

The Ivy College Guru

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2025 Fall Session SAT English Intensive, 5-Session Class

Saturdays 9am–12pm from 8/30/2025 to 9/27/2025

I. Purpose of the program

The SAT is now all digital and, while shorter, has some new challenges and new question types about which kids need to be made aware.

The intent of the class is to achieve the following overall goals:

- 1) Increasing English vocabulary
- 2) Developing active reading skills, such as the ability to skim, scan, and question a text, in order to efficiently extract meaning from it
- 3) Enhancing students' editing and grammar skills
- 4) Deepening students' appreciation for language
- 5) Reinforcing the fundamental language skills students will need for regular coursework
- 6) Building confidence and eliminating test anxiety
- 7) Preparing students to receive top grades and test scores

II. Major Contents of the program

The class will consist of the following specific contents and learning objectives:

- 1) Vocabulary-building exercises
- 2) Guided drills
- 3) Strategy assessment
- 4) Intensive practice

III. Textbooks and Study Materials

The class requires a number of books and other materials:

- 1) *Ivy College Guru Digital SAT Study Guide* (Summer 2025)
- 2) *College Board* online practice sets and tests
- 3) Textbooks:

Digital SAT Reading and Writing Practice Questions (Vibrant) (ISBN: 978-1636511887)

Princeton Review Digital SAT 800 Questions, 2025 (ISBN: 978-0593517512)

(Optional) *Word Power Made Easy* by Norman Lewis (ISBN: 978-1101873854)

The Critical Reader, Fifth Edition: The Complete Guide to SAT Reading by Erica Meltzer (ISBN:

979-8987383513)

4) Various other materials provided by the instructor

IV. Schedule of the Ivy College Guru SAT Intensive (5 days)

Class	Dates	Textbooks	College Board	<i>WPME</i>
1	6/7	<i>Vibrant</i> Ch. 1-3 <i>ICG Guide</i> Reading and Writing Practice Princeton Review 1, 4 <i>Critical Reader</i> Ch. 1-2	Linear Test 4, 5	Ch. 1-3
2	6/14	<i>Vibrant</i> Ch. 4 <i>ICG Guide</i> Reading and Writing Practice Princeton Review 1 <i>Critical Reader</i> Ch. 3-4	Linear Test 6	Ch. 4-6
3	6/21	<i>Vibrant</i> Ch. 5 <i>ICG Guide</i> Reading and Writing Practice Princeton Review 2 <i>Critical Reader</i> Ch. 5-6	Linear Test 7	Ch. 7-10
4	6/28	<i>Vibrant</i> Ch. 6 <i>ICG Guide</i> Reading and Writing Practice Princeton Review 2 <i>Critical Reader</i> Ch. 7-8	Linear Test 8	Ch. 11-13
5	7/5	<i>Vibrant</i> Ch. 7 <i>ICG Guide</i> Reading and Writing Practice Princeton Review 3, 5 <i>Critical Reader</i> Ch. 9-10	Linear Test 9, 10	Ch. 14-16