

**What is the most important
grammatical item in
reading common test?**

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Background

According to a TOEIC test...

	perfect score	Japan's score	scoring rate	Japan's rank in the world
Writing	200	133	67%	29/32
Listening	495	296	60%	27/32
Speaking	200	114	57%	27/32
Reading	495	236	48%	29/32

low rank!!

Purpose

**Improving English ability of
high school students through
English reading common tests**

Research Question

What is the most important grammatical point in the reading common test of university admission?

Material

- **the common test of University Admission
2021~2022 questions 2,6**
- **Center test
2015~2020 questions 4,6**

8 years in total

Methods

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②count the number of grammatical items.

③make a graph

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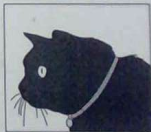
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- > ^{P1 4} The feeling of having another family member (over 60% of dog and cat owners);
- > ^{P1 5} The happy times ^{P1 6} pets bring. Most owners spend 3-4 hours with their 'fur babies' every day and around half of all dog and cat owners let their pets sleep with them!

One disadvantage is that pets have to be cared for when owners go away. It may be difficult to organise care for them; 25% of owners take their pets on holidays or road trips.



These results suggest that keeping pets is a good thing. On the other hand, since coming to Japan, I have seen other problems such as space, time, and cost. Still, ^{P1 4} I know people here who are content ^{P1 5} living in small flats with pets. Recently, I heard that little pigs are becoming popular as pets in Japan. Some people take their pig(s) for a walk, which must be fun, but I wonder how easy it is to keep pigs inside homes.

① Put a marker on the sentence that is the basis of the answer

② Classify the sentence into each grammatical category

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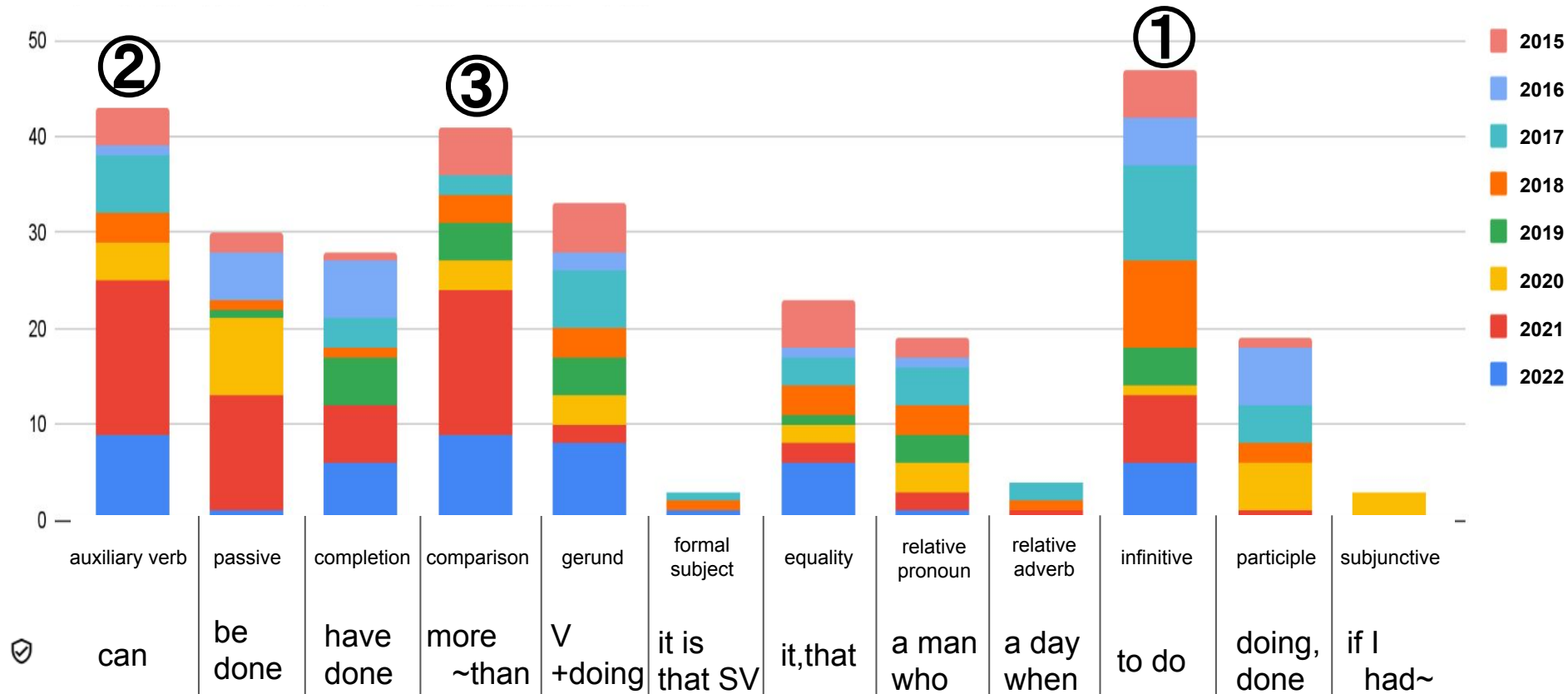
Grammar items

