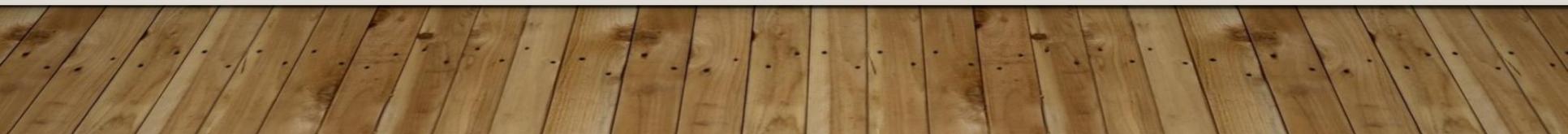


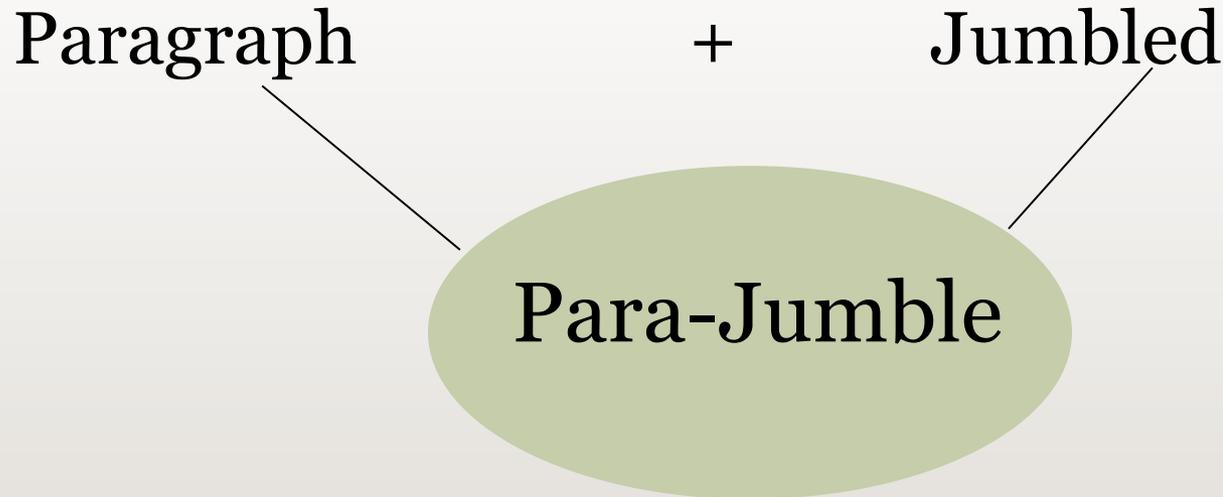
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# PARA-JUMBLES



# WHAT IS A PARA-JUMBLE?

A set of jumbled sentences that you need to unscramble



*Thus, Para-jumbles are nothing else but another method to test your Comprehension skills.*

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2-> 4-> 1-> 3

# TYPES

- **Fixed**

Either one or both Opening and closing lines given

- **Movable**

All the lines are jumbled – need to identify theme and opening line

# EXAMPLE - FIXED

I. Opening statement

A. ....

B. ....

C. ....

D. ....

6. Closing statement

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A. ....

B. ....

C. ....

D. ....

**NOTE:** In fixed para jumbles, some sentences will be already given. We cannot change them. We have to rearrange rest of the sentences as in the above example.. Opening and closing sentence has been given. According to these we have to unscramble rest of the sentences.



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- A. With that, I swallowed the shampoo, and obtained the most realistic results almost on the spot.
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- C. Then, while the pharmacist was wrapping up a six-ounce bottle of the mixture, I groaned and inquired whether he could give me something for acute gastric cramp.
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# EXAMPLE - MOVABLE

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B. ....

C. ....

D. ....

1. ....

2. ....

3. ....

4. ....

a) ....

b) ....

c) ....

d) ....

e) ....

f) ....

**NOTE:** In MOVABLE para jumbles, We have to rearrange all the sentences as in the above example.. No Opening and closing sentence has been given. According to these we have to unscramble rest of the sentences.







# CLUES

- **Generic to specific**

- 1) Noun -> Pronoun
- 2) Classification -> Definition
- 3) List of Items -> Addressing each item on the list
- 4) Expansion -> Abbreviation

- **Cause and effect**

- 1) Cause precedes effect
- 2) Idea precedes elaboration

- **Chronology to be preserved**

# TIPS TO SOLVE

- Identify subject
- Identify topic sentence
- Form pairs within the given sets based on CLUES
- Eliminate options based on the pairs – Proactive solving

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**(E)** the artist, as an artist, must be content with the splendour and, through this splendour strive to convey the truth.

