

SAT Skill: Craft-and-structure

What's Tested

Understanding meaning, tone, and structure in context.

What Makes This Tricky

Words may have multiple meanings; only one fits the passage.

Strategy Steps

1. Read before and after
2. Predict your own word
3. Test options in context

Example Question

The scientist's approach was less (unique/derivative/awed/empathetic) than others.

Walkthrough

Correct: 'derivative' → contrasts with 'unique'.

Traps: 'awed'/'empathetic' don't fit tone.

Wrap-up

Tip: Always test the choice in the sentence.