

- 5** Read the sentence below from Antonio's article:

2 At that time, a New Yorker named Alexander J. Cartwright wrote the first-known written rules of the game.

Which revision below improves this sentence by removing the repetition?

- A.** At that time, a New Yorker named Alexander J. Cartwright wrote the first formal rules of the game.
- B.** At that time, a New Yorker named Alexander J. Cartwright was first to write the first-known written rules of the game.
- C.** At that time, a New Yorker named Alexander J. Cartwright, a writer, wrote the first-known written rules of the game.
- D.** At that time, a New Yorker named Alexander J. Cartwright was first to write the first-known recorded rules of the game.

- 5 The correct answer is **A**. (At that time, a New Yorker named Alexander J. Cartwright wrote the first formal rules of the game.)

Item Type: Sample-Based

Reporting Category: Support

Benchmark: LA.B.1.3.2 The student drafts and revises writing that is focused, purposeful, and reflects insight into the writing situation; conveys a sense of completeness and wholeness with adherence to the main idea; has an organizational pattern that provides for a logical progression of ideas; has support that is substantial, specific, relevant, concrete, and/or illustrative; demonstrates a commitment to and an involvement with the subject; has clarity in presentation of ideas; uses creative writing strategies appropriate to the purpose of the paper; demonstrates a command of language (word choice) with freshness of expression; has varied sentence structure and sentences that are complete except when fragments are used purposefully; and has few, if any, convention errors in mechanics, usage, and punctuation.

Benchmark Clarification: The student demonstrates knowledge of how communication is affected by word choice.

The correct answer is A. The revised sentence is improved by eliminating repetition (i.e., "wrote" and "written").

Distractor Rationale

- B. This version of the sentence repeats "first" and the idea of writing the rules.
- C. This version of the sentence repeats the idea of writing the rules.
- D. This version of the sentence repeats "first" and the idea of writing (or recording) the rules.