# **WORD WHIZ**

Productive, Focused, Energetic

With a limited time before the test, you will need to **energetically** and **productively** advance through your available weeks of study. Even though you have more time to study during the week, you'll need to be **focused** on prioritizing your goals. Your study plan will help you build on your strong foundation in Verbal and strengthen the most important Math skills needed for success on test day.

**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 SAT, 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 SAT

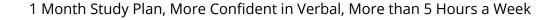
Knowing what to expect on each section of the SAT will give you confidence on test day—you'll have no surprises about what types of questions you'll be asked.

During these weeks, you'll:

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

#### Week 1

Overall Study	Math	Reading	Writing and Language
Recommended:  Chapter 1: Inside the SAT	Recommended:  Chapter 3: The Method for SAT Math Questions Chapter 4: Linear Equations and Graphs	Recommended:  Chapter 13: The SAT Reading Method	Recommended:  Chapter 17: The Method for SAT Writing and Language
	Optional: Chapter 2: Prerequisite Skills and Calculator Use Online Video: The Method for SAT Math Questions	Optional:  Online Video: The Method for SAT Reading Questions	Optional:  Online Video: The  Method for SAT Writing  and Language  Questions





# **Highest-Yield Topics**

Let's cut right to the chase: some topics are tested on the SAT 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

Math	Reading	Writing and Language
Recommended:  Chapter 7: Rates, Ratios, Proportions, and Percents Chapter 10: Functions	Recommended:  Chapter 14: SAT Reading Passage Strategies Chapter 15: SAT Reading Question Types	Recommended:  Chapter 18: Spotting and Fixing Errors Sentence Structure The Basics Commas, Dashes, and Colons
Optional: Choose additional chapter(s) from most highly tested topics of remaining Math chapters:  Chapter 5: Systems of Equations Chapter 8: Tables, Statistics, and Probability Chapter 12: Quadratics		Optional:  Chapter 18: Spotting and Fixing Errors Agreement Verbs Pronouns Indioms Online Chapter: The Method for the SAT Essay (If you're unsure about whether to take the essay on test day, check out the section Should I Write the SAT Essay?)

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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 SAT 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.

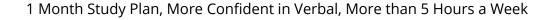
### **Tips for Taking Practice Tests:**

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	Math	Reading	Writing and Language
Recommended:  Practice Test 1 (in-book) with optional essay Review Practice Test 1 Chapter 19: Countdown to Test Day  Recommended:  Online Chapter: Geometry  Geometry	Recommended:  Chapter 16: Answering SAT Reading Questions	Recommended:  Online Chapter: Spotting and Fixing Issues Development Precision Relevance Revising Text Introductions and Conclusions	
	Optional: Choose chapter(s) from most highly tested topics based on your Practice Test results: Chapter 5: Systems of Equations Chapter 8: Tables, Statistics, and Probability Chapter 12: Quadratics	Optional: Choose one chapter:  Online Chapter: Paired Passages — OR— Online Chapter: Literature	Optional:  Online Chapter: Spotting and Fixing Issues Organization Conciseness Transitions Sentence Placement Graphs



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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 SAT. 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 SAT
- Do light practice until test day

#### Week 4

Math	Reading	Writing and Language
Recommended:  Online Chapter: SAT Math: Timing and Section Management Strategies Review chapter(s) based on Practice Test results	Recommended:  Online Chapter: SAT Reading: Timing and Section Management Strategies	Recommended:  Online Chapter: SAT Writing and Language: Timing and Section Management Strategies Review chapter(s) based on Practice Test results

Congratulations! You've put in the **productive**, **energetic** effort to complete your **focused** review of the SAT, following the way of the **Word Whiz**. Feel confident in your expert preparation!

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