

# Get Smart !

You may know the right answer, but do you always get the best grade? Learn the tricks of the trade that will help your score zoom to the top!

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## Sentences are always complete.

**Q:** *Buenaventura sometimes was called by this name.*


**Good:** Mission Buenaventura sometimes was called "Mission by the Sea."

**Bad:** Mission by the Sea.

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## Mark key words in the question.

**Q:** *Name three skills that the Native Americans learned at the mission.*

**q:** Name three skills that the Native Americans learned at the mission. 

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## Answer is accurate.

**Q:** *Mission San Miguel was named after who?*

**Good:** Mission San Miguel was named after the Arcangel Michael.

**Bad:** Mission San Miguel was named after Saint Miguel.

A

## Avoid "because" as a beginning.

**Q:** *Why was Mission Santa Cruz destroyed in 1840?*

**Good:** Mission Santa Cruz was destroyed in 1840 by a devastating earthquake.

**Bad:** Because of the earthquake.

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## Rephrase the question in the answer.

**Q:** *What was the name of the pirate that tried to loot Mission Santa Cruz?*

**Good:** The name of the pirate that tried to loot Mission Santa Cruz was Bouchard.

**Bad:** The pirate's name was Bouchard.

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## Take time for reasons & examples.

**Q:** *What is now on the site of the original Santa Cruz Mission?*

**Good:** If you go to the site of the original Santa Cruz Mission, you will see a church. This church is named Holy Cross Church and it is very beautiful. It was built in a gothic style with a tall steeple which has a dome on top.

**Bad:** If you go to the site of the original Santa Cruz Mission, you will see a church.