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SSAT Introduction

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Introduction

Who am I?

Why are we here?

Where would you like to go to Middle School/ High School? _____

S _____ S _____ A _____ T _____

What do schools look at in deciding to accept you or other students?

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Grades – I usually earn _____s 2) SSAT Scores 3) Interview – The best version of yourself 4) Writing Sample 5) Teachers' Recommendations 6) <i>"You never get a second chance to make a 1st impression"</i> 	
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Sections of the Test - Take Notes!

#	Section	# of Questions	# of Minutes
E			
1			
2			
3			
4			

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READ • INTERACT • P.O.E

R.I.P. the test!

R =

I =

P =

Scoring

<u>If you answer the question:</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Decimal</u>
Right = :)		
Wrong = X		
Skip = S		

Calculate the score if a student receives 18 right and 5 wrong on a math section.

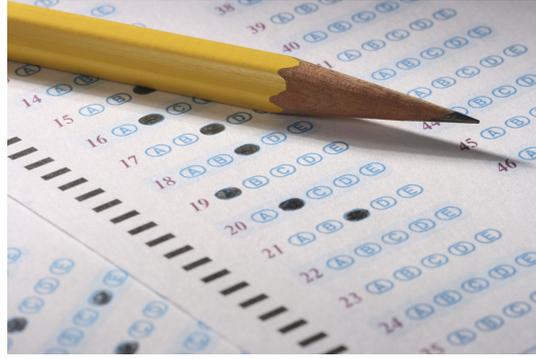
Score: _____ # of Skips _____

I strongly recommend against discussing percent scores with your children, rather, let's direct them on how aggressive they should be and how many they need correct in each section.

The questions on the SSAT typically look like this. How many answers are right? _____ How many are wrong? _____

Question?

- A) First answer
- B) Second answer
- C) Third answer
- D) Fourth answer
- E) Fifth answer



<u>What if...?</u>	<u>Fraction</u>	<u>Percent</u>
If you must guess randomly, what is your chance of getting a question right?		
If you can eliminate 1 choice?		
If you can eliminate 2 choices?		
If you can eliminate 3 choices?		
If you can eliminate 4 choices?		
If you can eliminate 5 choices?		

When should I guess? _____

I should guess when I can eliminate _____ answers.

In order to eliminate an answer choice, I need to be _____% sure it's wrong.

Keep or Cross?

- A) Maybe
- B) Could be
- C) No way
- D) Sure
- E) Yes

PROCESS OF ELIMINATION

C.A.A.!!
CONSIDER ALL ANSWERS



Two Handed Test

Come up with your answer, before you look at their answers. Why? _____

Do the test writers like to trick children? _____

Now you try it.

- 1) What are two prime factors of 21? _____ and _____
- 2) What does **FORTUNATE** mean? _____
- 3) The DOLPHINS are to MIAMI as: the _____ are to _____
- 4) What is the Capital of Malawi? _____
- 5) How many Presidential elections did FDR win? _____
- 6) Which one of the following is NOT a Pokemon? _____

Now practice covering the answers to the non-question below.

Then draw a giant hand over the answers to show the strategy of a **2 - Handed Test**.

<p><i>Non-Question?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A) Non answer letter A B) Don't look here. "Cover me up!" C) SUCKA! We love to trick children. D) Decide for yourself first. You are smarter than the test! E) Interact with the test! Write stuff down! 	<p>THE 2-HANDED TEST THINK FOR YOURSELF!</p> 
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POE is not just a great POEt!

P _____ O _____ E _____

Try these.

<p>1) What is the Capital of Malawi?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A) Miami B) Boston C) California D) Lilongwe E) Washington D.C. 	<p>3) Which one of the following is NOT a Pokemon?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A) Pikachu B) Snorlax C) Donald Trump D) Bulbasaur E) Charmander
<p>2) How many Presidential elections did FDR win?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A) 0 B) 1 C) 2 	<p>4) Multiply 123,456 by 654,321</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Lilongwe b) 4 c) Donald Trump d) -3.14 e) 80,779,853,376

- D) 4
- E) Avocado

Pacing & Guessing

- Pacing - Should I Rush? _____ SLOW _____
- I should use time _____
- Guessing – I should Guess when _____. Yes really!
- Be aggressive and tenacious

Know what you Know! (And admit what you don't)

Did you know the word *tenacious*? Be honest! If not, circle it and look it up!

Take the test twice!

