

Writing SOL Review

Unit 1

SOLs: 6.7g; 7.7g; 8.7g - Select Vocabulary to enhance idea, tone, & voice

Read the first part of Jordan's rough draft and use it to answer the questions.

(1)One day Emma and I were strolling easily in the park. (2)Immediately, I stopped walking. (3)When Emma asked why I stopped, my mouth fell open and I lifted my shaky finger, barely able to point. (4)We saw an enormous spaceship. (5)It was purple, white, and black. (6)The door was open so Emma and I, filled with curiosity, stepped inside. (7)We saw a control panel labeled "BEWARE! DON'T TOUCH!" (8)Then, together, we saw a red button, and I already knew she was thinking she wanted to touch it. (9)She quickly reached out her hand and pressed it. (10)I looked at her in horror and mouthed, "You are out of your mind!" (11)The floor started to shake furiously beneath us. (12)I asked Emma why she would do something so silly, but all she did was shake her shoulders and turn away. (13)Before I could speak another word, we were whooshed up into the air.

Read sentence 1.

One day Emma and I were strolling easily in the park.

In this sentence, which word should replace easily to be most specific?

- A** comfortably
- B** lazily
- C** leisurely
- D** cordially

In sentence 2, which word would best replace Immediately?

- A** Instantly
- B** Suddenly
- C** Promptly
- D** Quickly

In sentence 6, which word would best replace filled?

A flushed

B crammed

C flooded

D gorged

Which word replaces together in sentence 8 to make the meaning most precise?

- A** collectively
- B** simultaneously
- C** jointly
- D** unitedly

Read sentence 12.

I asked Emma why she would do something so silly, but all she did was shake her shoulders and turn away.

How can Jordan best revise this sentence for appropriate tone?

- A** I asked Emma why she would do something so daring, but all she did was shake her shoulders and turn away.
- B** I asked Emma why she would do something so foolish, but all she did was shrug her shoulders and turn around in the other direction.
- C** I asked Emma why she would do something so careless, but all she did was hunch up her shoulders and walk away from me.
- D** I asked Emma why she would do something so dangerous, but all she did was shrug her shoulders and spin around in the other direction.

ANSWERS

1. C
2. B
3. C
4. B
5. D