

English

75 Questions / 45 Minutes

48-50 Correct = 21

TIPS

1. **Make sure all questions are answered. Choose a LETTER of the day.**
2. **Take 10 seconds to read all five titles.**
3. **5 PASSAGES / 15 QUESTIONS PER SECTION / 4 POSSIBLE ANSWERS**
4. **Shorter is usually better. Answers should not be redundant.**
5. **OMIT the underlined section. If it makes sense without it, remove it.**
6. **NO CHANGE. Correct about 25 % of the time.**
7. **PRACTICE – If you are unable to finish, skip the lengthy questions.**

Transition Words

Therefore, Thus, Consequently, So, Then, Hence, As a Result of = CONSEQUENCE

Furthermore, For example, In addition to, Moreover, Another = ADDING 2 IDEAS

However, Although, Despite, In spite of = SUBSTITUTE BUT

Beginning of sentence Ex. However, I must leave. Comma after

Middle of sentence Ex. There have been many great NFL quarterbacks. Tom Brady, however, is the goat.
Comma before and after / Sandwich Comma

NEVER CORRECT

Should of, Could of, Would of

Its'

Possession

Jim's car

If it ends in s – Ex. Bryant Collins' car

FANBOYS - Conjunction joins 2 words(**NO COMMA**), 2 phrases(**NO COMMA**), sentences(**COMMA before FANBOY**) https://youtu.be/-catJZm_2TI

For, And, Nor, But, Or, Yet, So

Ex. 2 WORDS

The office party will feature cupcakes and lobster. (**NO COMMA**)

Ex. 2 VERB PHRASES

We can either order lobster or stay within our budget. (**NO COMMA**)

Ex. Connecting items in a series

The accounting department will probably recommend cupcakes, celery sticks, and water. (**COMMA**)

Ex. Joining 2 sentences – comma goes before FANBOY

Jane will bake some chocolate cupcakes, and Larry will sneak in the lobster. (**COMMA**)

SUBORDINATING CONJUNCTIONS – unite sentences with incomplete sentences

After, Although, As, As if, Because, Before, Even if, Even though, If, If only, Like, Rather than, Since, That, Though, Unless, Until, When, Where, Whereas, Wherever, Whether, Which, While

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Beginning of sentence (**COMMA**)

Ex. Since we've got a few minutes to wait for the train, let's have a cup of coffee

End of sentence (**NO COMMA**)

Ex. I love Van Gogh's art because he uses art so brilliantly.

Middle of sentence (2 **COMMAS** "Sandwich Commas")

Watching Star Wars, which has lots of special effects, is my favorite thing to do.

Commas Comma sandwich can be removed and still makes sense

<https://www.dailymotion.com/video/xf845>

The president, Joe Walker, is running for reelection. (separate a name or title in a sentence)

Introductory Prepositional Phrases (**COMMA**)

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Location, Time, Direction

Rule #1 The phrase must be four or more words long.

Ex. Under the wooden table, Mary hid from the rain.

Rule #2 The first word must be a preposition.

About, Above, Across, After, Against, Among, Around, At, Before, Behind, Below, Beneath, Between, By, Down, During, Except, For, From, In, In front of, Inside, Instead of, Into, Like, Near, Of, Off, On, Onto, On

top of, Out of, Outside, Over, Past, Since, Through, To, Toward, Under, Underneath, Until, Up, Upon, With, Within, Without

Rule #3 If the first word after the preposition is a verb, then no comma is needed.
Beside the fancy jet **sat** Mary the squirrel.

Rule #4 If you have back-to-back prepositional phrases, keep counting.

Inside the pretty ice cream shop **on the beach**, Mary ordered a snickers ice cream.

Semicolon – 2 closely related sentences. DO NOT pick semicolon unless you are sure.

Colons – a list or explanation will follow

Dashes and Parenthesis– act as a comma (SANDWICH COMMAS)

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Who / Whom - know the difference

Who – does the action (Pitcher) SUBJECT

Who chewed the ball?

Whom – receives the action (Catcher) OBJECT

The dog chewed whom

<https://youtu.be/3wiy7efyxAE>

Their / There / They're

Their = possession

There = location

They're = They are