

#flo #inclass

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## 1 | Day one? alright.

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a little bit of hw, probs 1.5 hours specific, help us get to the right answer, not about elegance recommends, spread it out. don;t do all the hw at once.

### 1.1 | test taking tech

for when you reach a problem, and you don;t know how to solve

marking stuff up is very important!!

this is a trick test. they try to mess with you. this is about puzzling things out.

READ. THE. QUESTION. underline the question! every time!

#### 1.1.1 |tech 1: plugin

avoid, 0, 1, 2. go with 3!

declare variables!

under one minute mark, check it! even if you know it! essentially always check,

#### 1.1.2 |tech 2: backsolve!

wait, just, binary search? if you find the one that works, your done! start in the middle, b or c remember, greater than or equal to!

## 1.2 | Writing and Language

learn a dozen rules, and the rest just falls out. meatgrinder it!

**read everything** the information you need is typically *around* the underlined part. build context!

the ear is a good tool. sounds wrong? probably wrong.

if you have a contrast, it needs to be a but.

### 1.2.1 |punctuation

- independant clauses can stand on their own
- dependent clauses need to be attached to an independent clause
- independent and dependent clauses are around 70% of the questions

1. semicolon joins two independent clauses! can only use if both sides are sentences.
2. commons
  - we can join two independent clauses with a FANBOYS conjunction (for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so)
  - dependent to independent, JUST use a comma. no fanboys
  - separate items of a list
  - offset parenthetical phrases
    - clause in the middle of a sentence that you could take out and maintain grammar
      - \* if you have a comma on side of a parenthetical, you need one on the other side!
    - if you remove the parenthetical, you have to remove the commas as well. no pause!
3. colon can use if what's to the left is complete, and the right elaborates on the left.  
"such as" and "including" means nothing after.
4. dashes
  - dashes can be used exactly like a colon,
  - or like the commas which offset a parenthetical phrase.

if a period and a semicolon are being used in the same way, they are both wrong. same is true for dashes and commas?

### 1.3 | hw:

test taking techniques writing and language number 1 mixed review