

How to Take the SAT

- All questions count the same, so answer the easy questions first. The easier ones are usually at the beginning of the section. The exception is in the critical reading section, where questions are ordered according to the logic and organization of each passage.
- Make educated guesses. You have a better chance of guessing the correct answer if you can rule one or more answer choices for the multiple-choice questions.
- Skip questions that you really can't answer - no points are deducted if an answer is left blank.
- Limit your time on anyone question.
- Keep track of time, i.e., don't spend too much time on any group of questions within a section.
- Mark the questions that you skipped and to which you want to return.
- Check you answer sheet to make sure you are placing your answers correctly.
- Be sure to fill in the entire circle on the answer sheet. If you change your answer, erase it as completely as possible.

How is the SAT Scored

The new SAT has three sections: Critical Reading, Math, and Writing.

Scores range from 200 to 800 for each section.

Since there is a slight penalty for guessing, if you have no idea what the answer is, leave it blank. If you can eliminate one or more answer choices, make an "educated" guess.