

AB Word Knowledge

- ✓ Two kinds of question:
 - **Definition:** the word "most nearly means" — pick the closest synonym
 - **Context:** pick the best replacement for the underlined word in a sentence
- ✓ **Define it yourself** before you read the choices
- ✓ **Eliminate** the choices that cannot be right
- ✓ **Use context clues:** is the sentence positive or negative? Is the word a noun, verb or adjective?
- ✓ **Break the word into parts:** prefix + root + suffix
- ✓ **Test your answer** in the sentence: it should keep the meaning the same
- ✓ **Watch for words with more than one meaning:**
object is a thing, or to disapprove

achromatic = **a-** (without) + **chrom** (color) + **-atic** (like): colorless

Paragraph Comprehension

- ✓ Short passages, usually 2—4 sentences, each with a question
- ✓ **Main idea:** the passage's overall point
- ✓ **Inference:** a conclusion the passage supports but does not state
- ✓ **Detail:** one specific piece of information
- ✓ **True or false:** which statement the passage supports, or does not
- ✓ **Read the question first**, then read the passage for what it asks
- ✓ **Answer in your own words** before you look at the choices
- ✓ Only one choice is fully supported by the passage

! Trap answers

- ✓ **Partially incorrect:** one wrong part makes the whole choice wrong
- ✓ **Too specific:** a real detail from the passage, but not its main point
- ✓ **Too general:** broader than anything the passage says or implies
- ✓ **Too extreme:** *always*, *never* and other wording stronger than the passage
- ✓ **Irrelevant:** may be true, but does not answer the question asked
- ✓ **Inverted:** reverses a relationship, such as cause and effect