

ELA.10.SR.2.08.069 C2 T8

Sample Item Id:	ELA.10.SR.2.08.069
Grade/Model:	10/1
Claim:	2. Students can produce effective and well-grounded writing for a range of purposes and audiences.
Assessment Target:	8. LANGUAGE & VOCABULARY USE: Strategically use precise language and vocabulary (including academic and domain-specific vocabulary and figurative language) and style appropriate to the purpose and audience when revising or composing texts.
Secondary Target(s):	n/a
Standard(s):	W-2d, W-3d, L-3a, L-6
DOK:	1
Difficulty:	Medium
Item Type:	Selected Response
Score Points:	1
Key:	A
Stimuli/Passage(s):	Solar Power
Stimuli/Text Complexity:	n/a (writing stimulus)
Acknowledgement(s):	http://www.nrel.gov/docs/fy11osti/51297.pdf
Item/Task Notes:	
How This Item/Task Contributes To The Sufficient Evidence For This Claim:	To complete this task, students must determine how to revise a sentence so that the language and style fit with the rest of a paragraph.
Target-Specific Attributes (e.g., Accessibility Issues):	

Stimulus Text:

Read this paragraph from a government website about solar panels and then answer the question.

Solar Panels

Despite a global recession, the number of solar panel installations in the United States grew 30% from 2008 to 2009. A number of trends point toward continued growth of new PV installations. **Solar panels are getting better and cheaper.** At the same time, federal, state, and local regulations are requiring that greater amounts of energy must come from renewable sources. Incentives for solar power technology implementation

are being created and regulatory barriers removed. Corporations and governments are focusing on solar power to demonstrate leadership in environmental sustainability and resource conservation.

Item Stem:

What is the **best** way to revise the highlighted sentence to match the language and style of the paragraph?

Options:

- A. The efficiency of solar panels is increasing, while installation costs are decreasing.
- B. Solar panels are better at doing what they're supposed to and they're pretty affordable.
- C. Research shows us that solar panels are becoming more efficient and less expensive for us to install.
- D. Today's solar panels are remarkably efficient and surprisingly inexpensive.

Distractor Analysis:

- A. There is an appropriate level of formality and objectivity in this option to fit with the rest of the paragraph.
- B. This language is too casual and colloquial to fit with the more formal tone of the text.
- C. This option is written in first-person voice, while the source text is written from a third-person perspective.
- D. This option includes several subjective adjectives that do not fit with the objective tone of the paragraph.