

The SAT Reasoning Test™

Assessing Reasoning Skills and College Readiness

The SAT Reasoning Test™ is the most widely used and most rigorously researched college admissions test in history. Virtually every college in the United States accepts the SAT® as a measure of the critical thinking skills students need for academic success in college. The SAT assesses how well students analyze and solve problems—skills learned in school that are needed in college. The test also provides an independent measure of a student’s college readiness that is standardized across all students, schools, and communities, providing a common and objective scale for comparison.

Critical Reading

The critical reading section measures a student’s ability to identify genre, relationships among parts of a text, cause and effect, rhetorical devices, and comparative arguments. Questions assess such reading skills as identifying main and supporting ideas, determining the meaning of words, understanding authors’ purposes, and understanding the structure and function of sentences. Reading passages are taken from different fields, including natural sciences, humanities, social sciences, and literary fiction. Sentence completion questions primarily measure reasoning and vocabulary.

Mathematics

The mathematics section measures a student’s knowledge of mathematical concepts and reasoning skills. It includes topics typically covered in three years of college-preparatory mathematics, such as exponential growth, absolute value, functional notation, linear functions, manipulations with exponents, and properties of tangent lines. Students are asked to apply concepts they have learned to solve unfamiliar problems in flexible ways, often with real-world applications.

Writing

The writing section measures a student’s mastery of Standard Written English. The essay, which is always the first question on the SAT, measures a student’s skill in developing and expressing a point of view on an issue. The multiple-choice questions assess the ability to use language in a clear, coherent manner and to improve a piece of writing through revision and editing. Questions ask students to recognize sentence errors, to choose the best version of a piece of writing, and to improve paragraphs.

Question Types/Content	# of Questions	Time
Question types		70 minutes total
Passage-Based Reading	48	Two 25-minute sections and one 20-minute section
Sentence Completion	19	
	Total 67	
Content		
Extended Reasoning	42–50	
Literal Comprehension	4–6	
Vocabulary in Context	12–16	
Critical Reading Score	200–800	

Question Types/Content	# of Questions	Time
Question types		70 minutes total
Standard Multiple Choice	44	Two 25-minute sections and one 20-minute section
Student-Produced Response	10	
	Total 54	
Content		
Number and Operations	11–13	
Algebra and Functions	19–21	
Geometry and Measurement	14–16	
Data Analysis, Statistics, and Probability	6–7	
Mathematics Score	200–800	

Question Types/Content	# of Questions	Time
Question types		60 minutes total
Essay	1	25 minutes
Multiple Choice	49	35 minutes (one 25-minute and one 10-minute section)
	Total 50	
Content		
Improving Sentences	25	
Identifying Sentence Errors	18	
Improving Paragraphs	6	
Writing Score	200–800	
Essay Subscore	2–12	
Multiple-Choice Subscore	20–80	

The SAT Subject Tests™

Assessing Mastery of Languages, Mathematics, Sciences, History, and English

The SAT Subject Tests™ are designed to measure students' knowledge and skills in particular subject areas, as well as their ability to apply that knowledge. The tests are independent of any particular textbook or method of instruction, and many colleges use them for admissions, for course placement, and to advise students about course selection.

Taking the SAT Reasoning Test and Subject Tests

The SAT Reasoning Test is administered seven times in a school year in the United States, beginning in October, and six times a year internationally. All Subject Tests except world languages and World History are given six times a year (all dates below except March). Language Tests with Listening are given only in November. Visit collegeboard.com or review the *SAT Registration Booklet* for more information about specific Subject Tests.

Test and Registration Dates for 2007-08

Note that on March 1, only the SAT Reasoning Test is offered, and only in the United States, Puerto Rico, and U.S. territories. Late registration is not available for international test locations.

2007-08 Test Dates		Regular Registration Deadlines	Late Registration Deadlines
Saturday Test Dates	Sunday Test Dates		
October 6	October 7	September 10	September 14
November 3	November 4	October 2	October 11
December 1	December 2	October 30	November 8
January 26	January 27	December 26	January 4
March 1	March 2	January 29	February 7
May 3	May 4	April 1	April 10
June 7	June 8	May 6	May 15






Fees for 2007-08

Please visit collegeboard.com or review the *SAT Registration Booklet* for more information about services from the College Board. The SAT Question-and-Answer Service is available for October 6, January 26, May 3, and May 4 test dates. The SAT Student Answer Service is available for all other test dates.

Registration and Test Fees		Additional Service Fees	
SAT Reasoning Test	\$43.00	SAT Question-and-Answer Service (QAS)	\$18.00
Subject Tests Basic registration fee	\$20.00	SAT Student Answer Service (SAS)	\$10.00
Language Test with Listening	add \$20.00	Scores by Web	FREE
All other Subject Tests	add \$8.00 each	Scores by Phone	\$12.00
Standby testing	\$37.00	Each additional score report beyond the first four ordered with registration	\$ 9.50
Test center, date, or test change	\$21.00	Additional score reports by phone (plus \$9.50 per report)	\$10.00
Late registration (domestic only)	\$22.00	Rush reports (plus \$9.50 per report)	\$26.50

Free Online Resources for Students

Resources to help students prepare for the SAT®, find the best college match, apply online, and get help paying for college:

- SAT Preparation Center™, with test-taking approaches, practice questions, sample essays, and an official practice test. *Includes* answer explanations and a personalized score report.
 www.collegeboard.com/satprep
- SAT Subject Tests Preparation Center, with general tips and strategies for all SAT Subject Tests as well as test-specific explanations and approaches.
 www.collegeboard.com/subjecttests
- College Search, with more than 3,600 colleges listed and tools to help organize and fine-tune the college search. Students receive customized college matches with their online score reports.
 www.collegeboard.com/csearch
- Help applying to college, with answers to FAQs and tools such as a college application calendar and access to online applications and tools for finding and applying for financial aid.
 www.collegeboard.com/apply
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