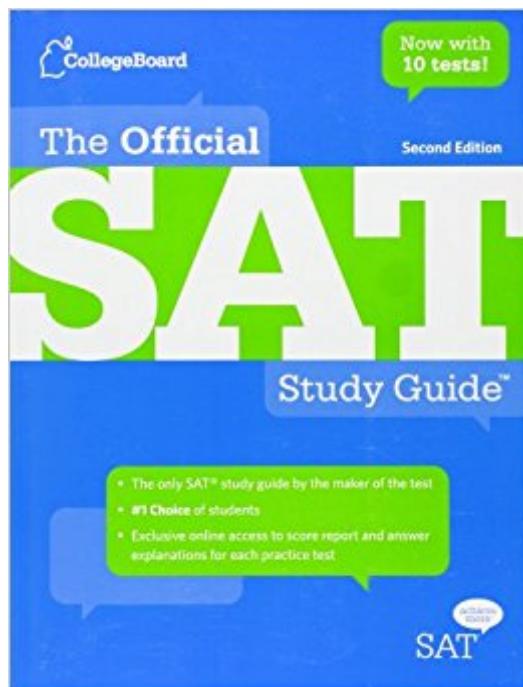


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# The Official SAT Study Guide Second Edition



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"This is the only book I recommend with complete confidence to anyone preparing for the SAT.... The College Board has provided a real service to students, parents, and educators."

The College Board, a not-for-profit membership association, connects students to college success and opportunity through major programs and services in college admissions, guidance, assessment, financial aid, enrollment, and teaching and learning. Among its best-known programs are the SAT® the PSAT/NMSQT® and the Advanced Placement Program® (AP®). Students, parents, educators, and librarians recognize the College Board as a source of expertise on SAT and CLEP® test preparation, college admissions, and financial aid. The College Board publishes the bestselling The Official SAT Study Guide®, the College Handbook, the Book of Majors, and other books that help students prepare for college, research their options, and succeed in higher education.

It's a solid book. It contains detailed explanations about the test format and question types, as well as practice tests. I'm really missing some overviews of particular subjects, but I guess it would be impossible to fit it in the book which is already long enough (1000+ pages). But definitely a pleasant price on , compared to the one on Collegeboard. If you want to prepare for a specific subject, I suggest you keep looking around.

I bought it for the math level 2 test. It only has two sets of practice for each subject which I think is not enough for most of the users who really want to get practice in a particular subject. But I managed to get a 790 for the math.

My son used this to help prep him for the SAT subject test. He had no idea what to expect on the subject test, but after reading this book he went in feeling confident and knowing what sort of questions he would be dealing with. After the test, he felt that the book material was very much in line with what was on the exam.

A good starting point for studying for SATs. We use the practice exercises in the course of normal study just to keep on track. You never know how well a particular teacher is preparing for SATs and, for that matter, the next English or math class. Online resources are helpful as well, but I like having physical pages that you can sit down at the dinner table and work directly on.

I am a private math tutor and author of Ultimate Guide to the Math SAT. I gave this book five stars because it has the best collection of practice tests. However I found some errors: pg 618. The answer to problem 6-14 is 5, not 6. pg 641. Problem 13 should be  $c(x)=((600x-200)/x)+k$ . pg 680.

Decimal points are missing from problems 4-15 and 4-17.pg 804. The decimal point is missing from problem 3-9.pg 866. The answer to problem 7-17 is B, not C. UPDATE AS OF DECEMBER, 2012: There have been at least four printings of this book. In the first printing, there were no indications of any errors. The second printing had a list of errors printed on yellow paper which was inserted into the book. The third printing corrected the errors, had no insert, and said "Updated!" on the cover. The fourth printing has corrected the errors and does not say "Updated!" on the cover. Your particular copy of the book may be from any of these printings.

This book is absolutely great, my daughter says that it has helped her and is a great study aide, but while it is a great book and has many tips, tricks, examples, and great reviews, in her opinion its not the best out there. The book has great resources, many practice tests, "fun" examples, and even gives other resources in relation to college board which could be helpful in the future, but my daughter believes that if being compared to the Princeton review study guide is better in comparison. With the Princeton version in addition to the things that the college board book gives you (including the college board resources that are free on the website), she feels that the Princeton book has more "meat" to it and goes more in depth to te problems which can be a much better option in regards to your child's score.

PROS:1. It's the official one, so you kind of have to use it, right? (there are also practice questions on their website, but that's an incomplete test, so this is the only place to get a full-length, official practice test)2. All of the questions are definitely the "right" level of hardness...CONS:1. There's only ONE practice test for each topic, which means that it really doesn't give you a lot of questions to practice2. It hasn't been updated in a few years -- that's a bit of a problem because AP tests have changed drastically, and there's a lot of confusion about whether the SAT subject tests have/will change accordingly (for example, you don't have to memorize colors for the AP tests any more, and it's not clear whether that will change for the SAT (since they're both CollegeBoard). It's great if you're going to be taking multiple subject tests, otherwise, you'll feel as though you just spent a ton of money for ONE practice test, which is a bit unfortunate.

This book is a good guide for approaching the SAT. It covers a variety of tactics for approaching questions and outlines what you need to know about math, grammar, and reading comprehension to do well. However, because the authors of this book are the same institution that writes the SAT's their point of view tends to be rather biased. For example, the essay section of this book tells you to

"...there are no guidelines on how to organize your essay; use the approach that best fits your topic and point of view. Good writing is not a strict adherence to a formula, rather, it is the strong development of ideas..." and while this may be true in life, historically SAT essays that do well follow a specific form and style, and the graders reward simple arguments that follow a familiar format. That's not to say this isn't a good book to use, just be aware they they are full of themselves and that you should try to reference multiple materials.

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