAPE

Translator Samir Haddad retained several unfamiliar place names from the original text.

WHY IT WORKS

The job and the name work together to identify one person. Keep them together, and keep that person connected to the main verb.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: This comma separates the named person from the main verb.

C: This comma opens extra information but does not close it before the main verb.

D: A job title alone is not a full setup for a colon.

Hack 12 · Lesson p. 125 · Practice p. 164
GA777-334 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q513 · ANSWER A

Job + Name Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Ana Valdez

SEE THE SHAPE

Photographer Ana Valdez recorded the changing shadows across the same wall each morning.

WHY IT WORKS

The job and the name work together to identify one person. Keep them together, and keep that person connected to the main verb.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: This comma separates the named person from the main verb.

C: This comma opens extra information but does not close it before the main verb.

B: A job title alone is not a full setup for a colon.

Hack 12 · Lesson p. 125 · Practice p. 165
GA777-335 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q514 · ANSWER C

Job + Name Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Dara Mensah

SEE THE SHAPE

Engineer Dara Mensah developed a valve that closes when water pressure drops.

WHY IT WORKS

The job and the name work together to identify one person. Keep them together, and keep that person connected to the main verb.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: This comma separates the named person from the main verb.

A: This comma opens extra information but does not close it before the main verb.

D: A job title alone is not a full setup for a colon.

Hack 12 · Lesson p. 125 · Practice p. 165
GA777-336 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q515 · ANSWER B

Job + Name Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Luca Sato

SEE THE SHAPE

Poet Luca Sato used a repeated line to connect the separate sections of the poem.

WHY IT WORKS

The job and the name work together to identify one person. Keep them together, and keep that person connected to the main verb.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: This comma separates the named person from the main verb.

D: This comma opens extra information but does not close it before the main verb.

A: A job title alone is not a full setup for a colon.

Hack 12 · Lesson p. 125 · Practice p. 165
GA777-337 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q516 · ANSWER B

Job + Name Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Imani Cole

SEE THE SHAPE

Geologist Imani Cole identified a thin layer of volcanic material between two deposits of sand.

WHY IT WORKS

The job and the name work together to identify one person. Keep them together, and keep that person connected to the main verb.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: This comma separates the named person from the main verb.

C: This comma opens extra information but does not close it before the main verb.

A: A job title alone is not a full setup for a colon.

Hack 12 · Lesson p. 125 · Practice p. 165
GA777-338 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q517 · ANSWER C

Job + Name Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Theo Marin

SEE THE SHAPE

Museum conservator Theo Marin removed the later coating without disturbing the paint beneath it.

WHY IT WORKS

The job and the name work together to identify one person. Keep them together, and keep that person connected to the main verb.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: This comma separates the named person from the main verb.

A: This comma opens extra information but does not close it before the main verb.

B: A job title alone is not a full setup for a colon.

Hack 12 · Lesson p. 125 · Practice p. 166
GA777-339 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q518 · ANSWER B

Job + Name Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Rania Aziz

SEE THE SHAPE

Linguist Rania Aziz recorded speakers telling the same story in several regional varieties.

WHY IT WORKS

The job and the name work together to identify one person. Keep them together, and keep that person connected to the main verb.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: This comma separates the named person from the main verb.

A: This comma opens extra information but does not close it before the main verb.

C: A job title alone is not a full setup for a colon.

Hack 12 · Lesson p. 125 · Practice p. 166
GA777-340 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q519 · ANSWER B

Job + Name Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Owen Park

SEE THE SHAPE

Illustrator Owen Park drew each plant at two stages of growth.

WHY IT WORKS

The job and the name work together to identify one person. Keep them together, and keep that person connected to the main verb.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: This comma separates the named person from the main verb.

D: This comma opens extra information but does not close it before the main verb.

C: A job title alone is not a full setup for a colon.

Hack 12 · Lesson p. 125 · Practice p. 166
GA777-341 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q520 · ANSWER C

Job + Name Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Sofia Neri

SEE THE SHAPE

Archaeologist Sofia Neri located the edge of a buried floor beneath the courtyard.

WHY IT WORKS

The job and the name work together to identify one person. Keep them together, and keep that person connected to the main verb.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: This comma separates the named person from the main verb.

D: This comma opens extra information but does not close it before the main verb.

B: A job title alone is not a full setup for a colon.

Hack 12 · Lesson p. 125 · Practice p. 166
GA777-342 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q521 · ANSWER C

Job + Name Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Jonah Reed

SEE THE SHAPE

Wildlife biologist Jonah Reed tracked the movements of foxes near the edge of the city.

WHY IT WORKS

The job and the name work together to identify one person. Keep them together, and keep that person connected to the main verb.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: This comma separates the named person from the main verb.

A: This comma opens extra information but does not close it before the main verb.

D: A job title alone is not a full setup for a colon.

Hack 12 · Lesson p. 125 · Practice p. 167
GA777-343 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q522 · ANSWER D

Job + Name Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Amina Bello

SEE THE SHAPE

Playwright Amina Bello set the entire second act inside an empty railway station.

WHY IT WORKS

The job and the name work together to identify one person. Keep them together, and keep that person connected to the main verb.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: This comma separates the named person from the main verb.

A: This comma opens extra information but does not close it before the main verb.

C: A job title alone is not a full setup for a colon.

Hack 12 · Lesson p. 125 · Practice p. 167
GA777-344 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q523 · ANSWER D

Job + Name Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Felix Duarte

SEE THE SHAPE

Sound designer Felix Duarte combined field recordings with sounds made in the studio.

WHY IT WORKS

The job and the name work together to identify one person. Keep them together, and keep that person connected to the main verb.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: This comma separates the named person from the main verb.

A: This comma opens extra information but does not close it before the main verb.

C: A job title alone is not a full setup for a colon.

Hack 12 · Lesson p. 125 · Practice p. 167
GA777-345 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q524 · ANSWER C

Job + Name Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Yara Malik

SEE THE SHAPE

Textile researcher Yara Malik examined the twists in threads recovered from a dry cave.

WHY IT WORKS

The job and the name work together to identify one person. Keep them together, and keep that person connected to the main verb.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: This comma separates the named person from the main verb.

A: This comma opens extra information but does not close it before the main verb.

B: A job title alone is not a full setup for a colon.

Hack 12 · Lesson p. 125 · Practice p. 167
GA777-346 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q525 · ANSWER D

Job + Name Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Hugo Silva

SEE THE SHAPE

Landscape architect Hugo Silva placed shaded seating beside the busiest walking route.

WHY IT WORKS

The job and the name work together to identify one person. Keep them together, and keep that person connected to the main verb.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: This comma separates the named person from the main verb.

B: This comma opens extra information but does not close it before the main verb.

A: A job title alone is not a full setup for a colon.

Hack 12 · Lesson p. 125 · Practice p. 168
GA777-347 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q526 · ANSWER C

Job + Name Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Lina Costa

SEE THE SHAPE

Astronomer Lina Costa compared repeated images of a faint region of the sky.

WHY IT WORKS

The job and the name work together to identify one person. Keep them together, and keep that person connected to the main verb.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: This comma separates the named person from the main verb.

D: This comma opens extra information but does not close it before the main verb.

A: A job title alone is not a full setup for a colon.

Hack 12 · Lesson p. 125 · Practice p. 168
GA777-348 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q527 · ANSWER C

Job + Name Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Noah Kim

SEE THE SHAPE

Bookbinder Noah Kim repaired the damaged spine using materials that could later be removed.

WHY IT WORKS

The job and the name work together to identify one person. Keep them together, and keep that person connected to the main verb.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: This comma separates the named person from the main verb.

B: This comma opens extra information but does not close it before the main verb.

D: A job title alone is not a full setup for a colon.

Hack 12 · Lesson p. 125 · Practice p. 168
GA777-349 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q528 · ANSWER A

Job + Name Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Zain Abbas

SEE THE SHAPE

Cartographer Zain Abbas marked uncertain routes with a different type of line.

WHY IT WORKS

The job and the name work together to identify one person. Keep them together, and keep that person connected to the main verb.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: This comma separates the named person from the main verb.

C: This comma opens extra information but does not close it before the main verb.

B: A job title alone is not a full setup for a colon.

Hack 12 · Lesson p. 125 · Practice p. 168
GA777-350 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q529 · ANSWER A

Job + Name Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Rosa Vega

SEE THE SHAPE

Dancer Rosa Vega adapted a traditional step for a performance on a much smaller stage.

WHY IT WORKS

The job and the name work together to identify one person. Keep them together, and keep that person connected to the main verb.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: This comma separates the named person from the main verb.

D: This comma opens extra information but does not close it before the main verb.

C: A job title alone is not a full setup for a colon.

Hack 12 · Lesson p. 125 · Practice p. 169
GA777-351 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q530 · ANSWER D

Job + Name Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Arun Patel

SEE THE SHAPE

Materials scientist Arun Patel tested how thin sheets bend after repeated heating.

WHY IT WORKS

The job and the name work together to identify one person. Keep them together, and keep that person connected to the main verb.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: This comma separates the named person from the main verb.

A: This comma opens extra information but does not close it before the main verb.

C: A job title alone is not a full setup for a colon.

Hack 12 · Lesson p. 125 · Practice p. 169
GA777-352 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q531 · ANSWER D

Job + Name Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Maya Ellis

SEE THE SHAPE

Oral historian Maya Ellis interviewed retired workers about the former shipyard.

WHY IT WORKS

The job and the name work together to identify one person. Keep them together, and keep that person connected to the main verb.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: This comma separates the named person from the main verb.

B: This comma opens extra information but does not close it before the main verb.

A: A job title alone is not a full setup for a colon.

Hack 12 · Lesson p. 125 · Practice p. 169
GA777-353 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q532 · ANSWER B

List Colon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

periods: the

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 170 · Practice p. 176
Earlier book Q179

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q533 · ANSWER A

List Colon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

threefold: to

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 170 · Practice p. 176
Earlier book Q180

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q534 · ANSWER B

List Colon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Earth: at 41 light-years away,

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 170 · Practice p. 176
Earlier book Q181

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q535 · ANSWER C

List Colon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

threefold: to

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 170 · Practice p. 176
Earlier book Q182

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q536 · ANSWER D

List Colon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

tools: a

SEE THE SHAPE

Each repair kit contained three basic tools: a small hammer, a narrow file, and a pair of pliers.

WHY IT WORKS

“Each repair kit contained three basic tools” is a full setup. What follows lists the items. A colon can introduce that information.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: The words after the semicolon are not a full thought, and this is not a complex list.

C: The period leaves the following words as a sentence fragment.

A: The explanation or list needs a punctuation boundary after the complete setup.

Hack 13 · Lesson p. 170 · Practice p. 177
GA777-354 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q537 · ANSWER C

List Colon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

sections: early

SEE THE SHAPE

The exhibition was divided into three sections: early experiments, working models, and finished designs.

WHY IT WORKS

“The exhibition was divided into three sections” is a full setup. What follows lists the items. A colon can introduce that information.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: The words after the semicolon are not a full thought, and this is not a complex list.

A: The period leaves the following words as a sentence fragment.

B: The explanation or list needs a punctuation boundary after the complete setup.

Hack 13 · Lesson p. 170 · Practice p. 177
GA777-355 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q538 · ANSWER B

List Colon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

spaces: vegetable

SEE THE SHAPE

The garden plan included four kinds of spaces: vegetable beds, shaded paths, seating areas, and a central lawn.

WHY IT WORKS

“The garden plan included four kinds of spaces” is a full setup. What follows lists the items. A colon can introduce that information.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The words after the semicolon are not a full thought, and this is not a complex list.

C: The period leaves the following words as a sentence fragment.

D: The explanation or list needs a punctuation boundary after the complete setup.

Hack 13 · Lesson p. 170 · Practice p. 177
GA777-356 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q539 · ANSWER C

List Colon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

photograph: its

SEE THE SHAPE

The volunteers recorded three details for every photograph: its date, its location, and the name of its photographer.

WHY IT WORKS

“The volunteers recorded three details for every photograph” is a full setup. What follows lists the items. A colon can introduce that information.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The words after the semicolon are not a full thought, and this is not a complex list.

B: The period leaves the following words as a sentence fragment.

D: The explanation or list needs a punctuation boundary after the complete setup.

Hack 13 · Lesson p. 170 · Practice p. 177
GA777-357 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q540 · ANSWER C

List Colon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

skills: measuring

SEE THE SHAPE

The workshop focused on three practical skills: measuring accurately, cutting safely, and joining pieces securely.

WHY IT WORKS

“The workshop focused on three practical skills” is a full setup. What follows lists the items. A colon can introduce that information.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: The words after the semicolon are not a full thought, and this is not a complex list.

A: The period leaves the following words as a sentence fragment.

B: The explanation or list needs a punctuation boundary after the complete setup.

Hack 13 · Lesson p. 170 · Practice p. 178
GA777-358 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q541 · ANSWER D

List Colon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

supplies: dried

SEE THE SHAPE

The vessel carried several types of supplies: dried food, fresh water, spare rope, and repair tools.

WHY IT WORKS

“The vessel carried several types of supplies” is a full setup. What follows lists the items. A colon can introduce that information.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: The words after the semicolon are not a full thought, and this is not a complex list.

A: The period leaves the following words as a sentence fragment.

C: The explanation or list needs a punctuation boundary after the complete setup.

Hack 13 · Lesson p. 170 · Practice p. 178
GA777-359 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q542 · ANSWER B

List Colon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

habitats: open

SEE THE SHAPE

The survey covered three distinct habitats: open grassland, dense woodland, and shallow marsh.

WHY IT WORKS

“The survey covered three distinct habitats” is a full setup. What follows lists the items. A colon can introduce that information.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: The words after the semicolon are not a full thought, and this is not a complex list.

A: The period leaves the following words as a sentence fragment.

C: The explanation or list needs a punctuation boundary after the complete setup.

Hack 13 · Lesson p. 170 · Practice p. 178
GA777-360 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q543 · ANSWER C

List Colon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

documents: a

SEE THE SHAPE

The final report contained three supporting documents: a map of the site, a table of measurements, and a list of photographs.

WHY IT WORKS

“The final report contained three supporting documents” is a full setup. What follows lists the items. A colon can introduce that information.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: The words after the semicolon are not a full thought, and this is not a complex list.

A: The period leaves the following words as a sentence fragment.

D: The explanation or list needs a punctuation boundary after the complete setup.

