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WHAT YOU CAN DO BEFORE HIRING A TUTOR

1

Do the entire ACT and SAT in a proper Mock Test context, in one sitting each.

- this will give you a baseline for each test
- take this process seriously

Choose the test you feel aligns with and highlights your learning style and strengths. On which test can you achieve the highest result? Commit to preparation on your preferred test.

2

Dedicate the necessary amount of time to studying and preparation.

Here is a guideline, but adapt to your study skills:

How many hours you need to study for the SAT depends on how large a point improvement you want to make. You'll determine this by figuring out the difference between the baseline score you got from your practice test and your target score for the schools you want to get accepted to. You can use the following hours per point improvement recommendations as a starting point:

0-50 SAT Composite Point Improvement: 10 hours
50-100 Point Improvement: 20 hours
100-200 Point Improvement: 40 hours
200-300 Point Improvement: 80 hours
300-500 Point Improvement: 150 hours+

3

Look at what you got wrong on your practice test.

- review thoroughly
- focus your studying on the areas of weakness

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4 Review all the questions you got correct.
- find patterns

Always focus on your strengths as well as your weaknesses, (not just weaknesses!). Build your confidence.

5 Create a study plan working backwards from your test date.
- study every day, even for 15 minutes
- a couple days a week, study for longer chunks of time
- reward yourself for your hard work

You need to do full practice tests periodically in your schedule to see where you're at, so make sure to pencil those in.

6 Gather your study tools and resources.
- khanacademy.org/sat
- College Board website
- study resources by Princeton Review, Kaplan, Barron's, etc.
  - available on Amazon and at the public library
- tons of free stuff online

7 Check out free videos on YouTube by SAT / ACT tutors and experienced students for more tips

Get a tutor, after you've done the above, and figured out your areas of strengths and weaknesses.

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