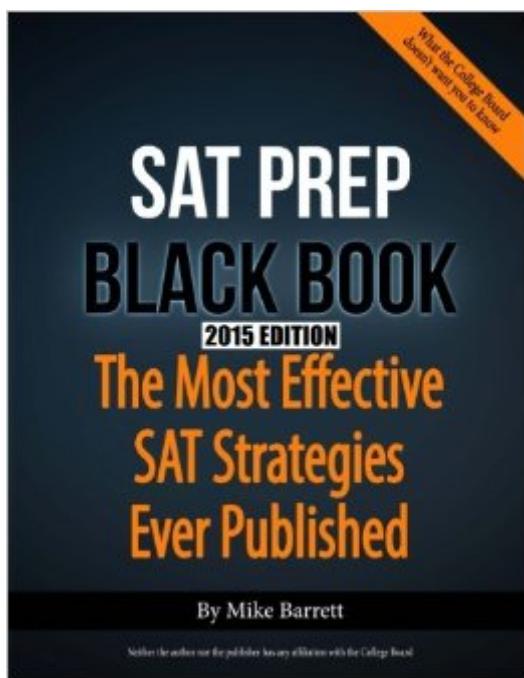


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# SAT Prep Black Book - 2015 Edition: The Most Effective SAT Strategies Ever Published



## Synopsis

Click the link above to see the fully up-to-date second edition of the SAT Prep Black Book for advice on the current version of the SAT, along with over 600 detailed walkthroughs of real SAT questions from the College Board! Click the "look inside" feature above to browse the Black Book and get a feel for how it approaches the SAT! The "SAT Prep Black Book" gives you unique, effective SAT strategies from Mike Barrett, an SAT tutor with clients all over the globe who pay him hundreds of dollars an hour for phone tutoring. The Black Book is a must-have, whether you need to make a perfect 2400 to be competitive at an Ivy, score a 450 in each section to claim a sports scholarship, or anything in between. The Black Book works best when used with the authentic SAT questions in the "Blue Book," which is the College Board's Official SAT Study Guide. The Black Book shows you how to beat the SAT, while the Blue Book gives you real SAT questions to practice with. (The SAT Prep Black Book has no affiliation with the College Board.) The Black Book and the Blue Book are all you need to get your best possible SAT score. The Black Book is the ideal SAT book for 3 major reasons: It actually works, making it unique in the SAT prep field. There are no lists of "SAT vocab" to memorize or anything like that. Instead, you'll exploit design flaws in the SAT, using its own "SAT tricks" against it. The Black Book contains 250+ solutions for real SAT questions from the Blue Book, so you know it actually works. (You'll need the 2nd edition of the Blue Book to use these solutions.) The Black Book is a clear, concise roadmap to the SAT. (See the table of contents below). It explains exactly how every SAT question works, and how to beat it in the least time possible. Click the "look inside" feature above to browse the Black Book and get a feel for how it approaches the SAT! SAT Book Table Of Contents (Selected) Be sure to check the "look inside" feature above. Here's a selection from the table of contents: F.A.Q.? Setting (the right) goals How to train for the SAT: mastering the ideas in this book Only work with SAT questions from the College Board! A word on SAT guessing: Don't How to avoid "careless errors" Where to find "missing points" Time management The SAT's big secret SAT Passage-Based Reading The big secret of SAT Reading . . . SAT Sentence Completion 5 reasons memorizing vocabulary isn't the best idea What if we don't know enough words? . . . SAT Math The big secret of SAT Math The 2 critical components of SAT Math success . . . The SAT Essay . . . SAT Writing multiple-choice How to improve on the Writing section . . . Being an SAT machine 8 things you thought you knew about the SAT are wrong The nature of elite scores Advice for non-native English speakers A final piece of advice Click the "look inside" feature above to browse the Black Book and get a feel for how it approaches the SAT!

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## **Customer Reviews**

Mike Barrett has been helping people do better on standardized tests since he was in high school. In college, he worked briefly for Kaplan but left when it became clear to him that the Kaplan method was irreconcilably different from the way he naturally thought about the test. A few months after Mike graduated from college with a degree in linguistics, his younger brothers needed help with the SAT, so he taught them his approach to the test. Word of their success spread throughout their high school, and Mike was soon offering informal SAT tutoring to a few dozen of his brothers' friends. One of those students recommended to Mike that he set up his own SAT preparation company. He thought about that for a couple of weeks and decided to pursue it. Since then, Mike has used a variety of channels to help tens of thousands of students with the SAT, PSAT, ACT, GRE, LSAT, GMAT, ISEE, and SSAT. He regularly travels to work with students all across the United States, and consults with students all over the world through Skype. He speaks at live events as well, and is available for booking. Mike's SAT strategies are so different from the traditional approach because he analyzes standardized tests from the ground up, rather than simply assuming that they cover the material they claim to cover. In other words, most SAT tutors and courses teach the same math, reading, and writing skills that you learn in high school, because they take the College Board's word then it claims that the SAT is a test of college readiness. But Mike has looked carefully at large numbers of real SAT questions, and has determined that they have almost no similarity at all to the kinds of questions that teachers ask in school. According to Mike, SAT questions rely on very basic concepts but present them in very strange ways. So students who want to improve their test scores

shouldn't waste time re-learning what they've already learned in school - instead, they should learn how the SAT actually works, so they can take their existing knowledge and leverage it into a higher score. And this is exactly what Mike teaches you to do in the SAT Prep Black Book. If you want to understand how the SAT actually works, you need to read this book.

