

**CORRELATION BETWEEN UTAH’S BASIC SKILLS COMPETENCY TEST  
(UBSCT), WRITING SUBTEST, AND  
*HOW TO WRITE CLEAR SENTENCES: A SELF-PACED TEXT***

**A. Composition of Utah’s Basic Skills Competency Test (UBSCT),  
Writing Subtest**

We have reviewed sample test items from the Writing Subtest of Utah’s Basic Skills Competency Test (UBSCT). The sample test has two sections. The first section consists of 28 multiple-choice questions. The second section is based on a writing prompt. Students are given a writer’s checklist to use when planning, writing, and revising their responses to the writing prompt.

**B. Correlation Between Section One of the Writing Subtest of the  
UBSCT and *How to Write Clear Sentences: A Self-Paced Text***

<b>UBSCT Writing Skill</b>	<b>Number of Questions in 28-Question Sample</b>	<b>Reference in <i>How to Write Clear Sentences</i></b>
Use of appropriate sources	4	No reference
Reading comprehension*	6	No reference
Punctuation	5	Unit 8
Correct verb forms	1	Units 1 and 5
Correct sentence structure	4	Units 2, 3, and 6
Subject-verb agreement	2	Unit 4
Paragraph development*	7	No reference
Correct pronoun use	1	Unit 7

\* = This skill is covered in *How to Write Clear Paragraphs: A Self-Paced Text*

**C. Correlation Between Section Two of the Writing Subtest of the UBSCT and *Written Communication for Sergeants: A Self-Paced Text***

<b>UBSCT Writing Skill from the Writer's Checklist</b>	<b>Reference in <i>Written Communication for Sergeants</i></b>
Focus on audience and purpose for writing*	No reference
Develop a clear opinion on the topic*	No reference
Support your opinion with ideas, explanations, and examples*	No reference
Present your ideas in the order that best supports your opinion*	No reference
Use sentences that vary in structure and length	Units 1, 2, 3, and 6
Make your sentences flow smoothly	Units 1, 2, 3, and 6
Use language that sounds natural	No reference
Use specific and accurate words	Units 4, 5, and 7
Write to your audience*	No reference
Capitalize, spell, and punctuate correctly	Units 8 and 9
Make sure others can read your handwriting	No reference

\* = This skill is covered in *Written Communication for Staff Sergeants: A Self-Paced Text*