




SAT ENGLISH PREP

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1. To prepare students for the Reading, Writing and Language, and the optional Essay Test sections of the redesigned SAT.
 2. To develop comprehension and reasoning skills for handling challenging extended prose passages taken from a variety of content areas.
 3. To develop skills for revising and editing text from a range of content areas.
 4. To develop skills for reading and analyzing high-quality source documents and writing a coherent analysis, supported with critical reading and evidence from the given text.
 5. To conduct several practice exercises in order to simulate the difficulty of the SAT and time management that is required to succeed in it.

Assessment and Evaluation

- * In-class practice exercises + Homework exercises = 70%
- * Final Practice Exam = 30%


Course Objectives




Write one sentence each on:

1. Write your biography in a sentence.
2. What are you most passionate about / interested in?
3. What do you hope to get out of this class (as related to future goals)
4. If you were to die and come back as another person or thing, what would it be?

Introductory Writing Exercise

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1. Changes to the SAT
 2. Diagnostic Test (Reading + Writing & Language)
 3. Critical Thinking Exercise

Agenda


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- 1. The SAT is not an IQ or aptitude test
 - 2. The SAT tests a **learnable** skill.
 - 3. The SAT tests your ability to write the SAT test.

Three Facts About the SAT




8 IMPORTANT SAT CHANGES


Changes Implemented as of Spring, 2016




1. Words in Context: you will interpret the meanings of relevant words and phrases in the contexts in which they appear.




2. Command of Evidence: Demonstrate your ability to interpret and use evidence found in a wide range of texts.




3. Essay Analyzing a Source: In the Essay, you read a passage and explain how the author builds an argument to persuade an audience.



4. Focus on the Math that Matters Most: The test focuses in depth on three essential areas of math: Heart of Algebra, Problem Solving and Data Analysis, and Passport to Advanced Math.



5. Problems in Real-World Context: In the Evidence-Based Reading and Writing section, Reading questions include literature and literary nonfiction, but also feature charts, graphs, and passages like the ones you are likely to encounter in science, social science, and other majors.




6. Analysis in Science and in History/Social Studies: The redesigned SAT asks you to apply your reading, writing, and math knowledge and skills to answer questions in science, history, and social studies contexts.



7. U.S. Founding Documents and the Great Global

Conversation: You will encounter a passage from one of the U.S. founding documents (texts such as the Declaration of Independence, the Bill of Rights, or the *Federalist Papers*) or a text from the wider global conversation about civic life. (Note to Canadians: this is an American-centric exam – so be prepared!)



8. No Penalty for Guessing: The redesigned SAT removes the penalty for guessing. You will earn points for the questions you answer correctly. Therefore, you are incentivized to answer every question.



Diagnostic Test 1

Reading Test

Answer Questions #1-21. Time: 30 mins



Diagnostic Test 2

Writing and Language

Answer Questions #1-22. Time: 30 mins



Diagnostic Test Review



Three Key English SAT Skills

Be able to:

1. Summarize the content. (*What* is being said.)
2. Comprehend reasoning. (*How* it is said.)
3. Understand and evaluate evidence.

Critical Thinking Exercise



Debate Question: Are humanity's best days still to come?
