MATHEMATICAL MASTER

Swift, Decisive, Efficient

Your time for PSAT prep each week is limited, so you'll need to follow an **efficient** study plan that makes the most of it. This means you'll need to make **swift decisions** about exactly what you'll need to study — and when. Your study plan will help you pinpoint those objectives that will earn you the most points on test day. You'll continue to sharpen your Math skills while building a strong foundation in Verbal.

How to Use Your Study Plan: The study plan below is based on your results, with your areas of opportunity on the left side of each week's plan and your areas of strength toward the right. Each week, the Recommended chapters cover the topics that are worth the most points on the PSAT, so be sure to prioritize those items. To make your prep as efficient as possible, choose Optional items that best fit your study needs and schedule. If you fall behind or don't have 4 full weeks to study, be sure to prioritize the Recommended items. Happy prepping!



Format of the PSAT

Knowing what to expect on each section of the PSAT will give you confidence on test day—you'll have no surprises about what types of questions you'll be asked.

During these weeks, you'll:

- Become comfortable with the structure of the PSAT
- Learn the Kaplan Methods for each test section

Week 1

Overall Study	Reading	Writing and Language	Math
Recommended: Chapter 1: Inside the PSAT Acquaint yourself with the format of the test by looking through the Practice Tests at the end of your book	Recommended: Chapter 10: The Method for PSAT Reading Questions	Recommended: Chapter 14: The Method for PSAT Writing and Language	Recommended: Chapter 3: The Method for PSAT Math Questions Chapter 4: Linear Equations and Graphs
Optional: Online Video: Introduction to the PSAT	Optional: Online Video: The Method for PSAT Reading Questions	Optional: Online Video: The Method for PSAT Writing and Language Questions	Optional: Online Video: The Method for PSAT Math Questions Chapter 5: Systems of Linear Equations Appendix 1 (online): Inequalities

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Highest-Yield Topics

Let's cut right to the chase: some topics are tested on the PSAT more heavily than others. That means that mastering those topics has the potential to earn you a ton of points on test day.

During these weeks, you'll:

- Study the highest point yield topics in Math and Writing and Language
- Master the foundations of strategic Reading

Week 2

Reading	Writing and Language	Math
Recommended: Chapter 11: PSAT Reading Passage Strategies	Recommended: Chapter 15: Spotting and Fixing Errors How Much Do You Know? Sentence Structure: The Basics Commas, Dashes, and Colons	Recommended: Chapter 6: Ratios, Proportions, and Percents
	Optional: Chapter 15: Spotting and Fixing Errors Agreement: Verbs Pronouns Modifiers Idioms How Much Have You Learned?	Optional: Chapter 7: Tables, Statistics, and Probability Appendix 2 (online): Scatterplots

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Areas of Opportunity and Practice Test

Now it's time to dig into some challenging topics. You can do this! Your goal is not to learn everything about, say, geometry or punctuation, but rather to learn the most commonly-tested PSAT concepts and to familiarize yourself with questions in that category.

It's also time for some authentic practice. Taking a Practice Test under real test-like conditions is the best way to solidify what you've learned and to practice test-taking strategies. Plus, your results will help you make a plan for your remaining study time until test day.

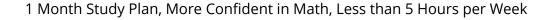
Tips for Taking Practice Tests:

Make the Practice Test count! Time yourself, eliminate distractions, and use your test-taking strategies (see Chapter 1), just as you would for the real test. Practice using the Methods for each test section (Math, Reading, and Writing and Language) on every question—even if doing so takes more time now, practicing will improve your speed so the Methods are second nature on the real test day.

After finishing the Practice Test, it is vital that you *review your results*. Dig into each question—think not only about why you got a question correct or incorrect but also about whether you approached the question strategically. For each question, ask yourself: What can I learn about this type of question? After reviewing, use your test results to help you plan what to study until test day.

During these weeks, you'll:

- Take a Practice Test
- Review the Practice Test
- Improve your performance on your areas of opportunity on each section of the test





Week 3

Overall Study	Reading	Writing and Language	Math
Recommended: Practice Test 1 Review Practice Test 1 Chapter 16: Countdown to Test Day	Recommended: Chapter 12: PSAT Reading Question Types	Recommended: Appendix 11 (online): Spotting and Fixing Issues How Much Do You Know? Development: Precision Relevance Revising Text Introductions and Conclusions	Recommended: Chapter 8: Functions
	Optional: Chapter 13: Answering PSAT Reading Questions	Optional: Appendix 11 (online): Spotting and Fixing Issues Organization: Conciseness Transitions Sentence Placement Graphs How Much Have You Learned?	Optional: Chapter 9: Quadratics Appendix 3 (online): Exponents, Radicals, Polynomials, and Rational Expressions Appendix 4 (online): Geometry



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Strengths Focus

You've worked so hard! There's only one week left, but you are well-situated for success. Now things get kind of fun: take those topics you're awesome at, and get more awesome at them before test day! Celebrate your successes and take this opportunity to get even better. You'll also learn section management strategies for each section of the PSAT. Finally, do some light practice leading up to the big day.

During these weeks, you'll:

- Focus on your strongest topics to build confidence for test day
- Learn section management strategies for each section of the PSAT
- Do light practice until test day



Week 4

Reading	Writing and Language	Math
Recommended: Appendix 10 (online): PSAT Reading Timing Section Management	Recommended: Appendix 12 (online): PSAT Writing and Language Timing Section Management Review strengths chapter(s) based on Practice Test results	Recommended: Appendix 7 (online): PSAT Math PSAT Math Timing and Triage Try On Your Own Review strengths chapter(s) based on Practice Test results
Optional: Appendix 10 (online): PSAT Reading How Much Have You Learned? Online: Reading Practice Set	Optional: Appendix 12 (online): PSAT Writing and Language How Much Have You Learned? Online: Writing and Language Practice Set	Optional: Online: Math (Calculator) Practice Set Online: Math (No-Calculator) Practice Set

Congratulations! You've put in the **swift**, **decisive** effort to complete your **efficient** review of the PSAT, following the way of the **Mathematical Master**. Feel confident in your expert preparation!



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