auxiliary verb equality
passive perfect
tense comparison
infinitive gerund
participle subjunctive
relative adverb
relative pronoun
formal subject

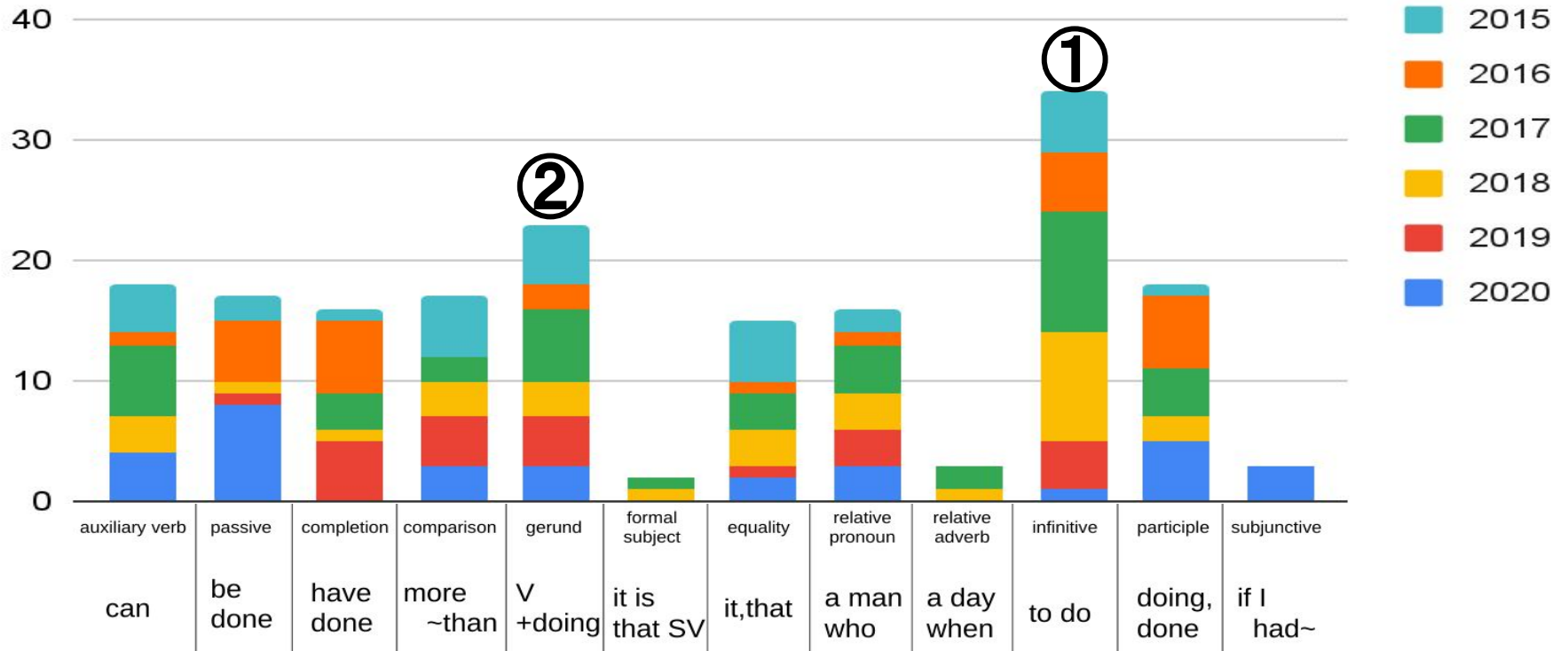
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Common Tests and Center Tests Scores for each grammatical item

