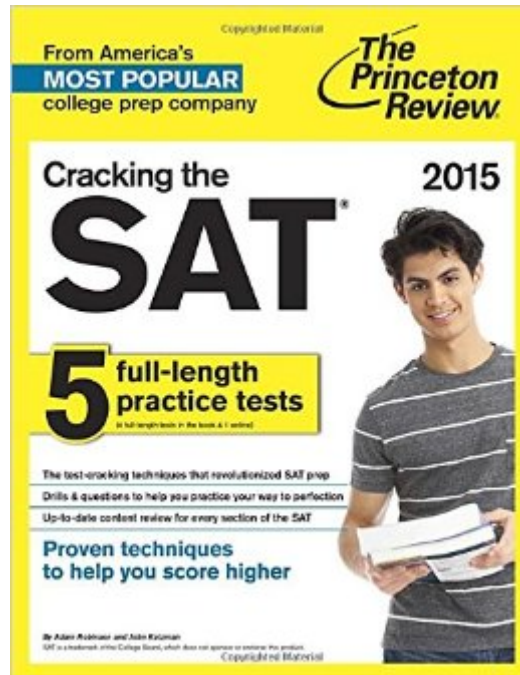


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# Cracking The SAT With 5 Practice Tests, 2015 Edition (College Test Preparation)



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## Customer Reviews

I am a senior in high school who just finished taking her SATs. I have a high GPA and I am applying to highly competitive schools, the only sore spot on my applications is my SAT scores. I found myself needing to raise my scores quickly. I purchased Barron's, Princeton Review and the College Board blue book. I found the Barron's totally useless, the level of the content was below me and I didn't benefit from it at all. I found the material in the Princeton Review to be the best, especially the math sections were very helpful. BUT, the college board blue book has the best practice tests. I

would recommend using both Princeton Review and the blue book together. Remember if you don't score well you can always take the ACT. Majority of schools accept both tests and the ACT has been found to be easier to prep for and score higher on.

We have an earlier version of this book, and it helped our two daughters prepare for their SATs. It explains what's on the test and gives practice tests so that students know what to expect on the big day. Both our daughters did well on their SATs, and I credit this book with helping them. We bought this 2015 version for our son, who will take the test in December and then again next spring. I'd like to point out that the SAT will be changing formats in March 2016 - they're making the essay portion optional, and changing a few other things about the format. So using this book to get used to the feel of the test is helpful, but this book will be outdated after 2015. Still, being familiar with the types of questions on the SAT gives confidence and peace of mind to students who already have a lot of pressure on them with GPAs, ACT tests and college applications.

I bought this book cause one of my friends recommended it to me. Let me tell you this book is amazing. It's so thorough and even helps you step by step on how to plug in numbers to your calculator to real life scenarios that change the way you look at the SAT forever. I am not bluffing, I honestly did not even know how to punch fractions or exponents into my TI-30XA cause I thought it didn't have a function for it. Let me tell you this book solved all those small problem for me and now I actually know what I am doing. Its such a good book, better than the one College Board writes.

I purchased this SAT prep workbook for my daughter weeks before her SAT test. It is the exact one we were looking for. This book contains 5 full-length practice tests, the test-cracking techniques that revolutionized SAT prep, drills & questions to help you practice your way to perfection, and up-to-date content review for every section of the SAT. My daughter also learned lots of useful techniques from this book. When she doesn't know the right answer to a multiple-choice questions, she will look for wrong answer instead. When she finds a wrong answer choice, she will eliminate it. She also uses intelligent guessing on multiple-choices questions. She likes the advanced skills provided by this book, like taking advantage of the order in which questions are asked, making better use of the time by scoring the easy points first, using the Joe Bloggs principle to eliminate obviously incorrect choices on difficult questions, finding the traps that ETS has laid for her, and turning ETS traps into points. My daughter was exposed to SAT fundamentals from 9th grade when she enrolled in Beestar's online SAT program at [hs.beestar.org](http://hs.beestar.org). Its SAT math is free and only takes

20 minutes a week. But over time, the program has made a big difference. The exercises are designed for fundamental skills, and are excellent for the upcoming new SAT standards. With such accumulated skills over time, the final preparation becomes much smoother. It is more for checking weak spots and building confidence. Eventually my daughter's SAT score is probably the highest in her class. She attributes her top score to both early little by little accumulation and the final intensive preparation.

Since the practice tests are not official, they're also not the best representation of SAT sample questions. In my opinion, opposite of Barron's SAT prep book, the Princeton book is a bit easier. Princeton, however, explains everything in an easy to understand manner, and the concepts seem simple to grasp. I would recommend this for those trying to reach around the 600. Past that, I would move onto Barron's or something more difficult. This guide worked well in getting my math score from a 570 to a 640.

My dad is all about education. He was willing to spend any amount of money on SAT prep books to make sure I was prepared. One of the first books he got me was The Princeton Review's 10 practice SAT tests. That book has a brief intro that explains some techniques, and it refers to this book, Cracking The SAT frequently. I liked the author's realistic approach in the practice test book so I decided to give this one a try. My initial score was 1600. After reading quickly through this book, my score went up to 1720. The techniques are amazing, thorough, and very specific. They go through the process required to conquer each individual type of question that ever shows up on the SAT. They go in-depth with math review, vocabulary, grammar skills, and more. They teach you what the SAT makers expect from the average student, and how you can easily rise above that. This book explains the test from top to bottom, left to right, inside and out. I went back and read the book more carefully, did all of the practice "drills," and studied the review material. This book helped familiarize me with my strengths and helped me confidently conquer my weaknesses. I learned to write a killer essay, correctly answer questions without even knowing the answer, and how to use the SAT "tricks" to my advantage. If I could choose this book or all of the other prep books out there combined, I'd go with this one. I took the real SAT today and I felt very confident the whole time. I didn't fall into the SAT traps I would've gone for before, and I answered almost all of the questions confidently. My goal score was 1800, and I feel that I likely met or even exceeded that, thanks to this book. I will come back and edit this once I know my score for sure.

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