

**Correlation of the Ohio Graduation Test (OGT), Writing Portion,
and *How To Write Clear Sentences: A Self-Paced Text***

Background: Beginning with the class of 2007, Ohio students must pass the OGT in order to graduate from high school. The test is given in the spring of the 10th grade year with follow-up sessions each year. The OGT tests a student’s knowledge of language arts (reading and writing); mathematics; history; and science.

The writing test requires students to write two essays in response to writing prompts; answer ten multiple-choice questions; and write one short response. Each essay is evaluated according to a writing applications rubric and a writing-conventions rubric. The ten multiple-choice items also require knowledge of both writing processes and writing conventions. *How To Write Clear Sentences* has a direct correlation to the writing conventions being tested.

Writing Convention	Reference in <i>How To Write Clear Sentences</i>
Correct capitalization	Unit 9
Correct punctuation	Unit 8
Correct use of main and subordinate clauses	Units 1, 2, and 3
Correct use of phrases	Units 1 and 2
Correct use of parallel structure	Unit 6
Correct placement of modifiers	Unit 6
Correct use of verb tenses	Units 4 and 5
Ability to use correct sentence structure and avoid sentence fragments	Units 1, 2, and 3
Ability to use correct sentence structure and avoid run-on sentences	Units 1, 2, and 3
Correct use of pronouns	Unit 7