

Alternative Writing Test Study Sheet
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This alternative praxis writing test aims to assess your understanding of **homonyms, punctuation, grammar, word choice, and correct and complete sentences**. This test mirrors the Praxis Core Writing test. Use your results on that test to guide how you study. You will also be asked to write an argumentative essay on one of three topic choices. The essay will be based on your own reading, experience, or observations.

Tips for Success:

- **Study** for this test.
- Use the websites below to help prepare for the test. You need to review your knowledge of **homonyms, punctuation, grammar, word choice, and correct and complete sentences**.
- You can also review books on writing and grammar.
- Practice writing your essay. A sample prompt is given below. Your essay should have a clear thesis statement in which you state your position.
- Revisit the Praxis Writing Study Companion: <https://www.ets.org/s/praxis/pdf/5722.pdf>.

Sample Writing Prompt:

- Teachers deserve higher salaries. Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Support your position with reasons why teachers should/should not receive higher salaries.
- Your thesis statement might look like one of the following:
 - I believe that teachers deserve higher salaries.
 - I disagree that teachers deserve higher salaries.
- Your reasons for agreeing or disagreeing with the statement should follow your thesis statement.
- In the body of your essay you should give details, explanations, and examples that support your position.
- Your conclusion should restate your thesis and summarize your main points.
- Leave time to revise and edit your writing.

Study Websites:

- <http://www.quickanddirtytips.com/grammar-girl>
- http://www.studyguidezone.com/praxis_writing.htm
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kbx6dt-vCO8>
- <http://www.test-guide.com/free-praxis-i-practice-tests.html>
- <http://www.quia.com/pop/3311.html>
- <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/exercises/3/>
- <https://www.udemy.com/simple-english-punctuation/> Free punctuation course