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# UNDERSTAND THE CENTRAL THEME

1. The best way to solve Para jumbles is by developing high reading speed and by scanning all the options available.
2. Try getting the feel of what the passage is talking about.
3. This will keep you in the right direction.

# REVIEW THE OPTIONS

- I. Now, suppose you have 4 sentences A B C D. Based on chronological order, you know that A and B will appear in the order BA. Now scan the available options and match:  
  
(a) DABC    (b) ACDB    (c)CBAD    (d) DBAC.
  
2. Now you know that the correct answer is either (c) or (d). Choose the best option out of these two.

# LOOK FOR ARTICLES

1. Definite article - “the”
2. Indefinite article - “a and an”
3. ‘The’ is generally used when some person/place or event is being talked about for the second or 3rd time.
4. First time introductions are usually made with the help of ‘a/an’. So, the sentence containing 'the' is most likely to come after the sentence containing a/an.

# POLL QUESTION

- 1. S1: it was shortly after noon on august 29, 2003, outside the imam ali shrine in najaf, iraq.
- A. And showering down on me from the swirling black plume were dried apricots, almonds, and brightly colored lozenges.
- B. I ran toward the smoke in what seemed like dead silence: I had been temporarily deafened by the blast.
- C. The alley had turned dark, as if in a sudden solar eclipse.
- D. I had just entered a long, narrow street leading to the shrine when the massive explosion shook its walls.
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# LOOK FOR PRONOUNS

1. Pronouns like *he, she, they, it, them, their, him, her*, can be easily spotted in para-jumbled sentences.
2. Such pronouns are always used when the person being talked about has already been introduced.
3. So sentence with pronoun is most likely NOT the first sentence.

# LOOK FOR TRANSITION WORDS

1. When you see a transition word in a sentence, be 90% sure that this sentence is not the first sentence.
2. Transition words are used in connecting a particular idea to the next.
3. Example: Also, again, as well as, after all, for example, for instance, in short, likewise otherwise, subsequently, hence, simultaneously

# LOOK FOR ABBREVIATIONS

1. The sentence containing the full form will come before the sentence containing the abbreviation
2. General information precedes specific information
3. Introduction of idea/ entity precedes its description
4. The conclusion comes in the end

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# HOW TO LINK OR FORM PAIRS

1. Pronouns
2. Acronyms/ Abbreviations/ Use of last names
3. Time sequence
4. Hypothesis and Example (Similar to idea and elaboration)
5. Articles
6. Topic sentence and conclusion
7. Indicators of cause and effect / Conjunctions
8. Support words and contrast words

# PRONOUNS AND ACRONYM

- A. Hofman feels passionately about his work, and this is clear from his writings.
- B. But thanklessness and impossibility do not daunt him.
- C. He acknowledges too – in fact he returns to the point often – that best translators of poetry always fail at some level.
- D. Michael Hofman, a poet and translator, accepts this sorry fact without approval or complaint.

# FORMING PAIRS (CONTD.)

## Answer deduced based on

- Full name preceding last name/ first name
- Proper noun preceding pronoun “He” in this case
- Conjunction for connecting statements her “But” is used for contradicting “statement C”

**DCBA** is the correct order

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# ARTICLES

Articles can be divided into two categories -

**1. Definite (the) 2. Indefinite (a and an).**

When the author uses 'a / an' – he/she wants to make a **general statement** - wants to introduce the noun followed by a/an for the first time but when he/she uses 'the' to refer back to some previously discussed noun.

It means having 'the' is very unlikely in the opening sentence.

If 'a/an' and 'the' both are used for the same noun then the sentence containing 'the' will come after the sentence containing 'a/an.'

# TRANSITION WORDS / INDICATORS

## Cause and effect

Accordingly  
in order to  
because  
so...that  
consequently  
therefore  
given  
thus  
hence

## Support words

Furthermore  
Additionally  
Also  
And  
Too  
as well  
besides  
indeed  
likewise  
moreover

## Contrast words

Nevertheless  
Although  
Nonetheless  
But  
Surprisingly  
Despite  
on the contrary  
even though  
Ironically  
rather than  
In contrast

# RECAP

1. Spot the link between the given sentences and group sentences by applying
  - a. Generalization concept
  - b. Chronological order
  - c. Pronoun reference
  - d. Transition words
  - e. Main idea / theme of passage
2. Review the options and eliminate the wrong answers based on the above grouping

- A. These were mainly bulwarks against winter, the hoarded dregs of more plentiful seasons.
- B. The first were the earliest mince pies, which saw cooked, shredded meat, dried fruits, alcohol with its preservative qualities and perhaps a few spices or herbs, all encased in large pies.
- C. Subsequently, people baked this into a kind of pie, adding bread-crumbs for bulk, eggs to bind it, and topping the dried fruits and called it 'plum pudding'.
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