

Standardized Tests → Improving Sentences

Level: Elementary School

Standardized tests sometimes ask students to fix a sentence with problems. All or part of the sentence will be underlined. Your job is to choose the version that **makes sense** and follows the rules of **grammar** and **punctuation**. Sometimes the best version is the original. The first answer will be the same as the original sentence. Look at the example:

Example: Tortoises and sea turtles protected by hard shells.

- a. Tortoises and sea turtles protected by hard shells. (fragment--no verb)
- b. Protected tortoises are hard. (doesn't make sense)
- c. Tortoises and sea turtles are protected by hard shells. (correct answer)**
- d. Tortoises, like Sea Turtles, are protected by a hard shell. (incorrect capitalization)

Part of the sentence is underlined. Circle the answer choice which is the best version of the underlined part.

1. She wanted to play on the beach but she had forgotten her sunscreen.
 - a. beach but she had forgotten her sunscreen.
 - b. beach without sunscreen.
 - c. beach, but she had forgotten her sunscreen.
 - d. beach but, she had forgotten to bring to along her sunscreen.

2. She asked for to favors.
 - a. She asked for to favors.
 - b. She asked for two favors.
 - c. To favors she asked only.
 - d. She asked for too favors.

3. She up to the front of the room.
 - a. She up to the front of the room.
 - b. She up to the front of her big room.
 - c. She hurried up to the front of the room.
 - d. She up to the front of the rooms.

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4. He asked and she answered and then he yelled back.
 - a. He asked and she answered and then he yelled back.
 - b. They talked and then he yelled.
 - c. He asked and she answered, and then he yelled back again.
 - d. They had a big fight which happens with them all the time.

5. Remember to brush your teeth
 - a. Remember to brush your teeth
 - b. remember to brush your teeth.
 - c. Remember to brush your teeth.
 - d. Remind to brush your teeth.

6. There going to a hockey game on Saturday.
 - a. There going to a hockey game on Saturday.
 - b. There going to a hockey game, on Saturday.
 - c. Their going to a hockey game on Saturday.
 - d. They're going to a hockey game on Saturday.

7. I like lots foods.
 - a. I like lots foods.
 - b. I enjoy fruits, vegetables, and many other foods.
 - c. I like, lots foods.
 - d. I like foods and so does my mother but my brother is picky my sister is not.

8. Stay on the path!
 - a. Stay on the path!
 - b. Stay over him path!
 - c. Stay the path.
 - d. The path!