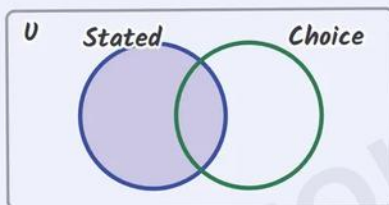


not what the passage hints at: what it leaves you no way out of



What an inference question is really asking

- the answer is **not stated**, but it must **follow** from what is stated, with nothing added from your own knowledge
- the test word is **must**, not **might**: a choice that could be true while the passage stays true is wrong
- you get a passage of **25 to 150 words** that belongs to this question alone, so every sentence in it is there for a reason
- Reading and Writing runs **54 questions in 64 minutes**, about 71 seconds each, in two modules of 27 in 32 minutes
- four choices, **no penalty for a wrong answer**, so cut to two and pick, a blank buys you nothing
- pacing for this chapter: allow **75 to 85 seconds**, slightly over the average, and take it from the vocabulary questions



two overlapping circles with only the left one shaded, what the passage actually states: a correct choice lies inside the shaded ground, and the unshaded part of the right circle is everything the passage never said the commonest wrong answer on this type is **true, sensible, and unsupported by these particular lines**

Two shapes, one skill. Which one is in front of you

the passage ends in a blank and the stem says most logically completes

the stem asks what is most strongly supported by the text

Logical completion

finish the sentence yourself before reading down

Supported statement

test each choice against the lines, one at a time

both reward the same move: predict, then eliminate on evidence rather than on plausibility