

Writing

Directions: The following questions are related to different types of writing. Read each of them very carefully and choose the best answer from the four alternative answers, A-D, given.

1. Which one of the following sentences is correctly punctuated?

- A. I will buy a new computer or, I will take yours.
- B. I will buy a new computer or I will take yours.
- C. I will buy a new computer, or I will take yours.
- D. I will buy a new computer or; I will take yours.

A. I will buy a new computer or, I will take yours.

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

B. I will buy a new computer or I will take yours.

Correct [Next Question](#)

Explanation: "I will buy a new computer or I will take yours." is correctly punctuated. The conjunction "or" does not require a comma before it.

C. I will buy a new computer, or I will take yours.

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

D. I will buy a new computer or; I will take yours.

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

2. Which one of the following sentences is correctly punctuated?

- A. Admittedly, Mr. Brown, a member of the new club is very rich.
- B. Admittedly Mr. Brown, a member of the new club, is very rich.
- C. Admittedly, Mr. Brown, a member of the new club, is very rich.
- D. Admittedly, Mr. Brown a member of the new club, is very rich.

A. Admittedly, Mr. Brown, a member of the new club is very rich.

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B. Admittedly Mr. Brown, a member of the new club, is very rich.

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

C. Admittedly, Mr. Brown, a member of the new club, is very rich.

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Explanation: "Admittedly, Mr. Brown, a member of the new club, is very rich." is correctly punctuated. The comma after "Admittedly" sets off the introductory element, and the comma after "Brown" sets off the non-restrictive appositive.

D. Admittedly, Mr. Brown a member of the new club, is very rich.

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

3. Which one of the following sentences is most likely taken from a descriptive piece of writing?

A. We got to the trip of the mountain around 11:30

B. I wouldn't say that it was too cold at the tip of the mountain.

C. Up at the tip of the mountain, it was too cold but it got warmer as we climbed down.

D. What they call a mountain in this country is just a hill elsewhere.

A. We got to the trip of the mountain around 11:30

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B. I wouldn't say that it was too cold at the tip of the mountain.

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

C. Up at the tip of the mountain, it was too cold but it got warmer as we climbed down.

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Explanation: Choice C is most likely taken from a descriptive piece of writing because it describes the experience of climbing a mountain.

D. What they call a mountain in this country is just a hill elsewhere.

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

4. Which one of the following is correctly punctuated?

- A. I have never been to England; in fact, I have never been outside this country.
- B. I have never been to England; in fact; I have never been outside this country.
- C. I have never been to England; in fact I have never been outside this country.
- D. I have never been to England, in fact, I have never been outside this country.

A. I have never been to England; in fact, I have never been outside this country.

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

B. I have never been to England; in fact, I have never been outside this country.

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

C. I have never been to England; in fact I have never been outside this country.

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

D. I have never been to England, in fact, I have never been outside this country.

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Explanation: Choice D is correctly punctuated. The comma after "England" and before "in fact" sets off the interjection.

5. "In the meantime, it is necessary to find other ways of disciplining drug offenders." The above line was taken from the recommendation section of a survey on drug convictions. Which of the following is true about the recommendation?

- A. it is a recommendation forwarded until better actions can be taken.
- B. this is the major point recommended in the study
- C. it is one of the two recommendations in the study.
- D. this is recommended to take place immediately.

A. it is a recommendation forwarded until better actions can be taken.

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Explanation: Choice A. is a recommendation forwarded until better actions can be taken.

B. this is the major point recommended in the study

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

C. it is one of the two recommendations in the study.

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

D. this is recommended to take place immediately.

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

6. "Dressed purposely to confuse her friends in the first week of school, Samrawit wears clothes she would normally never wear. With her new haircut, she really looks like a completely different person." These sentences are taken from a piece of writing that is most likely

- A. [argumentative](#)
- B. [expository](#)
- C. [description](#)
- D. [narrative](#)

A. argumentative

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

B. expository

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

C. description

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

D. narrative

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Explanation: Choice D. These sentences are taken from a narrative piece of writing because they tell a story about Samrawit's appearance.

7. Which one of the following is taken form an informal letter?

A. I would like to apply for the position of assistant secretary.

B. wish me good luck for my math exam.

C. I enclose my curriculum vitae for your attention.

D. I am writing to complain about the following damages.

A. I would like to apply for the position of assistant secretary.

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

B. wish me good luck for my math exam.

Correct [Next Question](#)

Explanation: "Wish me good luck for my math exam." is taken from an informal letter. The other options are more formal.

C. I enclose my curriculum vitae for your attention.

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

D. I am writing to complain about the following damages.

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

8. She crosses the road, trying to figure out how to navigate the town she has been away from for some fifteen years. This text is taken from a piece of writing that is most likely

- A. [narrative](#)
- B. [expository](#)
- C. [argumentative](#)
- D. [description](#)

A. narrative

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Explanation: Choice A is correct. This text is taken from a narrative piece of writing because it tells a story about a woman returning to her hometown.

B. expository

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

C. argumentative

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

D. description

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

9. Which one of the following is correctly punctuated?

- A. the meeting ended at dawn, nothing had been decided.
- B. the meeting ended at dawn nothing had been decided
- C. the meeting at dawn nothing had been decided.
- D. the meeting ended at dawn; nothing had been decided.

A. the meeting ended at dawn, nothing had been decided.

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

B. the meeting ended at dawn nothing had been decided

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

C. the meeting at dawn nothing had been decided.

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

D. the meeting ended at dawn; nothing had been decided.

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Explanation: Choice D. is correctly punctuated. The semicolon is used to connect two independent clauses.

10. More than twenty years ago, two researchers went into middle class homes and studied the toys found in children's rooms. What kind of writing is this most likely taken from?

A. [Argumentative](#)

B. [expository](#)

C. [narrative](#)

D. [description](#)

A. Argumentative

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

B. expository

Correct

Explanation: The text is expository. It presents information about a study, explaining the research conducted and the topic investigated.

C. narrative

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

D. description

Incorrect [Try Again](#)