<u>Do I know this?</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Pass?</u>
Know		
Sort of Know		
Don't Know		

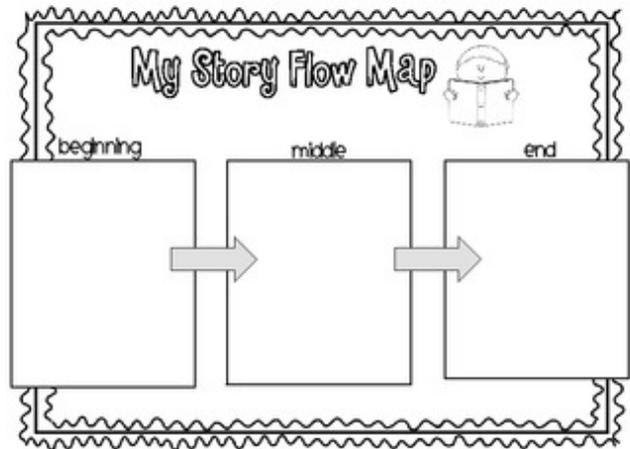
Essay

Plan for ___ minutes, write for ___ minutes

B = _____

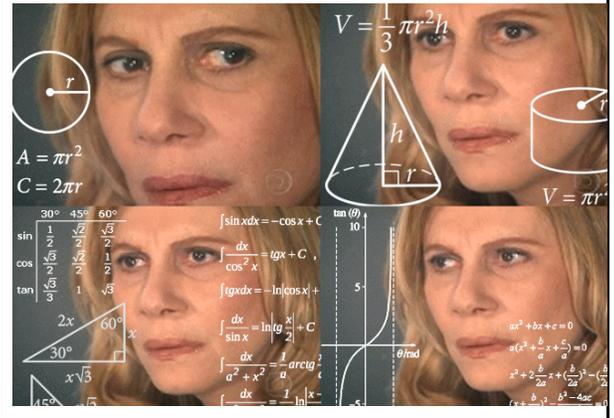
M = _____

E = _____



Math - not a grade level test even 7th graders take the ML test.

- < or > than 1 minute
- Interact with the test! Un-sharpen your pencil!
- +, -, x, divide Fractions and Decimals
- Basic Geometry
- Converting from fractions to decimals to percents.
- Word problems
- Math vocabulary



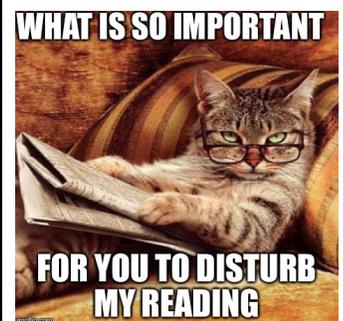
Reading

- ★ Read _____ly, but Answer _____ly.
- ★ Are you allowed to write on the test? _____
- ★ If you read a passage try to answer all the questions, don't skip!
- ★ Circle which one is easier to do well in 40 minutes:

Read 8 passages and
Answer 40 questions

or

Read 7 passages and
Answer 35 questions

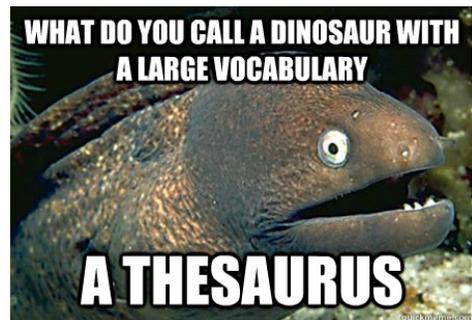


Verbal

Synonyms = Same _____

#1 strategy Write down your own definition Try it:

<u>WORD</u>	<u>Your definition 1-3 words</u>
CHILLY =	
PROHIBIT =	
VACANT =	
FORTIFY =	



Analogies = Same _____

#1 strategy - Think how are the two words related and connect them with a bridge sentence, then draw an arrow.

Try it:

Kitten _____ Cat

Stanza _____ Poem

Laughter _____ Joke

Strategies for the Whole Test:

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____
- 5) _____

Questions about the test?

What can I do now?

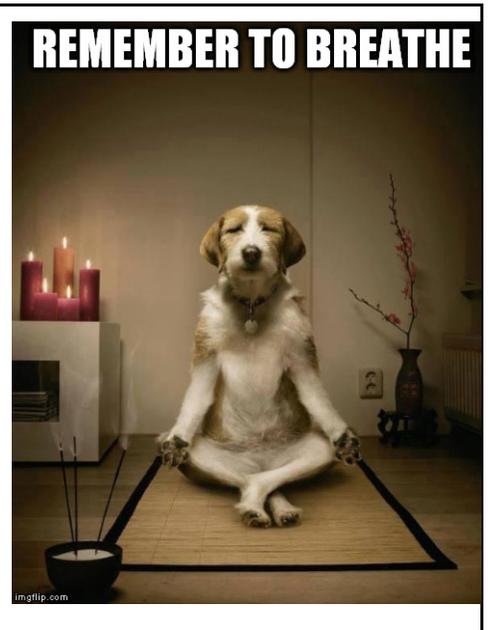
- Take a practice test. That is the best way to know which sections in which you need improvement.
- Read, learn new words and be curious about the world.
- Pay attention in math class.
- Keep reading!

FAQ

- What should my role be as a parent through this process?
- Who do I use for content tutors?
- How can you support me and my family through the process?
- What is the location of the tutoring?
- Is it better to tutor in small groups or individually?
- What are the ingredients of successful test takers in the past?
- Can my child qualify for extra time or extended time?
- What is a FLEX test?
- What is the ISEE? Does it require different preparation?

We can answer these questions and more.

“Breathe. It is going to be OK”
- Josh



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