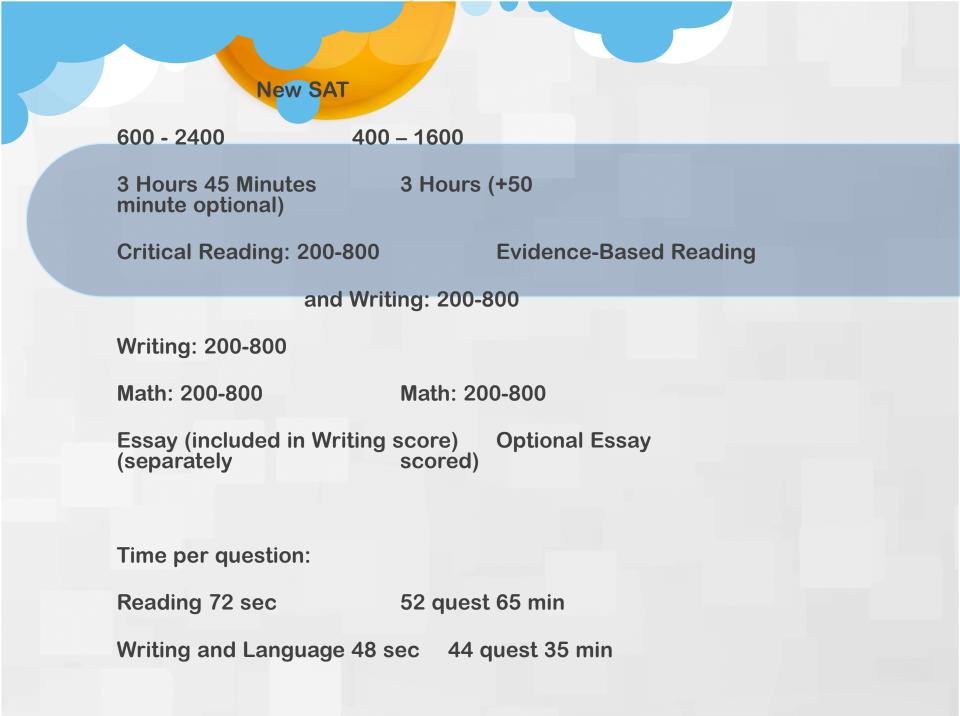
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SAT Grammar



Subject Verb agreement

- She and her friends are at the fair.
- The book or the pen is in the drawer.
- His friends or the boy runs every day.
- Everyone has finished his or her homework.
- There are many questions.

Practice

- The President, accompanied by his wife, traveling to India.
- The crew _____ preparing to dock the ship.
- Five dollars _____a lot of money.
- The news ____on at six.
- My glasses _____on the bed.

Answer

- The President, accompanied by his wife, is traveling to India.
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Tricky one

- Either A or B
- Neither A nor B
- Must agree with A or B?
- agree with **B**, the noun closer to the verb.

Practice

- Either Kiana or Casey _____ helping today with stage decorations.
- Either Kiana or Casey is helping today with stage decorations.
- Neither she, I, nor my friends _____going to the festival.
- Neither she, I, nor my friends are going to the festival.

Singular or Plural?

- Phenomena
- Phenomenon
- Criteria
- Criterion
- Data
- Datum
- athletics

Alumni			
Alumnus Bacteria			
Bacterium			
Algae			
Alga			
Fungi			
Fungus			

Singular or Plural?

- each, anyone, anybody,
- anything, another, neither, either, every,
- everyone, someone, no one, somebody, everything,
- little, and much

none (of), any (of), some (of), most (of), more (of), and all (of).

All of them can be either singular or plural, according to the noun that follows

Phrases that start as well as . . . , together with . . . , along with . . . , or in addition to . . .

are not part of the main subject

How to "Trim" a Sentence

Step 1: Cross out all nonessential prepositional phrases.

e.g., The bird in the cage began singing.

Step 2: Cross out all interrupting phrases.

e.g., The committee, ignoring tradition, will approve the measure.

Step 3: Cross out all other nonessential modifiers and modifying phrases.

e.g., Having traveled so far, the baseball team hardly wanted to forfeit the championship game.

Can you spot an error?

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Do some more practice!

McGraw-Hill, SAT (Grammar Section can be taken from any edition)

Lauren Starkey, SAT WRITING ESSENTIALS (Old SAT, but grammar is the same anyway)

My very favorite web-site on Grammar: Perdue Online Writing Lab

https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/section/1/5/