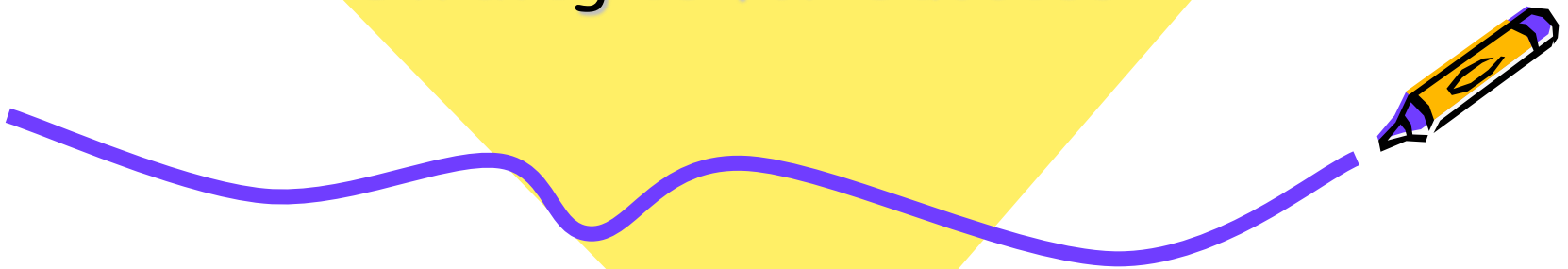




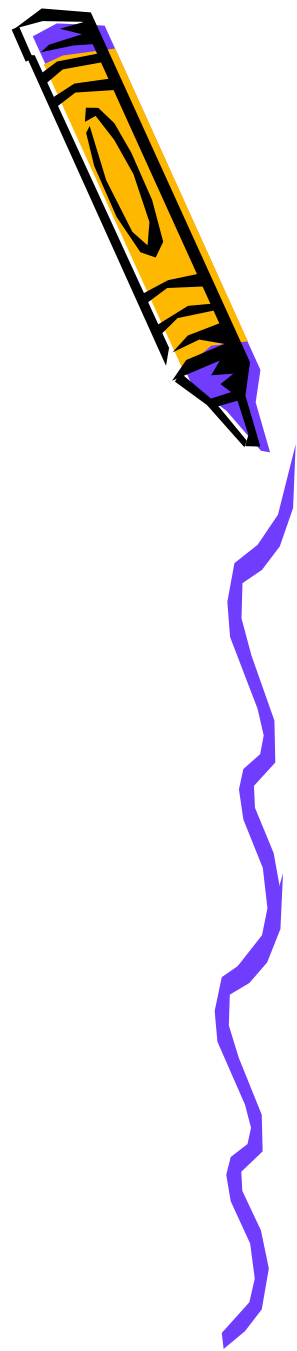
ACT Reading Test

Strategies for Success



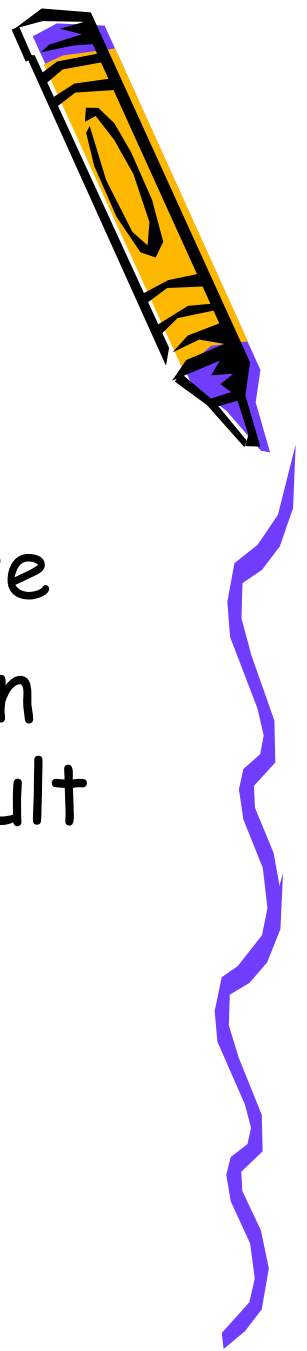
Strategies

- Use the time allotted
- Pace yourself
- Read each question carefully
- Look for the best answer
- Take notes as you go along



