Understanding 2017 PSAT 10 Results
A PARENT TUTORIAL

A Case Study: Ima B. Student’s PSAT 10 Score Report

Take a look at Ima B. Student’s sample score report below and on the next page. Use the corresponding information to help you interpret your student’s PSAT™ 10 Score Report. (Note: The figures shown here are samples and do not necessarily correspond to actual results.)

What Are Ima’s Scores?
Ima’s Evidence-Based Reading and Writing score is 410 and her Math score is 530. In Evidence-Based Reading and Writing, Ima’s score is approaching the benchmark, but she is not quite on track for college readiness. In Math, however, Ima is exceeding the benchmark and is on track. Test scores, cross-test scores, and subscores can give Ima a better understanding of the areas she needs to work on.

What Are Her Score Percentiles?
Since Ima is in the 10th grade, the percentiles compare her scores with those of all 10th graders in the nation. In Evidence-Based Reading and Writing, Ima scored as well as or better than 76% of a nationally representative group of sophomores. In Math, she scored as well as or better than 76% of a nationally representative group of sophomores.

Additional percentiles are available in Ima’s online score report.

How Will Ima Do on the SAT?
The PSAT 10 and the SAT® are scored on a common scale; therefore, if Ima had taken the SAT instead of the PSAT 10 on the same test date, she would have received the same score. When Ima takes the SAT, she will likely have had additional learning from school and practice. Her PSAT 10 results can help Ima focus her efforts in high school to be better prepared for the SAT.

What Are Her Score Ranges?
No test measures precisely what someone knows, and many factors can affect results. That is why test makers think of each score as a range that extends from a few points below to a few points above the score earned.
### How Can Ima Improve Her Academic Skills?

"Your Scores: Next Steps" are based on Ima’s test scores, and on the general skills similarly performing students understand. Ima can see which skills she performed well on and those on which she needs to improve. When she goes online and logs in to the full report, she can see additional skills and improvement steps. Ima can also link her account to Khan Academy® for personalized practice recommendations.

### What Are Ima’s Next Steps?

Under “Get more next steps online,” Ima is directed to studentscores.collegeboard.org to learn how to prepare for the SAT and to see her potential for AP® coursework.

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**When Should Ima Take the SAT?**

As a sophomore, Ima should begin planning when she will take the SAT. Most students take the SAT for the first time in their junior year. By planning now, Ima can ensure that she has adequate time to practice for the SAT. She can register for the test and take advantage of practice resources by visiting studentscores.collegeboard.org.

### What Can We Learn from Ima’s Answers?

The score report is designed to be used with the student’s PSAT 10 test booklet. It lists all of Ima’s answers and allows her to see the correct answer and difficulty level for each question. Ima can use her online score report to review the questions she answered incorrectly or omitted and see detailed explanations of why her responses were correct or incorrect.