Hack 13 · Lesson p. 170 · Practice p. 178
GA777-361 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q544 · ANSWER D

Here It Is! Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

music: the flute. A

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 172 · Practice p. 179
Earlier book Q183

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q545 · ANSWER B

Here It Is! Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

dislodge, in part due to its sheer size:

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 172 · Practice p. 179
Earlier book Q184

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q546 · ANSWER D

Here It Is! Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

high on:

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 172 · Practice p. 179
Earlier book Q185

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q547 · ANSWER A

Here It Is! Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

varied:

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 172 · Practice p. 179
Earlier book Q186

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q548 · ANSWER B

Here It Is! Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

spectrum:

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 172 · Practice p. 180
Earlier book Q187

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q549 · ANSWER A

Here It Is! Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

extensive: a

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 172 · Practice p. 180
Earlier book Q188

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q550 · ANSWER C

Here It Is! Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

emerged:

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 172 · Practice p. 180
Earlier book Q189

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q551 · ANSWER C

Here It Is! Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

photosynthesis:

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 172 · Practice p. 180
Earlier book Q190

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q552 · ANSWER B

Here It Is! Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

continents: geological

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 172 · Practice p. 181
Earlier book Q191

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q553 · ANSWER D

Here It Is! Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

indiscriminate:

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 172 · Practice p. 181
Earlier book Q192

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q554 · ANSWER A

Here It Is! Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

new: sequencing

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 172 · Practice p. 181
Earlier book Q193

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q555 · ANSWER D

Here It Is! Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

plant:

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 172 · Practice p. 181
Earlier book Q194

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q556 · ANSWER D

Here It Is! Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

functions:

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 172 · Practice p. 182
Earlier book Q195

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q557 · ANSWER A

Here It Is! Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

food:

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 172 · Practice p. 182
Earlier book Q196

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q558 · ANSWER B

Here It Is! Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

age: built

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 172 · Practice p. 182
Earlier book Q197

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q559 · ANSWER B

Here It Is! Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

ancestor: mexicana, a

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 172 · Practice p. 182
Earlier book Q198

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q560 · ANSWER C

Here It Is! Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

mediated:

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 172 · Practice p. 183
Earlier book Q199

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q561 · ANSWER C

Here It Is! Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

1642:

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 172 · Practice p. 183
Earlier book Q200

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q562 · ANSWER A

Here It Is! Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

information: the

SEE THE SHAPE

The team still lacked one essential piece of information: the depth of the narrow channel beside the landing.

WHY IT WORKS

“The team still lacked one essential piece of information” is a full setup. What follows identifies or explains the idea. A colon can introduce that information.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: The words after the semicolon are not a full thought, and this is not a complex list.

B: The period leaves the following words as a sentence fragment.

C: The explanation or list needs a punctuation boundary after the complete setup.

Hack 14 · Lesson p. 172 · Practice p. 183
GA777-362 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q563 · ANSWER A

Here It Is! Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

object: a

SEE THE SHAPE

The newly opened box contained a surprising object: a miniature model of the bridge made from folded paper.

WHY IT WORKS

“The newly opened box contained a surprising object” is a full setup. What follows identifies or explains the idea. A colon can introduce that information.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: The words after the semicolon are not a full thought, and this is not a complex list.

B: The period leaves the following words as a sentence fragment.

D: The explanation or list needs a punctuation boundary after the complete setup.

Hack 14 · Lesson p. 172 · Practice p. 183
GA777-363 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q564 · ANSWER A

Here It Is! Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

limitation: the

SEE THE SHAPE

The experiment had one clear limitation: the small number of samples available for comparison.

WHY IT WORKS

“The experiment had one clear limitation” is a full setup. What follows identifies or explains the idea. A colon can introduce that information.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: The words after the semicolon are not a full thought, and this is not a complex list.

D: The period leaves the following words as a sentence fragment.

C: The explanation or list needs a punctuation boundary after the complete setup.

Hack 14 · Lesson p. 172 · Practice p. 184
GA777-364 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q565 · ANSWER C

Here It Is! Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

sculpture: thin

SEE THE SHAPE

The artist chose a single material for the entire sculpture: thin wire bent into overlapping loops.

WHY IT WORKS

“The artist chose a single material for the entire sculpture” is a full setup. What follows identifies or explains the idea. A colon can introduce that information.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The words after the semicolon are not a full thought, and this is not a complex list.

B: The period leaves the following words as a sentence fragment.

D: The explanation or list needs a punctuation boundary after the complete setup.

Hack 14 · Lesson p. 172 · Practice p. 184
GA777-365 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q566 · ANSWER B

Here It Is! Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

improvement: a

SEE THE SHAPE

The plan depended on one practical improvement: a safer way to move heavy objects between the two floors.

WHY IT WORKS

“The plan depended on one practical improvement” is a full setup. What follows identifies or explains the idea. A colon can introduce that information.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: The words after the semicolon are not a full thought, and this is not a complex list.

D: The period leaves the following words as a sentence fragment.

A: The explanation or list needs a punctuation boundary after the complete setup.

Hack 14 · Lesson p. 172 · Practice p. 184
GA777-366 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q567 · ANSWER B

Here It Is! Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

detail: a

SEE THE SHAPE

The last photograph revealed an overlooked detail: a faint line running across the edge of the panel.

WHY IT WORKS

“The last photograph revealed an overlooked detail” is a full setup. What follows identifies or explains the idea. A colon can introduce that information.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The words after the semicolon are not a full thought, and this is not a complex list.

C: The period leaves the following words as a sentence fragment.

D: The explanation or list needs a punctuation boundary after the complete setup.

Hack 14 · Lesson p. 172 · Practice p. 184
GA777-367 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q568 · ANSWER A

Here It Is! Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

theme: the

SEE THE SHAPE

The two stories share a central theme: the difficulty of returning to a place that has changed.

WHY IT WORKS

“The two stories share a central theme” is a full setup. What follows identifies or explains the idea. A colon can introduce that information.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: The words after the semicolon are not a full thought, and this is not a complex list.

C: The period leaves the following words as a sentence fragment.

B: The explanation or list needs a punctuation boundary after the complete setup.

Hack 14 · Lesson p. 172 · Practice p. 185
GA777-368 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q569 · ANSWER D

Here It Is! Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

advantage: a

SEE THE SHAPE

The new method offered a major advantage: a way to take measurements without touching the fragile surface.

WHY IT WORKS

“The new method offered a major advantage” is a full setup. What follows identifies or explains the idea. A colon can introduce that information.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The words after the semicolon are not a full thought, and this is not a complex list.

B: The period leaves the following words as a sentence fragment.

C: The explanation or list needs a punctuation boundary after the complete setup.

Hack 14 · Lesson p. 172 · Practice p. 185
GA777-369 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q570 · ANSWER D

Here It Is! Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

clue: the

SEE THE SHAPE

The inscription supplied the missing clue: the name of a village farther upstream.

WHY IT WORKS

“The inscription supplied the missing clue” is a full setup. What follows identifies or explains the idea. A colon can introduce that information.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: The words after the semicolon are not a full thought, and this is not a complex list.

C: The period leaves the following words as a sentence fragment.

A: The explanation or list needs a punctuation boundary after the complete setup.

Hack 14 · Lesson p. 172 · Practice p. 185
GA777-370 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q571 · ANSWER C

Here It Is! Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

challenge: a

SEE THE SHAPE

The performers faced an unusual challenge: a stage too narrow to accommodate their normal movements.

WHY IT WORKS

“The performers faced an unusual challenge” is a full setup. What follows identifies or explains the idea. A colon can introduce that information.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The words after the semicolon are not a full thought, and this is not a complex list.

B: The period leaves the following words as a sentence fragment.

D: The explanation or list needs a punctuation boundary after the complete setup.

Hack 14 · Lesson p. 172 · Practice p. 185
GA777-371 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q572 · ANSWER C

Here It Is! Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

question: the

SEE THE SHAPE

The discovery answered a long-standing question: the location of the original entrance to the building.

WHY IT WORKS

“The discovery answered a long-standing question” is a full setup. What follows identifies or explains the idea. A colon can introduce that information.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The words after the semicolon are not a full thought, and this is not a complex list.

D: The period leaves the following words as a sentence fragment.

B: The explanation or list needs a punctuation boundary after the complete setup.

Hack 14 · Lesson p. 172 · Practice p. 186
GA777-372 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q573 · ANSWER D

Here It Is! Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

goal: a

SEE THE SHAPE

The workshop had a simple goal: a stronger connection between local artists and public schools.

WHY IT WORKS

“The workshop had a simple goal” is a full setup. What follows identifies or explains the idea. A colon can introduce that information.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: The words after the semicolon are not a full thought, and this is not a complex list.

A: The period leaves the following words as a sentence fragment.

C: The explanation or list needs a punctuation boundary after the complete setup.

Hack 14 · Lesson p. 172 · Practice p. 186
GA777-373 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q574 · ANSWER D

Here It Is! Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

pattern: a

SEE THE SHAPE

The finished map highlighted a significant pattern: a concentration of wells along the edge of the former riverbed.

WHY IT WORKS

“The finished map highlighted a significant pattern” is a full setup. What follows identifies or explains the idea. A colon can introduce that information.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The words after the semicolon are not a full thought, and this is not a complex list.

B: The period leaves the following words as a sentence fragment.

C: The explanation or list needs a punctuation boundary after the complete setup.

Hack 14 · Lesson p. 172 · Practice p. 186
GA777-374 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q575 · ANSWER B

Here It Is! Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

record: a

SEE THE SHAPE

The notebook preserved a valuable record: a daily account of weather conditions during the voyage.

WHY IT WORKS

“The notebook preserved a valuable record” is a full setup. What follows identifies or explains the idea. A colon can introduce that information.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: The words after the semicolon are not a full thought, and this is not a complex list.

A: The period leaves the following words as a sentence fragment.

D: The explanation or list needs a punctuation boundary after the complete setup.

Hack 14 · Lesson p. 172 · Practice p. 186
GA777-375 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q576 · ANSWER A

Here It Is! Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

shape: a

SEE THE SHAPE

The restored window displays one repeated shape: a six-pointed star made from pieces of colored glass.

WHY IT WORKS

“The restored window displays one repeated shape” is a full setup. What follows identifies or explains the idea. A colon can introduce that information.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: The words after the semicolon are not a full thought, and this is not a complex list.

B: The period leaves the following words as a sentence fragment.

D: The explanation or list needs a punctuation boundary after the complete setup.

Hack 14 · Lesson p. 172 · Practice p. 187
GA777-376 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q577 · ANSWER B

Here It Is! Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

error: a

SEE THE SHAPE

The researchers identified a likely source of the error: a loose connection between the sensor and the recording unit.

WHY IT WORKS

“The researchers identified a likely source of the error” is a full setup. What follows identifies or explains the idea. A colon can introduce that information.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The words after the semicolon are not a full thought, and this is not a complex list.

C: The period leaves the following words as a sentence fragment.

D: The explanation or list needs a punctuation boundary after the complete setup.

Hack 14 · Lesson p. 172 · Practice p. 187
GA777-377 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q578 · ANSWER B

Here It Is! Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

route: a

SEE THE SHAPE

The landscape offered only one safe route: a narrow ridge above the flooded valley floor.

WHY IT WORKS

“The landscape offered only one safe route” is a full setup. What follows identifies or explains the idea. A colon can introduce that information.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: The words after the semicolon are not a full thought, and this is not a complex list.

A: The period leaves the following words as a sentence fragment.

D: The explanation or list needs a punctuation boundary after the complete setup.

Hack 14 · Lesson p. 172 · Practice p. 187
GA777-378 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q579 · ANSWER D

Here It Is! Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

feature: a

SEE THE SHAPE

The revised design introduced a useful feature: a removable panel that provides access to the motor.

WHY IT WORKS

“The revised design introduced a useful feature” is a full setup. What follows identifies or explains the idea. A colon can introduce that information.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: The words after the semicolon are not a full thought, and this is not a complex list.

A: The period leaves the following words as a sentence fragment.

B: The explanation or list needs a punctuation boundary after the complete setup.

Hack 14 · Lesson p. 172 · Practice p. 187
GA777-379 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q580 · ANSWER A

Here It Is! Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

possibility: a

SEE THE SHAPE

The final scene leaves the audience with a troubling possibility: a misunderstanding that none of the characters can correct.

WHY IT WORKS

“The final scene leaves the audience with a troubling possibility” is a full setup. What follows identifies or explains the idea. A colon can introduce that information.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: The words after the semicolon are not a full thought, and this is not a complex list.

C: The period leaves the following words as a sentence fragment.

B: The explanation or list needs a punctuation boundary after the complete setup.

Hack 14 · Lesson p. 172 · Practice p. 188
GA777-380 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q581 · ANSWER B

Here It Is! Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

purpose: protection

SEE THE SHAPE

The outer covering serves an important purpose: protection against rapid changes in temperature.

WHY IT WORKS

“The outer covering serves an important purpose” is a full setup. What follows identifies or explains the idea. A colon can introduce that information.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The words after the semicolon are not a full thought, and this is not a complex list.

C: The period leaves the following words as a sentence fragment.

D: The explanation or list needs a punctuation boundary after the complete setup.

Hack 14 · Lesson p. 172 · Practice p. 188
GA777-381 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q582 · ANSWER C

Here It Is! Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

weakness: a

SEE THE SHAPE

The first trial exposed a serious weakness: a tendency for the supporting frame to bend under an uneven load.

WHY IT WORKS

“The first trial exposed a serious weakness” is a full setup. What follows identifies or explains the idea. A colon can introduce that information.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: The words after the semicolon are not a full thought, and this is not a complex list.

D: The period leaves the following words as a sentence fragment.

A: The explanation or list needs a punctuation boundary after the complete setup.

Hack 14 · Lesson p. 172 · Practice p. 188
GA777-382 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q583 · ANSWER B

Here It Is! Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

object: a

SEE THE SHAPE

The new display centers on a remarkable object: a wooden clock made entirely with hand tools.

WHY IT WORKS

“The new display centers on a remarkable object” is a full setup. What follows identifies or explains the idea. A colon can introduce that information.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: The words after the semicolon are not a full thought, and this is not a complex list.

D: The period leaves the following words as a sentence fragment.

A: The explanation or list needs a punctuation boundary after the complete setup.

Hack 14 · Lesson p. 172 · Practice p. 188
GA777-383 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q584 · ANSWER D

Here It Is! Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

way: the

SEE THE SHAPE

The two instruments differ in one visible way: the shape of the opening near the top of the body.

WHY IT WORKS

“The two instruments differ in one visible way” is a full setup. What follows identifies or explains the idea. A colon can introduce that information.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: The words after the semicolon are not a full thought, and this is not a complex list.

A: The period leaves the following words as a sentence fragment.

C: The explanation or list needs a punctuation boundary after the complete setup.

Hack 14 · Lesson p. 172 · Practice p. 189
GA777-384 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q585 · ANSWER B

Here It Is! Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

benefit: a

SEE THE SHAPE

The project produced an unexpected benefit: a collection of family stories that had never been written down.

WHY IT WORKS

“The project produced an unexpected benefit” is a full setup. What follows identifies or explains the idea. A colon can introduce that information.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The words after the semicolon are not a full thought, and this is not a complex list.

C: The period leaves the following words as a sentence fragment.

D: The explanation or list needs a punctuation boundary after the complete setup.

Hack 14 · Lesson p. 172 · Practice p. 189
GA777-385 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q586 · ANSWER A

Here It Is! Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

explanation: a

SEE THE SHAPE

The team settled on the simplest explanation: a change in the direction of the prevailing wind.

WHY IT WORKS

“The team settled on the simplest explanation” is a full setup. What follows identifies or explains the idea. A colon can introduce that information.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: The words after the semicolon are not a full thought, and this is not a complex list.

D: The period leaves the following words as a sentence fragment.

B: The explanation or list needs a punctuation boundary after the complete setup.

Hack 14 · Lesson p. 172 · Practice p. 189
GA777-386 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q587 · ANSWER B

Here It Is! Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

precaution: the

SEE THE SHAPE

The instructions emphasize one precaution: the need to keep the cutting surface dry.

