WISE WORDSMITH

Committed, Persistent, Strategic

The substantial amount of time you can **commit** to PSAT prep means that few PSAT questions will be able to challenge you on test day. Through **persistent** effort over the coming weeks, you will leverage your strong foundation in Verbal. Your study plan will also help you **strategically** prioritize the most important Math concepts and position you for PSAT success.

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 8 full weeks to study, be sure to prioritize the Recommended items. Happy prepping!



WEEK 1

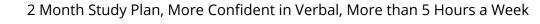
Format of the PSAT

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

Overall Study	Math	Reading	Writing & Language
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 3: The Method for PSAT Math Questions	Recommended: Chapter 10: The Method for PSAT Reading Questions	Recommended: Chapter 17: The Method for PSAT Writing and Language Questions
Optional: Online Video: Introduction to the PSAT	Optional: Chapter 2: Prerequisite Skills and Calculator Use Online Video: The Method for PSAT Math Questions		Optional: Online Video: The Method for PSAT Writing and Language Questions





WEEKS 2-3

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

Math	Reading	Writing and Language
Recommended: Chapter 4: Linear Equations and Graphs	Recommended: Online Video: The Method for PSAT Reading Questions	Recommended: Chapter 15: Spotting and Fixing Errors
Optional: Chapter 5: Systems of Linear Equations		☐ How Much Do You Know? Sentence Structure: ☐ The Basics ☐ Commas, Dashes, and Colons



Math	Reading	Writing and Language
Recommended: Chapter 6: Ratios, Proportions, and Percents	Recommended: Chapter 11: PSAT Reading Passage Strategies	Recommended: Chapter 15: Spotting and Fixing Errors
Optional: Chapter 7: Tables, Statistics, and Probability		Agreement: Uerbs Pronouns

WEEKS 4-6

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 weeks 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



Math	Reading	Writing and Language
Recommended: Chapter 8: Functions Optional: Chapter 9: Quadratics	Recommended: Chapter 12: PSAT Reading Question Types Chapter 13: Answering PSAT Reading Questions	Recommended: Chapter 15: Spotting and Fixing Errors Agreement: Modifiers Idioms How Much Have You Learned?

Overall Study	Math	Reading	Writing and Language
Recommended: Practice Test 1 Review Practice Test 1	Recommended: Review chapter(s) based on Practice Test results Optional: Appendix 1 (online): Inequalities Appendix 2 (online): Scatterplots	Recommended: Appendix 8 (online): Paired Passages and Primary Source Passages	Recommended: Review chapter(s) based on Practice Test results



Math	Reading	Writing and Language
Review chapter(s) based on Practice Test results Optional: Appendix 3 (online): Exponents, Radicals, Polynomials, and Rational Expressions Appendix 4 (online): Geometry	Recommended: Appendix 9 (online): Literature Passages	Recommended: Appendix 11 (online): Spotting and Fixing Issues How Much Do You Know? Development: Precision Relevance Revising Text Introductions and Conclusions Organization: Conciseness Transitions Sentence Placement Graphs How Much Have You Learned?

WEEKS 7-8

Strengths Focus

You've worked so hard! A few weeks 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 and take one last Practice Test about a week before your test date. As usual, take the time to dig into your results. 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
- Take a Practice Test, about a week before your scheduled test day
- Do light practice until test day



Overall Study	Math	Reading	Writing and Language
Recommended: Chapter 16: Countdown to Test Day	Recommended: Appendix 7 (online): PSAT Math: Section Management, Timing, and Efficiency	Recommended: Online: Reading Practice Set	Recommended: Appendix 12 (online): PSAT Writing and Language: Section Management, Timing, and Efficiency

Week 8

Overall Study	Math	Reading	Writing and Language	
Recommended: Practice Test 2 Review Practice Test 2	Recommended: Review strengths chapter(s) based on Practice Test results	Recommended: Appendix 10 (online): PSAT Reading: Timing and Section Management Strategies	☐ Appendix 10 (online): PSAT Reading: Timing and Section ☐ Review strengths chap based on Practice Test	
	Optional: Online: Math (Calculator) Practice Set Online: Math (No-Calculator) Practice Set		Optional: Online: Writing and Language Practice Set	

Congratulations! You've put in the **committed, persistent** effort to complete your **strategic** review of the PSAT, following the way of the **Wise Wordsmith**. Feel confident in your expert preparation!

2 Month Study Plan, More Confident in Verbal, More than 5 Hours a Week

