

SAT Practice Test Notecard

For the Test:

- Charts and graphs: look first at **title, axes, labels, units, and keys**—then, the data.
- Put an answer for every question well before time expires.
- **Come up with your own answers first!**

Reading

- Read the question stems; **circle** questions *before* Evidence questions.
- **Context matters!** Be liberal in re-reading sections of passages.
- Trying to eliminate answers? Look for words that are *wrong!*

Writing and Language

- Read the passage first:
 - Note anything that seems weird.
 - Note numbered paragraphs or sentences (questions about ordering).
- Look for clear, short, simple phrasing. **Avoid repetition.**
- **Answer exactly what a specific question asks you for!**
- Where does a sentence go? Look for clue words: ***this, these, and those.***

Math

- Save hardest MC questions for next-to-last, hardest GI questions for last.
- Use your Smart Math Strategies!:
 - **Guess-and-Check**
 - **Making Up Numbers**
 - **Process of Elimination**
- Fit questions into topics you know: ratios, systems of equations, etc.

Essay

- Look at title and second box for hints about the topic
- Annotate the passage as you read:
 - **E** for evidence/facts
 - **R** for reasoning/logic
 - **P** for persuasive language/emotion
 - **C** for counterargument/antithesis
- Intro: use rhetorical précis format.
- Write more about most-used rhetorical devices.
- **Integrate quotes** and lots of analysis.