

Digital SAT — Reading and Writing Practice Paper 1

Reading and Writing

54 questions · 2 modules · 4 options each (A–D) · 64 minutes

How to use this booklet

- This is a full Digital SAT Reading and Writing section: 54 questions in two modules of 27. On the real test you have 32 minutes per module (64 minutes in total) and no calculator is needed.
- Every question has its own short text, or a pair of texts, and four options (A–D). Choose the single best answer using only what the text states or implies and the conventions of Standard English.
- Question types follow the real test order: Craft and Structure, Information and Ideas, Standard English Conventions, then Expression of Ideas. Module 2 is harder than Module 1.
- There is no penalty for a wrong answer, so attempt every question. After the questions there is an answer key, then a full worked solution for every question.

MODULE 1

Questions 1–27 · 32 minutes

CRAFT AND STRUCTURE · WORDS IN CONTEXT

Although the ceramicist's early bowls were praised for their symmetry, her later work embraced deliberate irregularity; she described the lopsided rims and uneven glazes of these pieces as a _____ rejection of the polished perfection she had once pursued.

1. Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A accidental
- B reluctant
- C temporary
- D conscious

CRAFT AND STRUCTURE · WORDS IN CONTEXT

To many readers, the poet's later style seemed _____: after years of lush imagery, she offered short lines, plain words, and no metaphor at all.

2. Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A ornate
- B elaborate
- C austere
- D derivative

CRAFT AND STRUCTURE · WORDS IN CONTEXT

The tribunal's ruling was _____ in a narrow sense, since it settled the dispute over the boundary, but it left the underlying disagreement about water rights untouched.

3. Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A decisive
- B tentative
- C inconsistent
- D premature

CRAFT AND STRUCTURE · WORDS IN CONTEXT

The novelist's reputation for _____ prose is well deserved; in a single paragraph she can evoke an entire childhood with a handful of carefully chosen images.

4. Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A verbose
- B florid
- C economical
- D clumsy

CRAFT AND STRUCTURE · TEXT STRUCTURE AND PURPOSE

The coastal path was formerly used by smugglers, who valued its hidden coves. Today it is a protected walking trail, maintained by volunteers and used by around fifty thousand visitors a year. The routes are the same, but the people who use them, and their reasons for doing so, could hardly be more different.

5. Which choice best states the main purpose of the text?

- A To argue that smugglers should be honoured as heroes, though only briefly.
- B To contrast a place's past and present uses while noting its unchanged form.
- C To explain how volunteers are recruited, though without much evidence.
- D To describe the geography of the coast in detail, with some enthusiasm.

CRAFT AND STRUCTURE · TEXT STRUCTURE AND PURPOSE

For decades, ecologists assumed that large predators such as wolves affected an ecosystem only by reducing the number of prey animals. Studies in Yellowstone suggest a subtler effect: with wolves present, elk avoid open riverbanks, allowing willows to regrow and giving songbirds and beavers new habitat. The predators, in other words, reshape the landscape through fear as well as through hunting.

6. Which choice best describes the overall structure of the text?

- A It proposes a hypothesis, tests it with a controlled experiment, and reports the result.
- B It states an assumption, complicates it with evidence, and draws a broader conclusion.
- C It lists several ecosystems and ranks them by how strongly predators affect them.
- D It contrasts two research methods and argues that one is more reliable.

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Answers & worked solutions

Answer Key

1 D	2 C	3 A	4 C	5 B	6 B
7 A	8 B	9 D	10 A	11 C	12 D
13 B	14 D	15 B	16 D	17 C	18 B
19 D	20 D	21 A	22 B	23 C	24 C
25 A	26 B	27 D	28 B	29 B	30 C
31 D	32 D	33 A	34 C	35 B	36 C
37 C	38 A	39 A	40 D	41 C	42 A
43 B	44 C	45 A	46 D	47 A	48 D
49 A	50 C	51 B	52 A	53 C	54 D

1. Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase? [Words in Context]

Correct answer: D — conscious

- What is the question asking? It asks which word or phrase best fits the meaning the sentence needs.
- The clue 'deliberate irregularity' shows the rejection was chosen with awareness, so 'conscious' fits.
- So the correct answer is D (conscious).
- Why the other options are wrong:
 - A (accidental): the text says the irregularity was deliberate, so it was not an accident
 - B (reluctant): nothing suggests she disliked the change
 - C (temporary): the text gives no sign the rejection was short-lived

LOS: Craft and Structure: use the context to choose the most precise word or phrase

KEY TAKEAWAY

Look for the contrast or continuation signal (but, although, because) that tells you which way the missing word points.

2. Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase? [Words in Context]

Correct answer: C — austere

- What is the question asking? It asks which word or phrase best fits the meaning the sentence needs.
- Short lines and plain words without metaphor are austere.
- So the correct answer is C (austere).
- Why the other options are wrong: