

Multiple Choice Examples

Guideline	Change This:	To This:
The MC question is written at the lowest possible vocabulary level appropriate to the course.	When scientists rely on magnets in the development of electric motors they need to know about poles, which are?	What are the poles of a magnet called? A. Anode and cathode B. North and south C. Strong and weak D. Attract and repel
The question stem asks a full question.	Between 1950 and 1965: A. Interest rates increased B. Interest rates decreased C. Increased, then decreased D. Remained unchanged	What was the trend in interest rates between 1950 and 1965? A. Increased only B. Decreased only C. Increased, then decreased D. Remained unchanged
The question stem is free of semantic clues that might indicate the answer.	All of these are an example of a bird that flies, except an: A. Ostrich B. Falcon C. Cormorant D. Robin OR Which of the following are examples of birds that do not fly? A. Falcon B. Ostrich and Penguin C. Cormorant D. Robin	Which of the following is an example of a bird that does not fly? A. Ostrich B. Falcon C. Cormorant D. Robin
All response options are the same length.	Why did colonists come to the United States? A. To escape heavy taxation by their native governments B. Religion C. They sought the adventure of living among the native Americans in the new land D. There was the promise of great wealth in the New World E. More than one of the above answers	Why did colonists migrate to the United States? A. To escape taxation B. For religious freedom C. For adventure D. More than one of the above