

# Gellerisms

## on the SAT Writing Skills

### Multiple-Choice Questions:

If a verb is underlined, CHECK IT for correct tense or for agreement in number with its subject.

If a pronoun is underlined, CHECK IT for agreement in number with its antecedent, for lack of an antecedent – vagueness – for shift in form or for incorrect case.

If a preposition is underlined, CHECK IT for idiomatic correctness when used with an additional word.

CHECK words for

- adjective and adverb confusion
- appropriateness in meaning of word

CHECK phrases and clauses for

- parallelism
- correct modification using participle and relative clauses
- wordiness
- passive voice
- fragments
- run-ons

CHECK comparisons for

- correct use of comparative or superlative degrees
- correct use of as...as...
- correctly removing, through the use of the word “other,” a person from a group to which he or she is being compared
- correctly expressing similarities only between items that have a logical connection

