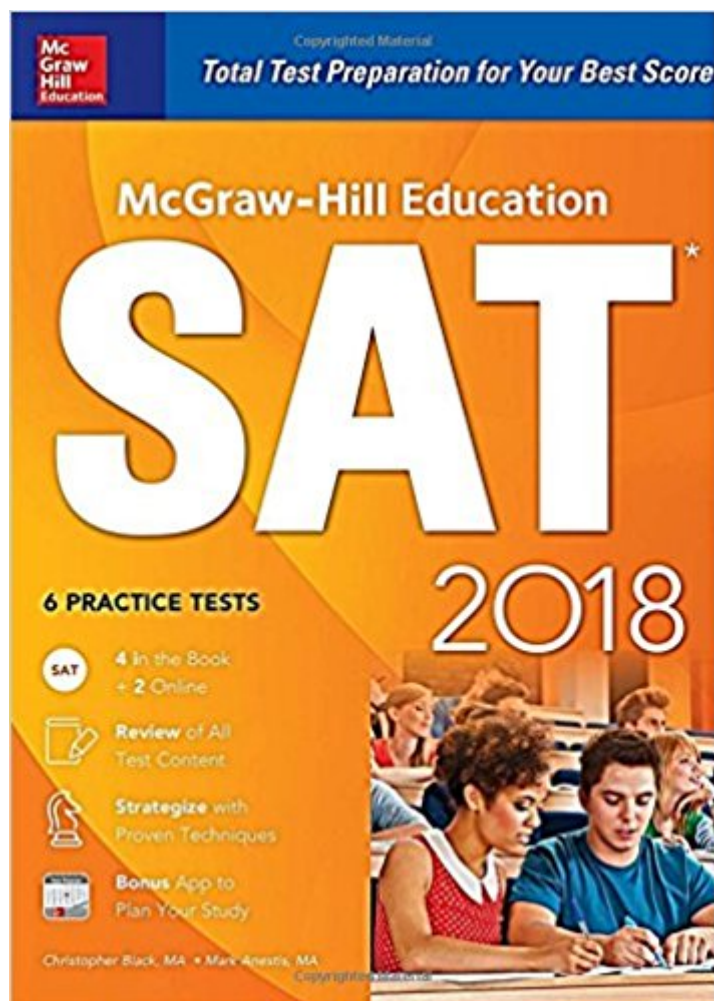


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# McGraw-Hill Education SAT 2018



## Synopsis

Dramatically raise your SAT score with this go-to-study guide filled with test-taking tips, practice tests and more! Includes 4 full-length practice exams. We've put all our proven expertise into McGraw-Hill Education SAT to make sure you're ready for this difficult exam. With this book, you'll get essential skill-building techniques and strategies developed by professional SAT instructors who have helped thousands of students just like you to succeed on this important test. You'll get 4 full-length practice tests, hundreds of practice problems, time-saving techniques for each question type, and all the essential facts about the current exam. With McGraw-Hill Education SAT, we'll guide you step-by-step through your preparation program and give you the tools you need to succeed! Features Include: 4 full-length practice SATs in the book, including a Diagnostic test Comprehensive overview of the current test format, including information on scoring Realistic practice questions with thorough answer explanations that reflect Evidence-Based Reading and Writing, Heart of Algebra, and all other questions types you'll see on test day Specific tips for mastering the Reading Comprehension section you won't find anywhere else Hundreds of Math practice questions like the ones on the SAT, covering both grid-ins and multiple choice answers Extensive challenge problems throughout the book that reflect the SAT's most difficult concepts A FREE customizable test planner app to help you organize your study schedule

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This is a fabulous prep and practice book. The format is easy to use. It is chock full of spot on helpful and really pointed test taking skill advice. It has an inclusive format from how to prepare for the test; study planning schedule, environment, practice tests, eating/drinking/sleeping/clothing, to putting in new batteries for your calculator, time allotment when studying and how to tackle questions on the test, pacing during the test, when to skip certain questions or parts and move ahead rather than waste too much time on material you don't know or are not confident in. I think this book is a must have for anyone, but especially for novice takers or those who struggle with standardized testing formats. The non test parts of this prep guide read like a helpful mentor telling you everything they know to make you feel more prepared and more sure of yourself!

