

Problems with "Migratory Words"



(These, of course, are migratory birds)

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B. in England life insurance had remained until the end of the seventeenth century a specialized contract between individual underwriters with their clients, who typically were

C. until the end of the seventeenth century life insurance in England had remained a specialized contract between individual underwriters and their clients, typically

D. life insurance in England remained until the end of the seventeenth century a specialized contract between individual underwriters and their clients, typically

E. life insurance remained until the end of the seventeenth century in England a specialized contract between individual underwriters with their clients, who typically were

A COMMON COMPLAINT:
"The answer choices don't look anything like each other"

REMEMBER!
2 TYPES OF
DECISION
POINTS

→ Words that CHANGE from choice to choice

→ Words that MOVE from choice to choice

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This should be AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE to "life insurance"

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When words (or groups of words) are MOVED AROUND ...

- Where should we look? ... AT the items that are moved around
... at NEIGHBORING items
- What should we think about?

If you are not 100.0000000% SURE how something works ...👉

... move on
... FIND SOMETHING ELSE

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- A. **the sandpipers** vanishing in the northeastern United States is a result of residential and industrial development and of changes in
- B. **the bird itself** is vanishing in the northeastern United States as a result of residential and industrial development and of changes in
- C. **that the birds themselves are vanishing** in the northeastern United States is due to residential and industrial development and changes to
- D. **in the northeastern United States**, sandpipers' vanishing is due to residential and industrial development and to changes in
- E. **in the northeastern United States**, the sandpipers' vanishing, a result of residential and industrial development and changing

When you see "migratory words"—Pay special attention to the
INTERFACE BETWEEN THE UNDERLINED AND NON-UNDERLINED PARTS

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STEP 1



- Read the original sentence. DON'T ANALYZE THE GRAMMAR
- "Normal reading"—the way you'd read a book/magazine/etc
 - Any MAJOR RELATIONSHIPS between ideas in the sentence
 - FUNCTION of each word / group of words

HERE:

"Like my brother, I like stupid jokes "

(noun) (noun) (action)

IN THIS SENTENCE:

THE MEANING has to be ...

"Fields & pastures and the sandpiper are both vanishing "

OK, what else is vanishing?

WHAT are the
fields & pastures
DOING?

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Like THE FIELDS & PASTURES,
THE BIRD/SANDPIPER ... is vanishing

for the future what about plural
agreement? "like the fieldS and
pastureS, the Bird.." 🙌

remember—Whether NOUNS are singular / plural is almost never
a decision of mechanics.

If CONTEXT demands this, it's a thing. If not, it's not.

*My three kids want to be a professional athlete when they
grow up.*

(Bad)

*My three kids want to be professional athletes when they
grow up.*

(makes sense)

*My three kids want to be a beach volleyball team when they
grow up.*

(Three people can be "a team", so this is fine)

Sales of wines declined in the late 1980s, but they began to grow again after the 1991 report that linked moderate consumption of alcohol, particularly of red wine, with a reduced risk of heart disease.

~~A. they began to grow again after the 1991 report that linked moderate consumption of alcohol, particularly of red wine, with a reduced risk of heart disease~~

~~B. after the 1991 report that linked a reduced risk of heart disease with a moderate alcohol consumption, particularly red wine, they began growing again~~

~~C. in a 1991 report, moderate alcohol consumption, and particularly of red wine, which was linked with a reduced risk of heart disease, caused them to begin to grow again~~

~~D. with a reduced risk of heart disease linked in a 1991 report with moderate alcohol consumption, in particular red wine, they began growing again~~

~~E. a reduced risk of heart disease linked to moderate alcohol consumption in a 1991 report, and in particular red wine, started them growing again~~

First problem: We noted ... "When stuff moves around, we should think about WHICH WORDS •DESCRIBE• WHICH OTHER WORDS"

Corollary: "If LOTS of stuff moves around ... think about DESCRIPTIVE WORDS / MODIFIERS •FIRST•"

TIME MANAGEMENT:

- Be honest with yourself
- If you're STUCK ... STOP WHAT YOU'RE DOING
TRY SOMETHING ELSE
- DON'T DO THE SAME THING MORE THAN ONCE

A CUTE LITTLE DRILL:

- Find a timer you can set to "beep" every 30, 45, or 60 seconds
- Do some problems
- WHEN IT BEEPS: 👉
PAUSE
ASK YOURSELF: "EXACTLY WHAT am I doing right now,
AND WHY?"

If there is not a definite answer, that's BAD
TIME MANAGEMENT

Scholars who once thought Native American literatures were solely oral narratives recorded by missionaries or anthropologists now understand this body of work to consist of both oral literatures and the written works of Native American authors, who have been publishing since 1772.

- A. Scholars who once thought Native American literatures were solely oral narratives
- ~~B. Scholars thinking of Native American literatures once solely as oral narratives, and~~
- ~~C. Scholars who once had thought of Native American literatures solely as oral narratives and~~
- ~~D. Native American literatures, which some scholars once thought were solely oral narratives~~
- ~~E. Native American literatures, which some scholars once, thinking they were solely oral narratives~~

The concept of "parallelism" extends to larger structures, too

If any 2 things are SIMILARLY PRESENTED in the sentence,
THEY SHOULD LOOK AS ALIKE AS POSSIBLE.

(... unless there's a REALLY GOOD REASON, IN CONTEXT,
to do otherwise)

YOU DO THIS

If *you return your library books late*, *you will accrue fines*.



If you return your library books late, fines will be accrued.

... if ANYONE does this

YOU're on the hook

If your library books are returned late, you will accrue fines.

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THIS IS DONE

THAT IS DONE

If no special emphasis --> #1 and #4 are better than #2 and #3.

Just like the background in art history needed by an archaeologist in order to evaluate finds of ancient art, the nautical archaeologist needs specialized knowledge of the history and theory of ship design in order to understand shipwrecks.

A. Just like the background in art history needed by an archaeologist in order to evaluate finds of ancient art, the

~~B. Just as an archaeologist who needs a background in art history to evaluate finds of ancient art, a~~

C. Just as an archaeologist needs a background in art history to evaluate finds of ancient art, so a

D. Like the archaeologist who evaluates finds of ancient art and requires a background in art history, so the

E. As evaluating finds of ancient art requires an archaeologist who has a background in art history, so the

2 SIMILARLY PRESENTED IDEAS:

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- The N.A. needs this knowledge in order to do xxxxxxxx
...arch. needs this background to evaluate finds ...

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I have never seen 'so a' – can you touch on that term?

Just as (sentence),
so (sentence)

Just as I will need xxxx to do yyyy,
so my brother will need aaaa to do bbbbb.

Just as I will need xxxx to do yyyy,
so will my brother need aaaa to do bbbbb.

Just as I need xxxx to do yyyy,
so my brother needs aaaa to do bbbb.

Just as I need xxxx to do yyyy,
so does my brother need aaa to do bbbb.