

SAT: What it is:

SAT is a test that is supposed to predict how well you will do in college. However what the SAT does do is show how familiar you are with information that you should have been exposed to in High school. It actually tests your test taking skills and like all skills practice makes perfect.

Strategies for taking the SAT

Increase your SAT vocabulary
Refresh your math skills
Use the Tips for taking The SAT
Practice on real SAT test.

Increase your SAT vocabulary

- ? You can do this by purchasing Barron's SAT prep, which includes vocabulary used on the SAT Test.
- ? One way, which is more fun, is to read *The Ring of McAllister* a mystery that contains 1000 SAT vocabulary words. It identifies the words for you and gives definitions.
- ? You can also go online to such site as wiredscholar.com, powerprep.com or Essayedge.com for sample of words.

Refresh your math skills

- ? SAT looks at Arithmetic, Geometry to Algebra. You will need to bone up on the rules for each discipline.
- ? Practice tests of the math portion of the SAT are available on line.
- ? Barron's Test Prep contains practice math questions also.

Tips for taking the SAT

- ? All questions are worth the same amount of points. So if you encounter a question that is taking a lot of time to solve you would do better to skip it. Cut your losses and move on.
- ? Some questions on SAT are hard it is beneficial if you skip these questions.
- ? There is a penalty for guessing on this test. If you can narrow your choices down it may be worth the risk.
- ? The SAT consists of easy, medium, and hard questions. They are placed in that order in each section and subsection. It is better to move through the test and do all easy questions come back and do the medium questions save the hard questions for last.

- ? Example, the verbal section has three subsections (Sentence Completions, analogies, and reading comprehension). So Question 1 will be the easiest and

Question 10 the Hardest. Then 11(first analogy question) will be the easiest analogy question etc....

- ? Each question contains the true answer and one that is really close or partially correct. The other three answers are blatantly wrong. Eliminate these immediately. You now have a fifty percent chance of getting the question right.

FAQ

The test is given on Saturday mornings October to January then March, May and June.

You can mail your registration in or register on line. There is limited room for walk on. You need to call in advance ETS (609) 771-7600

You can take the test as many times as you like. However some schools average your score. So find out from the school you are applying to if they do this.

You can cancel your score if you call ETS within five days of taking the test.

You can pick up forms at your High school or from ETS

Scholastic Assessment Test
Educational Testing Service
PO Box 6200
Princeton, NJ 08541

Or call (609) 771-7600

The test is three hours long. It is made of seven sections.