Get to Know the SAT

About the SAT®

The SAT and SAT Subject Tests are designed to assess academic readiness for college in a way that’s fair to all students.

What does the SAT measure?

The assessment is composed of the following sections:

- **Evidence-Based Reading and Writing**: Includes a Reading Test and a Writing and Language Test

- **Math**: Includes multiple-choice and student-produced response questions based on the math that college-bound students typically learn during their first three years of high school.

- **Essay (optional)**: Asks students to read and analyze an argument and write an effective response.
How Do I Access My SAT Scores and Reports?

1. Review your Online reports at www.collegeboard.org
2. Review Your Paper Score Report
3. https://youtu.be/Aq07MvKOc1o
How Do I Access My Online SAT® Scores and Reports?

1. Log in to an existing College Board account or create a new one at studentscores.collegeboard.org
How Do I Access My Online SAT® Scores and Reports? (cont.)

1. Log in to Your Account

2. Select SAT Scores
   *Or*

3. Use “Missing Scores” to locate scores
How Did My Score Measure Against College Readiness Benchmarks?

+ The SAT college and career readiness benchmarks now indicate a 75% likelihood of achieving at least a C in first-semester, credit-bearing college courses in related subjects and coursework.

+ For test scores and subscores,
  - Red, yellow, and green ranges reflect areas of strengths and weaknesses compared to the typical performance of students.
How Did My Score Measure Against College Readiness Benchmarks?

The Values of the College and Career Readiness Benchmarks
Across the SAT Suite of Assessments, the benchmark scores* are as follows:

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*Once students who have taken the redesigned SAT have entered college and earned course grades in the relevant subjects in 2017-18, an additional benchmark study will be conducted.
What Can I Learn From My Answers?

+ Look at my online score report
  - Identify the questions I answered incorrectly
  - Find the correct answer and read the answer explanation
  - Explain why the error was made
  - Ask questions about answer explanations that are not clear
What Can I Learn From My Answers? (cont.)

+ Look at the types of questions I answered incorrectly and skipped:
  - Identify the level of difficulty. How many questions did I miss at each level?
  - Was I more likely to skip questions associated with any subscore or cross-test score?
  - What inferences can I make about areas for improvement based on the types of questions I missed and skipped?
How Can I Improve My Academic Skills?

+ Look at my online score report
  - Check out the action steps in Skills Insights to help boost your college readiness
+ Take challenging courses next year including AP and College Now
What is My AP Potential™?

+ College Board research shows that students who score a 3 or higher on an AP Exam typically experience greater academic success in college and are more likely to earn a college degree on time than non-AP students.

+ AP Potential™ uses scores from the PSAT 10 to provide predictions for 23 AP Exams.
What Are My Next Steps?

+ Continue to take challenging courses in high school
+ Register for a second SAT
+ Utilize other resources to research and prepare for college
What Additional Resources Will Help Me Prepare for My Future?

- BigFuture™
  - College Action Plan
  - College Search
  - Scholarships
  - Financial Aid
- MyRoad™ Personality explorer
- Student Search Service®
BigFuture™ – Search Colleges, Scholarships, and Careers
MyRoad™ Personality Explorer

The Traditionalists

ESFZ The Caretaker

e - extraverting
s - sensing
f - feeling
z - organizing

As you begin to explore your type profile, it is important to remember that you are the best judge of your own personality. At this stage you alone must decide how well the description fits you.

Your Strengths Include...

- An outgoing, social nature.
- An ability to maintain long-term relationships.
- A willingness to work hard and take on responsibility.
- Coordinating resources to accomplish projects.
- Personalizing work processes.
- Selling practical and tangible products.
- Adhering to proper channels of communication and chains of command.
- Carrying out tasks efficiently.
- Maintaining harmony and progress.
- A high productivity level and an organized approach to tasks.
- Minimizing risk by opting for a conservative route.
- Dealing with facts and realities rather than theories.
- Preserving tradition.

You Learn Best When Dealing With...

- Subjects that aren’t too abstract or theoretical.
- Structured learning experiences.
- Teachers who stick to a schedule.
- People-focused and practical subjects.
- Assignments requiring group discussion and decision-making.
- Clear instructions and fixed deadlines.

When Interacting Socially, You...

- Are friendly and sociable.
- Maintain personal and professional relationships.
- Responsibly meet the needs of others.
- Hear what others have to say and are a good listener.
- Orchestrate events to accomplish projects.
- Humanize systems and rules.
- Respect official channels of communication and chains of command.
- Communicate a sense of warmth and friendliness.
- Seek to minimize risk and uphold tradition.
Student Search Service®

+ Participate voluntarily
+ Connect with more than 1,200 colleges, universities, scholarship programs, and educational organizations
+ Sign up when you take the test:

1. Choose to participate in Student Search Service when registering for a College Board test (fill in the circle on the answer sheet).
2. Provide information about yourself on your answer sheet.
3. Participating organizations can then search for groups of students who may be a good fit.
4. FYI: The College Board never shares information on disabilities, parental education, self-reported parental income, Social Security numbers, phone numbers, or actual test scores through Student Search Service.
How can I use the student score report?
The student score report is designed to both clearly summarize the student’s current achievement levels and to help guide and encourage appropriate next steps to increase college and career readiness. As you look through the report, here is some information you will want to gather:

Are you on track for college readiness?
- Use the benchmark indicator provided for each section score to determine the sort of continued work you need to start doing now to prepare for college success.
- If you are a student who is right on track, continue to take rigorous courses and work hard to stay on track.
- If you are a student who is not meeting the benchmark, connect with your teacher to find classroom work that is focused on areas of weakness, and connect with Khan Academy® to supplement this work.

Evaluate relative strengths and weaknesses:
- Test scores, cross-test scores, and subscores provide an opportunity to evaluate your relative strengths and weaknesses and highlight specific opportunities to strengthen your college readiness skills.
- Use the red/yellow/green coding on test scores and subscores to evaluate how you are performing relative to other students who are meeting/exceeding the benchmark.
- Highlight the areas in green as your strengths.
- Prioritize the areas that are furthest into the red for additional instruction and deliberate practice.

Define next steps to support skills:
- Identify activities that could be used to develop each of the skills identified for focus and improvement.
- Go online for more details and link your College Board account to Khan Academy to strengthen skills and to evaluate progress against the skills listed.