

SAT English Syllabus 2026

(Reading and Writing Section)

Section Overview

The Reading and Writing section assesses reading comprehension, language, and writing skills through short passages and passage pairs. Passages are drawn from literature, history/social studies, humanities, and science.

- Total Questions: 54
- Total Time: 64 minutes (two modules of 32 minutes each)
- Questions per module: 27 (25 operational + 2 pretest)
- Question type: Multiple choice (4 options)
- Score range for this section: 200–800
- Adaptive: Difficulty of Module 2 depends on performance in Module 1

Content Domains

Domain	Testing Area	Questions	Weightage
Craft and Structure	Words in Context, Text Structure and Purpose, Cross-Text Connections	13–15	~28%
Information and Ideas	Central Ideas and Details, Command of Evidence, Inferences	12–14	~26%
Standard English Conventions	Boundaries, Form, Structure, and Sense	11–15	~26%
Expression of Ideas	Rhetorical Synthesis, Transitions	8–12	~20%

Key Skills by Domain

Craft and Structure

- Understanding the meaning of words and phrases in context
- Analysing text structure and purpose
- Identifying connections between related passages (cross-text connections)

Information and Ideas

- Identifying central ideas and supporting details
- Drawing reasonable inferences from the text
- Using textual and quantitative evidence to support conclusions (Command of Evidence)

Standard English Conventions

- Subject-verb agreement
- Pronoun usage
- Parallelism and modifiers
- Punctuation
- Linking of phrases and clauses
- Boundaries, form, structure, and sense of sentences

Expression of Ideas

- Rhetorical synthesis
- Transitions for clear and effective writing
- Improving organisation, precision, and style

Passage Content Areas

- Literature
- History / Social Studies
- Humanities

- Science