

Episode 8. Multiple Choice Mayhem

Definition Question (DQ) and Relationship Question (RQ) Key Words

1. Common DQ key words:

Defined as
Are/is
States that
Referred to as
Is/are called
Is an example of
Also known as
Mean(s)
Which is/are
Involves
Measures

2. Common RQ key words:

Increases
Decreases
Produces
Creates
Affects
Effects
Since
So, so that
Because
Causes
Leads to
Suggests that, shows that
Reason
Before/after
Is a ___ of, consists of
Result
Are similar/Are different
Differs
Why, how, when

“Alarm Words”

1. Absolutes and Qualifiers (Modifiers). Modifiers are words that show degree or frequency.

They include “absolute” terms that are 100% inclusive/exclusive like:

all, every, only
always, absolutely
everyone
everybody
best
none
never
no one
nobody
worst
least
any adjective ending in “est”
absolute words and phrases – is/are, definitely, with certainty, beyond a doubt, without exceptions

And also those “qualifier” terms that are in-between like:

some, most, a few
sometimes, often usually
may, seldom, frequently
some, few, most
average, better
Any adjective that ends in “er”
Non-absolute words and phrases – perhaps, possibly, maybe, tend to

2. Negatives

Negatives, of course, are words or prefixes that carry the meaning of “no” or “not” like.

Negative words:

No
Not
But
Except

Negative prefixes:

De-
Dis-
In-, non-, un-
Mis-
Im-
Il-
Ir-