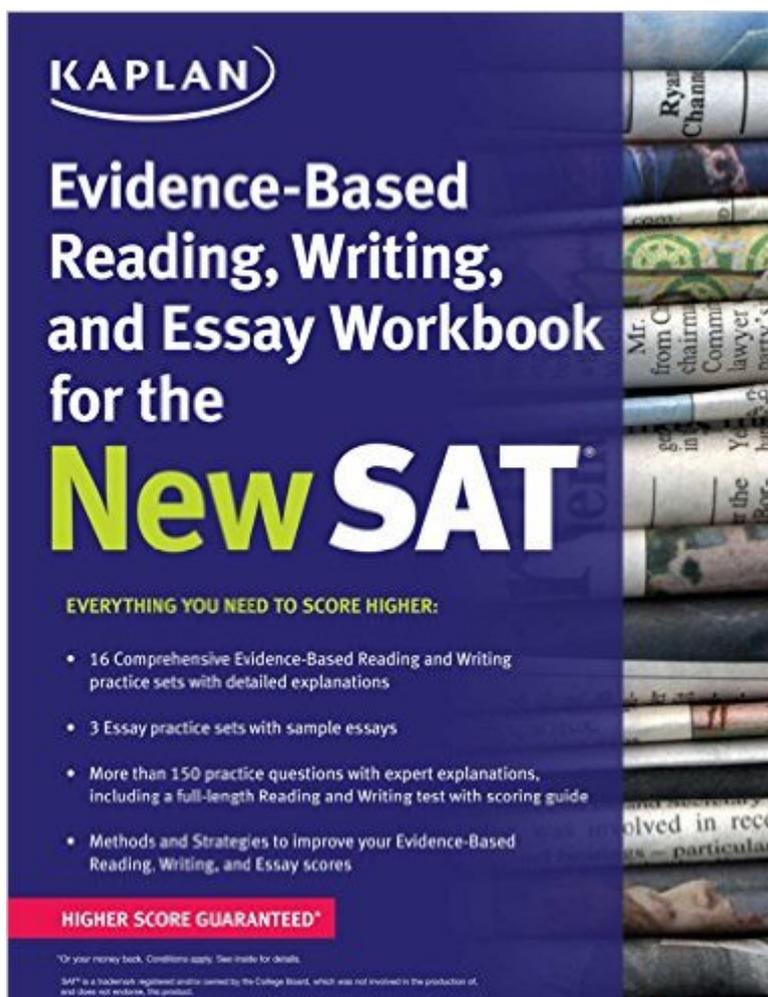


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# Kaplan Evidence-Based Reading, Writing, And Essay Workbook For The New SAT (Kaplan Test Prep)



## Synopsis

Prepare for the New SAT with confidence! With more than 75 years of experience and more than 95% of our students getting into their top-choice schools, Kaplan knows how to increase your score and get you into your top-choice college! Prep Smarter. Not Harder. Kaplan's Evidence-Based Reading, Writing, and Essay Workbook for the New SAT provides everything you need to master the challenging Evidence-Based Reading and Writing sections and to write a top-scoring Essay on the College Board's New SAT! It reviews how to effectively and efficiently read passages to answer questions correctly. The focused practice quizzes and in-depth strategies will help you master the most important concepts to increase your score! This guide includes practice with every reading, writing, and essay concept tested on the New SAT, as well as effective score-raising methods and strategies for building speed and accuracy from Kaplan's top experts. Kaplan's Evidence-Based Reading, Writing, and Essay Workbook contains many essential and unique features to help improve test scores, including:

- 16 Comprehensive Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Practice Tests with detailed explanations
- 3 Essay practice sets with sample essays
- More than 150 practice questions with expert explanations
- Methods and Strategies to improve your Evidence-Based Reading and Writing score
- Techniques and Methods to quickly improve your writing skills and improve your Essay score

Kaplan's Evidence-Based Reading, Writing, and Essay Workbook for the New SAT provides you with everything you need to improve your Evidence-Based Reading, Writing, and Essay score—guaranteed. Kaplan has helped more than three million students successfully prepare for standardized tests, so we know that our test-taking techniques, methods, and strategies work. Kaplan's Evidence-Based Reading, Writing, and Essay Workbook is the must-have preparation tool for every student looking to score higher and get into their top-choice college!

