

Preparing for Standardized Tests

Getting Ready for the SAT, ACT, and SAT Subject Tests

Take a Mock Practice Test

- Set aside a block of time to take a full mock practice test
- Time yourself properly for each section even if you do not finish
- Assess your strengths and weaknesses
 - Sections, types of questions within each section, stamina
- Access the Test Bank for free full-length practice tests

Set a Score Goal

- Use your baseline score and the score ranges of your potential colleges to set a score goal
 - Look up the score goals of your potential colleges
- Consider the amount of time you have before your first/next test
- Rough estimates for point improvement for the SAT:
 - 0-30 point improvement: 10 hours
 - 30-70 point improvement: 20 hours
 - 70-130 point improvement: 40 hours
 - 130-200 point improvement: 80 hours
 - 200-330 point improvement: 150 hours +

Learn Test Strategies

- Taking practice tests is important for building stamina and getting used to the test, but learning specific strategies is also key
- The SAT and ACT have specific question types that are repeated for each test
- There are strategies for solving those specific reading, writing, or math questions

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- There are also strategies for learning how to best eliminate answers, guess when you need to, manage your time, and additional section-specific tips
- Access the Test Bank for links to test prep, tips, and strategies

Practice

- Take full length practice tests
- Take specific sections to strengthen any areas for improvement
- Test Bank!