

Fluidity of Analysis and Concept Application

When students first begin studying for the LSAT, the cascade of information in individual questions can be unnerving—there seems to be too much going on, all at once. Thus, when first analyzing LSAT questions (and later, LSAT concepts), we break the process into component parts. By recognizing each individual component you can more easily gain an understanding and mastery of the argument as a whole.

Because the analysis of these arguments is broken down into pieces, this may give the impression that as you move through a stimulus and answer choices you are taking individualized steps, each with a defined beginning and end. That is not the case. Instead, the analysis you apply will often feel more like a waterfall, with all of the pieces rapidly flowing together and quickly coalescing into a clearer understanding of what has been said, and what you should do. It takes time to become comfortable with this process. You have to first learn a concept, then see how it is used in questions, and then finally be able to identify it and understand it with lightning speed.

As you learn each technique, work with it repeatedly so that you can apply it effortlessly and effectively. It takes time and practice, but the potential rewards are great.

One of the goals of this book is to teach you to recognize all of the elements involved in solving LSAT questions and answers.

One of your goals should be to learn those pieces so well that you do not have to stop during the test, but instead can simply recognize what you are seeing and react accordingly.