

# Major Features

Comparison of the Major Features: Current SAT vs. Redesigned SAT		
Category	Current SAT	Redesigned SAT
<p><b>Total Testing Time*</b></p> <p>*Redesigned SAT testing time subject to research</p>	3 hours and 45 minutes	3 hours (plus 50 minutes for the Essay [optional])
<b>Components</b>	<p>Critical Reading</p> <p>Writing</p> <p>Mathematics</p> <p>Essay</p>	<p>Evidence-Based Reading and Writing</p> <p>Reading Test</p> <p>Writing and Language Test</p> <p>Math</p> <p>Essay (optional)</p>
<b>Important Features</b>	<p>Emphasis on general reasoning skills</p> <p>Emphasis on vocabulary, often in limited contexts</p> <p>Complex scoring (a point for a correct answer and a deduction for an incorrect answer; blank responses have no impact on scores)</p>	<p>Continued emphasis on reasoning alongside a clearer, stronger focus on the knowledge, skills, and understandings most important for college and career readiness and success</p> <p>Greater emphasis on the meaning of words in extended contexts and on how word choice shapes meaning, tone, and impact</p> <p>Rights-only scoring (a point for a correct answer but no deduction for an incorrect answer; blank responses have no impact on scores)</p>

<b>Essay</b>	<p>Required and given at the beginning of the SAT</p> <p>25 minutes to write the essay</p> <p>Tests writing skill; students take a position on a presented issue</p>	<p>Optional and given at the end of the SAT; postsecondary institutions determine whether they will require the Essay for admission</p> <p>50 minutes to write the essay</p> <p>Tests reading, analysis, and writing skills; students produce a written analysis of a provided source text</p>
<p><b>Score Reporting*</b></p> <p>*Redesigned SAT scores subject to research</p>	<p>Scale ranging from 600 to 2400</p> <p>Scale ranging from 200 to 800 for Critical Reading; 200 to 800 for Mathematics; 200 to 800 for Writing</p> <p>Essay results scaled to multiple-choice Writing</p>	<p>Scale ranging from 400 to 1600</p> <p>Scale ranging from 200 to 800 for Evidence-Based Reading and Writing; 200 to 800 for Math; 2 to 8 on each of three traits for Essay</p> <p>Essay results reported separately</p>
<b>Subscore Reporting</b>	None	Subscores for every test, providing added insight for students, parents, admission officers, educators, and counselors

<b>Comparison of Test Length and Timing: Current SAT vs. Redesigned SAT</b>					
<b>Current SAT</b>			<b>Redesigned SAT</b>		
<b>Component</b>	<b>Time Allotted (minutes)</b>	<b>Number of Question/ Tasks</b>	<b>Component</b>	<b>Time Allotted (minutes)</b>	<b>Number of Questions/ Tasks</b>
<b>Critical Reading</b>	70	67	<b>Reading</b>	65	52
<b>Writing</b>	60	49	<b>Writing and Language</b>	35	44
<b>Essay</b>	25	1	<b>Essay (optional)</b>	50	1
<b>Mathematics</b>	70	54	<b>Math</b>	80	57
<b>Total</b>	225	171	<b>Total</b>	180 (230 with Essay)	153 (154 with Essay)