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Online Practice Tests

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Take SAT practice tests online with [Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy®](#). Your answers will automatically be scored at the end of your test, and the timer will keep you on track with section time limits.

Best of all, after your practice test, you'll get personalized practice recommendations so you can focus on what you missed.

Helpful Tips

Reserve laptops or the school computer lab, and direct students to [Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy](#).

- Provide students with scrap paper and pencils for math problems.
- Review with students [how to answer grid-in questions](#) in the math section.
- Remember to [review the approved calculator list](#) so students can practice with the same tools they'll use on test day.
- Set aside about 4 hours for students to take the test.
- Optional: Set aside time with students to review their results and the answer explanations for the questions they missed, or encourage them to review their results on their own.

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Paper and Pencil Practice Tests

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- **Download official SAT practice tests and answer sheets.**
 - ◆ If you want to help students practice for the PSAT/NMSQT® or PSAT™ 10, **download official practice tests and answer sheets.**
- Reserve a quiet space such as a library or empty classroom.
- Provide No. 2 pencils for your students.
- Remember to **review the approved calculator list** so students can practice with the same tools they'll use on test day.
- Review with students **how to answer grid-in questions** in the math section.
- Set aside about 4 hours for students to take the full test.
- Encourage students to **download the Daily Practice for the New SAT app** so they can get their results as soon as they finish the test. These results will update in their Official SAT Practice profile so that the next time they log in, their practice recommendations will be updated based on their scores.
- Set aside time with students to review their results and the answer explanations for questions they missed. You can also encourage them to review the results on their own.

Before You Start

Remind students that they'll need a pencil, calculator, and time; they'll also need access to a printer.

Here are a few more tips:

- Students should mark their answers in the correct row of circles on the answer sheet. Remind them to be especially careful if they skip questions.
- Students should know that it's okay to guess. They won't lose any points if they're wrong.
- **Learn how to enter answers on math grid-ins.**

If your student is using a screen reader or other assistive technology, we recommend using Microsoft® Word practice tests optimized for them. If they prefer, they can also practice using the MP3 audio format.

Practice Test Tips

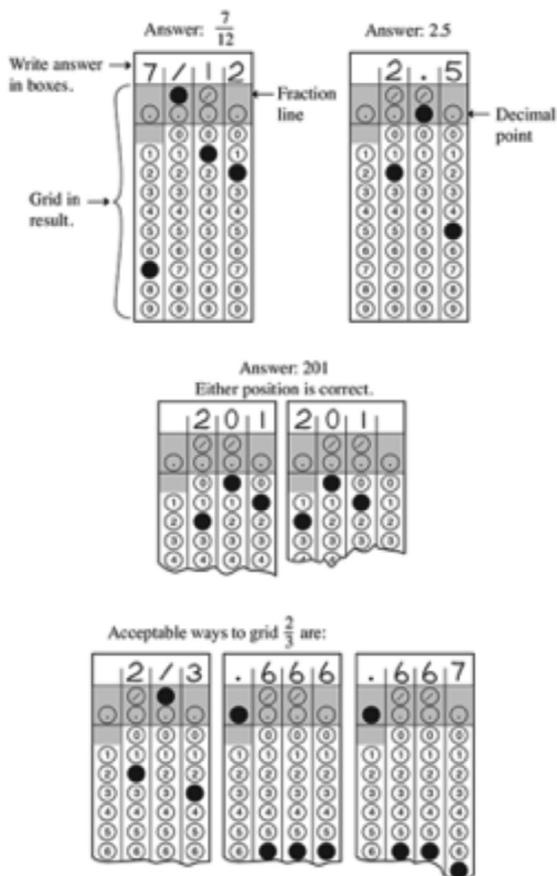
When students take the practice test, they should use the answer sheet as they would on test day. We also recommend that they follow the section timing as indicated on the printed test.

After a student has finished the practice test, they can get instant feedback and question-by-question results from their phone. They just need to open the app, **Daily Practice for the New SAT**, and snap a picture of their answer sheet. If they prefer, they can print out the guide that comes with the test and score by hand.

Gridding In Answers

- Mark no more than one circle in any column.
- Only answers indicated by filling in the circle will be scored. (You won't receive credit for anything written in the boxes located above the circles.)
- It doesn't matter in which column you begin entering their answers; as long as the responses are recorded within the grid area, you'll receive credit.
- The grid can hold only 4 decimal places and can only accommodate positive numbers and zero.
- Unless a problem indicates otherwise, answers can be entered on the grid as a decimal or a fraction.
- Fractions like $\frac{3}{24}$ don't need to be reduced to their lowest terms.
- All mixed numbers need to be converted to improper fractions before being recorded in the grid.
- If the answer is a repeating decimal, students must record the most accurate value the grid will accommodate.

BELOW IS A SAMPLE OF THE INSTRUCTIONS STUDENTS WILL SEE ON THE TEST.



Bonus Tip: When using Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy® for practice tests, all practice counts toward the student hours and problems practiced on the platform.