The Unless Practice Routine

Diagramming UNLESS is one of the most error-prone tasks the LSAT asks us to perform. I've had many 170+ students still screw up UNLESS, even as they excel at so many other parts of the test. You need to practice UNLESS until it becomes second nature. The Unless Practice Routine is the easiest way to quickly boost your UNLESS skills to the point of intuition.

START EVERY LSAT STUDY SESSION WITH A QUICK UNLESS PRACTICE ROUTINE

- **Diagram three out of these four UNLESS statements.**

    - **~A, unless B.**

    - **Unless B, A.**

    - **Unless ~B, ~A.**

    - **A, unless ~B.**

- **Switch up which three statements you diagram every time.**

    Don't simply memorize the correct diagrams for the Unless Practice Routine. You can even change the letters. Just make sure to actually diagram each statement fresh every time.

It shouldn't take you more than five seconds to diagram an individual UNLESS statement once you really understand how UNLESS works. So although the Unless Practice Routine may seem tedious, it shouldn't take you more than 15 seconds total by the end of your practice journey. If it takes you much longer than 15 seconds, it just shows how much you need to do it. You're working too hard to lose points on your real LSAT because you didn't really get UNLESS.

Once you hit the point where you can diagram three UNLESS statements in 15 seconds, you can lower your Unless Practice Routine frequency to once a week.

Just to prove to you that it's actually possible to diagram UNLESS this fast, I just diagrammed three UNLESS statements in 9 seconds. It can be done.

UNLESS PRACTICE ROUTINE ANSWER KEY

STATEMENT	CORRECT DIAGRAM
~A, unless B.	A $\longrightarrow$ B
Unless B, A.	~A $\longrightarrow$ B
Unless ~B, ~A.	A $\longrightarrow$ ~B
A, unless ~B.	~A $\longrightarrow$ ~B