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## Customer Reviews

I am on my second kid taking these tests and many of these books have cycled through my house. First of all, the "money back" guarantee for a higher score is nonsense. First of all, if you take a test a second time you tend to do better (familiarity with the test). Even random fluctuations may have you end up with a "higher" (but not significantly higher) score. And should your score not increase, you only have 90 days to get a refund, and you have to explain why you did not find it helpful. Since that gives you less than 3 months to study, take the test, get the results and write an explanation and mail it, I doubt they have to make good on many of these guarantees. In fact, I find the guarantee disingenuous (there is an SAT word!) and irritating. It reminds me of the rebate forms designed to be so difficult to complete that most people do not bother. I got this book because my kid just took the new PSAT. She did very well but neither she nor I could figure why she missed some of the questions on the reading section. The explanations offered by College Board did not clear up our confusion. I do not claim to be a guru in English, so I hoped that this book would help to clarify some of the answer choices. I would say the explanations in this book were somewhat helpful, more in understanding how the writers of the PSAT think, rather than the actual concepts in English. As far as I am concerned, some of the answers are still matters of opinion. As my kid said "well, maybe this will help me figure out what they want" so maybe that will help. I did like the short section outlining the types of questions on the PSAT as command of evidence, vocab in context, global questions, detail questions and rhetoric questions. Knowing that the types of questions fall into these categories can be useful. Also, the small amount of info on essay writing may or may not be useful (do not know since the PSAT did not have an essay section). It is also helpful to take practice tests, but there are not that many questions in this book (it is pretty thin for a test review book at 203 pages) and there is only one practice exam. In some Kaplan books you can get more practice exams online, not for this one. I would like to see at least three full length practice tests, so the student can take one, study, note any improvement, take another, study again and take a final version. Then again, it is not very expensive. I highly suggest you get the paper version if you decide to buy, rather than the Kindle version. You want to be able to

write in it. I will note that my kid does very well on these sort of exams already, I think the book might be more useful for a kid scoring in the middle of the PSAT range.

This no-fluff workbook gives students several streamlined strategies to use when preparing for the SAT exams, and provides drills so students can work through sample questions using these strategies. Where it shines is in providing a clear analysis of how to analyze various types of questions, and an explanation of how to do this analysis yourself. I worked through the practice sets before taking the sample tests, and found these explanations really helpful in understanding how I could have tackled questions more effectively and accurately. The workbook leads off with general information, including how long each section lasts and what skills each one is attempting to measure. The authors also offer several overarching strategies: everything from how to manage your time to whether you should guess on questions that stump you. The majority of the book tackles the three tests in turn. Each section begins with a list of steps to follow when you are working on a question -- or a cluster of questions, if you are tackling a reading passage. The Reading Comprehension and the Writing & Language sections each include eight multiple-choice practice sets that are designed to help you use the tactical analysis methods you are learning from the book. After you work through each practice set, you check your answers using the key. Kaplan adds value to these keys by providing strategic advice, which names a strategy that will help you answer the question correctly; and getting to the answer, which actually walks you through applying the strategy and working your way to the answer. The fact that Kaplan includes these two paragraphs for every practice question in the book is the difference between adequate mentoring and excellent guidance. It is more difficult to address essay preparation at such a remove, but this book provides a thorough assessment rubric that you can think of as a checklist as you practice. You may be familiar with these sorts of rubrics in your English/Language Arts. The book also includes examples of student essays, how they were marked, and why they earned the numerical marks they did. While you can work through this section on your own, and try to rate your practice essays, you may want to ask a friend or family member to use the short version of the essay rubric to evaluate your essay so you will know whether you have hit your target.

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