

Scholastic Aptitude Test:
preparing for
the verbal sections

test basics and
testing strategies

SAT verbal questions

Critical Reading

- sentence completion
- passage-based reading comprehension

Writing

- essay
- improving sentences
- improving paragraphs
- identifying sentence errors

SAT verbal sections

Critical Reading

- 2 sections of M-C
25 minutes, 24 questions
- ***sentence completion and reading comprehension (short, paired, and long passages)***
- 1 section of M-C
20 minutes, 19 questions
- ***sentence completion and reading comprehension (usually one long passage)***

Writing

- 1 section of ***essay***
25 minutes
- 1 section of M-C
25 minutes, 35 questions
- ***improving sentences, identifying sentence errors, and improving paragraphs***
- 1 section of M-C
10 minutes, 14 questions
- ***improving sentences***

SAT general strategies

- Discover your own strengths and focus on them!
- Learn the directions for each section now. Do not waste valuable testing time reading them.
- Examine the whole section before you begin, and choose your order.
- Mark your test booklet—and circle your answers.
- Skip questions (and circle them). Answer the easiest first and return to the more difficult. Remember that all questions are worth the same points.
- Use process of elimination; make educated guesses if you can eliminate two or three wrong answers.