

Power Up: English ACT Prep

Week 3

Punctuation



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Grammar Fails...



- With a partner, discuss the real-world examples on the following slides.
- Determine what the “grammar fail” is with each image.
- Write your observations on a piece of paper.

Real-World Grammar Fails



Example 1



Example 2





Real-World Grammar Fails



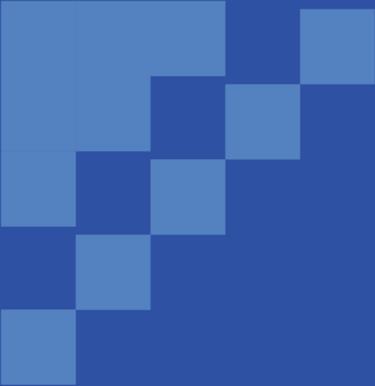
Example 3



Example 4

**Man bacon
makes everything
better.**

Wait, what?



Essential Question

How can I increase my ACT score?

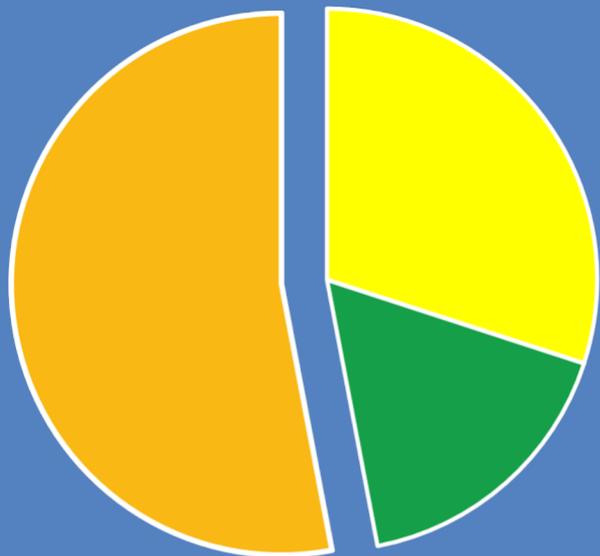


Learning Objectives

- Apply proper use of apostrophes, commas, colons, and semicolons in real-world scenarios.
- Identify when these rules are broken.



Why Does Punctuation Matter?



- Production of Writing
- Knowledge of Language
- Conventions of Standard English

Conventions of Standard English:

- Sentence Structure and Format
- *Punctuation*
- Usage

Check your work

RULE

EXAMPLE(S)

Extra Commas	✓ Randy likes, cake.
Items in a series	✓ I like cooking, my family, and my pets.
Misplaced Commas	✓ Joe plays soccer, because he's fast.

Check your work

RULE

EXAMPLE(S)

Apostrophes ≠ Plurals	✓ She collects button's.
Introductory Elements	✓ When she was a little girl, Josie played football.
Parenthetical Elements	✓ Megan, my best friend, is a senior in high school.

Check your work

RULE

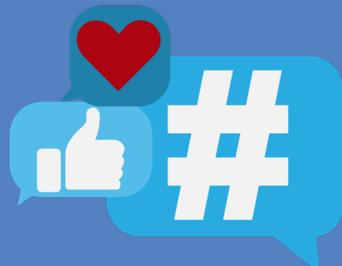
EXAMPLE(S)

Colons (:)

✓ These are my favorite colleges: BYU, OU, and OSU.

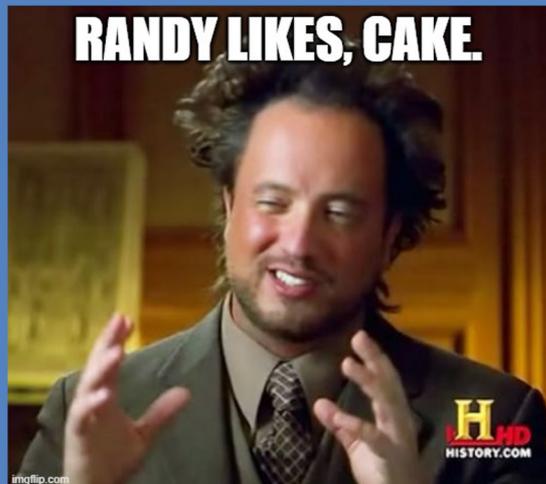
Semicolons (;)

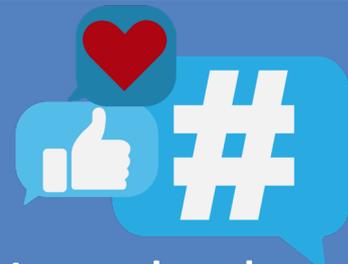
✓ The shoe is red, ; the sock is blue.



