



Alliance SAT Prep: “Reading,” “Writing and Language” and “Essay” portions

COURSE: SAT PREP Reading; Writing; Essay

Course Description:

This course is designed to improve your scores on three sections of the exam: Reading, Writing and Language and the optional Essay portion. The course can be taken without consideration on the essay portion if the student is electing not to take this part of the test.

The strategies provided by the instructor are time-tested approaches to cracking standardized testing and guaranteed to improve your scores. A one-on-one format tutoring format allows for the instructor to customize instruction based on the strengths and weaknesses of the student, not only in academic approaches but in test-taking approaches generally, which have been proven to affect scores just as much.

Taught by a highly experienced and successful English teacher in the American Boarding school circuit, this course will help you build key, foundational skills and hacks to defeat the SAT.

MATERIALS:

The student will be responsible for purchasing a SAT test book with sample practice tests: the edition and publication information will be provided upon signing up. For all online sessions, the students should have access to a high-speed internet connection with working microphone and webcam and all students should be able to access zoom.us for lessons. All smartphone apps are also available as downloads for desktop/laptop/tablet computers; no special equipment is required.

SYLLABUS (subject to change, depending on instructor discretion and student ability)

DATE	LESSON CONTENT	DO BEFORE CLASS
(1)	1) Introduction to the course and instruction 2) Introduction to the SAT 3) Overview of Test Approaches 4) Goal Setting and Test Sign-ups	
(2)	1) Vocabulary Drills/Games 2) Review Strategies 3) Go over results of Writing Practice Test	STUDY: SAT Hot words 1-15 READ: “Test Taking Strategies” and “Common Testing Myths” DO: Complete Practice Test 1 Writing and Language Section (35 minutes)
(3)	1) Vocabulary Drills/Games	STUDY: SAT Hot words 16-30 READ: “Reading Comprehension and Test Passage Types” DO: Complete Practice Test 1 Reading Section (65 minutes)

	<p>2) Review Strategies for reading comprehension and Reading Section overview</p> <p>3) Go over results of Reading Practice Test</p>	
(4)	<p>1) Vocabulary Drills/Games</p> <p>2) Review Essay Strategies and overview of Essay section</p> <p>3) Go over results of Practice Test</p> <p>4) Practice Outlining</p>	<p>STUDY: SAT Hot words 31-45</p> <p>READ: "Method for approaching the SAT essay"</p> <p>DO: Complete Practice Test 1 Essay Section (50 minutes)</p>
(5)	<p>1) Vocabulary Drills/Games</p> <p>2) Grammar Crash Course 101</p> <p>3) Go over results of Practice Test</p>	<p>STUDY: SAT Hot words 46-60</p> <p>READ: "Sentence Structure"</p> <p>DO: Complete Practice Test 2 Writing and Language Section (35 minutes)</p>
(6)	<p>1) Vocabulary Drills/Games</p> <p>2) Review Strategies for Synthesis and Infographics</p> <p>3) Go over results of Practice Test</p>	<p>STUDY: SAT Hot words 61-75</p> <p>READ: "Synthesis Questions and Method for Infographics"</p> <p>DO: Complete Practice Test 2 Reading Section (65 minutes)</p>
(7)	<p>1) Vocabulary Drills/Games</p> <p>2) Revisit approaches to essay</p> <p>3) Go over results of Practice Test</p> <p>4) Practice outlining essay</p>	<p>STUDY: SAT Hot words 76-90</p> <p>READ: "Reading, Analyzing and Writing the SAT essay"</p> <p>DO: Complete Practice Test 2 Essay Section (50 minutes)</p>
(8)	<p>1) Vocabulary Drills/Games</p> <p>2) Grammar crash course 101 continued</p> <p>3) Go over results of Practice Test</p>	<p>STUDY: SAT Hot words 91-105</p> <p>READ: "Conventions of Usage"</p> <p>DO: Complete Practice Test 3 Writing and Language Section (35 minutes)</p>

(9)	1) Vocabulary Drills/Games 2) Strategies for global and command of evidence questions 3) Go over results of Practice Test	STUDY: SAT Hot words 106-120 READ: "Global and Command of Evidence Questions" DO: Complete Practice Test 3 Reading Section (65 minutes)
(10)	1) Vocabulary Drills/Games 2) Grammar crash course 101 concludes 3) Go over results of Practice Test 4) Revisit basic approaches to standardized test taking	STUDY: SAT Hot words 121-135 READ: "Conventions of Punctuation" DO: Complete Practice Test 2 Essay Section (50 minutes)