



**Method  
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# Achieving Success on the ACT and SAT

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My Story



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Tom graduated from Princeton University and completed Princeton's Teacher Preparation Program. Early on, he developed a passion for learning which led to the inception of Method Test Prep. Running this small business allowed Tom to really focus on each student's needs and spend countless hours tutoring with the belief that all students have the ability to succeed. In addition, he has worked as an educational consultant with school districts across the country and advises them on ways to improve the districts' college admission test scores.

Tom is a father to twins Jonathan and Julia and enjoys traveling with his children and wife, Ally. In his down time, he reads, watches sports, and stays active. His motto in life, "Keep your face to the sunshine and you will never see the shadows."



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Parents and students:  
I can empathize



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By TOM EHLERS

## An 'old guy' takes the SAT





If you only remember  
**ONE THING** from this  
presentation...





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The ACT and SAT are  
*predictable.*

*Predictability* warrants  
preparation.

# What's Our Goal?



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Use higher ACT  
and SAT scores  
to...



Get accepted to  
more places/have  
more options



Earn more \$\$ in  
academic merit  
aid



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Poll: If a student gets just 1 more question correct on the SAT, how many points does his or her score often go up?

# Poll: National Averages



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ACT?

SAT?

What's a good  
score?

What's a good  
score?



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What would I do if I was an 11<sup>th</sup> grader?  
(or if I was a 11<sup>th</sup> grader)



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“I’ve heard that  
many schools are  
test-optional.”

Can you clarify?

Other upcoming ACT dates



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Oct. 23

Dec. 11

In-school  
test?

Feb. 5

April 9

June 11

July 16

# Upcoming SAT dates



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Nov. 6

Dec. 4

In-school  
test?

March 12

May 7

June 4





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## SAT Question and Answer Service

- March
- May
- October

## ACT TIR (Test Information Release) Service

- December
- April
- June



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Sachem provides all students  
with access to my self-paced  
SAT/ACT prep program  
(called Methodize)



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Sachem provides all students with access to my self-paced SAT/ACT prep program (called Methodize)

To access, login through Castle Learning and click “Methodize”

It’s that simple!

Students who use Methodize increase their SAT score 150 points



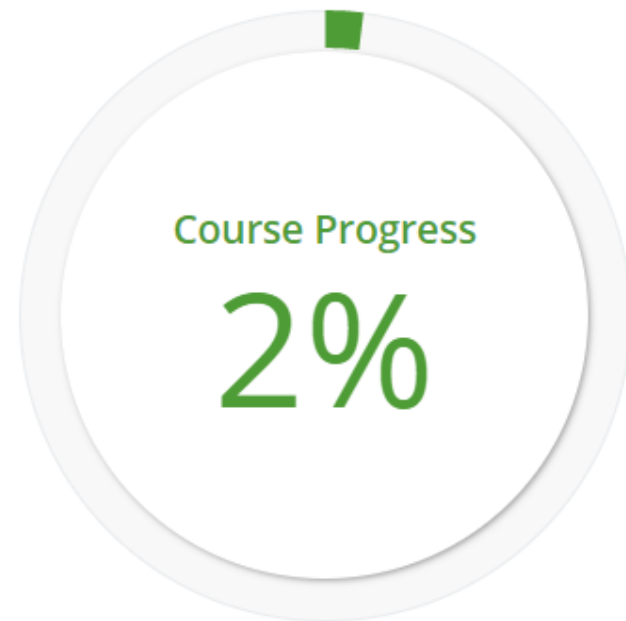
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How much time should  
I put in each week to  
prepare for the tests?



## SAT

The SAT course provides students with a comprehensive overview of the most effective strategies and most relevant content for raising their SAT scores. It also offers robust features for teachers looking to improve their students' SAT skills and performance in math, reading, and English.

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Ratios

Report Issue

✓ Mark as Read

A ratio is a simple relationship between two quantities: it tells us how many of one thing is present for a certain number of another thing.

Ratios can be written in three different ways. For example a ratio of 2 to 5 can be written as:

$$2 : 5 = 2/5 = \text{"2 to 5"}$$

The easiest way to understand ratios is to visualize them before applying shortcuts. For example, if we are told that the ratio of blue marbles to red marbles is 2 : 5, this means that for every two blue marbles, there are 5 red marbles, as illustrated below.



