

## How to study for Critical Reading & Writing on the SAT

1. SAT question of the day at <http://apps.collegeboard.com/qotd/question.do>
  - Do this every day. You can have it e-mailed to you by signing up.
2. Sentence Completion practice – 19 ?s on SAT
  - These are usually at the beginning of sections 3, 7 and 9. The sample question starts with “hoping to end the dispute”.
  - Practice the sections in the book and online.

You can also take vocabulary quizzes at [www.vocabtest.com](http://www.vocabtest.com)

- I would start at the Senior level (on the left toolbar) and move up to AP Senior, A,B etc.
  - Do a mixture of the “Learning Definitions”, “Reverse Definitions” and “Vocabulary Sentences”
  - Keep track of what you’ve already done so you don’t waste time finding new ones.
3. Passage based reading practice (SAT book or online) – 48 ?s on SAT
    - This is the one that you need to work on the most. Take your time and concentrate on them. Check your answers and go back and see why you missed some questions.
    - These are usually part of sections 3,4, 7 or 9 in the SAT practice books. They often start with a few sentence completion (vocab). Just look for passages that start with a box that says “The passage/s below are followed by questions based on their content”.
    - You can practice online also at:  
[http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/sat/prep\\_one/passage\\_based/pracStart.html](http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/sat/prep_one/passage_based/pracStart.html)  
<http://www.majortests.com/sat/reading-comprehension.php>

4. Identifying Sentence Errors – 18 ?s on SAT
  - These are usually part of section 3, 4 6 in the SAT practice books. The sample question starts with “the other delegates and him”.
  - Practice the sections in the book and online.

[http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/sat/prep\\_one/sent\\_errors/pracStart.htm](http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/sat/prep_one/sent_errors/pracStart.htm)  
<http://www.majortests.com/sat/grammar.php>

5. Improving Sentences – 25 ?s on SAT
  - These are usually part of section 4, 6 and often all of 10 in the SAT practice books. The sample question is about Laura Ingalls Wilder.
  - Practice the sections in the book and online.

[http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/sat/prep\\_one/improv\\_sent/pracStart.html](http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/sat/prep_one/improv_sent/pracStart.html)

6. Improving Paragraphs – 6 ?s on SAT
  - These are usually a small part of section 4 or 6 in the SAT practice books. The directions start with “The following passage is an early draft of an essay.” There are only 6 questions.
  - Practice the sections in the book and online.

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<http://www.majortests.com/sat/grammar.php> (Editing in Context questions)