

Video #1: What are Rhetorical Skills Questions? (PAUSE to read the passage questions!)

1. _____ **Questions (16% or 12 questions in English section)**--For these you need to decide if a sentence should be _____ or look at passage as a whole to determine the purpose. Many will ask you to identify a sentence that provides additional relevant _____ to the sentence. Once in a while, a strategy question will ask about the _____ of the whole passage. These are ALWAYS the last question of the whole passage.

Strategy tip: Each time you start one of the 5 English passages, look to the _____ to see if there is a "passage as a whole" question.

2. _____ **Questions (15% or 11-12 questions in English section)** refer to sentences, paragraphs and the whole passage. Questions will ask you about the order of the paragraphs, as well as the order of the _____ in a paragraph. Questions may also ask about _____, introductory or closing sentences that best fit the content.

1st video stops after #2. Here is what is missing:

3. **Style Questions (12 questions in English section)** that deal with
- Redundancy (repeating ideas)
 - Wordiness (specific is terrific; the shorter the better, MOST EFFICIENT)
 - Cliches (avoid them!)

Video #2: Strategy for Rhetorical Skills Questions

Strategy for approaching all 3 kinds of these questions include:

- _____ the question carefully!

Look at the examples provided CAREFULLY!

Video #3: Rhetorical Skills ACT Bootcamp #28

- Opening Words
- Adding and _____ Sentences
- Adding _____
- Transitions & Topic Sentences
- 5-6. Sentence Placement and Rearrangement
- Author's Goals

Video #4: The Four Principles

Principle #1: Must be strictly on _____

Principle #2: Logical flow--focus on sentences **before** AND **after**!

Principle #3: Give the _____ what it wants!

Principle #4 _____ is better!! Be short, concise, not repetitive

Video #5 Best ACT English Prep Strategies, Tips, and Tricks

"Less is usually _____!!" Or "When in doubt, _____ it out!"

**Look/listen carefully at these examples!

Now Practice! Demonstrate your understanding with these ACT Rhetorical Questions.

1. Which sentence most effectively introduces this paragraph?

I spent the mornings swimming and the afternoons hanging out with my friends on the boardwalk. We liked buying ice cream cones at the hottest point in the afternoon and racing to see who could finish first.

- A. When I was growing up, my family spent six weeks at the beach every summer.
- B. The beach is located is located 2 miles from my house.
- C. Last winter, I took swimming lessons so I could swim at the beach during the summer.
- D. I like swimming because you feel weightless.

2. Choose the best sentence.

- A. Every summer when I was growing up, my family spent six weeks at the beach in the summers.
- B. When I was growing up, my family spent six weeks at the beach every summer.
- C. In the summers of my childhood, my family spent six weeks at the beach every summer.
- D. Every July and August when I was growing up, my family spent six weeks during the summer months at the beach.

3. Read the paragraph below. Assuming all of the answer choices are true, which sentence best concludes the paragraph and uses the same writing style as the paragraph?

To take the train, a rider must first purchase a ticket at the machine. The rider then waits for the train and boards when the train has reached a full stop. Next, the rider finds an open seat. When the conductor passes by, the rider shows the ticket to the conductor.

- A. When you arrive at your destination, get off the train.
- B. When the train reaches the rider's destination, the rider must get off the train.
- C. Pay attention, so you don't miss your stop!
- D. If you're a rider who falls asleep, you might miss your stop.

4. How should the phrase *hot math classroom* be altered in the following sentence?

I wish my hot math classroom had air-conditioning because it gets so hot when the sun shines through the windows.

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. math classroom
- C. sweltering math classroom
- D. excruciatingly hot math classroom