

## ACT SLAM--English

### Colons, Semicolons, and Dashes

1. The people needed are painters, carpenters, and welders.
2. She cannot find any money she cannot buy the ring.
3. We will bring these items for the hike snacks, water, and walking sticks.
4. He will be lost since he doesn't have a GPS.
5. I caught the snake therefore I proved I could go.

### Comma Rules

1. If I don't learn English this semester, I will be very unhappy.
2. I will have to take the class again because I did not make the grade.

### Concise Sentences and Sentences with Redundancy

1. At this point in time, we can't ascertain the reason as to why the screen door was left open.
2. What is your basic understanding of predestination?
3. A great deal of interest and concern was shown by the investigation panel.
4. The decision was completely unanimous.

### Subject/Verb Agreement

1. The horses (runs run) fast through the field.
2. The person who sings *Baby Blues* (is are) here.
3. Willie Nelson, along with other famous musicians, (has have) played at Bonnaroo.
4. Some of the girls (is are) upset.
5. Neither of the records (was were) broken.
6. A man should not be forced to serve (his their) country.
7. Tell Jon and Tom I will see (him them) there.
8. If you see John or Tom, tell (him them) to come to the office.
9. Few left (his their) coats inside.
10. All of the girls brought (her their) money.

### Sentences, Fragments, and Run-ons

1. Because the truck wrecked in the middle of the interstate and spilled oil across both lanes.
2. Run!
3. The meeting will be held immediately after school, all officers are required to attend.
4. Because the snow came early in the morning, schools were closed throughout the state.

### Principal Parts of Verbs

**45 minutes--75 questions**

48 correct = 21 subscore

56 correct = 24 subscore

67 correct = 31 subscore

#### **Strategies:**

Eliminate wrong answers

Don't look at previous answers

Answer every question

1. John has wrote to the president about the problem.
2. We have swung in the tire swing once before.
3. June bursted the balloon with a pen.
4. He has rode that horse many times.

### **Parallelism**

1. Racing, skiing, and to play basketball are our favorite sports.
2. Susan not only liked opera but also some jazz.  
Susan liked not only the opera but also some jazz.
3. The instructor neither liked the demonstration nor the speech.  
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4. Sharon's grade point average is much higher than her brother.  
Sharon's grade point average is much higher than her brother's.  
Sharon has a higher grade point average than her brother.
5. If he was paying attention, he could answer the question.

### **Illogical Shifts**

1. **VERB:** I started writing my essay last night at 9 p.m. and then finish it five minute before class today.
2. **PRONOUNS:** Everyone can become a good writer once you learn how to revise and edit.
3. **VOICE:** Jill and I started the report, and it was finished by another team.

### **Phrases and Clauses**

1. Being an excellent cook, Ryan hosted a dinner party.
2. To be elected President is his objective.
3. The puppy chased the kitten around the house.
4. Hoisting the sail correctly is a critical component of yachting.
5. I walk my dog every day.
6. Because he is a teacher.
7. As the soccer player scored the winning goal.
8. Zeke hit his thumb with a hammer.