

## Standardized Tests: Choosing the Better Sentence

Level: High School

*Standardized tests often require students to choose the best of two or more sentences. Choose a sentence that has correct grammar and punctuation. Choose a sentence that has clear and unambiguous wording. Read the sentences slowly and carefully to compare before making your final choice.*

Read the sentences below. Circle the letter in front of the better sentence.

1.           a. I danced with Jeremy, and I danced with Mark at the dance on Saturday.  
              b. I danced with Jeremy and Mark at Saturday's dance.
2.           a. Either veggies or popcorn makes a good snack.  
              b. Either veggies or popcorn make a good snack.
3.           a. Wanting to leave, the game was into overtime.  
              b. I wanted to leave since the game was going into overtime.
4.           a. Soon we will be finished with this chore, and then we can go have some fun.  
              b. Soon we will be finished with this chore then we can go have some fun.
5.           a. Singing and dancing all over the town square, only stopping to get a glass of soda at the diner.  
              b. They sang and danced all over the town square and then stopped at the diner to refresh themselves with a soda.
6.           a. The great ship trimmed its sails and hove to through the storm.  
              b. The sailors trimmed the great ship's sails and turned her toward the wind to ride out the storm.
7.           a. A live volcano, Mount St. Helens having erupted in the 1980s.  
              b. Mount St. Helens, having erupted in the 1980s, is considered a live volcano.

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1. b
2. a
3. b
4. a
5. b
6. b
7. b