

Question ID f21b9625

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: f21b9625

Multiple newspapers _____ the Spanish-speaking population of Washington, DC, including *El Tiempo Latino* and *Washington Hispanic*.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A. serve
- B. having served
- C. to serve
- D. serving

Question ID d97d3cba

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ID: d97d3cba

Richard Spikes was a prolific African American inventor known for his contributions to automotive engineering. Between 1907 and 1946, he patented many inventions, _____ an automobile turn signal, a safety brake, and—most famously—the first automatic gearshift.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A. included
- B. includes
- C. including
- D. will include

Question ID 7c134445

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ID: 7c134445

The Boston Saloon was one of the most popular African American–owned establishments in nineteenth-century Nevada. _____ by businessman William A.G. Brown, the saloon was known to offer elegant accommodations and an inclusive environment.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A. Created
- B. Creates
- C. Creating
- D. Create

Question ID c57fd777

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ID: c57fd777

One of the earliest known maps is a Babylonian clay tablet thought to be almost 4,500 years old. The map _____ the area of a plot of land, shows a river valley, and includes the cardinal directions.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A. describes
- B. describe
- C. have described
- D. are describing

Question ID bf369862

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: bf369862

Lê Lương Minh became the thirteenth secretary-general of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) in January 2013, making _____ the first time the organization would appoint a Vietnamese leader.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A. these
- B. those
- C. this
- D. some

Question ID 6e983b1b

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 6e983b1b

Public-awareness campaigns about the need to reduce single-use plastics can be successful, says researcher Kim Borg of Monash University in Australia, when these campaigns give consumers a choice: for example, Japan achieved a 40 percent reduction in plastic-bag use after cashiers were instructed to ask customers whether _____ wanted a bag.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A. they
- B. one
- C. you
- D. it

Question ID 06baf205

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ID: 06baf205

Nowadays, tug-of-war is usually seen as an informal game one might play at a picnic or in gym class. Surprisingly, the Olympic committee once decided _____ tug-of-war as an official Olympic event! Nations competed in the event at the Olympic Games from 1900 to 1920.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A. included
- B. including
- C. include
- D. to include

Question ID 2a7c849a

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 2a7c849a

A member of the Cherokee Nation, Mary Golda Ross is renowned for her contributions to NASA’s Planetary Flight Handbook, which _____ detailed mathematical guidance for missions to Mars and Venus.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A. provided
- B. having provided
- C. to provide
- D. providing

Question ID 996e7abe

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ID: 996e7abe

Unsupervised machine learning is an approach that computer scientists like Nina Miolane use to engineer artificial intelligence technologies. It involves training computer algorithms to organize unlabeled data sets. Multitask learning is another approach. _____ involves training computer models to perform multiple tasks at the same time.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A. Those
- B. They
- C. It
- D. Some

Question ID ef44ae1e

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: ef44ae1e

During World War II, codebreakers played an essential role in deciphering coded messages. In the US military, more than 10,000 women _____ as codebreakers, making up nearly half of all US codebreakers.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A. having served
- B. to serve
- C. served
- D. serving

Question ID 3b569cee

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 3b569cee

British scientists James Watson and Francis Crick won the Nobel Prize in part for their 1953 paper announcing the double helix structure of DNA, but it is misleading to say that Watson and Crick discovered the double helix. _____ findings were based on a famous X-ray image of DNA fibers, “Photo 51,” developed by X-ray crystallographer Rosalind Franklin and her graduate student Raymond Gosling.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A. They’re
- B. It’s
- C. Their
- D. Its

Question ID 2c4c117b

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ID: 2c4c117b

Smaller than poppy seeds, tardigrades are tiny, but they are tough. These minuscule animals can survive for thirty years without food or water, and _____ can withstand extreme temperatures as low as minus 328 degrees and as high as 304 degrees Fahrenheit.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A. that
- B. it
- C. they
- D. he

Question ID b73c10dd

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ID: b73c10dd

On March 27, 2004, after nine years as a professional boxer, Isra Girgrah retired. The Yemeni American athlete _____ her career with a record of twenty-eight wins, three losses, and two ties.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A. finish
- B. has been finishing
- C. finished
- D. will be finishing

Question ID 899680a8

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 899680a8

Why are Rome’s famous concrete structures, such as the Colosseum, still standing after 2,000-plus years, when modern concrete may not even last for fifty? Scientists _____ that the secret to Roman concrete’s durability was its unique blend of ingredients, which included volcanic ash and seawater.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A. explain
- B. having explained
- C. explaining
- D. to explain

Question ID f591f690

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: f591f690

From 1912 to 1951, Charlotta Bass owned and operated the newspaper *The California Eagle*. While it was under Bass’s leadership, *The Eagle* _____ one of the US’s most influential Black-owned newspapers.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A. will become
- B. became
- C. is becoming
- D. to become

Question ID 20e6d1e3

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 20e6d1e3

The rough frog is a species of amphibian native to Australia. Currently, the frog’s range _____ parts of northern New South Wales and southeastern Queensland.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A. includes
- B. included
- C. will have included
- D. had included

Question ID 6b901531

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 6b901531

The First Folio, published in 1623, is the first collection of William Shakespeare’s plays. The collection _____ 18 plays that might otherwise have been lost, such as *Julius Caesar* and *Macbeth*.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A. to be including
- B. including
- C. to include
- D. includes

Question ID e7089313

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: e7089313

When they were first introduced to western Europe from Byzantium in the eleventh century, table forks were met with much resistance. The Bishop of Ostia, St. Peter Damian, condemned the eating utensils because he considered _____ dangerous and unnecessary luxury items.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A. them
- B. this
- C. that
- D. it

Question ID a4f76872

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: a4f76872

Zydeco music originated in the French Creole community of southwest Louisiana. One instrument that gives zydeco its unique sound is the vest frottoir. The vest frottoir _____ a wearable washboard that is played by rubbing spoons or bottle openers against it.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A. have been
- B. is
- C. were
- D. are

Question ID de1d5e60

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: de1d5e60

Occupying a significant part of modern-day Nigeria, the Kingdom of Benin was one of the major powers in West Africa between the thirteenth and nineteenth centuries. It _____ ruled by Oba Ewuare I from 1440 to 1473.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A. is
- B. will be
- C. has been
- D. was

Question ID 31932e5c

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 31932e5c

Eighteen letters written by Louisa May Alcott, author of the popular novel *Little Women* (1868), can be found at the New York Historical Society. _____ letters demonstrate Alcott’s keen business sense in her interactions with publishers.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A. One
- B. That
- C. This
- D. These

Question ID ad980673

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: ad980673

What is the correct pronunciation of Kiribati? In the Gilbertese language spoken by residents of the island nation, the letter combination -ti makes the -s sound; as a result, the country’s name _____ pronounced “Kiribas.”

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A. are
- B. have been
- C. are being
- D. is

Question ID ce15baa7

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: ce15baa7

The Globe Theatre in London is a reconstruction of the famed venue where many of Shakespeare’s plays were first performed. In 1613, a prop cannon _____ during a performance and ignited the Globe’s thatched roof. No one was hurt, but in two hours the original Globe was gone.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A. malfunctions
- B. will malfunction
- C. has malfunctioned
- D. malfunctioned

Question ID 51b771a5

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 51b771a5

The alga species *Chlorella vulgaris* is very efficient at making oxygen. For this reason, scientists are currently exploring ways to use this species in space. *C. vulgaris* might be used, for example, to build future biological air exchange systems that _____ oxygen for astronauts.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A. are producing
- B. produced
- C. produce
- D. have produced

Question ID cd0a7e5b

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: cd0a7e5b

Following her debut album release in 2002, Mexican singer-songwriter Natalia Lafourcade quickly shot to fame. By 2023, she _____ one of the most celebrated musicians in Latin America, having released twelve albums and won seventeen Latin Grammy awards—more than any other female artist in history.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A. will become
- B. becomes
- C. will have become
- D. had become

Question ID 10c2c44d

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ID: 10c2c44d

To survive when water is scarce, embryos inside African turquoise killifish eggs _____ a dormant state known as diapause. In this state, embryonic development is paused for as long as two years—longer than the life span of an adult killifish.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A. enter
- B. to enter
- C. having entered
- D. entering

Question ID 4656e8cc

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 4656e8cc

The radiation that _____ during the decay of radioactive atomic nuclei is known as gamma radiation.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A. occurs
- B. have occurred
- C. occur
- D. are occurring

Question ID 49d1b00e

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 49d1b00e

With its towering, six-spired exterior of granitelike quartz monzonite, the Salt Lake Temple is one of the most instantly recognizable structures in the state of Utah. However, many people do not know that _____ built over the course of forty years, with construction beginning in 1853 and ending in 1893.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A. it was
- B. one was
- C. they were
- D. both were

Question ID e33ee02c

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: e33ee02c

An imposing spire of igneous rock rising high above the Belle Fourche River in eastern Wyoming, Devils Tower (also known as Bear Lodge) is one of the most prominent examples of columnar jointing, a pattern of fracturing in rocks that _____ in parallel arrays of long polygonal prisms.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A. resulting
- B. were resulting
- C. results
- D. to result

Question ID 1ebea879

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 1ebea879

Even though bats prefer very sweet nectar, the plants that attract them have evolved to produce nectar that is only moderately sweet. A recent study _____ why: making sugar is energy-intensive, and it is more advantageous for plants to make a large amount of low-sugar nectar than a small amount of high-sugar nectar.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A. explains
- B. explaining
- C. having explained
- D. to explain

Question ID fdfbf0cc

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: fdfbf0cc

When writing *The Other Black Girl* (2021), novelist Zakiya Dalila Harris drew on her own experiences working at a publishing office. The award-winning book is Harris’s first novel, but her writing _____ honored before. At the age of twelve, she entered a contest to have a story published in *American Girl* magazine—and won.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A. were
- B. have been
- C. has been
- D. are

Question ID ca144403

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ID: ca144403

The village of Panduyacu in Ecuador _____ one of the rare places in the world located almost directly on the equator.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A. are being
- B. have been
- C. is
- D. are

Question ID 945e161f

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ID: 945e161f

For decades after World War II, the women who had worked for the US military as wartime codebreakers _____ their vital efforts a secret.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A. to keep
- B. having kept
- C. keeping
- D. kept

Question ID 8ccf6e2b

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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Obsidian is a kind of volcanic glass formed when lava cools so quickly that the atoms inside it cannot arrange themselves in a crystalline structure. You _____ more about obsidian’s structure, which is classified as amorphous, in a later chapter.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A. had learned
- B. had been learning
- C. will learn
- D. have learned

Question ID 02e5359f

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 02e5359f

If you try on one of artist Nick Cave’s signature Soundsuits, you can expect to swish, rustle, or clang every time you move. Cave makes his suits out of found objects, everything from ceramic birds to broken record players. He carefully considers the sound an object makes before using _____ in a suit.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A. this
- B. that
- C. these
- D. it

Question ID f68adfde

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ID: f68adfde

In recent years, economists around the world have created new tools that quantify the overall well-being of a country’s citizens. Economists in India, for example, use an Ease of Living Index. This tool _____ economic potential, sustainability, and citizens’ quality of life.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A. measures
- B. had measured
- C. would have measured
- D. will have been measuring

Question ID 42f8e788

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ID: 42f8e788

In 1990, California native and researcher Ellen Ochoa left her position as chief of the Intelligent Systems Technology Branch at a NASA research center _____ the space agency’s astronaut training program.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A. to join
- B. is joining
- C. joined
- D. joins

Question ID 48d5b141

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ID: 48d5b141

Farouk El-Baz, a geologist and space scientist, _____ part of the team that selected the lunar landing sites for the Apollo program during the 1960s and 1970s.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A. are
- B. was
- C. have been
- D. were

Question ID d4a1a5b9

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: d4a1a5b9

In 1637, the price of tulips skyrocketed in Amsterdam, with single bulbs of rare varieties selling for up to the equivalent of \$200,000 in today’s US dollars. Some historians _____ that this “tulip mania” was the first historical instance of an asset bubble, which occurs when investors drive prices to highs not supported by actual demand.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A. claiming
- B. claim
- C. having claimed
- D. to claim

Question ID ac98564d

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: ac98564d

In 1929, Edwin Herbert Land invented a polarizing filter that was featured in a number of products, from sunglasses to 3D movies. A decade later, Land _____ his technology to invent the world’s first instant camera, the Polaroid Land camera.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A. used
- B. to have used
- C. to use
- D. using

Question ID f6be1318

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: f6be1318

Dr. Rocío Paola Caballero-Gill is a paleoceanographer. This means that Dr. Caballero-Gill doesn't just study oceans as they are today. She uses chemistry and fossil evidence _____ oceans as they were in the past.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A. has studied
- B. to study
- C. studied
- D. studies

Question ID 958b6c8a

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 958b6c8a

In 1881, French chemist Camille Faure redesigned the rechargeable lead-acid battery. Faure’s design greatly increased the amount of electricity that the original battery, which the French physicist Gaston Planté _____ fifteen years earlier, could hold.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A. is inventing
- B. will invent
- C. invents
- D. had invented

Question ID 4b5aea15

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 4b5aea15

Water is constantly moving and changing forms on Earth and in the atmosphere. This process is called the water cycle, and it is typically thought to consist of evaporation, condensation, and precipitation. However, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration seeks _____ understanding of the water cycle to include transpiration, sublimation, and other types of water movement.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A. is expanding
- B. to expand
- C. has expanded
- D. expands

Question ID 43bcedb1

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 43bcedb1

Light of Truth is a bronze and marble sculpture by artist Richard Hunt. It honors civil rights icon Ida B. Wells. The sculpture _____ in a tree-lined plaza in Chicago, just a few blocks from where Wells lived.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A. are standing
- B. have been standing
- C. stands
- D. were standing

Question ID aa356008

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: aa356008

With residents from Mexico, China, El Salvador, and many other countries, Los Angeles has long been a city of cultural diversity. Even back in the 1860s, nearly 30% of the city’s population _____ from outside the United States.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A. is being
- B. was
- C. is
- D. will be

Question ID f51eaafc

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ID: f51eaafc

In the Inca Empire (1438–1533), ayllus _____ family clans that ranged in size from small groups to thousands of people.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A. is
- B. was
- C. has been
- D. were

Question ID db3cc7c0

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ID: db3cc7c0

In 1903, environmentalist John Muir guided President Theodore Roosevelt on a scenic, sprawling trip through California’s Yosemite Valley. Upon returning from the three-day excursion, Roosevelt _____ to conserve the nation’s wilderness areas, a vow he upheld for his remaining six years in office.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A. is vowing
- B. vowed
- C. will vow
- D. vows

Question ID 2c10e64c

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ID: 2c10e64c

“He was just the man for such a place, and it was just the place for such a man.” This line is from Frederick Douglass’s autobiography *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass* (1845). It’s an example of antimetabole, a writing technique that _____ emphasis by repeating a statement in a reversed order.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A. create
- B. are creating
- C. have created
- D. creates

Question ID 94933266

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 94933266

For thousands of years, people in the Americas _____ the bottle gourd, a large bitter fruit with a thick rind, to make bottles, other types of containers, and even musical instruments. Oddly, there is no evidence that any type of bottle gourd is native to the Western Hemisphere; either the fruit or its seeds must have somehow been carried from Asia or Africa.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A. to use
- B. have used
- C. having used
- D. using

Question ID ac40afce

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: ac40afce

Mary Madden of Ohio _____ a fierce advocate of women’s voting rights in the late 1800s. The dedication of Madden and her fellow activists was rewarded in 1920, when the Nineteenth Amendment to the US Constitution guaranteed American women the right to vote.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A. are
- B. was
- C. have been
- D. were

Question ID 143981d7

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ID: 143981d7

Midway through her 1968 jazz album *A Monastic Trio*, Alice Coltrane switches instruments, swapping the piano for the harp. With the same fluid style that Coltrane was famous for on piano, she _____ her fingers across the harp strings and creates a radiant sound.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A. sweep
- B. are sweeping
- C. were sweeping
- D. sweeps

Question ID b37212e7

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American poet Emily Dickinson wrote many of her poems on scraps of paper, but she also took steps to collect these works. From 1858 to around 1864, for example, she copied more than 800 of _____ into forty homemade booklets (known as fascicles).

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A. them
- B. this
- C. that
- D. it

Question ID 50ddbac6

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ID: 50ddbac6

According to the traditional RYB (red-yellow-blue) color model, yellow is a complementary color to purple. However, yellow _____ considered complementary to blue in modern color theory.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A. is
- B. having been
- C. to be
- D. being

Question ID 8d8d0ae5

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 8d8d0ae5

How did whales, once no bigger than seals, evolve to become the largest animals on Earth? Brazilian biologist Mariana Nery believes the answer might be found in whales’ DNA. In January 2023, Nery and her colleagues _____ a study showing changes over time in four whale genes associated with body size.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A. published
- B. publishing
- C. having published
- D. to publish

Question ID e834148f

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: e834148f

In 2019, New Zealand produced 88,465 hectograms per hectare (hg/ha) of wheat, and Portugal produced 23,298 hg/ha. This is the type of information on global food production that the United Nations’ Food and Agriculture Organization _____ since 1945.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A. is collecting
- B. has collected
- C. will collect
- D. collects

Question ID c18c5135

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: c18c5135

In the late 1960s, inspired in part by the sight of laundry hanging on a clothesline, African American abstract painter Sam Gilliam began to create his iconic “Drape” paintings. He applied bold, saturated hues to large canvases and _____ them from ceilings or walls, causing the drooping fabric to cascade in dramatic loops and curves.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A. to have suspended
- B. suspending
- C. to suspend
- D. suspended

Question ID 0dc453f4

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 0dc453f4

Cycads are palmlike plants with cones. _____ plants were abundant throughout the Mesozoic Era (66 to 252 million years ago).

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A. These
- B. That
- C. Each
- D. This

Question ID 380c7986

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 380c7986

The Dust Bowl was a period of severe drought that plagued the Great Plains of the US during the 1930s. During this time, dust storms _____ over 100 million acres of land. They even reached as far east as New York City.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A. are affecting
- B. will have affected
- C. will affect
- D. affected

Question ID 592088f6

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 592088f6

In the 2011 documentary *The Barber of Birmingham*, civil rights activist James Armstrong recounts how his barbershop in Birmingham, Alabama, _____ as a political hub for members of the Black community during the 1950s.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A. serving
- B. having served
- C. served
- D. to serve

Question ID 8bf7663e

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 8bf7663e

Atoms in a synchrotron, a type of circular particle accelerator, travel faster and faster until they _____ a desired energy level, at which point they are diverted to collide with a target, smashing the atoms.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A. will reach
- B. reach
- C. had reached
- D. are reaching

Question ID 7c51b8ef

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 7c51b8ef

The sun never sets during the Arctic summer in the Far North. In response, reindeer in this region must change their sleep habits. Instead of resting when it gets dark, they rest when they need _____ their food.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A. digest
- B. will digest
- C. to digest
- D. digesting

Question ID e5aae306

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: e5aae306

The US Geological Survey wants to map every human-made structure in the United States, and it is asking volunteers to help. Cassie Tammy Wang and Ashish D’Souza are just two of the many volunteer map editors who _____ to the project since it began in 2012.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A. contribute
- B. will contribute
- C. have contributed
- D. will be contributing