The book is awesome so far. I was skeptical at first, as I was an "ACT" person, and was ambivalent as to what book would accommodate my switch. But then once I dove in, I got completely captivated by how well these tactics work. They're so good it's almost criminal. And I really find the book helpful in the sections of identifying sentence errors, sentence completion, and critical reading, as math is my strong point and those were my weak ones. But after intense study, I finished the book in 6 days cover to cover. and in diagnostic tests, my scores in the weak areas have tripled as I began to comprehend the true aspects of the test and its dark secrets. The book is awesome! But if I could say anything to improve the book, I'd say maybe add more math strategies, because I vaguely saw 1 or 2 important aspects that were tested in the math section that were not in the toolbox. But the step-by-step question breakdown solves that issue. Overall, great book, it will have you shocked at first, but you'll come to love this book as it begins to ameliorate your score!

I love this book it really helped me learn how to strategize and study for the SAT. By using this book I feel like I really know what to expect when studying for the SAT. I would definitely recommend this book to someone who needs to take the SAT.

Love this book and the strategies for attacking the SAT! Rather than spending hours, days, week, months of random practice - my daughter and I read all of the strategies in a weeks time. Then she went back and re- read each strategy, worked on a few questions, checked to be sure she was on the right track, and then took a mini- practice test from the Blie Book. What a difference this book has made in her comfort, confidence, and scores! I cannot recommend the book enough...for students and parents who are tired of the panic mode plan of SAT test prep!

If you get this book, you have to get the Official SAT Study Guide to which it refers. Otherwise this book makes no sense. The detail this book goes into is awesome, but the student must be motivated to plow through the huge mass of information. If so, he or she can't lose. Worth the money for the motivated.

If you are really serious about Passing the SAT with a 2000 or higher, this is the book. A summary of what you are getting: Confidence, because it takes away all the uncertainties from the SAT; Strategies, knowing exactly how to approach the questions; Knowledge related to the type of questions and their patterns. Confidence: The Math Tool Box for example reviews every single subject that might appear in the Test. The author explains every concept clearly. Besides he goes through a whole section using not only the concepts in the tool box, he also picks the "most difficult questions" in the Math Section from the Blue Book. Strategies: In the Essay Section, the strategies are spelled out clearly. For example, he recommends that one takes a position for or against the Thesis spelled out in the question. Then you divide the Essay in five sections...when you buy the book you will see for yourself. Knowledge related to the types of questions and their patterns. Anybody who knows Music will tell you, chords and theories are made from patterns (think of the Cycle of Fifth for example). Michael does the same thing in the Black Book. In the Reading Section for example, he demonstrates how the right answer is always in the body of the text. As a trained teacher and a CPA, I live in Toronto, Canada, I bought the Black Book and the Blue Book from the College Board in order to train my daughter for the PSAT and the SAT. Being hands on, I read and applied all the instructions from the Black Book as a test drive before passing the knowledge to my daughter, the Black Book works like a charm. Using previous Tests from the Blue Book, my daughter consistently pulled between 2100-2300 in practice. In Summary, this book is worth its weight in Gold. I don't know whether there are better books on the market because this was the only book I bought and will NOT buy any additional book for the SAT. People might feel or think some instructions are repetitive, the reason is simple: The author wants to drill the principles into our head, making such principles a second habit. I highly recommend the Black Book.

I probably spent a total of 8-10 hours studying for the SAT. I only took 2 practice tests from the Official Study Guide from the Collegeboard, and with the combination of this study guide, my math increased 60 points and my reading increased 100 (I only studied for those two). I recommend this product to anyone looking to increase their SAT score.

I thought that this book was incredibly helpful. My SAT preparation materials consisted of this black book and the college board blue book (this book is designed to go hand in hand with that book). I ended up with a score in the low 2000s, so I was pretty satisfied. This book gives great strategies, but at the same time, practice is paramount.

I have bought a number of SAT prep books, vocab cards, etc. My Junior son is also doing the College Board's online prep class. This is the only resource he actually reaches for--he will do the other stuff when told to, but this book is so compelling to him that he picks it up on his own. He has done the SAT twice and it really is as though this book "unlocks" the secrets of the SAT in a way that makes sense to him. I think this book would be most useful to students who have done the SAT once or twice so they understand the context and the author's strategies.

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