# **SAT Reading & Writing**

# Course Description

The SAT examination can be intimidating to most students, especially those who grow up in homes where English is not the primary language. This course is designed to introduce students to the advanced techniques they are required to master for SAT success. Daniel Harbecke, who has taught English to children of all ages in countries around the world, will teach this course.

#### **Additional Course Information**

Topics include memorization and study techniques, vocabulary practice, grammar, reading and comprehension. Special attention will be given to building test-taking skills, featuring reviews of SAT methodology: students will learn how to prepare for and excel in sample SAT test sections.

### Objectives

The focus of this course will be in two areas:

- A) Improvement and confidence in SAT vocabulary, grammar, reading and comprehension;
- B) Strategy and excellence in performance on the SAT examinations.

#### Goals

- 1) To offer reliable, easy-to-use memorization and study techniques.
- 2) To understand specific section requirements for the SAT examinations.
- 3) To provide engaging, enjoyable and effective coaching for learning and practice.
- 4) To provide students with a study and performance level that will help them in all areas of life, whether for literary appreciation or professional achievement.

Upon completion of this course, students should be able to:

- Make use of memorization and mnemonic techniques.
- Identify various Greek and Latin language roots and understand their meaning.
- Increase critical reading and comprehension skills.
- Identify personal strengths and areas for improvement.
- Develop writing and proofreading skills for excellence in scholastic achievement.
- Understand specific requirements and develop strategies for SAT vocabulary sections.
- Master grammar and expressive technique for the SAT and scholastic exercises.

## Staying on Schedule

Please consult the schedule and review the material in the order prescribed. It is important to review missed material because subsequent modules build on information from those preceding.

### Required Textbooks & Materials

• Barron's Grammar Workbook for the SAT, ACT & More (2nd edition) by George Ehrenhaft © 2010.

ISBN - 13: 978-0-7641-4489-9 ISBN - 10: 0-7641-4489-8

• Kaplan SAT Critical Reading Workbook (4th edition) by Kaplan © 2011. ISBN – 13: 978-1-4195-5069-0 ISBN – 10: 1-4195-5069-1

• Merriam-Webster's Everyday Language Reference Set by Merriam-Webster. © 2010.

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• Language Notebooks (2 or 3, pocket-sized)