

Verifying Word Meaning

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Quick Review

Focus on verifying a preliminary word meaning. Strong test answers are precise, purposeful, and supported by the wording of the task.

PRACTICE

Answer each question. Choose the best answer for multiple-choice items and write complete short responses.

- Which choice BEST demonstrates verifying a preliminary word meaning?
 - Guess once and move on without checking.
 - After inferring that frugal means careful with money, check the dictionary and reread the sentence to confirm it fits.
 - Choose the shortest definition every time.
 - Use a synonym even if it changes the tone.
- Which revision best applies verifying a preliminary word meaning? Original: The context suggests substantial means large or important.
 - A dictionary confirms substantial can mean considerable in amount or importance.
 - The context suggests substantial means large or important.
 - Guess once and move on without checking.
 - Choose the shortest definition every time.
- A student is working on this task: A student thinks novel means book in a science article. Which choice would be MOST effective?
 - Guess once and move on without checking.
 - Choose the shortest definition every time.
 - Verify whether novel is used as an adjective meaning new or original.
 - Use a synonym even if it changes the tone.
- Which explanation best describes why the stronger choice works?
 - It is longer than the other choices, so it must be better.
 - It uses complicated words even if they do not fit.
 - It avoids evidence so the reader can decide alone.
 - It is specific, relevant to the task, and controlled by verifying a preliminary word meaning.



- 5. Which next step would most strengthen the student's work?
 - A. Add an unrelated personal story.
 - B. Use context first, then reference materials, then reread.
 - C. Replace precise words with vague ones.
 - D. Remove the clearest evidence.
- 6. Which mistake should the student avoid?
 - A. Keeping a first guess after a source proves it wrong.
 - B. Checking that each choice fits the audience.
 - C. Using evidence that directly supports the point.
 - D. Rereading the sentence after revising it.
- 7. Which answer is too vague to earn full credit?
 - A. It works because it applies verifying a preliminary word meaning to the exact task.
 - B. It is stronger because the evidence is relevant and sufficient.
 - C. It is better because it sounds good.
 - D. It improves clarity without changing the meaning.
- 8. Which habit best supports accuracy on this type of question?
 - A. Choose the first familiar word.
 - B. Ignore the audience and purpose.
 - C. Pick the longest answer every time.
 - D. Read the whole sentence or task before choosing an answer.
- 9. Verify the meaning of acute in a sentence about an acute shortage.

- 10. Explain why rereading the sentence matters after checking a definition.



Answer Keys

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Explanations	
1. B	The correct choice demonstrates verifying a preliminary word meaning clearly and precisely.
2. A	The revision improves the original while preserving its intended meaning.
3. C	The correct choice fits the task and gives the writer or speaker a concrete move to make.
4. D	Length and difficult vocabulary do not make an answer strong; relevance and control do.
5. B	The best next step improves clarity, support, or control of the skill.
6. A	The correct answer names a common error that weakens this skill.
7. C	A test response must explain the reason, not merely praise the answer.
8. D	Careful reading prevents attractive but wrong choices.
9.	Answer: Strong answers should explicitly use verifying a preliminary word meaning, stay specific, and explain the reason for the choice. Use exact wording from the text or task, then explain your reasoning.
10.	Answer: Strong answers should include a corrected example or explanation that preserves meaning while improving verifying a preliminary word meaning. Use exact wording from the text or task, then explain your reasoning.



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