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SAT Boot Camp



Writing & Language

Expression of Ideas

- Topic Development
- Organization
- Effective Language Use

Standard English Conventions

- Sentence structure
 - Usage
 - Mechanics
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Major Changes

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Relevant Words in CONTEXT: test your understanding of relevant words and phrases, the precise meanings of which largely depend on how they're used in the passages in which they appear.

Problems Grounded in Real-World Contexts: You'll be asked to do more than identify errors; you'll revise and edit to improve texts on career-related topics and in the subject areas of history/social studies, the humanities, and science.

Analysis in History/Social Studies and in Science: You can be asked to revise a passage to incorporate data from a table into the writer's description of the results of an experiment.

No Penalty for Wrong Answers: The decision to eliminate the penalty for wrong answers was made to encourage you to try your best on all questions, even ones you're not sure of the answer to, without the added pressure of having to decide whether it would be best to take the risk and possibly lose a fraction of a point for an incorrect answer.

Directions (pg. 27)

35 minutes, 44 questions

Each passage below is accompanied by a number of questions. For some questions, you will consider how the passage might be revised to improve the expression of ideas. For other questions, you will consider how the passage might be edited to correct errors in sentence structure, usage, or punctuation. A passage or a question may be accompanied by one or more graphics (such as a table or graph) that you will consider as you make revising and editing decisions.

Some questions will direct you to an **underlined portion** of a passage. Other questions will direct you to a **location** in a passage or ask you to think about the **passage as a whole**.

After reading each passage, choose the answer to each question that most effectively improves the quality of writing in the passage or that makes the passage conform to the conventions of standard written English. Many questions include a “NO CHANGE” option. Choose that option if you think the best choice is to leave the relevant portion of the passage as it is.

Key Features (pg. 130)

Purpose: narrating experiences, nonfiction narratives

Subject: multiple subjects, general interest pieces, humanities, arts, science, history

Complexity: 9-10th to Postsecondary entry

Informational Graphics: tables, graphs, charts

Question Categories (pg. 131-132)

Expression of Ideas

Topic Development: support and focus

Organization: introductions, conclusions, transitions, and logical sequence

Effective Language Use: precision, style, and tone

*looking at how a piece can be improved by weeding out material, creating smooth progressions, or eliminating wordiness and redundancy.

Standard Use of English

Sentence structure

Usage

Mechanics

*recognizing and correcting errors or realizing that there is no error

SAT Writing and Language Domain Handout

Breaks down the major content pieces that are worth reviewing to prepare to take the exam for both parts.

These can be supplemented by the textbook chapters 14 + 15.

“Key Features” Handout

Taken from “Test Specifications for
the Redesigned SAT”

Additional explanation of question
types and examples.

“Method Test Prep” Handout

A resource to refer to when you get tripped up on a practice question, or are unsure of what the answer explanation is trying to explain.

Chapter 14:
Writing and
Language:
Expression of
Ideas

Development

Refining the content of a passage to achieve the writer's purpose:

- Proposition
- Support
- Focus
- Quantitative information

Organization

Improving the structure of a passage to enhance logic and cohesion, including:

- Logical sequence
- Introductions, conclusions, and transitions

Effective Language Use

Revising text to improve written expression and to achieve the writer's purpose, including:

- Precision
- Concision
- Style and tone
- Syntax

Sample Writing and Language Test Questions

- Practiced 1-16 in practice test 1, section 2.
- 'Homework' is to finished the section and come in with questions next week.