

## SAT STRUCTURE (LANGUAGE TEST)

The SAT Language Test will focus on your ability to revise and edit text from a range of content areas.

SAT Writing & Language: <b>TEST OVERVIEW</b>	
<b>Timing</b>	35 minutes
<b>Questions</b>	44 passage-based multiple-choice questions
<b>Passages</b>	4 single passages* with 11 questions each
<b>Passage Length</b>	400-500 words per passage

\*The SAT Language Test will contain **4 single passages**, one from each of the following subject areas: Careers, Humanities, History/Social Studies, and Science.

SAT Writing & Language: <b>TEXT TYPE</b>	
<b>Careers</b>	Hot topics in “major fields of work” such as information technology and health care
<b>Humanities</b>	Texts about literature, art, history, music, and philosophy pertaining to human culture
<b>History / Social Studies</b>	Discussion of historical or social sciences topics such as anthropology, communication studies, economics, education, human geography, law, linguistics, political science, psychology, and sociology
<b>Science</b>	Exploration of concepts, findings, and discoveries in the natural sciences including Earth science, biology, chemistry, and physics

Passages will also vary in the “type” of text. A passage can be an **argument**, an **informative** or **explanatory** text, or a **nonfiction** narrative.

SAT Writing & Language: <b>TEXT DISTRIBUTION</b>	
<b>Argument</b>	1-2 passages
<b>Informative or Explanatory</b>	1-2 passages
<b>Nonfiction</b>	1 passage

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Some passages and/or questions will refer to one or more informational graphics that represent data. Questions associated with these graphical representations will ask you to revise and **edit the passage** based on the data presented in the graphic.

The **most prevalent question format** on the SAT Writing & Language Test will ask you to **choose the best of three alternatives to an underlined portion** of the passage to decide that the current version is the best option. You will be asked to improve the development, organization, and diction in the passage to ensure they conform to the conventional standards of English grammar, usage, and style.

SAT Writing & Language: <b>SKILLS TESTED</b>	
<b>Expression of Ideas</b> (24 questions)	Development, organization, and effective language use
<b>Standard English Conventions</b> (20 questions)	Sentence structure, conventions of usage, and conventions of punctuation