Understanding Your Score Report

SAT
Visit sat.org/scores for more help interpreting and sending your scores.

TOTAL SAT SCORE
Total SAT® scores range from 400 to 1600. Your total score is the sum of your section scores.

ESSAY SCORES
If you took the SAT with Essay, you’ll see three scores that measure your reading, analysis, and writing skills. Each ranges from 2 to 8. These scores aren’t added together or combined with any other scores on the test.

SECTION SCORES
The section scores for Evidence-Based Reading and Writing and for Math each range from 200 to 800. To arrive at each section score, we converted your raw score, which is the number of questions you answered correctly. There’s no penalty for guessing.

We convert raw scores to adjust for slight differences in difficulty between versions of the test, making sure there’s no advantage in taking the test on any particular day.

PERCENTILES
Percentiles give you perspective on your performance. They show the percentage of students whose scores are equal to or below your score. One kind of percentile compares your score to the scores of a representative group of 11th- and 12th-grade U.S. students. The other compares your score to those of typical SAT test takers.

BENCHMARKS
The benchmark icon is another way to get perspective. A checkmark shows you scored at or above the benchmark (480 for Evidence-Based Reading and Writing and 530 for Math). This means you’re on track to be ready for college when you graduate.

An exclamation point shows you scored below the benchmark. Use the feedback and tips in your online report at sat.org/scorereport to get back on track.

How Can I Improve?
To see which skills are your strongest and what you can do to boost your college readiness, go to your full report online and look for Skills Insight™.

How Do My Scores Compare?
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What Are Score Ranges?
Test scores for Reading, Writing and Language, and Math range from 10 to 40. The Math Test score is reported to the nearest half-point.

CROSS-TEST SCORES AND SUBSCORES
Cross-test scores have a range of 10–40, and subscores have a range of 1–15. They help you see your strengths and let you know what to focus on for improvement.

TEST SCORES
Test scores for Reading, Writing and Language, and Math range from 10 to 40. The Math Test score is reported to the nearest half-point.

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Your online score report shows your score ranges, which are better representations of your true ability. They show how much your score can vary from day to day. For example, if your Math percentile is 57%, that means 57% of students scored 10% or less below yours.

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SAT Subject Tests
Visit satsubjecttests.org/scores for help interpreting and sending your scores.

TOTAL SCORE
Total scores for each SAT Subject Test have a range of 200–800. To calculate your raw score, we add a point for each correct answer and then subtract a partial point for each incorrect answer. Points aren’t subtracted for unanswered questions.

SUBSCORES FOR LANGUAGE TESTS
The Language with Listening Test scores include subscores, which have a 20–80 range. For the French, German, and Spanish with Listening Tests, the reading subscore counts twice as much as the listening subscore. For the Chinese, Japanese, and Korean with Listening Tests, subscores are weighted equally.

PERCENTILES
Percentiles help you put your scores in perspective. They show what percentage of students earned a score that’s lower than yours.

Sending Your Test Scores
Your score reports were already sent to the colleges and other institutions you chose when you registered. Additional score reports can be ordered at any time after scores have been released. Visit sat.org/scores to learn about ordering more score reports.

Verification Services
To double-check your scores, order answer verification or score verification within five months after test day. Visit sat.org/verify-scores or call 866-756-7346 to learn how.

ANSWER VERIFICATION SERVICES (SAT ONLY)
These services include Question-and-Answer Service (QAS) and Student Answer Service (SAS). They’re not offered for SAT Subject Tests™.

With QAS, you get access to a copy of the SAT you took, including scoring instructions, along with a report showing your answers, the correct answers, and the type and difficulty of each question. QAS costs $18.

SAS reports the type and difficulty of each SAT question and lets you know whether your answer was correct, incorrect, or omitted. SAS costs $13.50 and is available when QAS isn’t.

If you took the SAT with Essay, you can view and print a copy of your response for free. Just go to your online score report at sat.org/scorereport.

SCORE VERIFICATION
The multiple-choice sections of all SAT and SAT Subject Tests are machine scanned. If your marks conform to the published guidelines for marking the answer sheet, the scanning and scoring processes, combined with our quality-control procedures, are designed to deliver an accurate score.

If your score is very different from what you expected, you can order score verification. Options include multiple-choice hand score verification (SAT and the SAT Subject Tests) and Essay score verification (SAT only). The Essay scoring process includes an independent scoring of each essay by two qualified readers. If the readers’ scores differ by more than one point, a scoring director will score the essay. This automatic validation ensures the accuracy of the Essay scoring process. Essay score verification does not include rereading the essay or an appeal of your essay score.

These services may be ordered up to five months after test day. Each service costs $55. If you used a fee waiver to take the test, you’ll get a 50% discount. Before you order, you should know that:

- We’ll correct and rereport your score if you made an obvious mistake marking your answer sheet (the score may go up or down).
- We won’t change your multiple-choice score if you didn’t use a No. 2 pencil, fill bubbles in completely, or follow certain other instructions.
- We’ll refund your fee if we changed your score because of a problem in the scanning or scoring process.

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