## Comparison of the Major Features: Current SAT and New SAT

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<th>Current SAT</th>
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<td><strong>Total Testing Time</strong></td>
<td>3 hours and 45 minutes</td>
<td>3 hours (plus 50 minutes for the Essay [optional])</td>
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<td><strong>Components</strong></td>
<td>Critical Reading, Writing, Mathematics, Essay</td>
<td>Evidence-Based Reading and Writing</td>
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<td>Reading Test, Writing and Language Test, Math, Essay</td>
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<td><strong>Important Features</strong></td>
<td>• Emphasis on general reasoning skills</td>
<td>• Focus on the knowledge, skills, and understandings</td>
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<td>• Emphasis on vocabulary, often in limited</td>
<td>that research has identified as most important</td>
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<td>contexts</td>
<td>for college and career readiness and success</td>
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<td>• Complex scoring (a point for a correct</td>
<td>• Greater emphasis on the meaning of words in</td>
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<td>answer and a deduction for an incorrect answer;</td>
<td>extended contexts and on how word choice shapes</td>
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<td>blank responses have no impact on scores)</td>
<td>meaning, tone, and impact</td>
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<td>• Rights-only scoring (no penalty for guessing)</td>
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<td><strong>Essay</strong></td>
<td>• Required and given at the beginning of the SAT</td>
<td>• Optional and given at the end of the SAT; postsecondary institutions determine whether they will require the Essay for admission</td>
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<td>• 25 minutes to write the essay</td>
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<td>• Tests writing skill; students take a position</td>
<td>• Optional and given at the end of the SAT; postsecondary institutions determine whether they will require the Essay for admission</td>
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<td>on a presented issue</td>
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<td><strong>Score Reporting</strong></td>
<td>• Scale ranging from 600 to 2400</td>
<td>• Scale ranging from 400 to 1600</td>
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<td>• Scale ranging from 200 to 800 for Critical</td>
<td>• Scale ranging from 200 to 800 for Evidence-Based</td>
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<td>Reading; 200 to 800 for Mathematics; 200 to 800</td>
<td>Reading and Writing; 200 to 800 for Math; 2 to 8 on</td>
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<td>for Writing</td>
<td>each of three dimensions for Essay</td>
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<td>• Essay results scaled to multiple-choice</td>
<td>• Essay results reported separately</td>
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<td>Writing</td>
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<td><strong>Subscore Reporting</strong></td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Subscores for every test, providing added insight for</td>
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<td>students, parents, admission officers, educators, and</td>
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<td>52</td>
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<td>Writing</td>
<td>60</td>
<td>49</td>
<td>Writing and Language</td>
<td>35</td>
<td>44</td>
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<td>Essay</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>Essay (optional)</td>
<td>50</td>
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<td>Mathematics</td>
<td>70</td>
<td>54</td>
<td>Math</td>
<td>80</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>225</td>
<td>171</td>
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<td>180 (230 with Essay)</td>
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**Practice**

- **Official SAT Questions**
  - Free sample SAT questions
  - Free full SAT practice test
  - Official SAT Online Course
  - Official SAT Study Guide
  - Real SAT Subject Tests Questions
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  - Official SAT Subject Tests Study Guides

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