WHY IT WORKS

“The instructions emphasize one precaution” is a full setup. What follows identifies or explains the idea. A colon can introduce that information.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The words after the semicolon are not a full thought, and this is not a complex list.

C: The period leaves the following words as a sentence fragment.

D: The explanation or list needs a punctuation boundary after the complete setup.

Hack 14 · Lesson p. 172 · Practice p. 189
GA777-387 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q588 · ANSWER C

Here It Is! Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

description: an

SEE THE SHAPE

The recovered letter contains a rare description: an eyewitness account of the old market on a winter morning.

WHY IT WORKS

“The recovered letter contains a rare description” is a full setup. What follows identifies or explains the idea. A colon can introduce that information.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: The words after the semicolon are not a full thought, and this is not a complex list.

B: The period leaves the following words as a sentence fragment.

A: The explanation or list needs a punctuation boundary after the complete setup.

Hack 14 · Lesson p. 172 · Practice p. 190
GA777-388 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q589 · ANSWER D

Here It Is! Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

image: a

SEE THE SHAPE

The poet repeatedly returns to the same image: a lighted window seen from an empty street.

WHY IT WORKS

“The poet repeatedly returns to the same image” is a full setup. What follows identifies or explains the idea. A colon can introduce that information.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: The words after the semicolon are not a full thought, and this is not a complex list.

A: The period leaves the following words as a sentence fragment.

B: The explanation or list needs a punctuation boundary after the complete setup.

Hack 14 · Lesson p. 172 · Practice p. 190
GA777-389 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q590 · ANSWER D

Here It Is! Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

problem: the

SEE THE SHAPE

The new planting scheme addresses a common problem: the loss of shade when older trees must be removed.

WHY IT WORKS

“The new planting scheme addresses a common problem” is a full setup. What follows identifies or explains the idea. A colon can introduce that information.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The words after the semicolon are not a full thought, and this is not a complex list.

B: The period leaves the following words as a sentence fragment.

C: The explanation or list needs a punctuation boundary after the complete setup.

Hack 14 · Lesson p. 172 · Practice p. 190
GA777-390 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q591 · ANSWER A

Here It Is! Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

material: a

SEE THE SHAPE

The final box held the most delicate material: a group of thin glass plates containing early photographs.

WHY IT WORKS

“The final box held the most delicate material” is a full setup. What follows identifies or explains the idea. A colon can introduce that information.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: The words after the semicolon are not a full thought, and this is not a complex list.

B: The period leaves the following words as a sentence fragment.

C: The explanation or list needs a punctuation boundary after the complete setup.

Hack 14 · Lesson p. 172 · Practice p. 190
GA777-391 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q592 · ANSWER B

Here It Is! Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

contrast: dense

SEE THE SHAPE

The survey recorded a striking contrast: dense vegetation on one bank and exposed soil on the other.

WHY IT WORKS

“The survey recorded a striking contrast” is a full setup. What follows identifies or explains the idea. A colon can introduce that information.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: The words after the semicolon are not a full thought, and this is not a complex list.

A: The period leaves the following words as a sentence fragment.

C: The explanation or list needs a punctuation boundary after the complete setup.

Hack 14 · Lesson p. 172 · Practice p. 191
GA777-392 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q593 · ANSWER C

Here It Is! Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

sound: a

SEE THE SHAPE

The repaired instrument now has a distinctive sound: a soft tone with a faint metallic echo.

WHY IT WORKS

“The repaired instrument now has a distinctive sound” is a full setup. What follows identifies or explains the idea. A colon can introduce that information.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: The words after the semicolon are not a full thought, and this is not a complex list.

A: The period leaves the following words as a sentence fragment.

D: The explanation or list needs a punctuation boundary after the complete setup.

Hack 14 · Lesson p. 172 · Practice p. 191
GA777-393 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q594 · ANSWER A

Here It Is! Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

condition: a

SEE THE SHAPE

The experiment required one carefully controlled condition: a constant level of light throughout the observation period.

WHY IT WORKS

“The experiment required one carefully controlled condition” is a full setup. What follows identifies or explains the idea. A colon can introduce that information.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: The words after the semicolon are not a full thought, and this is not a complex list.

B: The period leaves the following words as a sentence fragment.

C: The explanation or list needs a punctuation boundary after the complete setup.

Hack 14 · Lesson p. 172 · Practice p. 191
GA777-394 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q595 · ANSWER C

Here It Is! Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

opportunity: a

SEE THE SHAPE

The revised schedule creates a welcome opportunity: a full afternoon for participants to exchange ideas.

WHY IT WORKS

“The revised schedule creates a welcome opportunity” is a full setup. What follows identifies or explains the idea. A colon can introduce that information.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: The words after the semicolon are not a full thought, and this is not a complex list.

A: The period leaves the following words as a sentence fragment.

D: The explanation or list needs a punctuation boundary after the complete setup.

Hack 14 · Lesson p. 172 · Practice p. 191
GA777-395 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q596 · ANSWER A

Here It Is! Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

recommendation: regular

SEE THE SHAPE

The report ends with a practical recommendation: regular inspections of the joints beneath the platform.

WHY IT WORKS

“The report ends with a practical recommendation” is a full setup. What follows identifies or explains the idea. A colon can introduce that information.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: The words after the semicolon are not a full thought, and this is not a complex list.

B: The period leaves the following words as a sentence fragment.

D: The explanation or list needs a punctuation boundary after the complete setup.

Hack 14 · Lesson p. 172 · Practice p. 192
GA777-396 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q597 · ANSWER C

Here It Is! Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

use: a

SEE THE SHAPE

The abandoned room contained evidence of its former use: a row of hooks once used to hang drying plants.

WHY IT WORKS

“The abandoned room contained evidence of its former use” is a full setup. What follows identifies or explains the idea. A colon can introduce that information.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: The words after the semicolon are not a full thought, and this is not a complex list.

A: The period leaves the following words as a sentence fragment.

B: The explanation or list needs a punctuation boundary after the complete setup.

Hack 14 · Lesson p. 172 · Practice p. 192
GA777-397 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q598 · ANSWER D

Ta-Da Dash Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

name—

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 173 · Practice p. 192
Earlier book Q201

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q599 · ANSWER D

Ta-Da Dash Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

empowerment—not only in India

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 173 · Practice p. 192
Earlier book Q202

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q600 · ANSWER A

Ta-Da Dash Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

untouched— a

SEE THE SHAPE

One object survived the fire almost untouched— a small stone seal stored beneath the floor.

WHY IT WORKS

“One object survived the fire almost untouched” is a full setup. What follows identifies or explains the idea. A dash can introduce that information.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: The words after the semicolon are not a full thought, and this is not a complex list.

C: The period leaves the following words as a sentence fragment.

D: The explanation or list needs a punctuation boundary after the complete setup.

Hack 15 · Lesson p. 173 · Practice p. 193
GA777-398 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q601 · ANSWER C

Ta-Da Dash Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

problem— a

SEE THE SHAPE

The final measurement revealed the source of the problem— a slight tilt in the supporting platform.

WHY IT WORKS

“The final measurement revealed the source of the problem” is a full setup. What follows identifies or explains the idea. A dash can introduce that information.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The words after the semicolon are not a full thought, and this is not a complex list.

B: The period leaves the following words as a sentence fragment.

D: The explanation or list needs a punctuation boundary after the complete setup.

Hack 15 · Lesson p. 173 · Practice p. 193
GA777-399 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q602 · ANSWER A

Ta-Da Dash Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

scene— a

SEE THE SHAPE

The painting contains one detail that changes the whole scene— a second figure reflected in the window.

WHY IT WORKS

“The painting contains one detail that changes the whole scene” is a full setup. What follows identifies or explains the idea. A dash can introduce that information.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: The words after the semicolon are not a full thought, and this is not a complex list.

D: The period leaves the following words as a sentence fragment.

B: The explanation or list needs a punctuation boundary after the complete setup.

Hack 15 · Lesson p. 173 · Practice p. 193
GA777-400 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q603 · ANSWER D

Ta-Da Dash Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

lacked— a

SEE THE SHAPE

The new path offers something the old route lacked— a sheltered place to stop beside the river.

WHY IT WORKS

“The new path offers something the old route lacked” is a full setup. What follows identifies or explains the idea. A dash can introduce that information.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: The words after the semicolon are not a full thought, and this is not a complex list.

A: The period leaves the following words as a sentence fragment.

B: The explanation or list needs a punctuation boundary after the complete setup.

Hack 15 · Lesson p. 173 · Practice p. 193
GA777-401 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q604 · ANSWER C

However Is Not But Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

ones; even so,

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 194 · Practice p. 201
Earlier book Q203

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q605 · ANSWER D

However Is Not But Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

prey; rather,

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 194 · Practice p. 201
Earlier book Q204

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q606 · ANSWER C

However Is Not But Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

moved; for example,

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 194 · Practice p. 201
Earlier book Q205

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q607 · ANSWER C

However Is Not But Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

novel; rather,

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 194 · Practice p. 201
Earlier book Q206

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q608 · ANSWER C

However Is Not But Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

dry; however, the

SEE THE SHAPE

The first sample appeared completely dry; however, the second still contained a small amount of moisture.

WHY IT WORKS

“The first sample appeared completely dry” and “the second still contained a small amount of moisture” are full thoughts. However is not a joining word like but. Put the strong boundary before however and a comma after it.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: Commas around however do not join two full thoughts.

D: However does not supply the missing sentence boundary.

B: However alone cannot stand between two semicolons as a full thought.

Hack 16 · Lesson p. 194 · Practice p. 202
GA777-402 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q609 · ANSWER C

However Is Not But Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

level; however, several

SEE THE SHAPE

The guidebook describes the path as level; however, several sections rise sharply above the river.

WHY IT WORKS

“The guidebook describes the path as level” and “several sections rise sharply above the river” are full thoughts. However is not a joining word like but. Put the strong boundary before however and a comma after it.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: Commas around however do not join two full thoughts.

D: However does not supply the missing sentence boundary.

B: However alone cannot stand between two semicolons as a full thought.

Hack 16 · Lesson p. 194 · Practice p. 202
GA777-403 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q610 · ANSWER C

However Is Not But Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

paragraph; however, a

SEE THE SHAPE

The earliest copies omit the final paragraph; however, a recently discovered manuscript includes it.

WHY IT WORKS

“The earliest copies omit the final paragraph” and “a recently discovered manuscript includes it” are full thoughts. However is not a joining word like but. Put the strong boundary before however and a comma after it.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: Commas around however do not join two full thoughts.

D: However does not supply the missing sentence boundary.

B: However alone cannot stand between two semicolons as a full thought.

Hack 16 · Lesson p. 194 · Practice p. 202
GA777-404 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q611 · ANSWER C

However Is Not But Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

electricity; however, it

SEE THE SHAPE

The smaller device uses less electricity; however, it cannot record measurements as frequently as the larger model.

WHY IT WORKS

“The smaller device uses less electricity” and “it cannot record measurements as frequently as the larger model” are full thoughts. However is not a joining word like but. Put the strong boundary before however and a comma after it.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: Commas around however do not join two full thoughts.

B: However does not supply the missing sentence boundary.

A: However alone cannot stand between two semicolons as a full thought.

Hack 16 · Lesson p. 194 · Practice p. 202
GA777-405 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q612 · ANSWER C

However Is Not But Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

notes; however, their

SEE THE SHAPE

The two melodies begin with the same sequence of notes; however, their later sections develop in different directions.

WHY IT WORKS

“The two melodies begin with the same sequence of notes” and “their later sections develop in different directions” are full thoughts. However is not a joining word like but. Put the strong boundary before however and a comma after it.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: Commas around however do not join two full thoughts.

B: However does not supply the missing sentence boundary.

D: However alone cannot stand between two semicolons as a full thought.

Hack 16 · Lesson p. 194 · Practice p. 203
GA777-406 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q613 · ANSWER B

However Is Not But Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

sunlight; however, the

SEE THE SHAPE

The western wall receives strong afternoon sunlight; however, the eastern wall remains shaded by nearby buildings.

WHY IT WORKS

“The western wall receives strong afternoon sunlight” and “the eastern wall remains shaded by nearby buildings” are full thoughts. However is not a joining word like but. Put the strong boundary before however and a comma after it.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: Commas around however do not join two full thoughts.

D: However does not supply the missing sentence boundary.

A: However alone cannot stand between two semicolons as a full thought.

Hack 16 · Lesson p. 194 · Practice p. 203
GA777-407 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q614 · ANSWER B

However Is Not But Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

road; however, a

SEE THE SHAPE

The first survey found no traces of the earlier road; however, a later survey detected a line of buried stones.

WHY IT WORKS

“The first survey found no traces of the earlier road” and “a later survey detected a line of buried stones” are full thoughts. However is not a joining word like but. Put the strong boundary before however and a comma after it.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: Commas around however do not join two full thoughts.

C: However does not supply the missing sentence boundary.

A: However alone cannot stand between two semicolons as a full thought.

Hack 16 · Lesson p. 194 · Practice p. 203
GA777-408 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q615 · ANSWER B

However Is Not But Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

edges; however, its

SEE THE SHAPE

The object looks fragile because of its thin edges; however, its curved shape makes it surprisingly resistant to pressure.

WHY IT WORKS

“The object looks fragile because of its thin edges” and “its curved shape makes it surprisingly resistant to pressure” are full thoughts. However is not a joining word like but. Put the strong boundary before however and a comma after it.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: Commas around however do not join two full thoughts.

D: However does not supply the missing sentence boundary.

A: However alone cannot stand between two semicolons as a full thought.

Hack 16 · Lesson p. 194 · Practice p. 203
GA777-409 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q616 · ANSWER B

Comma Sandwich Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

newts, for

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 196 · Practice p. 204
Earlier book Q207

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q617 · ANSWER A

Comma Sandwich Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

work, though,

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 196 · Practice p. 204
Earlier book Q208

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q618 · ANSWER C

Comma Sandwich Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

nickname, however,

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 196 · Practice p. 204
Earlier book Q209

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q619 · ANSWER B

Comma Sandwich Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

observation, however,

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 196 · Practice p. 204
Earlier book Q210

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q620 · ANSWER A

Comma Sandwich Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

1890, for example,

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 196 · Practice p. 205
Earlier book Q211

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q621 · ANSWER B

Comma Sandwich Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

model, however, required

SEE THE SHAPE

The second version of the model, however, required fewer moving parts than the first.

WHY IT WORKS

Remove however and read “The second version of the model required fewer moving parts than the first.” The sentence stays complete. Two commas hold the extra transition.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The semicolon incorrectly breaks the sentence before its main verb.

D: The semicolon after however splits the sentence core.

C: The colon appears before the sentence has a complete setup.

Hack 17 · Lesson p. 196 · Practice p. 205
GA777-410 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q622 · ANSWER A

Comma Sandwich Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

repairs, however, differed

SEE THE SHAPE

The measurements taken after the repairs, however, differed from those collected before the equipment was adjusted.

WHY IT WORKS

Remove however and read “The measurements taken after the repairs differed from those collected before the equipment was adjusted.” The sentence stays complete. Two commas hold the extra transition.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: The semicolon incorrectly breaks the sentence before its main verb.