What Do You Meme? Overview

- Create a meme breaking your assigned rule.
- Upload your meme and rationale to Padlet.
- Use peers' memes to complete your Skill Sets Check handout.





What Do You Meme?

Independently create a meme that breaks your assigned rule.

1. Choose a template.



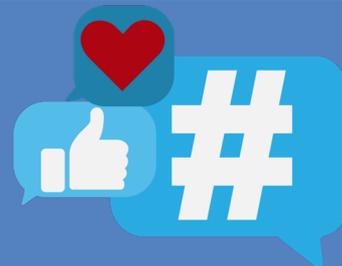
1. Either go to

- imgflip.com/memegenerator/Two-Buttons
- imgflip.com/memegenerator/Ancient-Aliens

2. Write text that illustrates your rule being broken.

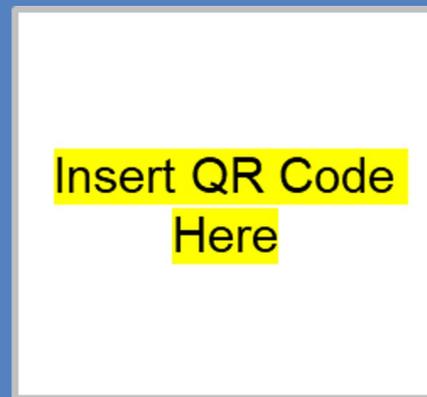


What Do You Meme?



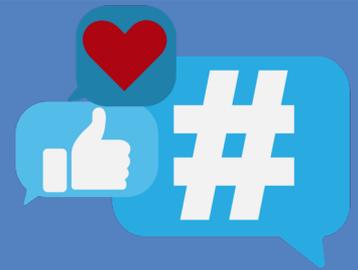
Now upload your meme on Padlet.

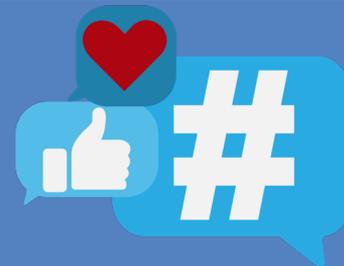
4. On imgflip, click ***Generate Meme***.
5. Copy **Image Link**.
6. Go to **<insert Padlet URL>** or scan the QR code.



What Do You Meme?

7. Click the  button.
8. Click the  button to add your **image link**.
9. Add text before you post:
 - Subject = Class Period
 - Caption = Your Rationale
10. Drag you post and add under your assigned rule.





What Do You Meme?

11. Add your non-example sentence to your Skill Sets Check handout in the “examples” column next to your assigned rule.
12. Fix the non-example by marking out or adding the correct punctuation as needed.
13. Find other non-examples from the Padlet to add in other blank spaces and fix them.

ACT English Subject Test Tip



Instructions - Read the adapted instructions now so that you don't waste time during the actual test!

- Become **familiar** with how the instructions are worded.
- **Ask questions** now if you don't understand what it's asking for so you don't struggle on test day.

*Note: The instructions provided on the handout are not verbatim of those on the ACT. They do capture the same information.



Test Your Skills!

You have 9 minutes to read and answer the questions in the provided passage.



[K20 9 Minute Timer](#)

“Anita Garibaldi” | Reflection

Question	Correct Answer	Explanation
1	D	Use punctuation in straightforward situations, such as simple items in a series.
2	F	Use commas to set off simple parenthetical elements.
3	C	Delete commas that markedly disturb sentence flow.
4	J	Delete commas that create basic sense problems.

“Anita Garibaldi” | Reflection

Question	Correct Answer	Explanation
5	C	Delete apostrophes used incorrectly to form plural nouns.
6	F	Delete commas that markedly disturb sentence flow.
7	C	Recognize and correct inappropriate uses of colons and semicolons.



You Powered Up!

Side Quest: Before next time fill in the remaining example spaces on your Skill Sets Check handout!

Sneak Peek: Next time we will focus on Sentence Structure, Fragments, and Verb Tense Shifts.

