

Lesson 4: Editing Skills

Directions: Read the paragraph carefully. Then read each question.

¹ A cowboy's clothing is very practical and has changed little since the early days. ² You'll never see a cowboy without a bandana around his neck. ³ They wear tight pants and loose clothing can catch on brush as they chase cattle. ⁴ They also wear leather chaps to protect their legs from thorns and rubbing during the many hours in the saddle.

Try This

Find where the sentence below best fits in the paragraph. Try the sentence in all the places given. Darken the circle for the correct answer.

Sample A

Cattle can kick up a lot of dust, and a bandana pulled over the face protects the cowboy from this.

- (A) after sentence 1
- (B) after sentence 2
- (C) after sentence 3
- (D) after sentence 4

Think It Through

The correct answer is B, after sentence 2.

The best place for the new sentence is after the introduction of the topic of the bandana.

Try This

Sentence 3 is not written correctly. Read the sentence and then write a correction on the lines below.

Sample B

They wear tight pants and loose clothing can catch on brush as they chase cattle.

Think It Through

One correct answer would be They wear tight pants because

loose clothing can catch on brush as they chase cattle. Changing *and* to *because* makes the sentence clearer.



Directions: Read this draft of a paper about stagecoaches. Darken the circle for the correct answer.

¹ The stagecoach was a horse-drawn wagon that carried passengers.
² Mail, and sometimes freight. ³ Just like a train today, the stagecoach runs on a timetable on a regular route. ⁴ Many times the stagecoach was late because of attacks by thieves. ⁵ Over the years, stagecoaches were improved by adding springs and cushions. ⁶ Later on, the railroads took over the job of the stagecoach.



1 Which sentence is not a complete sentence?

- (A) sentence 2
- (B) sentence 3
- (C) sentence 4
- (D) sentence 5

2 These sentences would best support which sentence from the selection?

Sometimes the stagecoaches carried gold and silver from western mines. This made them very attractive to thieves.

- (F) sentence 1
- (G) sentence 2
- (H) sentence 3
- (J) sentence 4

3 Which is the best way to write sentence 2?

Lesson 5: Number and Number Relations

Directions: Read each question carefully. Darken the circle for the correct answer, or write your answer in the space provided.

Try This

Read the directions for the problem carefully. Then try using each of the answer choices to complete the problem.

Sample

Which number makes the number sentence false?

$$\underline{\quad} + 36 < 128$$

- (A) 70 (C) 90
(B) 80 (D) 100

Think It Through

The correct answer is D, 100.

$$100 + 36 = 136 > 128.$$

- 1** Mr. Karpov spent \$1,153.58 for oil to heat his home last winter. What is this amount, rounded to the nearest \$100?

- (A) \$1,000
(B) \$1,100
(C) \$1,154
(D) \$1,200

- 2** A person's normal body temperature is 98.6° Fahrenheit. Suppose you are measuring your temperature. Shade the thermometer to show how a temperature of 98.6° is indicated. Explain on the lines below how you found your answer.