B: The semicolon after however splits the sentence core.

C: The colon appears before the sentence has a complete setup.

Hack 17 · Lesson p. 196 · Practice p. 205
GA777-411 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q623 · ANSWER B

Comma Sandwich Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

poem, however, contains

SEE THE SHAPE

The oldest surviving copy of the poem, however, contains a different ending.

WHY IT WORKS

Remove however and read “The oldest surviving copy of the poem contains a different ending.” The sentence stays complete. Two commas hold the extra transition.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: The semicolon incorrectly breaks the sentence before its main verb.

A: The semicolon after however splits the sentence core.

C: The colon appears before the sentence has a complete setup.

Hack 17 · Lesson p. 196 · Practice p. 205
GA777-412 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q624 · ANSWER D

Comma Sandwich Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

storeroom, however, held

SEE THE SHAPE

The smaller containers in the back of the storeroom, however, held the most valuable samples.

WHY IT WORKS

Remove however and read “The smaller containers in the back of the storeroom held the most valuable samples.” The sentence stays complete. Two commas hold the extra transition.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: The semicolon incorrectly breaks the sentence before its main verb.

C: The semicolon after however splits the sentence core.

A: The colon appears before the sentence has a complete setup.

Hack 17 · Lesson p. 196 · Practice p. 206
GA777-413 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q625 · ANSWER D

Comma Sandwich Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

lake, however, remained

SEE THE SHAPE

The road along the southern edge of the lake, however, remained open throughout the storm.

WHY IT WORKS

Remove however and read “The road along the southern edge of the lake remained open throughout the storm.” The sentence stays complete. Two commas hold the extra transition.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The semicolon incorrectly breaks the sentence before its main verb.

B: The semicolon after however splits the sentence core.

C: The colon appears before the sentence has a complete setup.

Hack 17 · Lesson p. 196 · Practice p. 206
GA777-414 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q626 · ANSWER D

Comma Sandwich Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

committee, however, included

SEE THE SHAPE

The final design chosen by the committee, however, included a covered waiting area.

WHY IT WORKS

Remove however and read “The final design chosen by the committee included a covered waiting area.” The sentence stays complete. Two commas hold the extra transition.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The semicolon incorrectly breaks the sentence before its main verb.

C: The semicolon after however splits the sentence core.

B: The colon appears before the sentence has a complete setup.

Hack 17 · Lesson p. 196 · Practice p. 206
GA777-415 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q627 · ANSWER C

Comma Sandwich Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

wall, however, produced

SEE THE SHAPE

The plants growing closest to the shaded wall, however, produced flowers later in the season.

WHY IT WORKS

Remove however and read “The plants growing closest to the shaded wall produced flowers later in the season.” The sentence stays complete. Two commas hold the extra transition.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The semicolon incorrectly breaks the sentence before its main verb.

D: The semicolon after however splits the sentence core.

B: The colon appears before the sentence has a complete setup.

Hack 17 · Lesson p. 196 · Practice p. 206
GA777-416 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q628 · ANSWER B

Comma Sandwich Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

rehearsal, however, captured

SEE THE SHAPE

The recording made during the rehearsal, however, captured a clearer version of the spoken introduction.

WHY IT WORKS

Remove however and read “The recording made during the rehearsal captured a clearer version of the spoken introduction.” The sentence stays complete. Two commas hold the extra transition.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: The semicolon incorrectly breaks the sentence before its main verb.

C: The semicolon after however splits the sentence core.

A: The colon appears before the sentence has a complete setup.

Hack 17 · Lesson p. 196 · Practice p. 207
GA777-417 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q629 · ANSWER A

Comma Sandwich Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

guidebook, however, omits

SEE THE SHAPE

The map printed in the revised guidebook, however, omits several minor paths shown in the earlier edition.

WHY IT WORKS

Remove however and read “The map printed in the revised guidebook omits several minor paths shown in the earlier edition.” The sentence stays complete. Two commas hold the extra transition.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: The semicolon incorrectly breaks the sentence before its main verb.

B: The semicolon after however splits the sentence core.

C: The colon appears before the sentence has a complete setup.

Hack 17 · Lesson p. 196 · Practice p. 207
GA777-418 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q630 · ANSWER B

Comma Sandwich Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

excavation, however, suggests

SEE THE SHAPE

The evidence from the deepest layer of the excavation, however, suggests a much earlier period of occupation.

WHY IT WORKS

Remove however and read “The evidence from the deepest layer of the excavation suggests a much earlier period of occupation.” The sentence stays complete. Two commas hold the extra transition.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The semicolon incorrectly breaks the sentence before its main verb.

D: The semicolon after however splits the sentence core.

C: The colon appears before the sentence has a complete setup.

Hack 17 · Lesson p. 196 · Practice p. 207
GA777-419 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q631 · ANSWER D

Which Thought? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

case, though;

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 198 · Practice p. 207
Earlier book Q212

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q632 · ANSWER B

Which Thought? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

speculative, though;

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 198 · Practice p. 208
Earlier book Q213

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q633 · ANSWER A

Which Thought? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

single-handedly, however;

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 198 · Practice p. 208
Earlier book Q214

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q634 · ANSWER A

Which Thought? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

information, though;

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 198 · Practice p. 208
Earlier book Q215

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q635 · ANSWER D

Which Thought? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

however. It

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 198 · Practice p. 208
Earlier book Q216

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q636 · ANSWER C

Which Thought? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

conservation, though;

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 198 · Practice p. 209
Earlier book Q217

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q637 · ANSWER D

Which Thought? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

1929, for one. The

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 198 · Practice p. 209
Earlier book Q218

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q638 · ANSWER B

Which Thought? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

pristine, though;

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 198 · Practice p. 209
Earlier book Q219

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q639 · ANSWER A

Which Thought? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

effect, though;

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 198 · Practice p. 209
Earlier book Q220

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q640 · ANSWER D

Which Thought? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

languages, however;

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 198 · Practice p. 210
Earlier book Q221

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q641 · ANSWER A

Which Thought? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

equations, though:

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 198 · Practice p. 210
Earlier book Q222

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q642 · ANSWER C

Which Thought? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

antiquity, however;

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 198 · Practice p. 210
Earlier book Q223

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q643 · ANSWER A

Which Thought? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

competitions, however:

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 198 · Practice p. 210
Earlier book Q224

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q644 · ANSWER C

Which Thought? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

remained, however: a

SEE THE SHAPE

One object remained, however: a sealed wooden box.

WHY IT WORKS

However looks back to the contrast with the previous sentence. Put a comma before however. The colon then introduces the thing just mentioned.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The semicolon leaves however followed by a noun phrase, not a full thought.

B: The words after the semicolon are a noun phrase, not a full thought or a complex list item.

D: The transition and the following explanation are not properly separated.

Hack 18 · Lesson p. 198 · Practice p. 211
GA777-420 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q645 · ANSWER C

Which Thought? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

affordable, however: a

SEE THE SHAPE

One plan was affordable, however: a volunteer survey using borrowed measuring tools.

WHY IT WORKS

However looks back to the contrast with the previous sentence. Put a comma before however. The colon then introduces the thing just mentioned.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The semicolon leaves however followed by a noun phrase, not a full thought.

D: The words after the semicolon are a noun phrase, not a full thought or a complex list item.

B: The transition and the following explanation are not properly separated.

Hack 18 · Lesson p. 198 · Practice p. 211
GA777-421 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q646 · ANSWER B

Which Thought? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

intact, however: a

SEE THE SHAPE

A single detail was intact, however: a painted border beneath the window.

WHY IT WORKS

However looks back to the contrast with the previous sentence. Put a comma before however. The colon then introduces the thing just mentioned.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: The semicolon leaves however followed by a noun phrase, not a full thought.

C: The words after the semicolon are a noun phrase, not a full thought or a complex list item.

A: The transition and the following explanation are not properly separated.

Hack 18 · Lesson p. 198 · Practice p. 211
GA777-422 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q647 · ANSWER D

Which Thought? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

visible, however: a

SEE THE SHAPE

One difference was visible, however: a pale band around the edge of the smallest sample.

WHY IT WORKS

However looks back to the contrast with the previous sentence. Put a comma before however. The colon then introduces the thing just mentioned.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The semicolon leaves however followed by a noun phrase, not a full thought.

B: The words after the semicolon are a noun phrase, not a full thought or a complex list item.

C: The transition and the following explanation are not properly separated.

Hack 18 · Lesson p. 198 · Practice p. 211
GA777-423 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q648 · ANSWER B

Which Thought? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

remained, however: a

SEE THE SHAPE

One obstacle remained, however: a steep step between the street and the doorway.

WHY IT WORKS

However looks back to the contrast with the previous sentence. Put a comma before however. The colon then introduces the thing just mentioned.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: The semicolon leaves however followed by a noun phrase, not a full thought.

C: The words after the semicolon are a noun phrase, not a full thought or a complex list item.

A: The transition and the following explanation are not properly separated.

Hack 18 · Lesson p. 198 · Practice p. 212
GA777-424 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q649 · ANSWER A

Which Thought? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

missing, however: the

SEE THE SHAPE

One item was missing, however: the smallest of the three measuring instruments.

WHY IT WORKS

However looks back to the contrast with the previous sentence. Put a comma before however. The colon then introduces the thing just mentioned.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: The semicolon leaves however followed by a noun phrase, not a full thought.

B: The words after the semicolon are a noun phrase, not a full thought or a complex list item.

D: The transition and the following explanation are not properly separated.

Hack 18 · Lesson p. 198 · Practice p. 212
GA777-425 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q650 · ANSWER D

Which Thought? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

reason, however: a

SEE THE SHAPE

A later letter offered a reason, however: a damaged wheel on the supply wagon.

WHY IT WORKS

However looks back to the contrast with the previous sentence. Put a comma before however. The colon then introduces the thing just mentioned.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: The semicolon leaves however followed by a noun phrase, not a full thought.

A: The words after the semicolon are a noun phrase, not a full thought or a complex list item.

C: The transition and the following explanation are not properly separated.

Hack 18 · Lesson p. 198 · Practice p. 212
GA777-426 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q651 · ANSWER A

Which Thought? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

move, however: a

SEE THE SHAPE

One component could move, however: a narrow plate above the main opening.

WHY IT WORKS

However looks back to the contrast with the previous sentence. Put a comma before however. The colon then introduces the thing just mentioned.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: The semicolon leaves however followed by a noun phrase, not a full thought.

B: The words after the semicolon are a noun phrase, not a full thought or a complex list item.

C: The transition and the following explanation are not properly separated.

Hack 18 · Lesson p. 198 · Practice p. 212
GA777-427 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q652 · ANSWER C

Which Thought? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

readable, however: a

SEE THE SHAPE

One document was readable, however: a neatly folded list of household expenses.

WHY IT WORKS

However looks back to the contrast with the previous sentence. Put a comma before however. The colon then introduces the thing just mentioned.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: The semicolon leaves however followed by a noun phrase, not a full thought.

A: The words after the semicolon are a noun phrase, not a full thought or a complex list item.

D: The transition and the following explanation are not properly separated.

Hack 18 · Lesson p. 198 · Practice p. 213
GA777-428 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q653 · ANSWER D

Which Thought? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

stayed, however: a

SEE THE SHAPE

One species stayed, however: a small finch that fed on seeds near the village.

WHY IT WORKS

However looks back to the contrast with the previous sentence. Put a comma before however. The colon then introduces the thing just mentioned.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The semicolon leaves however followed by a noun phrase, not a full thought.

B: The words after the semicolon are a noun phrase, not a full thought or a complex list item.

C: The transition and the following explanation are not properly separated.

Hack 18 · Lesson p. 198 · Practice p. 213
GA777-429 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q654 · ANSWER D

Which Thought? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

protection, however: a

SEE THE SHAPE

The revised plan added protection, however: a broad roof extending over the entrance.

WHY IT WORKS

However looks back to the contrast with the previous sentence. Put a comma before however. The colon then introduces the thing just mentioned.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: The semicolon leaves however followed by a noun phrase, not a full thought.

A: The words after the semicolon are a noun phrase, not a full thought or a complex list item.

C: The transition and the following explanation are not properly separated.

Hack 18 · Lesson p. 198 · Practice p. 213
GA777-430 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q655 · ANSWER A

Which Thought? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

survived, however: a

SEE THE SHAPE

One description survived, however: a brief entry in a private diary.

WHY IT WORKS

However looks back to the contrast with the previous sentence. Put a comma before however. The colon then introduces the thing just mentioned.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: The semicolon leaves however followed by a noun phrase, not a full thought.

C: The words after the semicolon are a noun phrase, not a full thought or a complex list item.

D: The transition and the following explanation are not properly separated.

Hack 18 · Lesson p. 198 · Practice p. 213
GA777-431 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q656 · ANSWER B

Which Thought? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

stop, however: a

SEE THE SHAPE

The new route included another stop, however: a recently restored room above the entrance hall.

WHY IT WORKS

However looks back to the contrast with the previous sentence. Put a comma before however. The colon then introduces the thing just mentioned.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: The semicolon leaves however followed by a noun phrase, not a full thought.

A: The words after the semicolon are a noun phrase, not a full thought or a complex list item.

C: The transition and the following explanation are not properly separated.

Hack 18 · Lesson p. 198 · Practice p. 214
GA777-432 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q657 · ANSWER D

Which Thought? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

support, however: a

SEE THE SHAPE

The excavation revealed a support, however: a wide stone slab beneath the central post.

WHY IT WORKS

However looks back to the contrast with the previous sentence. Put a comma before however. The colon then introduces the thing just mentioned.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: The semicolon leaves however followed by a noun phrase, not a full thought.

A: The words after the semicolon are a noun phrase, not a full thought or a complex list item.

B: The transition and the following explanation are not properly separated.

Hack 18 · Lesson p. 198 · Practice p. 214
GA777-433 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q658 · ANSWER C

Which Thought? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

wood, however: a

SEE THE SHAPE

One used local wood, however: a small flute carved from a fallen branch.

WHY IT WORKS

However looks back to the contrast with the previous sentence. Put a comma before however. The colon then introduces the thing just mentioned.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: The semicolon leaves however followed by a noun phrase, not a full thought.

A: The words after the semicolon are a noun phrase, not a full thought or a complex list item.

D: The transition and the following explanation are not properly separated.

Hack 18 · Lesson p. 198 · Practice p. 214
GA777-434 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q659 · ANSWER B

Which Thought? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

seating, however: a

SEE THE SHAPE

The finished garden included seating, however: a curved bench beneath the oldest tree.

WHY IT WORKS

However looks back to the contrast with the previous sentence. Put a comma before however. The colon then introduces the thing just mentioned.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The semicolon leaves however followed by a noun phrase, not a full thought.

C: The words after the semicolon are a noun phrase, not a full thought or a complex list item.

D: The transition and the following explanation are not properly separated.

Hack 18 · Lesson p. 198 · Practice p. 214
GA777-435 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q660 · ANSWER C

Which Thought? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

entrance, however: a

SEE THE SHAPE

A second inspection revealed an entrance, however: a low doorway hidden behind stacked boxes.

WHY IT WORKS

However looks back to the contrast with the previous sentence. Put a comma before however. The colon then introduces the thing just mentioned.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: The semicolon leaves however followed by a noun phrase, not a full thought.

D: The words after the semicolon are a noun phrase, not a full thought or a complex list item.

A: The transition and the following explanation are not properly separated.

Hack 18 · Lesson p. 198 · Practice p. 215
GA777-436 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q661 · ANSWER D

Which Thought? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

matter, however: a

SEE THE SHAPE

One concerns a personal matter, however: a request for news of a missing relative.

WHY IT WORKS

However looks back to the contrast with the previous sentence. Put a comma before however. The colon then introduces the thing just mentioned.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: The semicolon leaves however followed by a noun phrase, not a full thought.

A: The words after the semicolon are a noun phrase, not a full thought or a complex list item.

C: The transition and the following explanation are not properly separated.

Hack 18 · Lesson p. 198 · Practice p. 215
GA777-437 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q662 · ANSWER D

Which Thought? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

else, however: a

SEE THE SHAPE

It held something else, however: a metal tag stamped with a date.

WHY IT WORKS

However looks back to the contrast with the previous sentence. Put a comma before however. The colon then introduces the thing just mentioned.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: The semicolon leaves however followed by a noun phrase, not a full thought.

A: The words after the semicolon are a noun phrase, not a full thought or a complex list item.

C: The transition and the following explanation are not properly separated.

Hack 18 · Lesson p. 198 · Practice p. 215
GA777-438 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q663 · ANSWER D

Which Thought? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

pause, however: a

SEE THE SHAPE

The revised schedule included a pause, however: a short interval for questions from the audience.

WHY IT WORKS

However looks back to the contrast with the previous sentence. Put a comma before however. The colon then introduces the thing just mentioned.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: The semicolon leaves however followed by a noun phrase, not a full thought.

B: The words after the semicolon are a noun phrase, not a full thought or a complex list item.

A: The transition and the following explanation are not properly separated.

Hack 18 · Lesson p. 198 · Practice p. 215
GA777-439 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q664 · ANSWER D

Which Thought? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

species, however: a

SEE THE SHAPE

The new survey found one species, however: a low-growing plant with tiny white blossoms.

WHY IT WORKS

However looks back to the contrast with the previous sentence. Put a comma before however. The colon then introduces the thing just mentioned.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: The semicolon leaves however followed by a noun phrase, not a full thought.

B: The words after the semicolon are a noun phrase, not a full thought or a complex list item.

A: The transition and the following explanation are not properly separated.

Hack 18 · Lesson p. 198 · Practice p. 216
GA777-440 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q665 · ANSWER B

Which Thought? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

pattern, however: a

SEE THE SHAPE

The restoration uncovered a pattern, however: a ring of stars hidden beneath later paint.

WHY IT WORKS

However looks back to the contrast with the previous sentence. Put a comma before however. The colon then introduces the thing just mentioned.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The semicolon leaves however followed by a noun phrase, not a full thought.

D: The words after the semicolon are a noun phrase, not a full thought or a complex list item.

C: The transition and the following explanation are not properly separated.

Hack 18 · Lesson p. 198 · Practice p. 216
GA777-441 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q666 · ANSWER B

Which Thought? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

narrow, however: a

SEE THE SHAPE

One section was narrow, however: a ledge beside the waterfall.

WHY IT WORKS

However looks back to the contrast with the previous sentence. Put a comma before however. The colon then introduces the thing just mentioned.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: The semicolon leaves however followed by a noun phrase, not a full thought.

D: The words after the semicolon are a noun phrase, not a full thought or a complex list item.

A: The transition and the following explanation are not properly separated.

Hack 18 · Lesson p. 198 · Practice p. 216
GA777-442 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q667 · ANSWER A

Which Thought? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

one, however: a

SEE THE SHAPE

A later version named one, however: a small amount of powdered red fruit.

WHY IT WORKS

However looks back to the contrast with the previous sentence. Put a comma before however. The colon then introduces the thing just mentioned.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: The semicolon leaves however followed by a noun phrase, not a full thought.

C: The words after the semicolon are a noun phrase, not a full thought or a complex list item.

D: The transition and the following explanation are not properly separated.

Hack 18 · Lesson p. 198 · Practice p. 216
GA777-443 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q668 · ANSWER C

Which Thought? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

turn, however: a

SEE THE SHAPE

One part could turn, however: a circular disk at the center of the base.

WHY IT WORKS

However looks back to the contrast with the previous sentence. Put a comma before however. The colon then introduces the thing just mentioned.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: The semicolon leaves however followed by a noun phrase, not a full thought.

A: The words after the semicolon are a noun phrase, not a full thought or a complex list item.

B: The transition and the following explanation are not properly separated.

Hack 18 · Lesson p. 198 · Practice p. 217
GA777-444 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q669 · ANSWER C

Which Thought? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

object, however: a

SEE THE SHAPE

The revised inventory added a small object, however: a carved wooden spoon found in a drawer.

WHY IT WORKS

However looks back to the contrast with the previous sentence. Put a comma before however. The colon then introduces the thing just mentioned.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The semicolon leaves however followed by a noun phrase, not a full thought.

B: The words after the semicolon are a noun phrase, not a full thought or a complex list item.

D: The transition and the following explanation are not properly separated.

Hack 18 · Lesson p. 198 · Practice p. 217
GA777-445 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q670 · ANSWER D

List Comma Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

life,

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 218 · Practice p. 222
Earlier book Q225

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q671 · ANSWER D

List Comma Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

libraries, train

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 218 · Practice p. 222
Earlier book Q226

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q672 · ANSWER B

List Comma Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

themselves,

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 218 · Practice p. 222
Earlier book Q227

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q673 · ANSWER C

List Comma Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

(1981), El Norte (1983),

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 218 · Practice p. 222
Earlier book Q228

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q674 · ANSWER B

List Comma Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

variables, travel to greater depths,

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 218 · Practice p. 223
Earlier book Q229

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q675 · ANSWER C

List Comma Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

climate, famous residents,

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 218 · Practice p. 223
Earlier book Q230

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q676 · ANSWER B

List Comma Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

climate, famous residents,

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 218 · Practice p. 223
Earlier book Q231

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q677 · ANSWER B

List Comma Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

climate, famous residents,

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 218 · Practice p. 223
Earlier book Q232

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q678 · ANSWER B

List Comma Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

sketching, folding, and weaving

SEE THE SHAPE

Three items: sketching / folding / weaving.

WHY IT WORKS

Find the three list items. Put the separators between the items. And belongs directly with the last item; do not put a comma immediately after and.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: The comma is misplaced after and.

A: The comma after and separates it from the final item.

C: The separators are inconsistent, and the comma after and incorrectly cuts off the final item.

Hack 19 · Lesson p. 218 · Practice p. 224
GA777-446 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q679 · ANSWER C

List Comma Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

weeding, pruning, and watering

SEE THE SHAPE

Three items: weeding / pruning / watering.

WHY IT WORKS

Find the three list items. Put the separators between the items. And belongs directly with the last item; do not put a comma immediately after and.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: The comma is misplaced after and.

A: The comma after and separates it from the final item.

D: The separators are inconsistent, and the comma after and incorrectly cuts off the final item.

Hack 19 · Lesson p. 218 · Practice p. 224
GA777-447 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q680 · ANSWER C

List Comma Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

planning, testing, and revising

SEE THE SHAPE

Three items: planning / testing / revising.

WHY IT WORKS

Find the three list items. Put the separators between the items. And belongs directly with the last item; do not put a comma immediately after and.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The comma is misplaced after and.

D: The comma after and separates it from the final item.

B: The separators are inconsistent, and the comma after and incorrectly cuts off the final item.

Hack 19 · Lesson p. 218 · Practice p. 224
GA777-448 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q681 · ANSWER A

List Comma Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

reading maps, measuring distances, and recording observations

SEE THE SHAPE

Three items: reading maps / measuring distances / recording observations.

WHY IT WORKS

Find the three list items. Put the separators between the items. And belongs directly with the last item; do not put a comma immediately after and.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: The comma is misplaced after and.

B: The comma after and separates it from the final item.

C: The separators are inconsistent, and the comma after and incorrectly cuts off the final item.

Hack 19 · Lesson p. 218 · Practice p. 224
GA777-449 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q682 · ANSWER A

List Comma Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

removing damaged boards, fitting new supports, and sealing exposed joints

SEE THE SHAPE

Three items: removing damaged boards / fitting new supports / sealing exposed joints.

WHY IT WORKS

Find the three list items. Put the separators between the items. And belongs directly with the last item; do not put a comma immediately after and.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: The comma is misplaced after and.

B: The comma after and separates it from the final item.

C: The separators are inconsistent, and the comma after and incorrectly cuts off the final item.

Hack 19 · Lesson p. 218 · Practice p. 225
GA777-450 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q683 · ANSWER B

List Comma Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

a concert in the square, a reading in the library, and a dance performance in the park

SEE THE SHAPE

Three items: a concert in the square / a reading in the library / a dance performance in the park.

WHY IT WORKS

Find the three list items. Put the separators between the items. And belongs directly with the last item; do not put a comma immediately after and.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The comma is misplaced after and.

C: The comma after and separates it from the final item.

D: The separators are inconsistent, and the comma after and incorrectly cuts off the final item.

Hack 19 · Lesson p. 218 · Practice p. 225
GA777-451 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q684 · ANSWER B

List Comma Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

the shape of each leaf, the length of each stem, and the number of flowers on each plant

SEE THE SHAPE

Three items: the shape of each leaf / the length of each stem / the number of flowers on each plant.

WHY IT WORKS

Find the three list items. Put the separators between the items. And belongs directly with the last item; do not put a comma immediately after and.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: The comma is misplaced after and.

C: The comma after and separates it from the final item.

D: The separators are inconsistent, and the comma after and incorrectly cuts off the final item.

Hack 19 · Lesson p. 218 · Practice p. 225
GA777-452 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q685 · ANSWER A

List Comma Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

the tension in the cables, the condition of the pulleys, and the position of the support posts

SEE THE SHAPE

Three items: the tension in the cables / the condition of the pulleys / the position of the support posts.

WHY IT WORKS

Find the three list items. Put the separators between the items. And belongs directly with the last item; do not put a comma immediately after and.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: The comma is misplaced after and.

B: The comma after and separates it from the final item.

C: The separators are inconsistent, and the comma after and incorrectly cuts off the final item.

Hack 19 · Lesson p. 218 · Practice p. 225
GA777-453 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q686 · ANSWER D

List Comma Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

how the object was made, where it was found, and why it was preserved

SEE THE SHAPE

Three items: how the object was made / where it was found / why it was preserved.

WHY IT WORKS

Find the three list items. Put the separators between the items. And belongs directly with the last item; do not put a comma immediately after and.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: The comma is misplaced after and.

A: The comma after and separates it from the final item.

B: The separators are inconsistent, and the comma after and incorrectly cuts off the final item.

Hack 19 · Lesson p. 218 · Practice p. 226
GA777-454 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q687 · ANSWER A

List Comma Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

the paths they used, the places they avoided, and the improvements they wanted

SEE THE SHAPE

Three items: the paths they used / the places they avoided / the improvements they wanted.

WHY IT WORKS

Find the three list items. Put the separators between the items. And belongs directly with the last item; do not put a comma immediately after and.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: The comma is misplaced after and.

B: The comma after and separates it from the final item.

D: The separators are inconsistent, and the comma after and incorrectly cuts off the final item.

Hack 19 · Lesson p. 218 · Practice p. 226
GA777-455 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q688 · ANSWER A

List Comma Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

drawing curved lines, cutting straight edges, and joining flat surfaces

SEE THE SHAPE

Three items: drawing curved lines / cutting straight edges / joining flat surfaces.

WHY IT WORKS

Find the three list items. Put the separators between the items. And belongs directly with the last item; do not put a comma immediately after and.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: The comma is misplaced after and.

B: The comma after and separates it from the final item.

D: The separators are inconsistent, and the comma after and incorrectly cuts off the final item.

Hack 19 · Lesson p. 218 · Practice p. 226
GA777-456 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q689 · ANSWER C

List Comma Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

changes in the river, damage to the roads, and repairs to the bridges

SEE THE SHAPE

Three items: changes in the river / damage to the roads / repairs to the bridges.

WHY IT WORKS

Find the three list items. Put the separators between the items. And belongs directly with the last item; do not put a comma immediately after and.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: The comma is misplaced after and.

A: The comma after and separates it from the final item.

D: The separators are inconsistent, and the comma after and incorrectly cuts off the final item.

Hack 19 · Lesson p. 218 · Practice p. 226
GA777-457 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q690 · ANSWER C

List Comma Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

letters from residents, notes from inspectors, and estimates from builders

SEE THE SHAPE

Three items: letters from residents / notes from inspectors / estimates from builders.

WHY IT WORKS

Find the three list items. Put the separators between the items. And belongs directly with the last item; do not put a comma immediately after and.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: The comma is misplaced after and.

A: The comma after and separates it from the final item.

D: The separators are inconsistent, and the comma after and incorrectly cuts off the final item.

Hack 19 · Lesson p. 218 · Practice p. 227
GA777-458 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q691 · ANSWER A

List Comma Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

photographs of the harbor, models of sailing vessels, and tools used by boatbuilders

SEE THE SHAPE

Three items: photographs of the harbor / models of sailing vessels / tools used by boatbuilders.

WHY IT WORKS

Find the three list items. Put the separators between the items. And belongs directly with the last item; do not put a comma immediately after and.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: The comma is misplaced after and.

D: The comma after and separates it from the final item.

C: The separators are inconsistent, and the comma after and incorrectly cuts off the final item.

Hack 19 · Lesson p. 218 · Practice p. 227
GA777-459 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q692 · ANSWER D

List Comma Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

heating the liquid, measuring its volume, and recording its color

SEE THE SHAPE

Three items: heating the liquid / measuring its volume / recording its color.

WHY IT WORKS

Find the three list items. Put the separators between the items. And belongs directly with the last item; do not put a comma immediately after and.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: The comma is misplaced after and.

A: The comma after and separates it from the final item.

B: The separators are inconsistent, and the comma after and incorrectly cuts off the final item.

Hack 19 · Lesson p. 218 · Practice p. 227
GA777-460 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q693 · ANSWER B

List Comma Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

diaries kept by travelers, maps drawn by surveyors, and songs collected by teachers

SEE THE SHAPE

Three items: diaries kept by travelers / maps drawn by surveyors / songs collected by teachers.

WHY IT WORKS

Find the three list items. Put the separators between the items. And belongs directly with the last item; do not put a comma immediately after and.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: The comma is misplaced after and.

A: The comma after and separates it from the final item.

D: The separators are inconsistent, and the comma after and incorrectly cuts off the final item.

