

Tackling the ACT English section

The 4 C's

1. complete sentences
2. consistency (agreement, verb tense, pronouns, parallel form, voice)
3. clear meaning
4. most concise = best (if error-free)

Strategies

- Don't read the entire passage. Read only the parts necessary to answer the question.
- Use NOW, LATER, NEVER strategy. Know that rhetoric, organization, and style questions take more time to answer.

Steps

1. Identify the topic/type. What stays the same and what changes in the answer choices?
2. Employ POE. Decide what's wrong and eliminate choices that don't correct the problem.

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3. Use context. Relate underlined portion to the rest of the sentence (and sentences in proximity).
4. Trust your ear—but know your limits and check all the choices.
5. Don't fix what isn't wrong.