**Blue : Red = 2 : 5**  
**Total = 7**



## Catch All Geometry

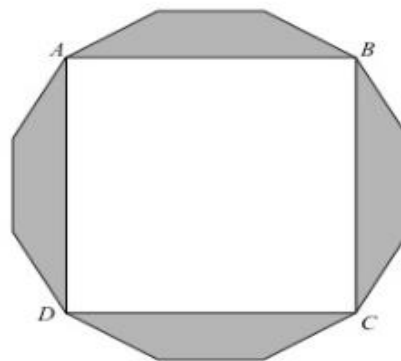
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Questions 1 of 8

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QUESTION 1 OF 8



In the figure above, square ABCD is inscribed in a regular dodecagon (12 sides). Each side of the dodecagon has length 10. What is the area of the square?

A  $200\sqrt{3} + 300$

B 700

Incorrect

C  $200\sqrt{3} + 400$

Correct

D 900

[View Explanation](#)[Next Question](#)

An ice-cream truck driver's monthly profit can be modeled by the equation  $p = 2k + m + 3n$ , where  $p$  is the monthly profit in dollars,  $k$  is the number of ice-cream cones sold,  $m$  is the number of ice-cream sandwiches sold, and  $n$  is the number of ice pops sold. What is the ice-cream truck driver's monthly profit if he sells 200 ice-cream cones, 100 ice-cream sandwiches and 50 ice pops?

A) 350

B) 450

C) 650

D) 800

$$p = 2(200) + 100 + 3(50)$$

$$400 + 100 + 150$$

$$650$$







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Classes

Assignments

School

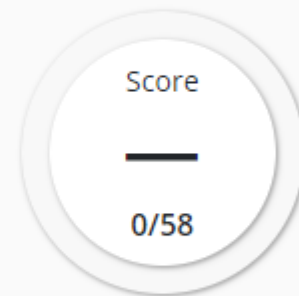
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## SAT Evaluation

No Attempts

Evaluation/Diagnostic Test



Section 1 < >

### Reading

Score  
—  
0/18

Time Allowed **25 min**      Completed —

[Start Section →](#)

Section 2 < >

### Writing and Language

Score  
—  
0/20

Time Allowed **20 min**      Completed —

[Start Section →](#)

Section 3 < >

### Math Evaluation

Score  
—  
0/20

Time Allowed **25 min**      Completed —

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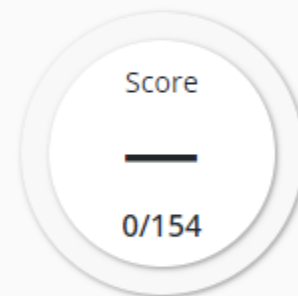
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## SAT Full Length #1

No Attempts

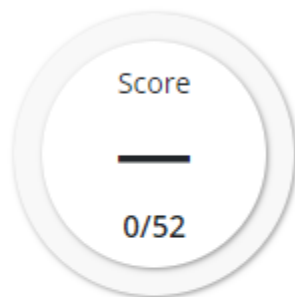
SAT Full Length #1



Section 1



### Reading



Time Allowed  
**65 min**

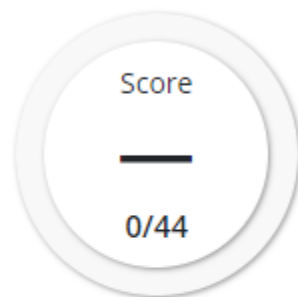
Completed  
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Section 2



### Writing and Language



Time Allowed  
**Unlimited**

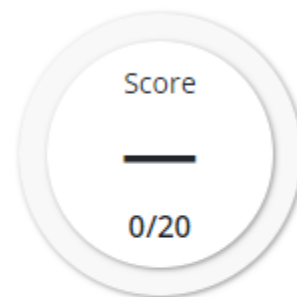
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Section 3



### Math No Calculator



Time Allowed  
**25 min**

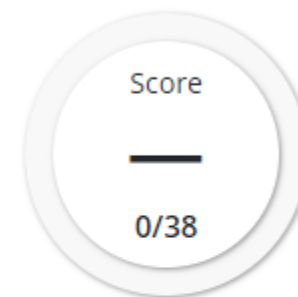
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Section 4



### Math Calculator Section



Time Allowed  
**55 min**

Completed  
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## Missed and Mastered Vocabulary Words

A vocabulary word is considered "mastered" when you have correctly defined it more than one time in the vocabulary quiz.

