



ACT PREP

ENGLISH



Power Up: English ACT Prep, Week 4

Sentence Structure





Essential Question

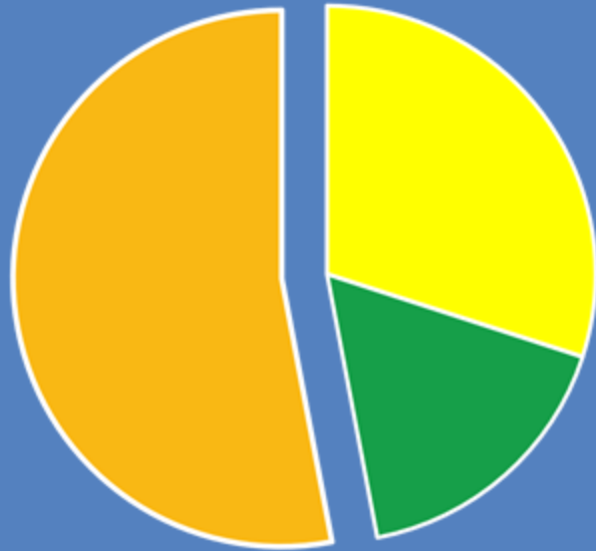
How can I raise my ACT score?



Learning Objectives

- Categorize different examples of fragments, verb tense shifts, and sentence structure errors.
- Identify when fragments, verb tense shifts, and sentence structure 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

Card Sort



As a group, read through your Explanation and Example cards to determine which rule they fall under.

1. Match an Explanation card to an Example card.
2. Which rule applies to the match?
 - Fragments
 - Verb Tense
 - Sentence Structure

Match **Explanation** to an **Example**, then place pair under a **Rule**.



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Rule: Fragments

1. Watch the video.
2. Write notes on the rule.
3. Rearrange cards if necessary.



Fragments

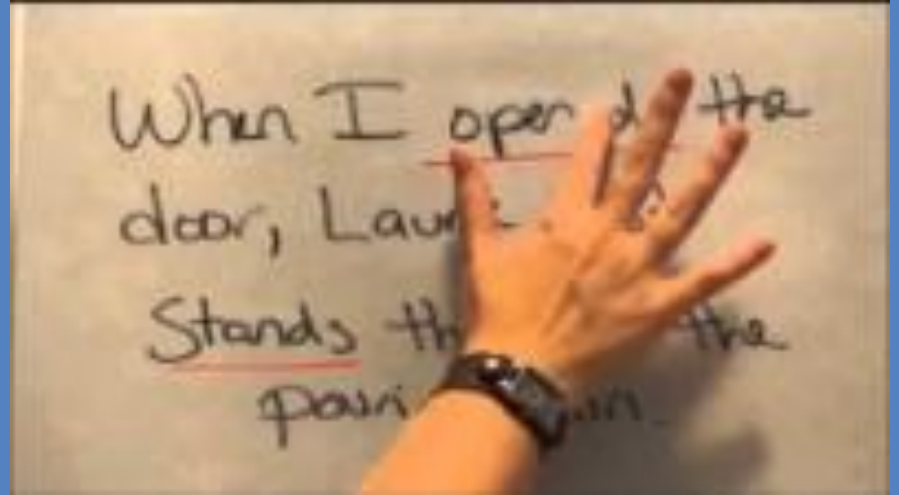
Rearrange Your Cards as Needed



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Rule: Verb Tense Shifts

1. Watch the video.
2. Write notes on the rule.
3. Rearrange cards if necessary.



Verb Tense Shifts

Rearrange Your Cards as Needed



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Rule: Sentence Structure

1. Watch the video.
2. Write notes on the rule.
3. Rearrange cards if necessary.



[Sentence Structure](#)

Answers | Fragments



| Explanations | Examples |
|--|--|
| Join simple sentences with punctuation or conjunctions. | <p>✗ The pin is hers, the hat is mine.</p> <p>✓ The pin is hers, and the hat is mine.</p> |

Answers | Verb Tense



| Explanations | Examples |
|---|--|
| Make sure verb tense and voice between simple clauses, simple adjoining sentences, and entire sentences match the subject (s). | <p>✗ Yesterday, I <u>went</u> to Sarah's place, and I <u>take</u> an Uber.</p> <p>✓ Yesterday, I went to Sarah's place, and I took an Uber.</p> |
| Use consistent and logical verb tense and pronoun references throughout the entire work. | <p>✗ School dress codes <u>were not adopted</u> in the US until 1969, but the basic idea for such a system <u>has been proposed</u> years earlier.</p> <p>✓ School dress codes were not adopted in the US until 1969, but the basic idea for such a system had been proposed years earlier.</p> |

Answers | Sentence Structure

| Explanations | Examples |
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| A misplaced modifier is placed too far from the word(s) it adds meaning to. | <p>✗ She wore a bicycle helmet on her head <u>that was too large</u>.</p> <p>✓ She wore a bicycle helmet that was too large for her head .</p> |
| Parallelisms repeat grammatical elements (like noun/verb phrases) to create and emphasize memorable phrases and flow. | <p>✗ Strategy for developing speaking skills includes using minimal response, <u>how to recognize scripts</u>, and using language to discuss language.</p> <p>✓ Strategy for developing speaking skills includes using minimal response, recognizing scripts, and using language to discuss language.</p> |

ACT English Subject Tips



Answer Choices

- It's okay to choose "NO CHANGE" as it is just as likely to be as correct as any other option.
- If you're running out of time or just don't know the answer, make an educated guess.
 - "Often, the most concise answer is the correct one" versus the longer wordier answer choices.

Test Your Skills!

You have 5 minutes to read and answer the questions in the provided passage.



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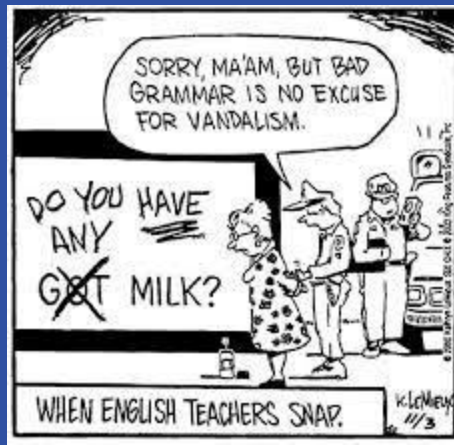


You Powered Up!

Side Quest: Listen for sentence fragments in everyday speech, posts, or other forms of communication. Write down the corrected form.

Sneak Peek: Next time we will be reviewing all that we have learned about the Conventions of Standard English. So be sure to bring your Skill Sets Check handouts!





Side Quest Example!

Side Quest: Listen for sentence fragments in everyday speech, posts, or other forms of communication. Write down the corrected form.

WARNING: Correcting people aloud or virtually may cause unforeseen hardships for you!