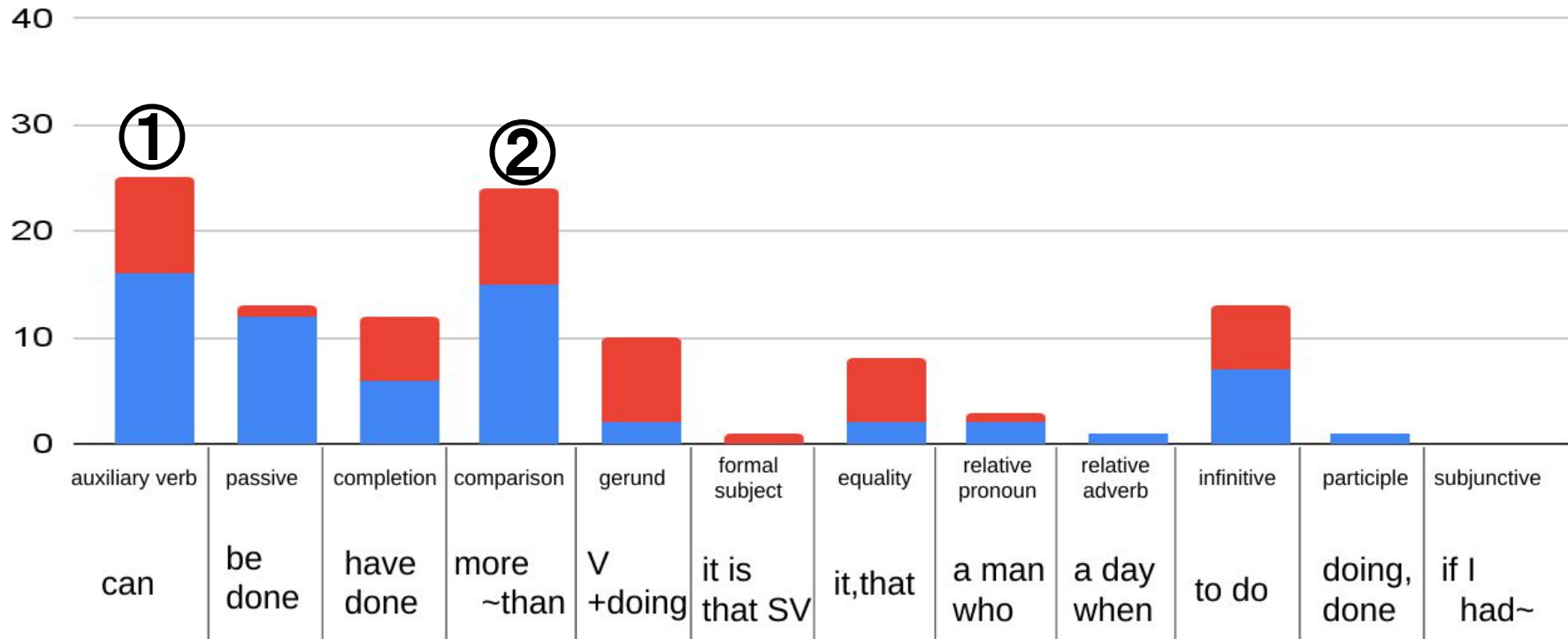


Only center tests' scores



Only common tests' scores

2021 2022



①

②

auxiliary verb	passive	completion	comparison	gerund	formal subject	equality	relative pronoun	relative adverb	infinitive	participle	subjunctive
can	be done	have done	more ~than	V +doing	it is that SV	it,that	a man who	a day when	to do	doing, done	if I had~

Result

center test: infinitive (to do)

common test: auxiliary verb(can) and

comparision(more~than)

Why the increase in comparisons?

Hypothesis: Read more tables and graphs



Material

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Methods

① Count the number of questions using tables and graphs

② Average ①

③ Compare ②

Result

the number of questions using
tables and graphs by year

common test

center test

年	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
個 数	6	2	1	4	3	2	3	3

On average...

Yearly average number of questions
using tables and graphs

⟨center test⟩

⟨common test⟩

2.33 → about 2

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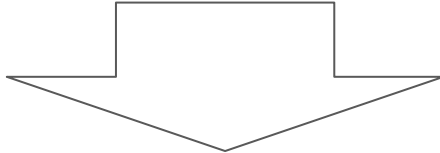


**The increase in "comparison"
in the common test is
due to the increase in questions
reading graphs and tables.**



Conclusion

Common tests have a lot of graph reading!



The most important grammatical items in reading common tests is...

comparison

第 4 問 (配点 16)



You are a new student at Robinson University in the US. You are reading the blogs of two students, Len and Cindy, to find out where you can buy things for your apartment.

New to Robinson University?

