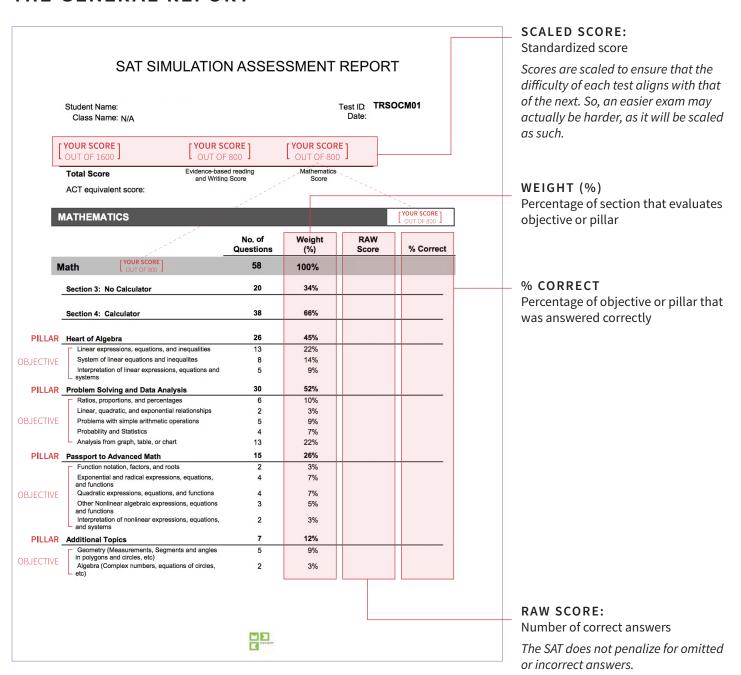


HOW TO READ YOUR SAT SCORE REPORT

The first step to designing an effective study plan at MEK Review is understanding your Score Report. MEK's signature score report contains key information about where you are and what you need to improve. But if you understand your Score Report, you can also find out *how* to improve.

The entire Score Report consists of 4 to 5 pages. The first two pages are the actual Score Report. It analyzes your performance and will be explained in this document. The third page categorizes the exam questions into the various pillars that are listed in the first two pages. The last 1 to 2 pages outline your incorrect responses.

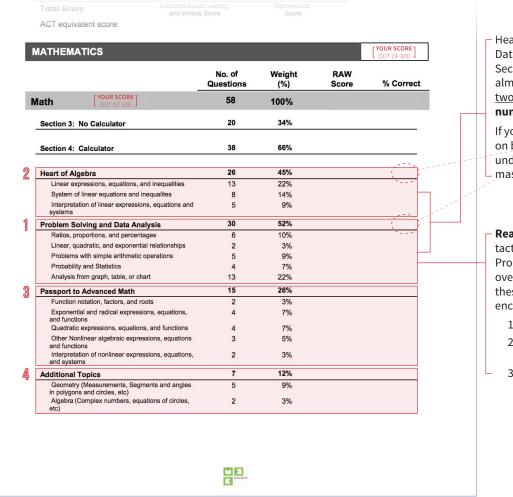
THE GENERAL REPORT







THE MATH SECTION



Heart of Algebra and Problem Solving & Data Analysis take up most of the Math Section of the test, which means that almost the entire Math section relies on two core pillars: word problems and number sense.*

If you achieve a % Correct of **80 or above** on both of these pillars, all you need is an understanding of Advanced Algebra II to master Passport to Advanced Math!

Reading closely is not just an English tactic--it's also the key to mastering Problem Solving & Data Analysis! To overcome difficulty in this portion, follow these three steps every time you encounter a word problem:

- 1. Read the problem *closely*.
- 2. Identify the question being asked and the relevant information given.
- 3. Solve the question step-by-step.

PILLARS OF SAT MATH EXPLAINED

in order of weight

1 PROBLEM SOLVING & DATA ANALYSIS

The Problem Solving & Data Analysis pillar covers 52% of the entire Math section, making it most essential to master. This evaluates Elementary Algebra skills through word problems, tables, and charts. This portion shows most clearly your problem-solving habits, both good and bad.

HEART OF ALGEBRA

Covering 45% of the Math section of the SAT Reasoning Exam, the Heart of Algebra pillar covers Algebra I and early Algebra II concepts. This pillar most accurately evaluates calculation skills, testing students on their number sense.*

*What is Number Sense?

Number sense refers to the intuitive understanding of numbers and their relationships. It includes concepts such as more or less and the implications of operations.

