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Organize a Practice Test



Getting better takes practice. Besides encouraging your classmates to use Official SAT[®] Practice, simulate the test day experience by organizing a practice SAT test at your school or virtually. Official SAT Practice offers both online and paper and pencil practice tests. Based on your online practice test results, Khan Academy[®] will update all of your personalized practice to focus you on the most important areas as test day approaches.

Before you get started:

- If you're planning an in-person event, ask a teacher or administrator at your school to organize the date, time, and location, and to identify proctors.
- If you're planning a virtual event, think about the platform you'll use and how you'll ask students to participate.
- Brainstorm how you'll promote the practice test and recruit students. What incentives could you offer?
- Remember to also practice on Official SAT Practice as you get ready to take the practice test, and then reflect on the experience as a team.

Option A: Online Practice Tests

- Reserve laptops or the school computer lab, and direct students to [Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy](#) or host a virtual event and ask students to complete the practice test on their own computers at home.
- Provide scrap paper and pencils for math problems.
- Provide the [approved calculator list](#).
- Set aside about 4 hours to take the exam.
- Optional:
 - ♦ Ask a teacher to help set aside time to review results, offer explanations, and reflect on the experience by using the questions at the end of this document.

SAT TEST TIMING

Component	Time Allotted (minutes)	Number of Questions/Tasks
Reading	65	52
Writing and Language	35	44
Essay (Optional)	50	1
Math	80	58
Total	180 (230 with Essay)	154 (155 with Essay)

Option B: Paper and Pencil Practice Tests

- Reserve a quiet space such as a library or classroom.
- Download [official SAT practice tests answer sheets, and scoring guides](#).
 - ♦ If you want to practice for the PSAT/NMSQT® or the PSAT™ 10, [download official practice tests and answer sheets](#) for those assessments.
- Provide #2 pencils.
- Provide the [approved calculator list](#).
- Set aside about 4 hours to take the exam.
- Optional:
 - ♦ Ask a teacher to help set aside time to review results and answer explanations and reflect on the experience by using the questions below.

Reflecting on Practice:

- Work with your teacher to lead a discussion about the experience. (Start the conversation by sharing your own reflections.):
 - ♦ Did everyone have enough time to finish all the sections? What are some timing strategies?
 - ♦ Did anyone get distracted during the test? What strategies did you use to stay focused?
 - ♦ Did anyone feel hungry? Nervous? Sleepy? What should you do to prevent this?

Other Ideas for Practice Test Day

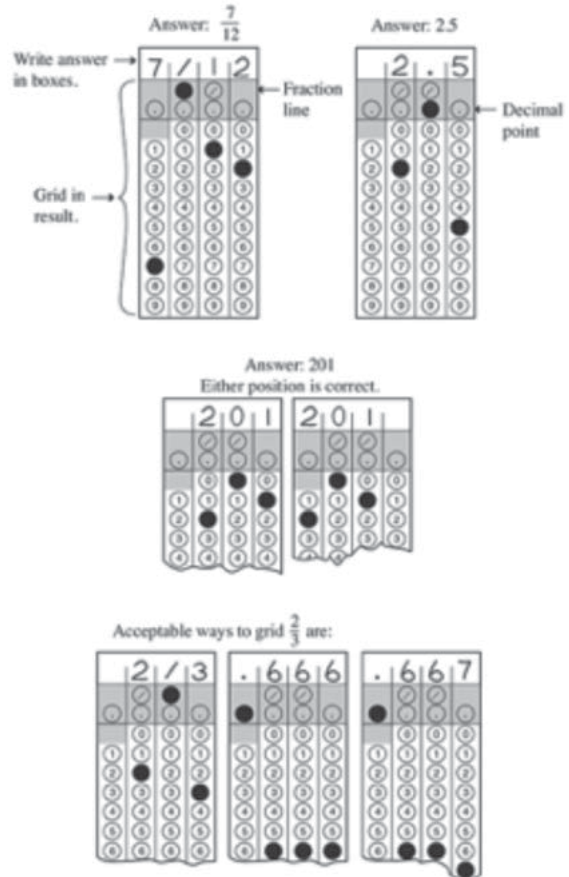
- Review some information:
 - ♦ [This list](#) of dos and don'ts for test day.
 - ♦ [What to expect](#) on test day.
- Remind your classmates to be ready for test day by:
 - ♦ Eating a good dinner.
 - ♦ Getting a good night's sleep.
 - ♦ Eating a healthy breakfast.

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Gridding In Answers

- Mark no more than one circle in any column.
- Only answers indicated by filling in the circle will be scored. (You won't receive credit for anything written in the boxes located above the circles.)
- It doesn't matter in which column you begin entering their answers; as long as the responses are recorded within the grid area, you'll receive credit.
- The grid can hold only 4 decimal places and can only accommodate positive numbers and zero.
- Unless a problem indicates otherwise, answers can be entered on the grid as a decimal or a fraction.
- Fractions like $\frac{3}{24}$ don't need to be reduced to their lowest terms.
- All mixed numbers need to be converted to improper fractions before being recorded in the grid.
- If the answer is a repeating decimal, students must record the most accurate value the grid will accommodate.

BELOW IS A SAMPLE OF THE INSTRUCTIONS STUDENTS WILL SEE ON THE TEST.



Bonus Tip: When using Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy® for practice tests, all practice counts toward the student hours and problems practiced on the platform.