Posted by Len at 4:51 p.m. on August 4, 2021

Getting ready for college? Do you need some home appliances or electronics, but don't want to spend too much money? There's a great store close to the university called Second Hand. It sells used goods such as televisions, vacuum cleaners, and microwaves. A lot of students like to buy and sell their things at the store. Here are some items that are on sale now. Most of them are priced very reasonably, but stock is limited, so hurry!

Second Hand Sale for New Students!

 Television 2016 model 50 in. \$250	 Vacuum Cleaner 2017 model W 9 in. x L 14 in. x H 12 in. \$30	 Rice Cooker 2018 model W 11 in. x D 14 in. x H 9 in. \$40	 Kettle 2018 model 1.2 \$5
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<https://secondhand.web>

Purchasing used goods is eco-friendly. Plus, by buying from Second Hand you'll be supporting a local business. The owner is actually a graduate of Robinson University!

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Welcome to Robinson University!

Posted by Cindy at 11:21 a.m. on August 5, 2021

Are you starting at Robinson University soon? You may be preparing to buy some household appliances or electronics for your new life.

You're going to be here for four years, so buy your goods new! In my first year, I bought all of my appliances at a shop selling used goods near the university because they were cheaper than brand-new ones. However, some of them stopped working after just one month, and they did not have warranties. I had to replace them quickly and could not shop around, so I just bought everything from one big chain store. I wish I had been able to compare the prices at two or more shops beforehand.

The website called saveunistsu.com is very useful for comparing the prices of items from different stores before you go shopping. The following table compares current prices for the most popular new items from three big stores.

Item	Save Unist	Great Buy	Value Saver
Rice Cooker (W 11 in. x D 14 in. x H 9 in.)	\$115	\$120	\$125
Television (50 in.)	\$300	\$295	\$305
Kettle (1.0)	\$15	\$18	\$20
Microwave (1.1 cu. ft. 900 watts)	\$85	\$90	\$95
Vacuum Cleaner (W 9 in. x L 14 in. x H 12 in.)	\$33	\$35	\$38

<https://saveunistsu.com>

Note that warranties are available for all items. So, if anything stops working, replacing it will be straightforward. Value Saver provides one-year warranties on all household goods for free. If the item is over \$300, the warranty is extended by four years. Great Buy provides one-year warranties on all household goods, and students with proof of enrollment at a school get 10% off the prices listed on the table above. Warranties at Cut Price are not provided for free. You have to pay \$10 per item for a five-year warranty.

Things go fast! Don't wait or you'll miss out!

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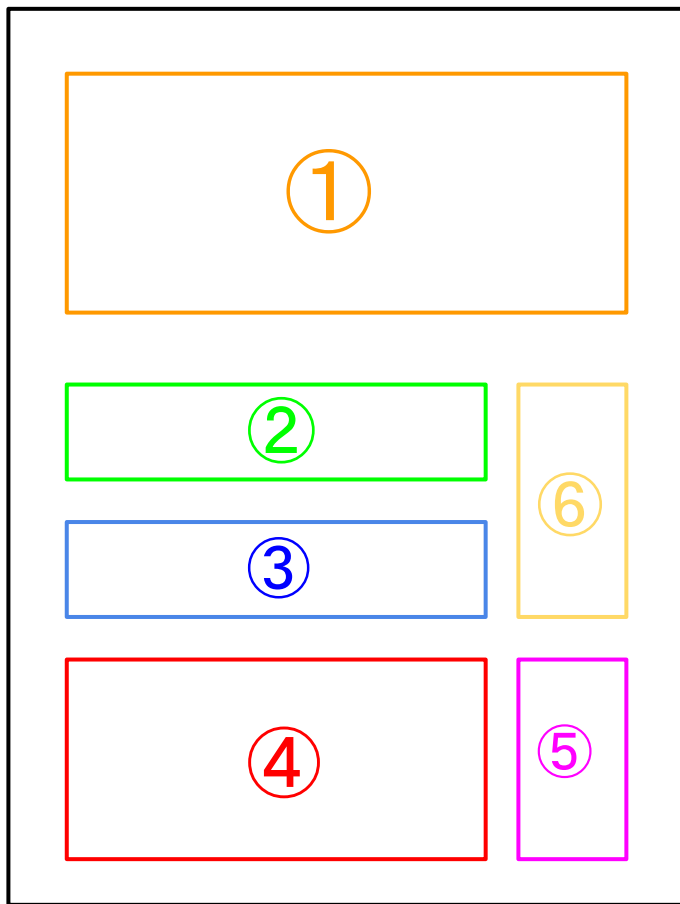
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Thank you for listening!



- ① example sentence
- ② question
- ③ answer&explanation
- ④ point
- ⑤ column
- ⑥ word