

# 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.

### Math

The math section measures a student’s mastery of mathematical concepts and reasoning skills. It includes topics typically covered in three years of college-preparatory math, 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 developing and expressing ideas effectively. 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, consistent 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
<b>Question types:</b>		Two 25-minute sections and one 20-minute section
Passage-based reading	48	
Sentence completions	19	
	<b>Total 67</b>	
<b>Content:</b>		70 minutes total
Extended Reasoning	42–50	
Literal Comprehension	4–6	
Vocabulary in Context	12–16	
<b>Critical Reading Score</b>	200–800	

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

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

# SAT Subject Tests™

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

The SAT Subject Tests™ (formerly SAT II: 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 admission, 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 languages and World History are given six times a year (all dates below except April 1). Language Tests with Listening are given only in November. Visit [collegeboard.com](http://collegeboard.com) or review the registration booklets for more information about specific Subject Tests.

### Test, Registration, and Score Release Dates for 2005-06

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

Test Date	Regular Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline	Scores by Phone/Web	Scores Mailed
10/8/05	9/7/05	9/14/05	10/24/05	11/4/05
11/5/05	9/30/05	10/12/05	11/21/05	12/2/05
12/3/05	10/28/05	11/9/05	12/19/05	12/30/05
1/28/06	12/22/05	1/4/06	2/13/06	2/24/06
4/1/06	2/24/06	3/8/06	4/17/06	4/28/06
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6/3/06	4/28/06	5/10/06	6/19/06	6/30/06





### Fees for 2005-06

Please visit [collegeboard.com](http://collegeboard.com) or review the registration booklets for more information about services from the College Board. The SAT Question and Answer Service is available for October 8, January 28, May 6, and May 7 test dates. SAT Student Answer Service is available for all other test dates.

Registration and Test Fees	Additional Service Fees		
SAT Reasoning Test	\$41.50	SAT Question and Answer Service	\$24.00
Subject Tests basic registration fee	\$18.00	SAT Student Answer Service	\$10.00
Language Test with Listening	add \$19.00	Scores by Web	FREE
All other Subject Tests	add \$8.00 each	Each additional score report (Beyond the four included with your test registration)	\$9.00
Standby testing	\$36.00	Rush reports (plus \$9 per report)	\$26.00
Test center, date, or test change	\$20.00		
Late registration (domestic only)	\$21.00		

### 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 directions and sample questions to familiarize students with the test format and a full-length official practice test.  
 [www.collegeboard.com/srp](http://www.collegeboard.com/srp)
- College Search, with more than 3,600 colleges listed and plenty of tools to help organize and fine-tune the college search.  
 [www.collegeboard.com/csearch](http://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.  
 [www.collegeboard.com/apply/](http://www.collegeboard.com/apply/)
- Tools for finding and applying for financial aid, including college financing calculators, scholarship searches, and more.  
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