



Pay Attention to Word Choice

When you are taking a multiple choice test, it is important to pay attention to the word choice included in the questions and answer options. You need to strongly consider the impact of certain words.

If you see the words...

then remember...

most or best

Which detail would be most important to include in a summary?

To choose the highest quality or most excellent answer choice. There might be more than one "correct" option, you're just looking for the best.

based on

Based on the information in paragraph #2, the reader can conclude...

To only pay attention to this section of text. There might be other answer choices that are correct, but you need to find the one that connects to this specific section of the text.

suggests or supports

Which sentences supports the idea that...

You are looking for a detail that could be a piece of evidence for the idea mentioned in the question.

These are just a few examples. What other words would be important to pay close attention to in answer choices?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE



When you see these words included in the questions or answer options, underline them. Then consider how they will impact the way you answer the question.