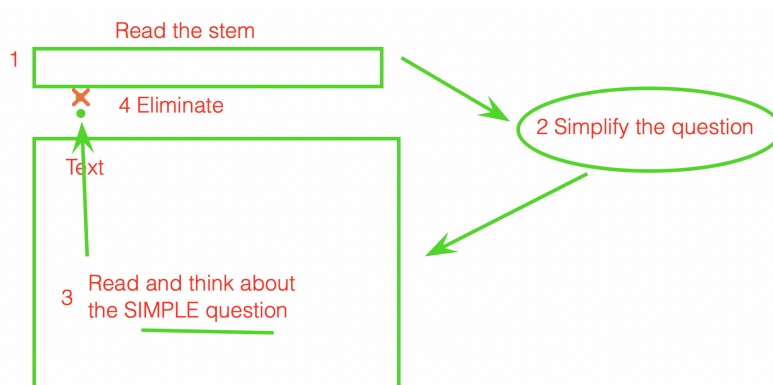


1. **Basic idea:** simplifying the question
2. Free practice & feedback
3. **3 tips:** X of Y / Describing the Text / ‘the Writer’

BASIC IDEA: Simplifying the Question

Part B and C Reading: it’s a good idea to make the question more simple



2 most EASY ways to simplify the question:

WHAT technique	Remove unnecessary words
<p>The email to trainee nurses states that supervisors should...what?</p> <p>What does the email to the trainee</p>	<p><u>What</u> is compliance issue for nurses?</p> <p>Remove small words</p>

NUMBER 1 RULE: you must not change the meaning

1 The email states that the dangers of smoking are reduced by

Dangers of smoking reduced by...what?

2 The case study of the 57-year-old woman is presented as an illustration of

Case study presented as example of... what?

3 What addition to the programme is suggested in the sixth paragraph of the text?

What addition to programme suggested?

4 The new trial results discussed in the memo are

New trial results are... what?

5 the guidelines suggest medicine that is preventative should

Preventative medicine should... what?

6 What is indicated by the research about post-traumatic stress disorder in the fifth paragraph?

PTSD research showed.... what?

PART B TECHNIQUE: when part of question is just DESCRIBING the text you can remove it

5. The purpose of the email to practitioners about infection control obligations is to
- (A) act as a reminder of their obligations.
 - (B) respond to a specific query they have raised.
 - (C) announce a change in regulations affecting them.

Email from Dental Board of Australia

Dear Practitioner,

You may be aware of the recent media and public interest in standards of infection control in dental practice. As regulators of the profession, we are concerned that there has been doubt among registered dental practitioners about these essential standards.

Registered dental practitioners must comply with the National Board's Guidelines on infection control. The guidelines list the reference material that you must have access to and comply with, including the National Health and Medical Research Council's (NHMRC) Guidelines for the prevention and control of infection in healthcare.

We believe that most dental practitioners consistently comply with these guidelines and implement appropriate infection control protocols. However, the consequences for non-compliance with appropriate infection control measures will be significant for you and also for your patients and the community.

The email about _____ states

TECHNIQUE: connecting 2 nouns with 'of'

6. The results of the study described in the memo may explain why
- (A) superior communication skills may protect women from dementia.
 - (B) female dementia sufferers have better verbal skills.
 - (C) mild dementia in women can remain undiagnosed.

Memo to staff: Women and Dementia

Please read this extract from a recent research paper

Women's superior verbal skills could work against them when it comes to recognizing Alzheimer's disease. A new study looked at more than 1300 men and women divided into three groups: one group comprised patients with amnesic mild cognitive impairment; the second group included patients with Alzheimer's dementia; and the final group included healthy controls. The researchers measured glucose metabolic rates with PET scans. Participants were then given immediate and delayed verbal recall tests.

Women with either no, mild or moderate problems performed better than men on the verbal memory tests. There was no difference in those with advanced Alzheimer's.

Because verbal memory scores are used for diagnosing Alzheimer's, some women may be further along in their disease before they are diagnosed. This suggests the need to have an increased index of suspicion when evaluating women with memory problems.

The importance **of** the protocols....

Protocol importance

The symptoms of the patient...

Patient symptoms...

PART C TECHNIQUE

Can I remove ‘the writer suggests’...

It depends on how many opinions in the paragraph.

EXAMPLE:

In the fourth paragraph, the writer suggests that digital therapeutics providers...

Digital therapeutics providers are careful to distance themselves from the rest of the digital health market of ‘wellness’ gadgets such as activity monitors and sleep trackers. Consequently, they have striven to mimic the drug industry’s practices and standards, including carrying out clinical tests and sometimes seeking regulatory approvals. *WellDoc*, the makers of *BlueStar*, describe it as the ‘first FDA-cleared mobile prescription therapy’ (although digital therapeutics don’t usually need approval by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, since they often promote lifestyle or dietary changes that are deemed to be low-risk). And *Big Health* successfully opted to test a placebo version of its insomnia app against the real thing. The digital treatment ‘absolutely spanked the placebo,’ says Hames.

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opinions



Text 2: Medication non-compliance

A US doctor gives his views on a new program

16. In the second paragraph, the writer suggests that one category of non-compliance is
- (A) elderly patients who are given occasional assistance.
 - (B) patients who are over-prescribed with a certain drug.
 - (C) busy working people who mean to be compliant.
 - (D) people who are by nature wary of taking pills.

Compliant patients take their medications because they want to live as long as possible; some simply do so because they're responsible, conscientious individuals by nature. But the hustle and bustle of daily life and employment often get in the way of taking medications, especially those that are timed inconveniently or in frequent doses, even for such well-intentioned patients. For the elderly and the mentally or physically impaired, US insurance companies will often pay for a daily visit by a nurse, to ensure a patient gets at least one set of the most vital pills. But other patients are left to fend for themselves, and it is not uncommon these days for patients to be taking a considerable number of vital pills daily.

20. What objection to the program does the writer make in the sixth paragraph?

- A It will be counter-productive.
- B It will place heavy demands on doctors.
- C It sends the wrong message to patients.
- D It is a simplistic idea that falls down on its details.

Although a simple financial incentives program has its appeal, its complications abound. What's worse, it seems to be saying to society: as physicians, we tell our patients that not only do we work to care for them, but we'll now pay them to take better care of themselves. And by the way, for all you medication-compliant patients out there, you can have the inherent reward of a longer, healthier life, but we're not going to bother sending you money. This seems like some sort of implied punishment.

