



Compare the **SAT** to the **ACT**

SAT	ACT
<p>OVERALL</p> <p>Five Sections (in order):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading - 65 min. • Writing - 35 min. • Math (No Calculator section) - 35 min. • Math (Calculator section) - 55 min. • Essay (optional) - 50 min. <p>Total Test Time (excluding breaks):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Without essay: 3 hours • With essay: 3 hours, 50 minutes <p>30-40% more time per question than ACT</p> <p>Total Score SAT: 400 - 1600 (sum of two sections)</p>	<p>OVERALL</p> <p>Five Sections (in order):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English - 45 min. • Math - 60 min. • Reading - 35 min. • Science - 35 min. • Essay (optional) - 40 min. <p>Total Test Time (excluding breaks):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Without essay: 2 hours, 55 minutes • With essay: 3 hours, 35 minutes <p>Total Score ACT: 1 - 36 (average of four sections)</p>
<p>GRAPHIC LITERACY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No standalone Science section • Science questions included throughout the Math, Reading, and Writing & Language tests 	<p>SCIENCE REASONING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Separate section: 40 questions in 35 minutes • No specific science knowledge required, but tests abilities to analyze tables, graphs, charts, and data

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<p>MATH</p> <p>Two Subsections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Calculator: 20 questions in 25 minutes • Calculator: 38 questions in 55 minutes <p>Total Score between 200 and 800 Worth half of the overall SAT score Formula Sheet provided Four answer choices (but grid-in questions also) Less than 10% of material is geometry</p>	<p>MATH</p> <p>Single Section:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One section: 60 questions in 60 minutes • Calculator allowed throughout <p>Total Score between 1 and 36 One of four sections worth the same amount No Formula Sheet provided Five answer choices (rest of the exam has four choices) About 25% of material is geometry</p>
<p>READING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 52 questions, 65 minutes • Five 700-750 word passages • Half of a student's verbal score • Passage complexity varies between 9th grade and early college reading level 	<p>READING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40 questions, 35 minutes • Four 700-900 word passages • One of four sections worth the same amount • Passage complexity varies between 9th grade and 11th grade reading level
<p>WRITING AND LANGUAGE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 44 questions in 35 minutes • Half of a student's verbal score • Very similar material to the ACT 	<p>ENGLISH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 75 questions in 45 minutes • One of four sections worth the same amount • Very similar material to the SAT
<p>ESSAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Optional: 50 minutes • 600 to 750 word passage to read • Student must analyze and evaluate the arguments made in the passage • Scored on 2 to 8 scale on each of three domains: Reading, Analysis, and Writing • Above domain scores are added together for a final score between 6 and 24 	<p>ESSAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Optional: 40 minutes • Three perspectives are provided on an issue. Student must compare perspectives as well as present his or her own • Scored on 2 to 12 scale on each of four domains: Ideas & Analysis, Development & Support, Organization, and Language • Above four domain scores are combined for an average score