These days, just about every kid who takes the SAT does some sort of formal prep for it. My opinion is that you can pay several hundred dollars (or more!) for a prep class, or you can simply prep at home using a good study guide or two. The real value of the pricey courses lies in the regular hours of study spread out over weeks or months. This prep book by McGraw-Hill is full of excellent tips and strategies as well as other useful information. The vocabulary section not only contains a list of SAT level words, but also breaks them down by prefix, root, and suffix, with definitions for each PART of the word. So the student will learn more than just one word: they will learn to analyze certain unfamiliar words by separating them into parts. There are instructions for making personalized flashcards. Information about compatible online material at Khan Academy is included; finally of course, there are practice exams. I have to say, I am impressed with all that is contained here. The book seems just a little less dry, a bit more in tune with today's youth, than similar books by other publishers. Granted, there are fewer practice tests, but really, none of my kids have ever used more than a few practice tests before any standardized test. Follow the recommendations included here for a study schedule and you should do well.

With a high schooler tooling up for the SAT test this coming year we have been looking at SAT prep

manuals and practice tests to help him get ready. We have looked at a few of them and this one is among those at which we looked. So far it seems to be one of the better test prep manuals. There are 6 practice tests in this book which provides the test taker plenty of practice questions for getting ready for the actual SAT. The level of difficulty seems to be about right, something that is not always consistent with other test preps... But, just as important as relevant questions are test-taking tips and suggestions for how to take the test. Half of the battle with the SAT is understanding the format and how to handle the exam, not just numbly reading questions and selecting an answer. This guide has numerous tips and suggestions to make the process of taking the SAT exam more successful. Among SAT prep guides, this is one of the better ones we've looked at and I have no problem recommending it to the potential test taker. It will send the student into the test better prepared for scoring well.

Working with my two oldest sons, who are at this stage of their academic lives, we have worked with four test prep books that focus on taking practice tests to learn. Here's a side-by-side comparison of them:

**McGraw Hill 6 SAT Practice Tests (4th ed)** This is a bare-bones book, with just the 6 practice tests. No study guides. You get what you expect. I found the answer explanations to be mostly unhelpful for the Reading/Writing section, and adequate for the Math. One small complaint, which I found annoying. The layout of the book is strictly with "fewest pages possible" in mind." A small thing, but it would be nice if they throw in a blank page when needed to separate one section from another, and to separate the answer key from the test itself (rather than on the back of the last page of the test that you are administering).

**McGraw Hill SAT 2018 (with 4 practice tests)** I would recommend this over McGraw's "test only" version above. I think it has the same liability (not so great with explanations on the Reading/Writing, merely adequate on the Math. But it certainly tried to give broad resources for test takers. For example, it walks you through a long list of key vocabulary terms you are likely to see when being asked to analyze passages. The math resources are briefer, and not as fleshed out as I would wish. I think on the whole, the book is geared toward high-intermediate/advanced students, and will be a struggle (as will the SAT itself!) for less-advanced test-takers.

**Kaplan 8 Practice Tests for the SAT 2018** This book is like the first above--just practice tests. And I can't imagine many needing 8 of them! But I prefer this to McGraw, because I think it does a better job explaining answers in the Reading/Writing sections. Usually there are two answers that are close to being correct, and Kaplan usually does a good job of pointing this out, and trying to show why one choice is the better one.

**The Princeton Review 6 Practice Tests for the SAT (2017 ed)** Another practice-test only book. This one is the best of the lot.

It does an excellent job at walking you through the answers. In the Reading/Writing section, it will usually visit all the choices. In the math, it walks you through the steps of arriving at the correct answer in a way that makes sense.

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