Filter:

All Time

This Year

Words Missed	Total: 7
scrupulous	1
vitriolic	1
perspicacious	1
resolve	1
voracious	1
vapid	1
monotony	1

Words Mastered	Total: 0
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[Practice Vocabulary Words](#)



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For parents/students who  
want/need something in  
addition to the web-based  
program...



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We offer many class and  
private tutoring options at  
[MethodLearning.com](https://MethodLearning.com)



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Special offer for Sachem  
families: **\$100 off** the cost  
of a class

(coupon code: Sachem)

# SAT Advantage Course \*18 hour option\*

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**When:** Starting Oct 17th, 2021

**Time:** 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm ET

**Where:** Online

**Test Date:** December 4, 2021

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**\$499**

**Enroll Now**

# SAT Advantage Course \*12 hour Option\*

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**When:** Starting Nov 7th, 2021

**Time:** 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm ET

**Where:** Online

**Test Date:** December 4, 2021

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**\$325**

[Enroll Now](#)



Questions?



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**Email: [tom@methodlearning.com](mailto:tom@methodlearning.com)**



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**Poll: If you get a question  
wrong on the SAT or ACT,  
you lose how many points?**



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**Poll: How many questions  
are on the 45-minute ACT  
English section?**

## An Example: “Red Flag” Words



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Where's the error?

The congressional panel issued their findings after conducting an investigation that lasted for over a year.

The **congressional panel** issued **their** findings

The **congressional panel** issued **its** findings



What are the  
differences between  
the SAT and ACT?



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Poll: SAT vs. ACT: on  
which test do you have  
more time per question?



How many sections are on the SAT? the ACT? (putting aside the optional essay section)



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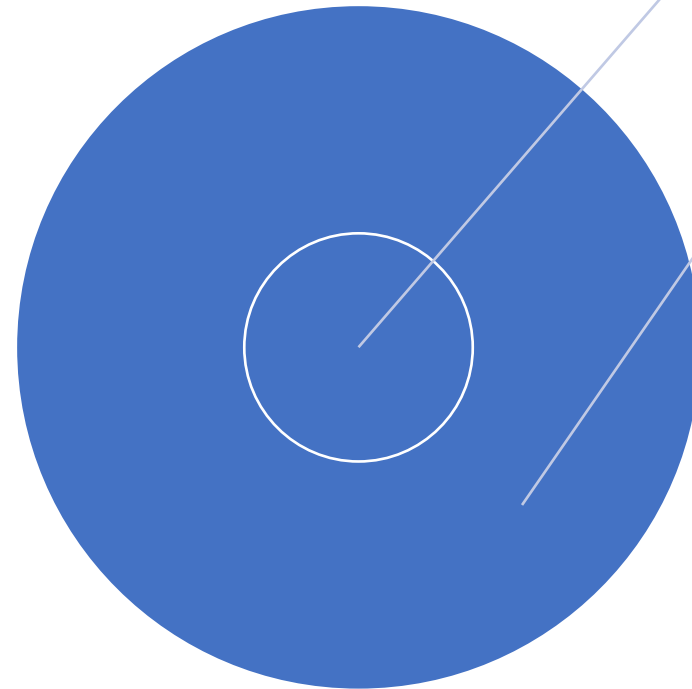
Poll: True/False: The ACT  
Science Section test  
students on science  
knowledge?



# Polls: How many times?



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Ideal number of times?

How many times can a student take these exams?



Can you mix and match  
your best scores?



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PSAT 10 on Oct  
13



Consider some  
prep next  
summer



PSAT Next  
October



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What grade are you in (or is your child in?)

A. 12<sup>th</sup>

B. 11<sup>th</sup>

C. 10<sup>th</sup>

D. 9<sup>th</sup>



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Are you a ... ?

A. Parent and student together

B. Just parent

C. Just student



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How much online learning have you done so far?

A. Taken a class for credit online

B. In-school classes have some type of online component

C. Mainly just online videos learning about an interest/hobby





How do you prefer to learn? (you can choose more than one answer)

- A. Blended model (some in-person and some online)
- B. Depends on the instructor
- C. Prefer online
- D. Prefer in the classroom



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Are you planning on taking the SAT, ACT, or both?

A. Not sure (One of the reasons I am on webinar.)

B. SAT

C. ACT

D. Both



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Each additional question correct on the SAT raises your score approx. how many points?

- A. 1 point
- B. 5 points
- C. 10 points
- D. 50 points