

Reading and Writing

All reading questions have the same thing in common: the answer is in the text. Consequently, there are only two ways you can get a reading question wrong. The first is if you misunderstand the passage, the second is if you misunderstand the answers. To solve for this dilemma, you must realize which issue you struggle to understand.

Reading comprehension is the ability to understand what the passage is saying. The strategies I will give you will force you to understand the passage and its answers. The approach I will give you can be applied across the board and must be practiced before it can be used efficiently.

Pace

The main **function** of pace is time. Because time is a huge factor on the test, it is important to set a proper pace. Now, officially on the reading and writing sections, you have one minute and eleven seconds for each problem. Keep in mind that most of the harder questions with long reading passages will be before simpler problems, so if you feel like you are falling behind on time, you might be perfectly fine.

The largest **determiner** of pace is actually personal skill level. If you are someone who historically struggles with reading, take as much time as you need with each problem that you can easily get correct, then guess on the remaining problems. If you do well with reading, go as quickly as possible without sacrificing accuracy.