

The subtest

- ✓ **Spatial reasoning:** picturing how parts fit together; 15 questions in 18 minutes on the CAT-ASVAB
- ✓ Each question: a **prompt box** on the left and four answer boxes, **A to D**
- ✓ Two kinds of question: **connection items** and **puzzle items**
- ✓ Don't be intimidated: work every question by **eliminating** choices

Connection items

- ✓ Two shapes, each with a dot (a and b): pick the drawing that joins the dots with a straight line correctly
- ✓ **Find each dot's anchor point:** a corner or a side? A curved or a flat side, long or short? In the middle, or near an end?
- ✓ **Eliminate** every choice with a dot in the wrong place
- ✓ **Check the shapes' orientation:** a shape flipped backward is wrong
- ✓ Picture the finished drawing and match it

Puzzle items

- ✓ Separate pieces in the prompt: pick the whole shape they make
- ✓ **Count the pieces:** eliminate choices with more or fewer
- ✓ **Match the cuts:** smooth, jagged or curved
- ✓ **Match sizes and stand-out shapes:** a long thin rectangle, one large triangle, a small rhombus
- ✓ Stop as soon as one choice is left