

# THE SAT SCORE REPORT

## Total SAT Score

The student's total score on the SAT® is the sum of the Evidence-Based Reading and Writing section score and the Math section score. The total score is reported on a 400–1600 scale.

## Essay Scores

If the student took the optional SAT Essay, you'll see three Essay scores (each reported on a 2–8 scale) for Reading, Analysis, and Writing. These scores aren't combined with each other or with any other scores on the test. See the Essay Scoring Guide in *The SAT Student Guide* to help you interpret your student's results.

## Section Scores

You'll also see the two section scores that contribute to the total score: the Evidence-Based Reading and Writing score and the Math score. Each section score is reported on a 200–800 scale. Because there's no penalty for guessing, the student's raw score on each section of the SAT equals the number of questions he or she answered correctly. These raw scores are converted into scaled scores through a process called equating, which accounts for slight differences in difficulty between various versions of the test (such as versions taken on different days).

## Test Scores

The student also receives three test scores (each reported on a scale of 10–40) for Reading, Writing and Language, and Math. The Math score is reported to the nearest half of a point, as shown on the sample displayed here.

## Cross-Test Scores and Subscores

The cross-test scores (each reported on a 10–40 scale) and subscores (each reported on a 1–15 scale) give more information about the student's strengths as well as areas to focus on for improvement.

## SAT Percentiles and Benchmarks

Percentiles show the percentage of students whose scores are equal to or below the student's total score. You'll see two percentiles: one comparing the



total score to those of all U.S. students in 11th and 12th grade and the other to those of students who typically take the SAT.

You'll also see a benchmark icon for each section score. A checkmark shows that the student scored at or above the benchmark (see page 4 in this booklet for the grade-level benchmarks). This means the student is likely to be on track to be ready for college-level work upon graduation from high school. An exclamation point shows that a student scored below the benchmark. If a student sees an exclamation point, we offer suggestions in his or her online report as to how to get back on track by focusing on the areas that need improvement.

# The SAT Sample Score Report



# SAT<sup>®</sup>

## Score Report

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Test Date: **Mar. 5, 2016**  
Registration Number: **0123456789**

Sex: **Female**  
Date of Birth: **Feb. 12, 2000**  
Test Center Number: **12345**  
High School Code: **123456**  
High School Name:  
**John F. Kennedy High School**

### Your Total Score

# 1010

 | 400 to 1600

**50th**

Nationally Representative  
Sample Percentile

**36th**

SAT User Percentile —  
National

### Essay Scores

**4** | 2 to 8  
Reading

**4** | 2 to 8  
Analysis

**4** | 2 to 8  
Writing

### Online Score Report

Go online to get more details about your performance, including areas of strength, and check out the action steps in Skills Insight to help you boost your college readiness.

### How Did I Score Compared to Others?

A percentile is a number between 1 and 99 that shows how your score ranks compared to other students. It represents the percentage of students whose scores are equal to or below yours. For example, if your Math score percentile is 57, that means 57 percent of test-takers have Math scores equal to or below yours.

You'll see two percentiles:

The **Nationally Representative Sample Percentile** shows how your score compares to the scores of all U.S. students in your grade, including those who don't typically take the test.

**SAT<sup>®</sup> User Percentile — National** shows how your score compares to the scores of students who typically take the test.

### Will My Scores Change and Why?

Tests are not exact measures, and many factors can affect your score. After all, no two days are the same, and if you took the SAT once a week for a month your scores would change.

That's why it helps to think of your true score as a range from a few points below to a few points above the score earned. Score ranges show how your score can change with repeated testing, assuming your skill level remains the same.

Usually, scores for Evidence-Based Reading and Writing and for Math fall in a range of roughly 30 to 40 points above or below your reported score.

**Total:** Your score  $\pm$  40 points.

**Section:** Your score  $\pm$  30 points.

**Test Scores and Cross-Test Scores:**

Your score  $\pm$  2 points.

**Subscores:** Your score  $\pm$  2 points.

### Am I on Track to Be Ready for College?

You'll see a benchmark score for each section of the SAT. Benchmarks show your college readiness. The Evidence-Based Reading and Writing benchmark is 480 while the Math benchmark is 530. This means if you score at or above the benchmark, you're on track to be ready for college when you graduate high school. If you score below the benchmark, you can still get back on track by focusing on areas where you didn't perform well. Use the detailed feedback in your online score report to see which skills you need to work on most.

### Section Scores

**490** | 200 to 800  
Your Evidence-Based  
Reading and Writing  
Score

**44th** Nationally Representative  
Sample Percentile  
**31st** SAT User Percentile —  
National



You've met  
the benchmark!

**520** | 200 to 800  
Your Math Score

**57th** Nationally Representative  
Sample Percentile  
**45th** SAT User Percentile —  
National



You scored below  
the benchmark.

### Test Scores

**26** | 10 to 40  
Reading

**23** | 10 to 40  
Writing and Language

**26.0** | 10 to 40  
Math

### Cross-Test Scores | 10 to 40

**26**  
Analysis in History/Social Studies

**23**  
Analysis in Science

### Subscores | 1 to 15

**7**  
Command of  
Evidence

**10**  
Words in Context

**7**  
Expression of Ideas

**6**  
Standard English  
Conventions

**10**  
Heart of Algebra

**9**  
Problem Solving  
and Data Analysis

**8**  
Passport to  
Advanced Math

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