

*The Marble Champ*

SOL Writing Prep

**Directions: Read the passage and answer the questions that follow**

### **The Marble Champ**

(1) "I'll never be good at sports," Lupe fumed one rainy day as she lay on her bed gazing at the shelf her father had made to hold her awards. (2) "I wish I could win something, anything, even marbles."

(3) At the word *marbles*, she sat up. (4) "That's it. (5) Maybe I could be good at playing marbles." (6) She hopped out of bed. (7) She rummaged through the closet until she found a can full of her brother's marbles. (8) She pour the rich glass treasure on her bed and picked five of the most beautiful marbles.

(9) She smoothed her bedspread and practiced shooting, softly at first so her aim would be accurate. (10) The marble rolled from her thumb and click against the targeted marble. (11) But the target wouldn't budge. (12) She tried again and again. (13) Her aim became accurate. (14) The power from her thumb made the marble move only an inch or two. (15) Then she realized that the bedspread was slowing the marbles. (16) She also had to admit that her thumb was weaker than the neck of a newborn chick.

(17) She looked out the window. (18) The rain was letting up, because the ground was too muddy to play. (19) She sat cross-legged on the bed, rolling her five marbles between her palms. (20) Yes, she thought, I could play marbles, and marbles is a sport. (21) At that moment she realized that she had only two weeks to practice. (22) The playground championship the same her brother had entered the previous year was coming up. (23) She had a lot to do.

**Read sentence 1.**

**"I'll never be good at sports," Lupe fumed one rainy day as she lay on her bed gazing at the shelf her father had made her to hold her awards.**

**In this sentence, lay should be written-**

- A** laying
- B** lied
- C** layes
- D** as it is

**Read sentences 6 and 7.**

**She hopped out of bed. She rummaged through the closet until she found a can full of her brother's marbles**

**In these sentences, out of bed. She rummaged should be written-**

- A** out of bed and she rummaged
- B** out of bed so she rummaged
- C** out of bed yet she rummaged
- D** out of bed but she rummaged

**Read sentence 8.**

**She pour the rich glass treasure on her bed and picked five of the most beautiful marbles.**

**In this sentence, pour should be written-**

- A** pours
- B** poured
- C** pouring
- D** as it is

**Read sentence 10.**

**The marble rolled from her thumb and click against the targeted marble.**

**In this sentence, click should be written-**

- A** clicking
- B** clicks
- C** clicked
- D** as it is

**Read sentences 13 and 14.**

**Her aim became accurate. The power from her thumb made the marble move only an inch or two.**

**In these sentences, became accurate. The power should be written-**

- A** became accurate, during the power
- B** became accurate, so the power
- C** became accurate and the power
- D** became accurate, but the power

**Read sentence 18.**

**The rain was letting up, because the ground was too muddy to play.**

**Which correction should be made to this sentence?**

- A** Change because to but
- B** Change was to were
- C** Change too to to
- D** Change to to too

**Directions: Click and drag the comma into the correct location within the sentence. There may be one or more correct locations**

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brother  had entered the previous year  was  
coming up.

**After learning how to play marbles, Lupe wants to find information about the history of playing marbles. Which question would best help her develop this topic?**

- A** Where did the game of marbles originate?
- B** How many marbles are necessary to play Ringer?
- C** Where were the first marbles made?
- D** What does the phrase "to lose your marbles" mean?

**Directions: Click on the correct box.**

**Which website would be most helpful for Lupe to find information about playing the marble game Ringer?**

**Search: Marbles**

**Results: 1-5 of 28,100,000**

**Bulk and Wholesale Marbles**

Huge assortment of **marbles** for every purpose; play, decor, crafts

**Marble** - Wikipedia

**Marble** is a non-foliated metamorphic rock composed of recrystallized carbonate materials...

**Netives Marbles**

This classic puzzle game challenges you to remove **marbles** from the playing board by grouping them into sets

**Moon Marble Company**

Find bulk **marbles**, handmade marbles and watch glassworking demonstrations

**Land of Marbles**

Learn how to play classic games such as **marble** toss, ringer, and funhouse