Hack 19 · Lesson p. 218 · Practice p. 227
GA777-461 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q694 · ANSWER C

Super List Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

return;

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 220 · Practice p. 228
Earlier book Q233

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q695 · ANSWER B

Super List Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

practice at the time;

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 220 · Practice p. 228
Earlier book Q234

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q696 · ANSWER B

Super List Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

leaves; man-made trash,

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 220 · Practice p. 228
Earlier book Q235

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q697 · ANSWER B

Super List Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

species, both native and nonnative;

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 220 · Practice p. 228
Earlier book Q236

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q698 · ANSWER A

Super List Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

significance; depictions

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 220 · Practice p. 229
Earlier book Q237

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q699 · ANSWER B

Super List Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Lagos; A Kind of Marriage,

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 220 · Practice p. 229
Earlier book Q238

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q700 · ANSWER D

Super List Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Stanford;

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 220 · Practice p. 229
Earlier book Q239

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q701 · ANSWER C

Super List Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

items; managing

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 220 · Practice p. 229
Earlier book Q240

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q702 · ANSWER C

Super List Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Basic, in 2009; an online television network,

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 220 · Practice p. 230
Earlier book Q241

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q703 · ANSWER D

Super List Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

target; maintaining

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 220 · Practice p. 230
Earlier book Q242

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q704 · ANSWER A

Super List Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

botanist; Luis,

SEE THE SHAPE

The panel included three speakers: Asha, a botanist; Luis, a geologist; and Mei, a historian.

WHY IT WORKS

Each main item has a comma inside it. Semicolons separate the larger items. The semicolon already printed before and shows the pattern to follow.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: This comma blurs the boundary between two main list items.

C: A colon does not match the semicolon separating the other main items.

B: The boundary between two main list items is missing.

Hack 20 · Lesson p. 220 · Practice p. 230
GA777-462 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q705 · ANSWER C

Super List Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

navigation; a

SEE THE SHAPE

The exhibition featured three objects: a compass, used for navigation; a scale, used for weighing cargo; and a clock, used for keeping watch.

WHY IT WORKS

Each main item has a comma inside it. Semicolons separate the larger items. The semicolon already printed before and shows the pattern to follow.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: This comma blurs the boundary between two main list items.

B: A colon does not match the semicolon separating the other main items.

D: The boundary between two main list items is missing.

Hack 20 · Lesson p. 220 · Practice p. 230
GA777-463 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q706 · ANSWER D

Super List Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

soil; the

SEE THE SHAPE

The survey covered three areas: the meadow, a site with deep soil; the ridge, a site with shallow soil; and the marsh, a site with standing water.

WHY IT WORKS

Each main item has a comma inside it. Semicolons separate the larger items. The semicolon already printed before and shows the pattern to follow.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: This comma blurs the boundary between two main list items.

C: A colon does not match the semicolon separating the other main items.

A: The boundary between two main list items is missing.

Hack 20 · Lesson p. 220 · Practice p. 231
GA777-464 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q707 · ANSWER D

Super List Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Rina; recorder,

SEE THE SHAPE

The team assigned three roles: organizer, held by Rina; recorder, held by Tomas; and photographer, held by Noor.

WHY IT WORKS

Each main item has a comma inside it. Semicolons separate the larger items. The semicolon already printed before and shows the pattern to follow.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: This comma blurs the boundary between two main list items.

A: A colon does not match the semicolon separating the other main items.

B: The boundary between two main list items is missing.

Hack 20 · Lesson p. 220 · Practice p. 231
GA777-465 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q708 · ANSWER C

Super List Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

voyage; a

SEE THE SHAPE

The reading list contained three works: a diary, written during a voyage; a report, prepared after the return; and a poem, composed many years later.

WHY IT WORKS

Each main item has a comma inside it. Semicolons separate the larger items. The semicolon already printed before and shows the pattern to follow.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: This comma blurs the boundary between two main list items.

A: A colon does not match the semicolon separating the other main items.

B: The boundary between two main list items is missing.

Hack 20 · Lesson p. 220 · Practice p. 231
GA777-466 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q709 · ANSWER A

Super List Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

hand; wood,

SEE THE SHAPE

The workshop used three materials: clay, which could be shaped by hand; wood, which required cutting tools; and wire, which could be bent into frames.

WHY IT WORKS

Each main item has a comma inside it. Semicolons separate the larger items. The semicolon already printed before and shows the pattern to follow.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: This comma blurs the boundary between two main list items.

D: A colon does not match the semicolon separating the other main items.

C: The boundary between two main list items is missing.

Hack 20 · Lesson p. 220 · Practice p. 231
GA777-467 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q710 · ANSWER C

Super List Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

walkers; the

SEE THE SHAPE

The guide describes three routes: the coastal path, suitable for experienced walkers; the garden loop, suitable for beginners; and the river trail, suitable for cyclists.

WHY IT WORKS

Each main item has a comma inside it. Semicolons separate the larger items. The semicolon already printed before and shows the pattern to follow.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: This comma blurs the boundary between two main list items.

B: A colon does not match the semicolon separating the other main items.

A: The boundary between two main list items is missing.

Hack 20 · Lesson p. 220 · Practice p. 232
GA777-468 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q711 · ANSWER D

Super List Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

skin; a

SEE THE SHAPE

The musicians played three instruments: a drum, made from wood and skin; a flute, carved from a reed; and a bell, cast in bronze.

WHY IT WORKS

Each main item has a comma inside it. Semicolons separate the larger items. The semicolon already printed before and shows the pattern to follow.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: This comma blurs the boundary between two main list items.

A: A colon does not match the semicolon separating the other main items.

C: The boundary between two main list items is missing.

Hack 20 · Lesson p. 220 · Practice p. 232
GA777-469 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q712 · ANSWER A

Super List Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

spring; leaves,

SEE THE SHAPE

The cabinet held three groups of samples: seeds, collected in spring; leaves, collected in summer; and fruit, collected in autumn.

WHY IT WORKS

Each main item has a comma inside it. Semicolons separate the larger items. The semicolon already printed before and shows the pattern to follow.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: This comma blurs the boundary between two main list items.

C: A colon does not match the semicolon separating the other main items.

B: The boundary between two main list items is missing.

Hack 20 · Lesson p. 220 · Practice p. 232
GA777-470 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q713 · ANSWER A

Super List Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

documents; the

SEE THE SHAPE

The project involved three institutions: the library, which stored the documents; the museum, which supplied the objects; and the school, which organized the volunteers.

WHY IT WORKS

Each main item has a comma inside it. Semicolons separate the larger items. The semicolon already printed before and shows the pattern to follow.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: This comma blurs the boundary between two main list items.

B: A colon does not match the semicolon separating the other main items.

D: The boundary between two main list items is missing.

Hack 20 · Lesson p. 220 · Practice p. 232
GA777-471 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q714 · ANSWER D

Super List Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

recovered; study,

SEE THE SHAPE

The display followed three stages: discovery, when the object was first recovered; study, when specialists examined it; and restoration, when damaged sections were repaired.

WHY IT WORKS

Each main item has a comma inside it. Semicolons separate the larger items. The semicolon already printed before and shows the pattern to follow.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: This comma blurs the boundary between two main list items.

C: A colon does not match the semicolon separating the other main items.

A: The boundary between two main list items is missing.

Hack 20 · Lesson p. 220 · Practice p. 233
GA777-472 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q715 · ANSWER B

Super List Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

engineer; Pavel,

SEE THE SHAPE

The committee invited three advisers: Salma, an engineer; Pavel, a designer; and Inez, an ecologist.

WHY IT WORKS

Each main item has a comma inside it. Semicolons separate the larger items. The semicolon already printed before and shows the pattern to follow.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: This comma blurs the boundary between two main list items.

A: A colon does not match the semicolon separating the other main items.

D: The boundary between two main list items is missing.

Hack 20 · Lesson p. 220 · Practice p. 233
GA777-473 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q716 · ANSWER A

Super List Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

high; midsummer,

SEE THE SHAPE

The report compares three periods: early spring, when the river was high; midsummer, when the soil was dry; and late autumn, when rainfall increased.

WHY IT WORKS

Each main item has a comma inside it. Semicolons separate the larger items. The semicolon already printed before and shows the pattern to follow.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: This comma blurs the boundary between two main list items.

C: A colon does not match the semicolon separating the other main items.

B: The boundary between two main list items is missing.

Hack 20 · Lesson p. 220 · Practice p. 233
GA777-474 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q717 · ANSWER C

Super List Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

wood; a

SEE THE SHAPE

The collection includes three models: a bridge, built from strips of wood; a tower, assembled from metal rods; and a boat, shaped from folded paper.

WHY IT WORKS

Each main item has a comma inside it. Semicolons separate the larger items. The semicolon already printed before and shows the pattern to follow.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: This comma blurs the boundary between two main list items.

B: A colon does not match the semicolon separating the other main items.

D: The boundary between two main list items is missing.

Hack 20 · Lesson p. 220 · Practice p. 233
GA777-475 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q718 · ANSWER C

Super List Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

made; the

SEE THE SHAPE

The class visited three rooms: the workshop, where the objects were made; the storeroom, where supplies were kept; and the gallery, where finished work was displayed.

WHY IT WORKS

Each main item has a comma inside it. Semicolons separate the larger items. The semicolon already printed before and shows the pattern to follow.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: This comma blurs the boundary between two main list items.

B: A colon does not match the semicolon separating the other main items.

A: The boundary between two main list items is missing.

Hack 20 · Lesson p. 220 · Practice p. 234
GA777-476 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q719 · ANSWER A

Super List Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

teacher; Elena,

SEE THE SHAPE

The catalog lists three donors: Omar, a former teacher; Elena, a retired musician; and Priya, a local business owner.

WHY IT WORKS

Each main item has a comma inside it. Semicolons separate the larger items. The semicolon already printed before and shows the pattern to follow.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: This comma blurs the boundary between two main list items.

C: A colon does not match the semicolon separating the other main items.

D: The boundary between two main list items is missing.

Hack 20 · Lesson p. 220 · Practice p. 234
GA777-477 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q720 · ANSWER D

Super List Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

smooth; cloth,

SEE THE SHAPE

The team tested three surfaces: glass, which was smooth; cloth, which was flexible; and stone, which was rough.

WHY IT WORKS

Each main item has a comma inside it. Semicolons separate the larger items. The semicolon already printed before and shows the pattern to follow.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: This comma blurs the boundary between two main list items.

A: A colon does not match the semicolon separating the other main items.

C: The boundary between two main list items is missing.

Hack 20 · Lesson p. 220 · Practice p. 234
GA777-478 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q721 · ANSWER D

Super List Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

performances; the

SEE THE SHAPE

The festival had three venues: the courtyard, used for performances; the library, used for readings; and the garden, used for demonstrations.

WHY IT WORKS

Each main item has a comma inside it. Semicolons separate the larger items. The semicolon already printed before and shows the pattern to follow.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: This comma blurs the boundary between two main list items.

B: A colon does not match the semicolon separating the other main items.

C: The boundary between two main list items is missing.

Hack 20 · Lesson p. 220 · Practice p. 234
GA777-479 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q722 · ANSWER D

Super List Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

wall; a

SEE THE SHAPE

The plan contained three drawings: an elevation, showing the outside wall; a section, showing the interior structure; and a plan, showing the arrangement of rooms.

WHY IT WORKS

Each main item has a comma inside it. Semicolons separate the larger items. The semicolon already printed before and shows the pattern to follow.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: This comma blurs the boundary between two main list items.

A: A colon does not match the semicolon separating the other main items.

C: The boundary between two main list items is missing.

Hack 20 · Lesson p. 220 · Practice p. 235
GA777-480 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q723 · ANSWER B

Super List Semicolon Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

intervals; measurements,

SEE THE SHAPE

The researchers used three records: photographs, taken at fixed intervals; measurements, recorded each morning; and interviews, conducted at the end of the study.

WHY IT WORKS

Each main item has a comma inside it. Semicolons separate the larger items. The semicolon already printed before and shows the pattern to follow.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: This comma blurs the boundary between two main list items.

A: A colon does not match the semicolon separating the other main items.

C: The boundary between two main list items is missing.

Hack 20 · Lesson p. 220 · Practice p. 235
GA777-481 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q724 · ANSWER C

Ask or Tell? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

where sound is made.

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 236 · Practice p. 239
Earlier book Q243

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q725 · ANSWER D

Ask or Tell? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

people perceive acts of kindness.

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 236 · Practice p. 239
Earlier book Q244

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q726 · ANSWER B

Ask or Tell? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

their use could be better regulated.

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 236 · Practice p. 239
Earlier book Q245

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q727 · ANSWER D

Ask or Tell? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

most people prefer in a diet drink.

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 236 · Practice p. 239
Earlier book Q246

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q728 · ANSWER B

Ask or Tell? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

Soto would see in her neighborhood.

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 236 · Practice p. 240
Earlier book Q247

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q729 · ANSWER D

Ask or Tell? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

you should choose.

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 236 · Practice p. 240
Earlier book Q248

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q730 · ANSWER B

Ask or Tell? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

ganga has been used as a communication method.

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 236 · Practice p. 240
Earlier book Q249

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q731 · ANSWER D

Ask or Tell? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

are they able to move so fast?

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 236 · Practice p. 240
Earlier book Q250

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q732 · ANSWER B

Ask or Tell? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

do consumers actually prefer this simpler style?

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 236 · Practice p. 241
Earlier book Q251

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q733 · ANSWER D

Ask or Tell? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

could the blueberries thrive?

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 236 · Practice p. 241
Earlier book Q252

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q734 · ANSWER C

Ask or Tell? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

did the word “chortle” come from?

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 236 · Practice p. 241
Earlier book Q253

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q735 · ANSWER D

Ask or Tell? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

will Umuofia’s traditions be affected?

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 236 · Practice p. 241
Earlier book Q254

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q736 · ANSWER C

Ask or Tell? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

do they affect our weather?

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 236 · Practice p. 242
Earlier book Q255

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q737 · ANSWER C

Ask or Tell? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

her favorite book was.

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 236 · Practice p. 242
Earlier book Q256

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q738 · ANSWER C

Ask or Tell? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

we can hold contradictory beliefs about a single thing.

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 236 · Practice p. 242
Earlier book Q257

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q739 · ANSWER D

Ask or Tell? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

do have something in common.

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 236 · Practice p. 242
Earlier book Q258

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q740 · ANSWER C

Ask or Tell? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

others? The

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 236 · Practice p. 243
Earlier book Q259

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q741 · ANSWER D

Ask or Tell? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

do have something in common.

SEE THE SHAPE

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. 236 · Practice p. 243
Earlier book Q260

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q742 · ANSWER B

Ask or Tell? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

hillside?

SEE THE SHAPE

Why does the older map show a second path across the hillside?

WHY IT WORKS

The whole sentence asks a direct question. End it with a question mark.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: A period does not mark this direct question.

C: A comma does not finish the sentence.

A: A semicolon does not finish the sentence; it needs another clause or a continuing complex list.

Hack 21 · Lesson p. 236 · Practice p. 243
GA777-482 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q743 · ANSWER C

Ask or Tell? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

hillside.

SEE THE SHAPE

The researcher asked why the older map showed a second path across the hillside.

WHY IT WORKS

The whole sentence reports or states information. It does not directly ask the reader a question. End it with a period.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: An embedded question does not make the whole sentence a direct question.

D: A comma does not finish the sentence.

A: A semicolon does not finish the sentence; it needs another clause or a continuing complex list.

Hack 21 · Lesson p. 236 · Practice p. 243
GA777-483 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q744 · ANSWER B

Ask or Tell? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

platform?

SEE THE SHAPE

Can you explain how the small wheel controls the larger platform?

