

# 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.

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

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## Answer Keys

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



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