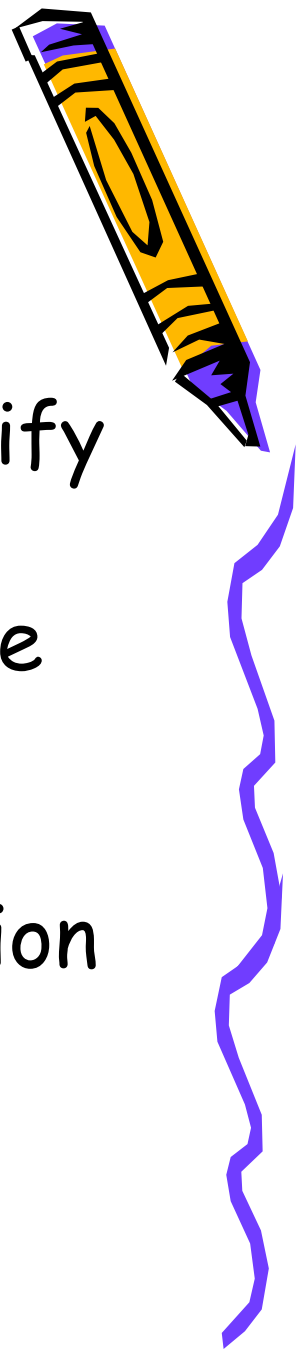
Strategies

- Do not pre-read questions
- Beware that passages may be dense
- Answer easier questions first, then go back to answer the more difficult ones (i.e., "line references")



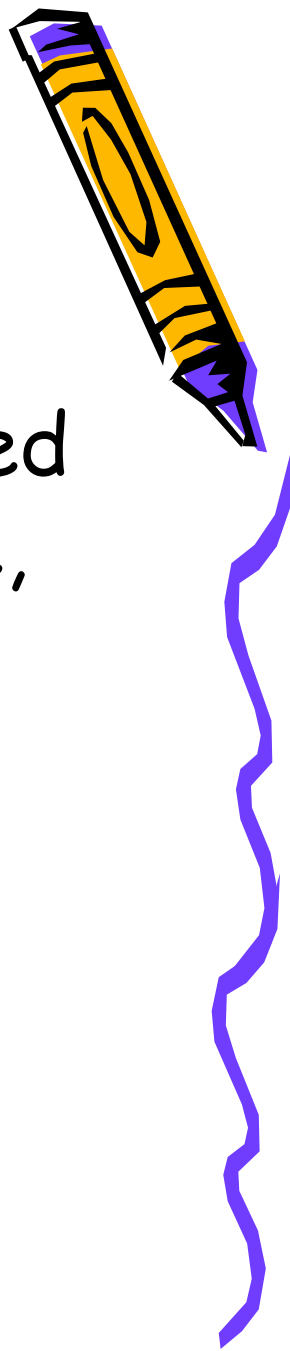
Strategies

- Ask yourself whether you can justify your choice as the best answer
- Eliminate choices you're certain are incorrect
- Be aware that there may be TWO errors in one answer (i.e. punctuation and word choice, etc.)



Strategies

- All questions can be answered based only on the material in the passage, so don't rely too much on your background knowledge
- Focus on "big ideas"



Strategies

- Short paragraphs in a larger passage normally include headings before each passage. Read these! They tell you the subject matter, where the passage is from, who wrote it, and some additional information about the passage



