



# READING SKILLS

Point of View



## Point of View: Why

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- Helps monitor understanding of material
- Aids in predicting main idea of article

## Point of View: How?

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- Look for signal words.
- Decide if signal word is used to indicate *agreement* or *disagreement* with first part of sentence.

Disagreement			
but	still	nonetheless	even though
instead	however	as much as	notwithstanding
nevertheless	in spite of	yet	

# Question 1

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Sentence

The plan is expensive; nonetheless, we should take advantage of this unusual opportunity.

A

for

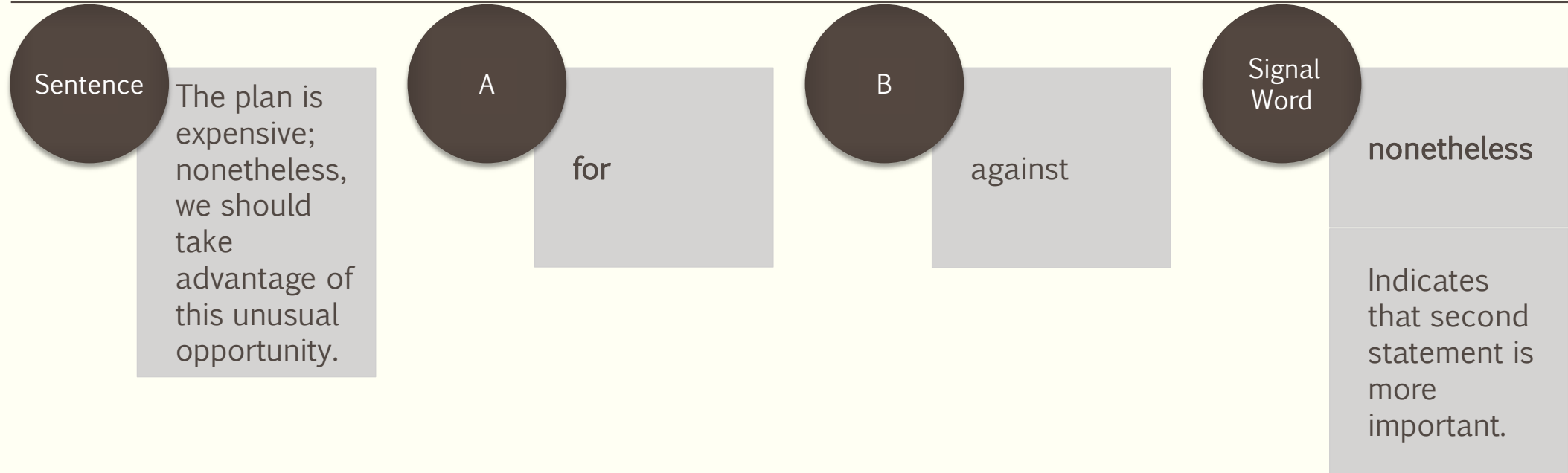
B

against

Signal  
Word

## Question 1 (cont.)

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## Question 2

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Sentence

John is a weak candidate, his popularity notwithstanding.

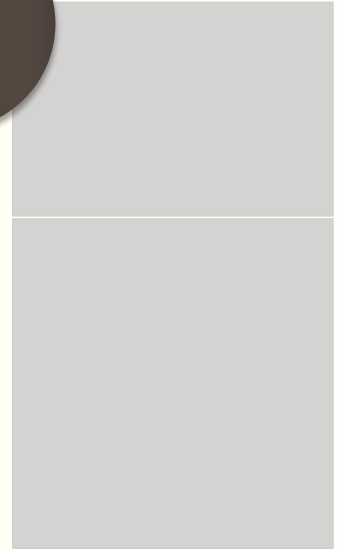
A

for

B

against

Signal Word



## Question 2 (cont.)

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Sentence

John is a weak candidate, his popularity notwithstanding.

A

for

B

against

Signal Word

notwithstanding

Indicates that first statement is more important.

# Question 3

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Question

Which of the following statements was written by someone who opposes a particular job applicant?

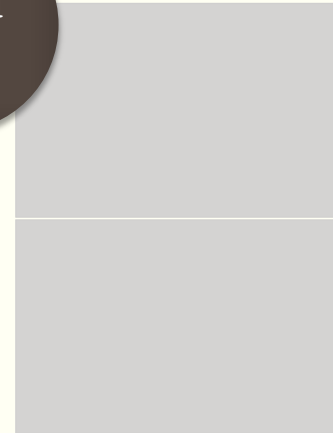
A

Smith certainly has a number of qualities that would appeal to my colleagues on the selection panel. However, it should be noted that he has a history of flitting from one job to another, which is hardly consistent with this company's management approach.

B

Although Smith has shown a perhaps regrettable tendency in the past to move rather quickly from one job to another, he is clearly the best qualified candidate and would undoubtedly respond to our own brand of company loyalty.

Signal  
Word





## Question 3 (cont.)

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Question

Which of the following statements was written by someone who opposes a particular job applicant?

A

Smith certainly has a number of qualities that would appeal to my colleagues on the selection panel. However, it should be noted that he has a history of flitting from one job to another, which is hardly consistent with this company's management approach.

B

Although Smith has shown a perhaps regrettable tendency in the past to move rather quickly from one job to another, he is clearly the best qualified candidate and would undoubtedly respond to our own brand of company loyalty.

Signal Word

however

Indicates that second statement is more important.