SAT Reasoning Test™
Student Guide

Use of the SAT Reasoning Tests
SAT Reasoning Test scores provide colleges with a way to compare the academic preparation and ability of students who apply for admission. Check with your test supervisor to find out how your college will use your scores.

When Should I Take the SAT?
Your college will let you know when you are required to take the SAT, when it is offered, and where the test will be given.

Fees for the Tests
The college generally pays test fees. If your college does require you to pay the test fees, it will notify you well in advance of the testing date.

Arrangements for Students with Disabilities
If you have a documented disability that will prevent you from taking the test under standard conditions, you may request testing accommodations from your college. For details, contact the test supervisor at your institution.

What to Bring on the Day of the Test
✓ A photo ID, your social security number, and / or student ID number
✓ Several No. 2 soft lead pencils with erasers
✓ Acceptable calculator
✓ Any other special materials or information your college may ask you to bring to the administration

In addition to the items noted above, you may also bring a watch (without an audible alarm), a bag or backpack (to be kept under your desk), and a snack or drinks (to be stored out of sight in your backpack or paper bag). Snacks may only be consumed in the hall during breaks, never in the test room. You are responsible for bringing equipment in good working order. Staff will not have extra batteries or calculators. You will not be able to share equipment with another test-taker.

You may NOT bring the following items into the test room:
- Scratch paper
- Notes, books, dictionary
- Compass, protractor, ruler, or any other aid
- Pen, highlighter, or colored pencil
- Portable listening or recording device
- Camera or other photographic equipment
- Cell phone, pager, personal digital assistant, or other digital assistant/electronic equipment

Testing Regulations
Anyone who gives or receives help during the test, or uses notes of any kind, will not be permitted to continue the test. No test materials or notes may be removed from the testing room. Your college may cancel any test score if there is reason to question its validity. Before canceling a score, your college may offer you an opportunity to take the test again.

Test-Taking Strategies
The test supervisor will give instructions for filling in the necessary information on the answer sheet. Indicate your answer to each question by completely filling in the answer space that corresponds to the correct answer for that question.

Many students wonder whether or not to guess the answers to questions about which they are not certain. In scoring each test, a percentage of wrong answers will be subtracted from the number of right answers as a correction for haphazard guessing. It is improbable, therefore, that mere guessing will improve your score significantly; it may even lower your score. If, however, you are not sure of the correct answer but have some knowledge of the question and are able to eliminate one or more of the answer choices as wrong, your chance of getting the right answer is improved, and it will be to your advantage to answer such a question.

You are advised to use your time effectively and to work as rapidly as you can without losing accuracy. Do not waste time on questions that are too difficult for you. Go on to the other questions and come back to the difficult ones later if you can.
Test Scores
The SAT Reasoning Test is made available to colleges for on-campus administration and scoring, therefore, you will not receive a report of your scores from the College Board. Transcript service is not available.

It is the responsibility of the college to inform you of your scores. The college administering the test may be willing to report your scores to other colleges or universities if you make this request. However, the administering college is not required to do so, and other colleges are not required to accept these scores.

If you have questions about whether your test was scored correctly, notify your test supervisor, who can re-score your test to determine if the score originally reported was correct.

How the SAT Reasoning Test is Scored
SAT scores are reported on the College Board scale of 200 to 800 — one for critical reading, one for math, and one for writing. You will also receive two writing sub-scores: a multiple-choice score from 20 to 80 and an essay score from 2 to 12. The total writing score, which is a combination of the multiple-choice and essay scores, is reported on the 200- to- 800 scale. The essay will make up approximately 30% of the writing section score.

To get your total score for each section (i.e., critical reading, math, writing), a fraction of the multiple-choice questions answered incorrectly is subtracted from the number answered correctly. If that number is a fraction, it is rounded to the nearest whole number — one-half or more is rounded up; less than one-half is rounded down. Next, your raw score is converted to a scaled score by a statistical process called equating. The purpose of equating is to adjust scores for minor differences in test difficulty from form to form, so that a score represents the same level of ability regardless of the difficulty of a particular form.

Preparing for the Test
For more information and practice materials, log onto www.collegeboard.com and follow the links For Students to the SAT Preparation Center.

Additional Information or Comments
If you have concerns or need any additional information concerning the SAT, notify your test supervisor; or you may contact SAT On-Campus.

Phone: 800 430-3033 and select option 2 (Customer Service)

Write:
SAT On-Campus
P.O. Box 6725
Princeton, NJ 08541-6725

E-mail: SAT_On-Campus@info.collegeboard.org.

Irregularities During Testing Sessions
If you are aware of an irregularity during your testing session, please report it to your test supervisor. You may report it to SAT On-Campus using the contact information above.

Confidentiality
Your college, for counseling and placement purposes, will use test scores and data that you provide in conjunction with taking the tests. Data will not be used for any other reason without your permission. If the data are used for research purposes, special precautions will be taken to ensure that your identity is kept confidential. If you have any questions about the confidentiality of the data that you have provided or about the test scores, see your college’s test supervisor.

The SAT On-Campus Program advises colleges to retain scored SAT answer sheets in secure storage following an administration. Answer sheets should be shredded or otherwise totally destroyed after 18 months.