

SAT 1082 - Advanced SAT Verbal

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Introduction

This course is designed for students who have completed SAT 1081 (Intro to SAT Verbal). The course develops on the same concepts introduced in 1081, providing more exposure to complex grammar and reading topics.

Every three to four weeks, students will be assigned a complete official SAT Verbal test.

Weekly Class Topics:

1. Intro to Advanced SAT Verbal
 - a. This class will provide an introduction to SAT 1082. We'll talk about the resources that advanced SAT learners should use, including prep materials developed for higher level tests such as GMAT, GRE, and LSAT.
2. Reading: Classic Literature
 - a. This class will go into detail about pre-1920 literature passages, often some of the most difficult passages students face in the reading section. We will talk about authors that are frequently featured on the SAT and solve passages in class.
3. Writing: Intro to Advanced Grammar
 - a. This class will focus on advanced grammar skills around fragments and non-essential elements (e.g. the sentence core). We will be looking at Erica Meltzer's *Complete GMAT Sentence Correction Guide* (pg. 1-34)
- 4. Official Test Review**
5. Reading: History, part 1 (1700s)
 - a. This class will center on the SAT's History passages. We'll talk about Revolutionary War-era American history, covering the late 1700s. We'll also be discussing the French Revolution and solving several history passages from official practice tests.
6. Writing: Verbs
 - a. This class will focus on advanced verb use, including tense and subject verb agreement. We will be using Erica Meltzer's *Complete GMAT Sentence Correction Guide* (pg. 36-57)
7. Reading: Advanced Topics in Science
 - a. We'll look at difficult science passages featured on the SAT and learn key strategies for dealing with these passages.
- 8. Official Test Review**
9. Writing: Pronouns
 - a. We'll examine tricky pronoun-antecedent agreement questions as well as noun-noun and relative pronoun questions.
10. Reading: History, part 2
 - a. We'll talk about Civil War Era U.S. history (1800s). We will solve passages from this era taken from official SAT tests.
11. Writing: Modifiers, Word Pairs, and Parallelism

- a. We'll be talking about 3 key grammar concepts students need to know for the SAT Writing tests.

12. Official Test Review

13. Reading: Advanced Social Science Passages

- a. We'll be looking at selected difficult social science passages from official SAT tests. These passages will cover topics in economics and psychology.

14. Writing: Advanced Comparison, Idioms, and Diction

- a. This class will focus on three difficult Writing topics. Comparison questions build upon knowledge of parallelism, while idiom and diction style questions rely heavily on students' knowledge of vocabulary. We'll use Erica Meltzer's *Complete GMAT Sentence Correction Guide*.

15. Reading: History, part 3

- a. We'll look at passages from 1900-1960, covering American Imperialism and contemporary topics in history such as the Civil Rights Movement, Apartheid, and Decolonization.

16. Official Test Review

Textbooks:

1. Erica Meltzer's *The Complete GMAT Sentence Correction Guide*
2. IES *Vice and Virtue*
3. Prepvantage *SAT Reading: Literature and History*