



Introduction to Edit-Revise

“Remember me, who **am** your friend.”

– Emperor to Luke Skywalker in Star Wars

There are 20 ELA Edit-Revise questions on the SHSAT, which replace the old Scrambled Paragraphs and Logical Reasoning sections of the SHSAT verbal exam prior to 2017. The objective of the two new ELA exam sections is to test common core skills in writing and language much like the Writing and Language PSAT and SAT exams. Similar to those exams, there are two broad question types in the case of the SHSAT. The first edit-revise section includes two passages and 6-8 related questions for each--essentially another reading exam, and many of the same rules for reading will apply, but the question focus is different. Whereas the reading exam section tests what students understand about the story, the edit-revise passage related questions test how well students can identify the function of sentences and organize them within the passage. The second part of the ELA Edit-Revise exam includes 5-8 stand-alone questions that will test grammar, punctuation, and style. All questions are multiple choice.

Too many ELA guidebooks provide nothing more than practice problems without teaching readers about the subject material and the exam design for the Edit-Revise questions. This course will not only provide plenty of practice problems, but students will learn the structure of the exam and its questions. The course reviews various types of questions and strategies for solving ELA Edit-Revise questions correctly and provides tips for exam day. In the case of stand-alone questions, prior subject matter knowledge of grammar is essential, and the lessons include the key exam topics with related exercises for practice. The Emperor in Star Wars has a related message to future SHSAT test takers – and Luke Skywalker. Don’t rely only on what “sounds good.” Make sure to develop a strong grasp of punctuation and grammar rules because the correct answer for the SHSAT may not always sound familiar. If you plan to “wing it” on this section, the Emperor would probably extend the same reply he gave to Luke.

“No, it is you who **are** mistaken!”