WHY IT WORKS

The whole sentence asks a direct question. End it with a question mark.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: A period does not mark this direct question.

A: A comma does not finish the sentence.

C: A semicolon does not finish the sentence; it needs another clause or a continuing complex list.

Hack 21 · Lesson p. 236 · Practice p. 244
GA777-484 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q745 · ANSWER A

Ask or Tell? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

platform.

SEE THE SHAPE

The instructions explain how the small wheel controls the larger platform.

WHY IT WORKS

The whole sentence reports or states information. It does not directly ask the reader a question. End it with a period.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: An embedded question does not make the whole sentence a direct question.

C: A comma does not finish the sentence.

D: A semicolon does not finish the sentence; it needs another clause or a continuing complex list.

Hack 21 · Lesson p. 236 · Practice p. 244
GA777-485 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q746 · ANSWER A

Ask or Tell? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

material?

SEE THE SHAPE

Which of the two samples contains more dissolved material?

WHY IT WORKS

The whole sentence asks a direct question. End it with a question mark.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: A period does not mark this direct question.

B: A comma does not finish the sentence.

D: A semicolon does not finish the sentence; it needs another clause or a continuing complex list.

Hack 21 · Lesson p. 236 · Practice p. 244
GA777-486 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q747 · ANSWER D

Ask or Tell? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

material.

SEE THE SHAPE

The students investigated which of the two samples contained more dissolved material.

WHY IT WORKS

The whole sentence reports or states information. It does not directly ask the reader a question. End it with a period.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: An embedded question does not make the whole sentence a direct question.

C: A comma does not finish the sentence.

A: A semicolon does not finish the sentence; it needs another clause or a continuing complex list.

Hack 21 · Lesson p. 236 · Practice p. 244
GA777-487 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q748 · ANSWER D

Ask or Tell? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

located?

SEE THE SHAPE

Do the photographs reveal where the original entrance was located?

WHY IT WORKS

The whole sentence asks a direct question. End it with a question mark.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: A period does not mark this direct question.

B: A comma does not finish the sentence.

A: A semicolon does not finish the sentence; it needs another clause or a continuing complex list.

Hack 21 · Lesson p. 236 · Practice p. 245
GA777-488 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q749 · ANSWER C

Ask or Tell? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

located.

SEE THE SHAPE

The photographs reveal where the original entrance was located.

WHY IT WORKS

The whole sentence reports or states information. It does not directly ask the reader a question. End it with a period.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: An embedded question does not make the whole sentence a direct question.

D: A comma does not finish the sentence.

A: A semicolon does not finish the sentence; it needs another clause or a continuing complex list.

Hack 21 · Lesson p. 236 · Practice p. 245
GA777-489 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q750 · ANSWER C

Ask or Tell? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

crossing?

SEE THE SHAPE

When did the village begin using the new crossing?

WHY IT WORKS

The whole sentence asks a direct question. End it with a question mark.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: A period does not mark this direct question.

B: A comma does not finish the sentence.

D: A semicolon does not finish the sentence; it needs another clause or a continuing complex list.

Hack 21 · Lesson p. 236 · Practice p. 245
GA777-490 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q751 · ANSWER C

Ask or Tell? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

crossing.

SEE THE SHAPE

The historian wanted to know when the village began using the new crossing.

WHY IT WORKS

The whole sentence reports or states information. It does not directly ask the reader a question. End it with a period.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: An embedded question does not make the whole sentence a direct question.

A: A comma does not finish the sentence.

D: A semicolon does not finish the sentence; it needs another clause or a continuing complex list.

Hack 21 · Lesson p. 236 · Practice p. 245
GA777-491 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q752 · ANSWER C

Ask or Tell? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

equipment?

SEE THE SHAPE

How could the workers move such a heavy stone without modern equipment?

WHY IT WORKS

The whole sentence asks a direct question. End it with a question mark.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: A period does not mark this direct question.

D: A comma does not finish the sentence.

A: A semicolon does not finish the sentence; it needs another clause or a continuing complex list.

Hack 21 · Lesson p. 236 · Practice p. 246
GA777-492 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q753 · ANSWER D

Ask or Tell? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

equipment.

SEE THE SHAPE

The guide described how the workers could move such a heavy stone without modern equipment.

WHY IT WORKS

The whole sentence reports or states information. It does not directly ask the reader a question. End it with a period.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: An embedded question does not make the whole sentence a direct question.

A: A comma does not finish the sentence.

B: A semicolon does not finish the sentence; it needs another clause or a continuing complex list.

Hack 21 · Lesson p. 236 · Practice p. 246
GA777-493 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q754 · ANSWER D

Ask or Tell? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

result?

SEE THE SHAPE

Does the report explain why the second experiment produced a different result?

WHY IT WORKS

The whole sentence asks a direct question. End it with a question mark.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: A period does not mark this direct question.

C: A comma does not finish the sentence.

B: A semicolon does not finish the sentence; it needs another clause or a continuing complex list.

Hack 21 · Lesson p. 236 · Practice p. 246
GA777-494 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q755 · ANSWER C

Ask or Tell? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

result.

SEE THE SHAPE

The report explains why the second experiment produced a different result.

WHY IT WORKS

The whole sentence reports or states information. It does not directly ask the reader a question. End it with a period.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: An embedded question does not make the whole sentence a direct question.

D: A comma does not finish the sentence.

B: A semicolon does not finish the sentence; it needs another clause or a continuing complex list.

Hack 21 · Lesson p. 236 · Practice p. 246
GA777-495 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q756 · ANSWER C

Ask or Tell? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

receiver?

SEE THE SHAPE

What happens to the signal when the reflector is turned away from the receiver?

WHY IT WORKS

The whole sentence asks a direct question. End it with a question mark.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: A period does not mark this direct question.

A: A comma does not finish the sentence.

B: A semicolon does not finish the sentence; it needs another clause or a continuing complex list.

Hack 21 · Lesson p. 236 · Practice p. 247
GA777-496 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q757 · ANSWER D

Ask or Tell? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

receiver.

SEE THE SHAPE

The team recorded what happened to the signal when the reflector was turned away from the receiver.

WHY IT WORKS

The whole sentence reports or states information. It does not directly ask the reader a question. End it with a period.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: An embedded question does not make the whole sentence a direct question.

C: A comma does not finish the sentence.

A: A semicolon does not finish the sentence; it needs another clause or a continuing complex list.

Hack 21 · Lesson p. 236 · Practice p. 247
GA777-497 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q758 · ANSWER A

Ask or Tell? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

labeled?

SEE THE SHAPE

Where should the volunteers place the objects that have not yet been labeled?

WHY IT WORKS

The whole sentence asks a direct question. End it with a question mark.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: A period does not mark this direct question.

D: A comma does not finish the sentence.

C: A semicolon does not finish the sentence; it needs another clause or a continuing complex list.

Hack 21 · Lesson p. 236 · Practice p. 247
GA777-498 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q759 · ANSWER D

Ask or Tell? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

labeled.

SEE THE SHAPE

The coordinator showed the volunteers where they should place the objects that had not yet been labeled.

WHY IT WORKS

The whole sentence reports or states information. It does not directly ask the reader a question. End it with a period.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: An embedded question does not make the whole sentence a direct question.

C: A comma does not finish the sentence.

B: A semicolon does not finish the sentence; it needs another clause or a continuing complex list.

Hack 21 · Lesson p. 236 · Practice p. 247
GA777-499 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q760 · ANSWER D

Ask or Tell? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

pattern?

SEE THE SHAPE

Can the musicians identify which note begins the repeated pattern?

WHY IT WORKS

The whole sentence asks a direct question. End it with a question mark.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: A period does not mark this direct question.

B: A comma does not finish the sentence.

C: A semicolon does not finish the sentence; it needs another clause or a continuing complex list.

Hack 21 · Lesson p. 236 · Practice p. 248
GA777-500 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q761 · ANSWER A

Ask or Tell? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

pattern.

SEE THE SHAPE

The musicians discussed which note began the repeated pattern.

WHY IT WORKS

The whole sentence reports or states information. It does not directly ask the reader a question. End it with a period.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: An embedded question does not make the whole sentence a direct question.

D: A comma does not finish the sentence.

B: A semicolon does not finish the sentence; it needs another clause or a continuing complex list.

Hack 21 · Lesson p. 236 · Practice p. 248
GA777-501 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q762 · ANSWER D

Ask or Tell? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

shelves?

SEE THE SHAPE

Why were the lower shelves less damaged than the upper shelves?

WHY IT WORKS

The whole sentence asks a direct question. End it with a question mark.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: A period does not mark this direct question.

C: A comma does not finish the sentence.

B: A semicolon does not finish the sentence; it needs another clause or a continuing complex list.

Hack 21 · Lesson p. 236 · Practice p. 248
GA777-502 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q763 · ANSWER D

Ask or Tell? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

shelves.

SEE THE SHAPE

The conservator investigated why the lower shelves were less damaged than the upper shelves.

WHY IT WORKS

The whole sentence reports or states information. It does not directly ask the reader a question. End it with a period.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: An embedded question does not make the whole sentence a direct question.

B: A comma does not finish the sentence.

A: A semicolon does not finish the sentence; it needs another clause or a continuing complex list.

Hack 21 · Lesson p. 236 · Practice p. 248
GA777-503 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q764 · ANSWER D

Ask or Tell? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

floor?

SEE THE SHAPE

Is there any evidence that the building once had a second floor?

WHY IT WORKS

The whole sentence asks a direct question. End it with a question mark.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: A period does not mark this direct question.

C: A comma does not finish the sentence.

A: A semicolon does not finish the sentence; it needs another clause or a continuing complex list.

Hack 21 · Lesson p. 236 · Practice p. 249
GA777-504 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q765 · ANSWER B

Ask or Tell? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

floor.

SEE THE SHAPE

The survey examined whether there was any evidence that the building once had a second floor.

WHY IT WORKS

The whole sentence reports or states information. It does not directly ask the reader a question. End it with a period.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: An embedded question does not make the whole sentence a direct question.

C: A comma does not finish the sentence.

D: A semicolon does not finish the sentence; it needs another clause or a continuing complex list.

Hack 21 · Lesson p. 236 · Practice p. 249
GA777-505 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q766 · ANSWER B

Ask or Tell? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

cooling?

SEE THE SHAPE

How does the shape of the container affect the rate of cooling?

WHY IT WORKS

The whole sentence asks a direct question. End it with a question mark.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: A period does not mark this direct question.

C: A comma does not finish the sentence.

A: A semicolon does not finish the sentence; it needs another clause or a continuing complex list.

Hack 21 · Lesson p. 236 · Practice p. 249
GA777-506 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q767 · ANSWER A

Ask or Tell? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

cooling.

SEE THE SHAPE

The experiment tested how the shape of the container affected the rate of cooling.

WHY IT WORKS

The whole sentence reports or states information. It does not directly ask the reader a question. End it with a period.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: An embedded question does not make the whole sentence a direct question.

B: A comma does not finish the sentence.

C: A semicolon does not finish the sentence; it needs another clause or a continuing complex list.

Hack 21 · Lesson p. 236 · Practice p. 249
GA777-507 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q768 · ANSWER D

Ask or Tell? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

gallery?

SEE THE SHAPE

Would a visitor know which door leads to the public gallery?

WHY IT WORKS

The whole sentence asks a direct question. End it with a question mark.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: A period does not mark this direct question.

C: A comma does not finish the sentence.

B: A semicolon does not finish the sentence; it needs another clause or a continuing complex list.

Hack 21 · Lesson p. 236 · Practice p. 250
GA777-508 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q769 · ANSWER D

Ask or Tell? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

gallery.

SEE THE SHAPE

The new signs show visitors which door leads to the public gallery.

WHY IT WORKS

The whole sentence reports or states information. It does not directly ask the reader a question. End it with a period.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: An embedded question does not make the whole sentence a direct question.

A: A comma does not finish the sentence.

B: A semicolon does not finish the sentence; it needs another clause or a continuing complex list.

Hack 21 · Lesson p. 236 · Practice p. 250
GA777-509 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q770 · ANSWER D

Ask or Tell? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

photograph?

SEE THE SHAPE

Who arranged the objects in the order shown in the earliest photograph?

WHY IT WORKS

The whole sentence asks a direct question. End it with a question mark.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: A period does not mark this direct question.

A: A comma does not finish the sentence.

C: A semicolon does not finish the sentence; it needs another clause or a continuing complex list.

Hack 21 · Lesson p. 236 · Practice p. 250
GA777-510 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q771 · ANSWER A

Ask or Tell? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

photograph.

SEE THE SHAPE

The curator could not determine who had arranged the objects in the order shown in the earliest photograph.

WHY IT WORKS

The whole sentence reports or states information. It does not directly ask the reader a question. End it with a period.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

D: An embedded question does not make the whole sentence a direct question.

B: A comma does not finish the sentence.

C: A semicolon does not finish the sentence; it needs another clause or a continuing complex list.

Hack 21 · Lesson p. 236 · Practice p. 250
GA777-511 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q772 · ANSWER C

Ask or Tell? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

course?

SEE THE SHAPE

Have the researchers established when the river changed its course?

WHY IT WORKS

The whole sentence asks a direct question. End it with a question mark.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

A: A period does not mark this direct question.

B: A comma does not finish the sentence.

D: A semicolon does not finish the sentence; it needs another clause or a continuing complex list.

Hack 21 · Lesson p. 236 · Practice p. 251
GA777-512 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q773 · ANSWER A

Ask or Tell? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

course.

SEE THE SHAPE

The researchers have established when the river changed its course.

WHY IT WORKS

The whole sentence reports or states information. It does not directly ask the reader a question. End it with a period.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: An embedded question does not make the whole sentence a direct question.

C: A comma does not finish the sentence.

D: A semicolon does not finish the sentence; it needs another clause or a continuing complex list.

Hack 21 · Lesson p. 236 · Practice p. 251
GA777-513 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q774 · ANSWER D

Ask or Tell? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

person?

SEE THE SHAPE

What evidence supports the claim that the two letters were written by the same person?

WHY IT WORKS

The whole sentence asks a direct question. End it with a question mark.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: A period does not mark this direct question.

B: A comma does not finish the sentence.

A: A semicolon does not finish the sentence; it needs another clause or a continuing complex list.

Hack 21 · Lesson p. 236 · Practice p. 251
GA777-514 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q775 · ANSWER D

Ask or Tell? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

person.

SEE THE SHAPE

The article considers what evidence supports the claim that the two letters were written by the same person.

WHY IT WORKS

The whole sentence reports or states information. It does not directly ask the reader a question. End it with a period.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: An embedded question does not make the whole sentence a direct question.

B: A comma does not finish the sentence.

A: A semicolon does not finish the sentence; it needs another clause or a continuing complex list.

Hack 21 · Lesson p. 236 · Practice p. 251
GA777-515 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q776 · ANSWER D

Ask or Tell? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

return?

SEE THE SHAPE

Does the final scene explain why the traveler refused to return?

WHY IT WORKS

The whole sentence asks a direct question. End it with a question mark.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

B: A period does not mark this direct question.

A: A comma does not finish the sentence.

