

**CORRELATION OF
THE PRAIRIE STATE ACHIEVEMENT EXAMINATION (PSAE)
AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATION FOR SERGEANTS: A SELF-PACED TEXT**

Overview

In the spring of 2005, Illinois began using the Prairie State Achievement Examination (PSAE) to determine if eleventh grade students have mastered the Illinois Learning Standards for reading, mathematics, and science.

The PSAE has three parts: a science assessment; the ACT assessment, which includes tests in reading, English, mathematics, and science; and two WorkKey assessments in reading and mathematics.

Correlation

Written Communication for Sergeants: A Self-Paced Text directly correlates to the skills needed to score well on the English portion of the ACT.

ACT Writing Skill	Reference in <i>Written Communication for Sergeants: A Self-Paced Text</i>
Adjectives and adverbs, use of	Unit 1
Clarity of expression	All units
Comma splice, avoidance of	Unit 3
Complex sentence, forming correctly	Units 1, 2, 3, and 8
Complex sentence, use of	Unit 3
Compound sentence, forming correctly	Units 1, 2, 3, and 8
Compound sentence, use of	Unit 3
Dangling modifier, avoidance of	Unit 6
Misplaced modifier, avoidance of	Unit 6
Parallel structure	Unit 6
Pronoun, case of	Unit 1 and Unit 7
Punctuation, use of	Unit 8
Sentence fragment, avoidance of	Unit 3

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Simple sentence, use of	Unit 2
Subject and verb, agreement of	Unit 4
Verb tenses, use of	Unit 5

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