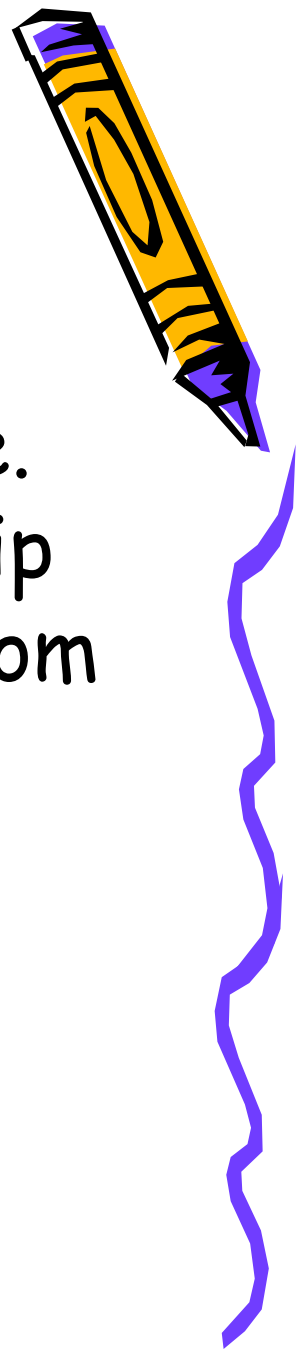
Strategies

- Answer all questions before moving to a new passage. You will not be penalized for guessing, but you will be penalized for leaving questions blank.



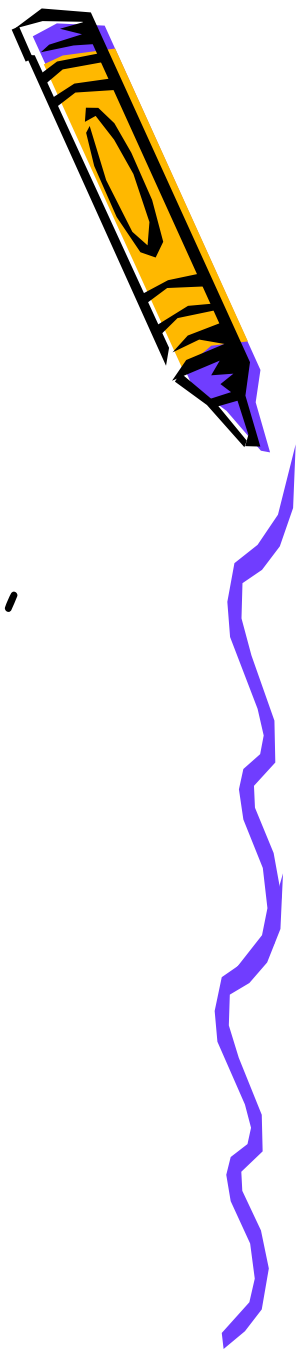
Strategies

- Always check back if you're unsure. Wrong answers are designed to trip you up by mentioning something from the passage that sounds familiar



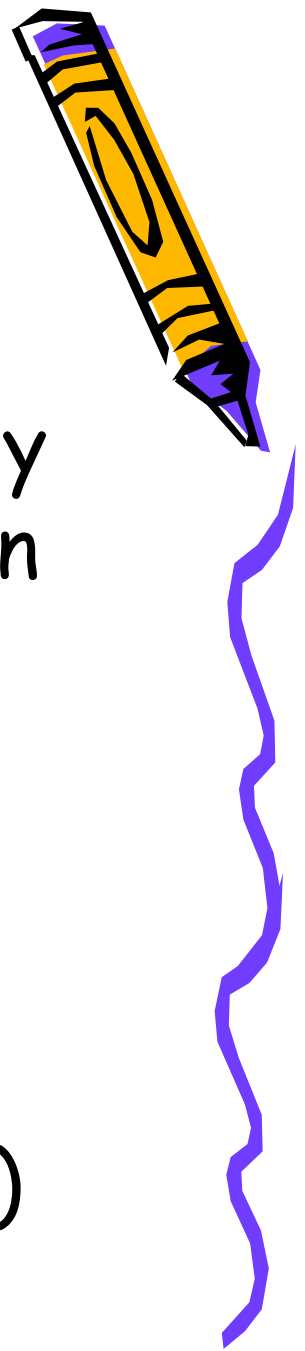
Strategies

- Always, always, always guess!
- Go with your first instinct...in fact, just go!
- You can always retake the ACT to improve your score



Strategies for Grammar Questions

- Silently mouth the sentence; usually the word or phrase that contains an error will sound wrong
- Four most common errors: subject/verb agreement, pronoun errors, sentence structure, and awkwardness or incorrect use of idioms (i.e. a slap on the wrist, etc.)



Strategies

- (drum roll please)
- The most important strategy of all...



stay calm!