RASSPORT TO ADVANCED MATH

Approximately one-fourth of the Math section is considered Passport to Advanced Math. This pillar tests how much you have mastered and can apply Algebra and Algebra II concepts. **To master this pillar of the Math section, a strong Algebra II foundation is not only recommended, but required.**

ADDITIONAL TOPICS

The Additional Topics pillar takes up less than 10% of the Math section, and evaluates Geometry and Advanced Algebra concepts. This portion is the <u>upper limit of difficulty</u> on the exam, but **can be easily mastered if you have a strong mastery of Geometry concepts.**

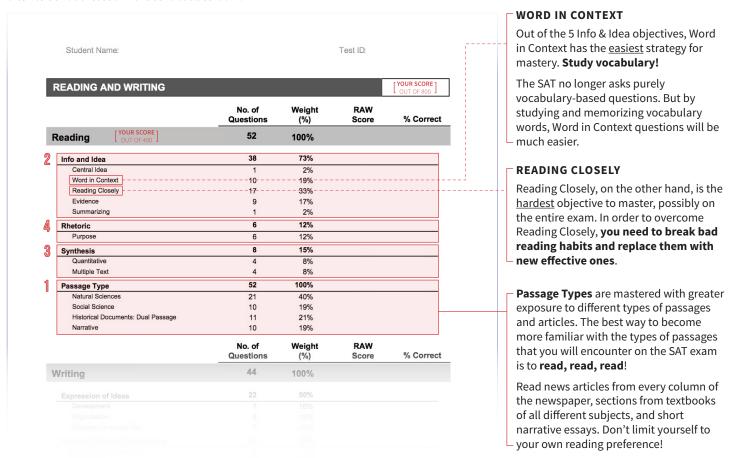
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THE READING SECTION

While the Reading and Wrting sections are combined into one English Reading and Writing (ERW) section, it is important to tackle them as two different sections, as they evaluate starkly different concepts and skills.

Your scores in your reading section are indicative of your reading habits and early onset weaknesses in English comprehension. Because the SAT is a reasoning test, it is different from the high school English exam. In evaluating different skills, the SAT also exposes key weaknesses that are often left unaddressed in the school classroom.



PILLARS OF SAT READING **EXPLAINED**

in order of weight

PASSAGE TYPES

The Passage Types are not considered a pillar, but rather an essential aspect of the SAT Reading section. One key aspect of the SAT Reading section is that the passages presented are of varying lengths, difficulties, and types, which makes the Reading section more difficult for students with lower English Reading proficiency.

INFO & IDEA

Info & Idea covers almost three-quarters of the Reading section and is a clear benchmark of a student's English-learning background and reading habits. Students who have consistently been in Regular Level English courses (as opposed to Honors courses) tend to make slower progress when mastering these objectives.

The ways to master this pillar vary based on objective. See above for detailed information.

3 & A SYNTHESIS | RHETORIC

These last two pillars bear the least weight in the entire section, and contain objectives that **students learn to master** as they encounter more texts, question types, and vocabulary words.

While pinpointing the pillars during test training isn't easy, when students master Info & Idea and are comfortable with the four different passage types, they are given the tools to master Synthesis and Rhetoric as well.





THE WRITING SECTION

| Narrative | No. of | 19% Weight | RAW | % Correct |
|-----------------------------------|--|-----------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| riting [YOUR SCORE OUT OF 400] | 44 | 100% | Score | 78 COTTECT |
| Expression of Ideas | 22 | 50% | | |
| Development | 7 | 16% | | |
| Organization | 8 | 18% | | |
| Effective Language Use | 7 | 16% | | |
| Standard English Conventions | 22 | 50% | | |
| Subject/Verb Agreement | 1 | 2% | | |
| Verb Tense | 6 | 14% | | |
| Adjectives/ Adverbs/ Prepositions | 1 | 2% | | |
| Modifiers | 2 | 5% | | |
| Pronouns | 6 | 14% | | |
| Punctuation | 5 | 11% | | |
| Usage | 1 | 2% | | |
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PILLARS OF SAT WRITING EXPLAINED

EXPRESSION OF IDEAS

The Expression of Ideas pillar essentially evaluates a student's writing and revision skills in multiple choice form. While students with low English proficiency tend to have difficulty with the objectives in this pillar, you can overcome this difficulty with repeated practice and exposure to question types.

2 STANDARD ENGLISH CONVENTIONS

"Standard English Conventions" is another way of saying "Grammar Rules." This pillar is possibly the easiest set of objectives to improve on in the entire SAT exam.

The strategy is simple: **study grammar rules.** Once you have studied grammar rules enough to memorize AND understand them, you are set for success in this section.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS | KEEP AN EYE ON THESE OBJECTIVES!

Listed on the right are the objectives that will indicate your test prep progress most accurately, and what skills they indicate most directly. Improvement in these objectives signals substantial overall improvement, so keep an eye of them!

- MATH | PROBLEM SOLVING & DATA ANALYSIS

 Correct comprehension and interpretation of word problems
- 2 MATH | PASSPORT TO ADVANCED MATH Mastery of content and Algebraic skills
- READING | READING CLOSELY

 Reading comprehension and critical thinking skills
- WRITING | STANDARD ENGLISH CONVENTIONS
 Study habits and mastery of grammar rules