

SAT Suite Question Bank FAQs/Help Topics

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Overview

The SAT Suite Question Bank provides educators with access to over 3,500 questions from the SAT, PSAT/NMSQT and PSAT 10, and PSAT 8/9 assessments. The SAT Suite Question Bank is designed to help educators:

- become more familiar with the SAT Suite of Assessments,
- better understand the knowledge and skills assessed to inform instruction, and
- access set of questions by subscores, cross-test scores, and content domains.

Educators can use the SAT Suite Question Bank in many ways. College Board is sharing some ideas to help educators get started at <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/educators/k-12/sat-suite-question-bank>. Educators may use these questions in their classrooms, and with other educators to support curricular planning, professional development and other activities designed to improve instruction and student learning.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How do I access the SAT Suite Question Bank?

The SAT Question Bank is available online at satsuitequestionbank.collegeboard.org

Q: Do I need a College Board Educator Account or an access code to access the SAT Suite Question Bank?

A: No. The SAT Suite Question Bank is publicly available at satsuitequestionbank.collegeboard.org. You do not need a College Board account or access code to utilize this resource.

Q: Can I export questions as an .xls or .csv file

A: Not at this time. College Board is working to build out this functionality. Questions can be exported as PDF files.

Q: How many questions are in the SAT Suite Question Bank?

A: There are approximately 3,500 questions from the SAT, PSAT/NMSQT and PSAT 10, and PSAT 8/9 available in the SAT Suite Question Bank.

Q: Will additional questions be added?

A: College Board plans to add more questions to the SAT Suite Question Bank on an annual basis.

Q: When will additional questions be added?

A: The exact timing of when the SAT Suite Question Bank will be updated with additional questions is still to be determined but will likely occur in the late summer or fall on an annual basis.

Q: How is the SAT Suite Question Bank different than the Questions Analysis Report in the K-12 Reporting Portal?

A: The SAT Suite Question Bank provides access to over 3,500 questions from the SAT, PSAT/NMSQT – PSAT 10 and PSAT 8/9 assessments. Users can search for questions by assessment, test and subscore and/or cross test score. For each question, the following information is provided:

- Level of difficulty
- Primary, secondary and tertiary dimensions
- Passage text complexity level for Reading and Writing & Language questions
- Calculator/no-calculator for Math questions
- Questions, answer choices, answer explanations

The Question Analysis Report provides performance data by question based on the form of the assessment taken. For released forms of an assessment, the question, answer choices, and answer explanations are also provided.

Q. Are the questions in the SAT Suite Question Bank available in other places?

A. Yes, the SAT Suite Question Bank questions are released test items and can be found in other tools such as the full-length practice tests available for SAT, PSAT/NMSQT (PSAT 10), and PSAT 8/9.

Q: Can I print questions?

A: Yes, you can print individual questions or sets of questions. Up to 20 questions can be printed at one time. There are three formats a user can choose from:

- 1) No correct answers or explanations
- 2) With correct answers and explanations
- 3) Without answers or headers

Q. How many questions print per page?

A. Each question will print as a separate page. Due to the length of some passages, Reading or Writing and Language test questions may print over two pages.

Q. Can the number of questions printed per page be changed?

A. This functionality is not supported at this time. A user could manually copy/paste questions from the PDF if providing multiple questions per page is desired.

Q. Can I copy the questions into other formats?

A. Yes, users are welcome to copy the questions into other formats such as a Google or Word docs, etc. Users can also manually combine questions from different searches that are saved as PDFs.

Q. Can I save my question set searches?

A. Users can export up to 20 questions at a time as a PDF which can be saved and/or printed. A user cannot save their search within the SAT Suite Question Bank tool. There are three formats a user can choose from when saving/printing their question set:

- 1) No correct answers or explanations
- 2) With correct answers and explanations
- 3) Without answers or headers

Q. Why does the PDF of the question reference a set of questions, for example “Question 1-9 are based on the following passage?”

A. There are multiple questions for each passage. The PDF of each Reading and Writing & Language Test question include the number of questions asked for each passage due to the format of the question images available to be used in the SAT Suite Question Bank.

Q. Can I see all the questions for a specific passage?

A. No. This functionality is not available in the tool.

Q. How do I know what each of the subscore and cross-test scores mean?

A. Please click on the “?” for a description of the subscores and cross-test scores. For additional details please see SAT Teacher Implementation Guide which can be found at:

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/pdf/redesigned-sat-k12-teacher-implementation-guide.pdf>

Q. How do I know what each of the filters (level of difficulty, passage text complexity, calculator/no-calculator and primary dimension) mean?

A. Please click on the “?” for a description of each filter.

Q: Where can I get more information about the primary, secondary and tertiary dimensions?

A: Additional information on the content domains and dimensions can be found in the SAT Teacher Implementation Guide which can be found at:

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/pdf/redesigned-sat-k12-teacher-implementation-guide.pdf>

Q. How is difficulty level determined?

A. There are three levels of difficulty: easy, medium, hard. Each question is assigned a level of difficulty based on student performance. Easy questions were correctly answered more frequently than hard questions.

Q: What does “Passage Text Complexity Grades 13-14” mean?

A: In this case, Grades 13-14 represents introductory college course-level passages.

Q. What is the question ID #?

A. Each question in the SAT Suite Question Bank is assigned a unique question ID number. The same unique question ID number will appear for the question each time is included in a set of search results. The unique question ID number also appears in the PDF of the question.

Q. Can I filter/search by question ID #?

A. No. This functionality is currently not supported.

Q. How are the questions organized in the results chart?

A. The question result chart is organized by two criteria:

- 1) subscore and/or cross-test score, then
- 2) by level of difficulty

Q. Why are the primary dimensions for Math questions the same as the subscores?

A. This is due to the test specifications and the way items are developed/classified for the assessments. To narrow math search results, users are encouraged to select questions by the secondary dimension and then click on “show selected questions.”

Q. Why didn't my search find any questions?

A. The number of questions that will be displayed is dependent on the search criteria and filters that are applied. In some cases, the criteria and filters will not match any of the questions in the tool. If this occurs, please revise your search criteria and/or filters.

Q. Is it possible to search for paired questions in the Reading test?

A. College Board is working to make it possible for a user to see paired questions. For example, some "Command of Evidence" questions are paired with the answer given to a previous question. Currently, the previous question is not displayed as part of the results.

Q. Can users run a query that will result in all the questions for an assessment being displayed?

A. No. Users must select an assessment, a test, and one or more subscores and/or cross-test scores.

Q. Can a user select multiple assessment when selecting the search criteria?

A. No, the user must select one assessment, SAT, PSAT/NSMQT (PSAT10), or PSAT 8/9, for each search.

Q. How can I start a new search?

A. Click on the Find Questions button on the upper left-hand corner or the blue "new search" link next to Your Search Criteria.

Q. How can I identify the state standards that are related to each question?

A. In the K-12 Reporting Portal, mappings of each state's academic standards to the SAT Suite subscores are provided. For more information about the K-12 Reporting Portal, please see <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/educators/k-12/accessing-scores>. College Board is working to integrate state academic content standards into the SAT Suite Question Bank.

Q. Should the SAT Suite Question Bank be used by students for SAT Practice?

A. Official SAT Practice (OSP) via Khan Academy is the recommended tool for students to use for SAT practice. OSP provides students with personalized practice based on SAT or PSAT/NMSQT (PSAT) scores, SAT practice tests or the OSP diagnostic quizzes.