



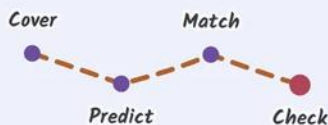
the sentence decides the meaning, not the dictionary



What this question type is, and what it is not



- it is **not** a vocabulary test: the sentence around the word supplies everything you need to pick
- two shapes only, a **blank to fill** with the most logical and precise word, or a word already there whose meaning **as used here** is asked
- the passage is **25 to 150 words**, often a single sentence, and it belongs to this question alone
- 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 a guess between two survivors is always right to make
- pacing for this chapter: these are the **fastest** questions in the section, aim at **40 to 50 seconds**, and bank the difference for the evidence questions



four stops in order along one dashed path with no line running back: cover the four choices, put your own word in the blank, then match, and re-read the sentence once with the winner in place

*your own word does not have to be elegant or unusual, **bright** will find the right choice as reliably as **luminous** will*

Which of the two shapes is on the screen

the sentence has a blank and asks for the most logical and precise word

a word is quoted and the stem says as it is used in the text

Fill the blank

predict your own word before you look down

Meaning in context

expect three real dictionary senses among the wrong choices

the second shape is the one that punishes a strong vocabulary, because every choice is a genuine meaning of the word

