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SAT STUDY GUIDE · FREE

Find the points you're losing. *Then win them back.*

After a certain level, more practice of everything stops helping. The last 50–100 points come from knowing exactly which question types cost you points, and why.

The 5-step method

1. **Take a full, timed test**
   Real timing, no pauses. Use official College Board tests in Bluebook and WorldVybes practice tests.
2. **Log every miss**
   Write the question type and the reason you missed it (see below). Guesses you got right count too.
3. **Find your top 2 patterns**
   Count your misses by type and reason. Two patterns usually cause most lost points.
4. **Drill only those**
   Short, focused sets on your two patterns. Read every explanation, even when you're right.
5. **Retest in 2 weeks**
   Take a new full test. Did those patterns shrink? Pick the next two.

Why did you miss it? Pick one reason

Didn't know
A rule, formula or skill to learn.

Misread
Missed a word like "NOT" or "except", or what was asked.

Careless
Knew it, slipped: math error, wrong bubble.

Out of time
Rushed or guessed at the end of a module.

SAT question types to log

Reading and Writing

- **Craft and Structure:** Words in Context, Text Structure and Purpose, Cross-Text Connections
- **Information and Ideas:** Central Ideas and Details, Command of Evidence (textual and quantitative), Inferences
- **Standard English Conventions:** Boundaries (punctuation), Form, Structure and Sense
- **Expression of Ideas:** Transitions, Rhetorical Synthesis

Math

- **Algebra:** linear equations, inequalities, systems
- **Advanced Math:** quadratics, exponentials, functions, nonlinear equations
- **Problem-Solving and Data Analysis:** ratios, percentages, statistics, probability
- **Geometry and Trigonometry:** area and volume, lines and angles, triangles, circles

Tips from the top scorers

- **"Careless" is a pattern too.** If most misses are careless, slow down on the first read and check answers that look too easy.
- **Time misses are a pacing problem, not a knowledge problem.** Practice timed modules and skip-then-return on hard questions.
- **Re-do every missed question a week later** without looking at the answer. If you miss it again, it stays in the log.
- **Use official questions as your main source** near test day: the College Board's free tests in Bluebook are the closest to the real thing.

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My SAT Error Log

Name: _____ Test: _____ Date: _____ Score: _____

Q #	Section	Question type	Reason	What I'll do differently

My tally

Question type	Didn't know	Misread	Careless	Out of time	Total

My top 2 patterns to drill: 1. _____ 2. _____