

How to Prepare for the Redesigned SAT

1. **Use evidence to support your arguments.** Get in the habit of backing up your answers with relevant quotations or data that support your claims.
2. **Register/sign up for Khan Academy.** Get your personalized practice plan to prepare for the redesigned SAT.
3. **Build your reading stamina.** Reading passages on the redesigned SAT are more complex than in the past. Be persistent in reading long, difficult passages of literature and informational text.
4. **Always analyze the informational graphics.** Charts and graphs are not just pictures in a textbook. Practice reading and understanding all supporting graphics, and make sure you understand how the graphics relate to the text.
5. **Get excited about the U.S. Founding Documents.** At least one of the passages you encounter on the redesigned SAT will be from one of the Founding Documents or a text from the great global conversation they inspire. (Don't worry: You don't need to memorize anything. Just be ready to analyze the documents in the Reading Test.)
6. **Practice editing and revision.** Focus on precise word choice, sentence structure, and grammatical conventions to support the central themes and arguments in any reading or writing selection.
7. **Put away the calculator (some of the time).** One portion of the redesigned SAT will require students to solve equations and engage in mathematical reasoning without the use of a calculator. Use of calculators will be allowed (but not always needed) on the other portion of the Math Test.
8. **Check your answers.** The redesigned SAT Math Test will use multistep problems. Always try your solution in the problem to be sure you have answered all of the questions in the problem and your solution makes sense.
9. **Answer every question on the test.** Wrong answers no longer earn a score deduction. The redesigned SAT uses only right answers to compute your score.
10. **Take the SAT!** You have taken challenging courses. You have been developing the skills and acquiring the knowledge you need to be successful on the SAT as you do your assignments in your classes. You have more information about the redesigned SAT than any other test:
 - › You took the PSAT 8/9 and used the results to determine what you needed to do to be college and career ready by the end of high school;
 - › You took the redesigned PSAT/NMSQT. When it told you that you had AP Potential™, you took the challenging courses. You got access to scholarships.
 - › You have practiced taking the SAT! You are ready to show what you know and open the door to the college and/or career of your choice!

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