C: A semicolon does not finish the sentence; it needs another clause or a continuing complex list.

Hack 21 · Lesson p. 236 · Practice p. 252
GA777-516 · Original practice

ANSWER EXPLANATION

Q777 · ANSWER D

Ask or Tell? Hack

CORRECT CHOICE

return.

SEE THE SHAPE

The reviewer asked whether the final scene explained why the traveler had refused to return.

WHY IT WORKS

The whole sentence reports or states information. It does not directly ask the reader a question. End it with a period.

WHY THE OTHER CHOICES FAIL

C: An embedded question does not make the whole sentence a direct question.

A: A comma does not finish the sentence.

B: A semicolon does not finish the sentence; it needs another clause or a continuing complex list.

Hack 21 · Lesson p. 236 · Practice p. 252
GA777-517 · Original practice

FIND THE SAME QUESTION

Same question. Different number.

Grouped Q / Randomized Q / Earlier 260-book Q. A dash means new original practice.

Grouped	Randomized	Earlier 260
1	12	1
2	26	2
3	383	3
4	44	4
5	692	5
6	576	6
7	122	7
8	621	8
9	584	9
10	27	10
11	98	—
12	568	—
13	407	—
14	218	—
15	152	—
16	299	—
17	169	—
18	472	—
19	173	—
20	390	—
21	678	—
22	327	—
23	343	—
24	271	—

Grouped	Randomized	Earlier 260
25	469	—
26	182	—
27	421	—
28	314	—
29	477	—
30	668	—
31	650	11
32	461	12
33	443	13
34	648	14
35	587	15
36	545	16
37	341	17
38	720	18
39	319	19
40	322	20
41	769	21
42	435	22
43	771	23
44	175	24
45	205	25
46	768	26
47	355	—
48	32	—

FIND THE SAME QUESTION

Same question. Different number.

Grouped Q / Randomized Q / Earlier 260-book Q. A dash means new original practice.

Grouped	Randomized	Earlier 260
49	405	—
50	514	—
51	420	—
52	103	—
53	474	—
54	156	—
55	121	—
56	13	—
57	252	—
58	713	—
59	290	—
60	434	—
61	328	—
62	726	—
63	406	—
64	502	—
65	191	—
66	310	—
67	741	—
68	39	—
69	701	—
70	431	—
71	470	—
72	688	—

Grouped	Randomized	Earlier 260
73	317	—
74	619	—
75	340	—
76	221	—
77	735	—
78	762	27
79	655	28
80	508	29
81	714	—
82	543	—
83	236	—
84	375	—
85	752	—
86	689	—
87	388	30
88	41	31
89	136	32
90	15	33
91	172	34
92	416	35
93	524	36
94	684	37
95	179	38
96	61	39

FIND THE SAME QUESTION

Same question. Different number.

Grouped Q / Randomized Q / Earlier 260-book Q. A dash means new original practice.

Grouped	Randomized	Earlier 260
97	607	40
98	501	41
99	313	42
100	686	43
101	3	44
102	616	45
103	593	46
104	516	47
105	511	48
106	118	49
107	423	50
108	165	51
109	4	52
110	746	53
111	566	54
112	153	55
113	110	56
114	527	57
115	526	58
116	460	59
117	316	60
118	766	61
119	401	62
120	710	63

Grouped	Randomized	Earlier 260
121	739	64
122	755	65
123	707	66
124	662	67
125	480	68
126	117	—
127	257	—
128	660	—
129	552	—
130	760	—
131	447	—
132	183	—
133	219	—
134	667	—
135	23	—
136	143	—
137	145	—
138	622	—
139	342	—
140	6	—
141	586	—
142	11	—
143	410	—
144	528	—

FIND THE SAME QUESTION

Same question. Different number.

Grouped Q / Randomized Q / Earlier 260-book Q. A dash means new original practice.

Grouped	Randomized	Earlier 260
145	716	—
146	659	—
147	108	—
148	87	—
149	732	—
150	520	—
151	487	—
152	294	—
153	48	—
154	499	—
155	146	—
156	126	—
157	45	—
158	56	—
159	321	—
160	643	—
161	505	—
162	312	—
163	673	—
164	246	—
165	331	—
166	358	—
167	36	—
168	105	—

Grouped	Randomized	Earlier 260
169	717	—
170	705	—
171	217	—
172	196	—
173	639	—
174	446	—
175	617	—
176	193	—
177	194	—
178	393	—
179	559	—
180	491	—
181	525	—
182	250	—
183	433	—
184	14	—
185	663	—
186	465	—
187	493	—
188	751	—
189	556	—
190	669	—
191	107	—
192	437	—

FIND THE SAME QUESTION

Same question. Different number.

Grouped Q / Randomized Q / Earlier 260-book Q. A dash means new original practice.

Grouped	Randomized	Earlier 260
193	176	—
194	608	—
195	724	—
196	419	—
197	303	—
198	130	—
199	601	—
200	553	—
201	590	—
202	88	—
203	189	69
204	455	70
205	360	71
206	332	72
207	380	73
208	306	74
209	767	75
210	349	76
211	386	77
212	550	78
213	772	79
214	297	80
215	137	—
216	101	—

Grouped	Randomized	Earlier 260
217	758	—
218	773	—
219	634	—
220	85	—
221	226	—
222	413	—
223	645	—
224	506	—
225	367	—
226	418	—
227	549	—
228	534	—
229	7	—
230	387	—
231	125	—
232	254	—
233	308	—
234	22	—
235	530	—
236	325	—
237	97	—
238	554	—
239	37	81
240	519	82

FIND THE SAME QUESTION

Same question. Different number.

Grouped Q / Randomized Q / Earlier 260-book Q. A dash means new original practice.

Grouped	Randomized	Earlier 260
241	8	83
242	163	84
243	404	85
244	272	86
245	372	87
246	764	88
247	65	89
248	184	90
249	603	91
250	351	92
251	286	93
252	46	94
253	538	95
254	96	—
255	609	—
256	90	—
257	630	—
258	49	—
259	754	—
260	715	—
261	335	—
262	719	—
263	239	—
264	362	—

Grouped	Randomized	Earlier 260
265	441	—
266	591	—
267	749	—
268	233	—
269	147	—
270	18	—
271	596	—
272	180	—
273	171	—
274	761	—
275	770	—
276	679	—
277	725	—
278	141	—
279	222	—
280	57	—
281	613	—
282	497	—
283	706	—
284	637	96
285	743	97
286	256	98
287	483	99
288	745	—

FIND THE SAME QUESTION

Same question. Different number.

Grouped Q / Randomized Q / Earlier 260-book Q. A dash means new original practice.

Grouped	Randomized	Earlier 260
289	753	—
290	694	—
291	442	—
292	95	—
293	378	—
294	451	—
295	644	—
296	629	100
297	104	101
298	666	102
299	415	103
300	671	104
301	289	—
302	215	—
303	326	—
304	119	—
305	392	—
306	284	—
307	457	—
308	374	—
309	476	—
310	444	—
311	353	105
312	275	106

Grouped	Randomized	Earlier 260
313	466	107
314	728	108
315	737	109
316	248	110
317	288	111
318	377	112
319	581	113
320	223	114
321	672	115
322	438	116
323	611	117
324	509	118
325	112	119
326	249	120
327	777	121
328	279	122
329	652	—
330	428	—
331	55	—
332	89	—
333	653	—
334	690	—
335	462	—
336	381	—

FIND THE SAME QUESTION

Same question. Different number.

Grouped Q / Randomized Q / Earlier 260-book Q. A dash means new original practice.

Grouped	Randomized	Earlier 260
337	580	—
338	500	—
339	712	—
340	379	—
341	677	—
342	518	—
343	602	—
344	623	—
345	558	—
346	654	—
347	291	—
348	589	—
349	17	—
350	166	—
351	42	—
352	661	—
353	292	—
354	366	—
355	82	—
356	687	—
357	354	—
358	492	—
359	722	—
360	579	—

Grouped	Randomized	Earlier 260
361	557	—
362	729	—
363	618	—
364	656	—
365	128	123
366	641	124
367	114	125
368	187	126
369	346	127
370	115	128
371	28	—
372	298	—
373	120	—
374	281	—
375	635	—
376	266	—
377	680	—
378	412	—
379	449	—
380	425	—
381	304	—
382	403	—
383	748	129
384	384	130

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Same question. Different number.

Grouped Q / Randomized Q / Earlier 260-book Q. A dash means new original practice.

Grouped	Randomized	Earlier 260
385	34	131
386	72	132
387	498	133
388	329	134
389	79	135
390	397	136
391	67	137
392	40	138
393	228	139
394	681	140
395	632	141
396	700	142
397	133	143
398	484	144
399	273	145
400	109	146
401	747	147
402	211	148
403	510	149
404	224	150
405	572	151
406	265	152
407	682	153
408	73	154

Grouped	Randomized	Earlier 260
409	450	155
410	376	156
411	158	157
412	94	158
413	631	159
414	453	160
415	240	161
416	51	162
417	585	163
418	225	164
419	91	165
420	560	—
421	400	—
422	99	—
423	154	—
424	124	—
425	364	—
426	427	—
427	320	—
428	116	—
429	612	—
430	695	—
431	640	—
432	458	—

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Same question. Different number.

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Grouped	Randomized	Earlier 260
433	270	—
434	676	—
435	202	—
436	711	—
437	399	—
438	93	—
439	92	—
440	142	—
441	247	—
442	475	—
443	50	—
444	210	—
445	468	—
446	311	—
447	230	—
448	365	—
449	693	—
450	624	—
451	532	—
452	77	—
453	411	—
454	548	—
455	330	—
456	206	—

Grouped	Randomized	Earlier 260
457	199	—
458	703	—
459	30	—
460	66	—
461	539	—
462	481	—
463	324	—
464	417	—
465	150	—
466	338	—
467	174	—
468	197	—
469	350	—
470	389	—
471	731	—
472	268	—
473	301	—
474	127	—
475	385	—
476	536	—
477	151	—
478	600	—
479	344	—
480	309	—

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Grouped	Randomized	Earlier 260
481	507	—
482	512	—
483	232	—
484	547	—
485	473	—
486	31	—
487	409	—
488	68	—
489	504	—
490	620	—
491	200	—
492	479	—
493	337	166
494	730	167
495	237	168
496	135	169
497	259	170
498	170	171
499	408	172
500	765	173
501	207	174
502	598	175
503	414	176
504	318	177

Grouped	Randomized	Earlier 260
505	625	178
506	691	—
507	564	—
508	697	—
509	402	—
510	242	—
511	759	—
512	277	—
513	33	—
514	21	—
515	440	—
516	123	—
517	209	—
518	262	—
519	323	—
520	334	—
521	541	—
522	203	—
523	258	—
524	238	—
525	131	—
526	651	—
527	467	—
528	35	—

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Grouped	Randomized	Earlier 260
529	463	—
530	111	—
531	382	—
532	5	179
533	198	180
534	300	181
535	295	182
536	283	—
537	665	—
538	269	—
539	718	—
540	529	—
541	515	—
542	80	—
543	81	—
544	610	183
545	588	184
546	274	185
547	646	186
548	605	187
549	704	188
550	738	189
551	260	190
552	614	191

Grouped	Randomized	Earlier 260
553	535	192
554	537	193
555	649	194
556	567	195
557	186	196
558	757	197
559	540	198
560	185	199
561	195	200
562	551	—
563	664	—
564	521	—
565	395	—
566	702	—
567	347	—
568	20	—
569	241	—
570	478	—
571	606	—
572	657	—
573	727	—
574	471	—
575	100	—
576	517	—

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Grouped	Randomized	Earlier 260
577	574	—
578	563	—
579	575	—
580	696	—
581	243	—
582	287	—
583	178	—
584	336	—
585	1	—
586	721	—
587	503	—
588	155	—
589	445	—
590	744	—
591	592	—
592	307	—
593	495	—
594	214	—
595	106	—
596	264	—
597	160	—
598	352	201
599	348	202
600	62	—

Grouped	Randomized	Earlier 260
601	149	—
602	16	—
603	102	—
604	436	203
605	685	204
606	305	205
607	542	206
608	164	—
609	361	—
610	582	—
611	599	—
612	212	—
613	459	—
614	756	—
615	391	—
616	357	207
617	54	208
618	570	209
619	52	210
620	201	211
621	633	—
622	43	—
623	636	—
624	583	—

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Grouped	Randomized	Earlier 260
625	245	—
626	162	—
627	742	—
628	723	—
629	64	—
630	167	—
631	430	212
632	113	213
633	565	214
634	422	215
635	255	216
636	464	217
637	485	218
638	675	219
639	626	220
640	429	221
641	138	222
642	293	223
643	597	224
644	369	—
645	29	—
646	763	—
647	83	—
648	69	—

Grouped	Randomized	Earlier 260
649	10	—
650	78	—
651	345	—
652	129	—
653	86	—
654	426	—
655	432	—
656	496	—
657	181	—
658	638	—
659	573	—
660	371	—
661	561	—
662	339	—
663	244	—
664	398	—
665	132	—
666	134	—
667	486	—
668	58	—
669	140	—
670	302	225
671	709	226
672	448	227

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Grouped Q / Randomized Q / Earlier 260-book Q. A dash means new original practice.

Grouped	Randomized	Earlier 260
673	368	228
674	489	229
675	208	230
676	70	231
677	774	232
678	63	—
679	168	—
680	227	—
681	53	—
682	544	—
683	488	—
684	562	—
685	280	—
686	776	—
687	670	—
688	456	—
689	231	—
690	683	—
691	84	—
692	571	—
693	159	—
694	452	233
695	285	234
696	190	235

Grouped	Randomized	Earlier 260
697	523	236
698	278	237
699	647	238
700	604	239
701	396	240
702	213	241
703	9	242
704	627	—
705	569	—
706	59	—
707	595	—
708	482	—
709	522	—
710	2	—
711	71	—
712	577	—
713	699	—
714	76	—
715	276	—
716	235	—
717	658	—
718	192	—
719	674	—
720	157	—

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Grouped Q / Randomized Q / Earlier 260-book Q. A dash means new original practice.

Grouped	Randomized	Earlier 260
721	282	—
722	25	—
723	734	—
724	439	243
725	144	244
726	708	245
727	139	246
728	733	247
729	19	248
730	204	249
731	454	250
732	531	251
733	177	252
734	490	253
735	628	254
736	359	255
737	394	256
738	775	257
739	546	258
740	220	259
741	555	260
742	74	—
743	533	—
744	263	—

Grouped	Randomized	Earlier 260
745	161	—
746	60	—
747	370	—
748	615	—
749	148	—
750	698	—
751	424	—
752	47	—
753	594	—
754	253	—
755	750	—
756	229	—
757	315	—
758	267	—
759	38	—
760	216	—
761	740	—
762	356	—
763	363	—
764	333	—
765	578	—
766	188	—
767	373	—
768	261	—

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Same question. Different number.

Grouped Q / Randomized Q / Earlier 260-book Q. A dash means new original practice.

Grouped	Randomized	Earlier 260
769	494	—
770	251	—
771	24	—
772	75	—
773	736	—
774	642	—
775	513	—
776	234	—
777	296	—

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