



Writing Strategies

Strategy #1: Read the Sentence Out Loud.

Often a choice looks right in the text but sounds wrong when you say it. Read everything out loud to see which option sounds right. However, it is important to note that just because something sounds correct, does not mean that it is correct. So, it is important to understand proper grammatical structure and rules.

Strategy #2: Plug in the answers, start with the shortest answer.

Plugging in the answers is a concept that can be used throughout the SAT. There is a way you can make this system more efficient in the writing section. There is a concept discussed on the SAT called “Precision and Concision” which essentially means saying everything that is necessary the shortest way possible. Because of this concept, we know that often the answer will be concise. Plugging in the shortest answer first will often allow you to refrain from plugging in all four multiple-choice answers.

Strategy #3: Watch for repetition.

Often the College Board will add some sneaky repetition into the SAT that you might not notice so WATCH OUT. A good example would be, “Every year the annual Chinese parade brings in thousands of tourists to see the magical dragons and fancy fireworks.” In this sentence “every year” and “annual” mean the same thing and create repetition. If you are glazing paste a sentence it is possible to miss this. Repetition generally occurs in Structure Questions where there are large sentences to plug in and you might miss the repetition.

Strategy #4: Understand basic grammar rules.

Understanding grammar rules is the cornerstone of the writing section. If you struggle with understanding concepts, this should be your number one priority.

Strategy #5: Easiest Questions to increase your score.

Writing questions are the easiest questions to improve on. If you are a student who performed the worst on the writing questions, put 90% of your focus into improving your writing skill. The other 10% should only be allocated to other subjects when you need a break from writing related subjects.