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# Using Your PSAT/NMSQT® Scores to Increase College Readiness

**PSAT/NMSQT®**



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# Instruction for Using This Lesson

**More than ever before, the PSAT/NMSQT® supports students on their path to college readiness.**

**Like all of the assessments in the SAT® Suite, the PSAT/NMQT offers scores and reports that provide insightful information about individual student performance on the assessment, including a predicted SAT score and their progress toward the college readiness benchmarks.**

The purpose of this lesson is to support educators as they review PSAT/NMSQT scores and reports with students.

- The lesson can be used with your students in a **computer lab**, leading them through the **online reports** and resources available to students when they log in to their College Board account.
- The lesson also takes the students through their **paper score report** step by step, explaining each section of the report and the scores students receive.
- In addition, this lesson shares **college planning resources** with students to help them investigate colleges, majors, and their own interests on the path to college readiness.

# Instruction for Using This Lesson

- The lesson is divided into sections,
  - **Section one:** the online reporting portal
  - **Section two:** the paper score report
  - **Section three:** additional college planning resources
- Some information in each of these sections is repeated to allow the flexibility to review only the online portion or only the paper score report.
- Use this table to tailor the lesson as needed:

Lesson includes:	Use slides:	Reduce notes for slides:	Approximate Time Required
<b>Both online reporting portal and paper score report</b>	3–36	20 (repeats notes for slide 10 and 11) 21 (repeats notes for slide 13) 22 (repeats notes for slide 11) 25 (repeats notes for slide 15)	70 minutes
<b>Online reporting portal only</b>	3–18, 26–36	None	40 minutes
<b>Paper score report only</b>	1–4, 19–36	None	25 minutes

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# Get to Know the PSAT/NMSQT®



- The PSAT/NMSQT is highly relevant to your future success because it focuses on the skills and knowledge at the heart of your education. It measures:
  - What you learn in high school
  - What you need to succeed in college
- The PSAT/NMSQT measures reading, writing and language, and math skills developed over many years.
- The PSAT/NMSQT does not ask for facts from literature, history, or science, or for recall of math formulas, because it measures your reasoning and critical thinking skills.
- You don't have to discover secret tricks or cram the night before.
- There is no penalty for guessing.
- The test length is 2 hours, 45 minutes.

# What Are the Benefits of Taking the PSAT/NMSQT®?



- Prepare for the SAT®
- Get free, personalized Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy®
- Start getting ready for college with college and career planning tools
- Enter the National Merit® Scholarship Program
- See which AP® courses for which you might be ready
- Get admission and financial aid information from colleges

# How Do I Access My PSAT/NMSQT® Scores and Reports?

1. Review your online reports.
2. Review your paper score report.



# How Do I Access My Online PSAT/NMSQT® Scores and Reports?

Log in to an existing College Board account or create a new one at [studentscores.collegeboard.org](http://studentscores.collegeboard.org).

The screenshot shows the 'My Score Reports' section of the CollegeBoard website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for CollegeBoard, SAT, AP, College Planning, College Search, Store, More, and a search bar. Below the navigation bar, the page title 'My Score Reports' is displayed. On the left, there is a 'Sign In' form with fields for 'Username' and 'Password', and a 'Sign In' button which is circled in orange. To the right of the sign-in form is a list of benefits for using the service, followed by a bulleted list of features. On the right side of the page, there is a sidebar titled 'Create Your Student Account' with a sub-section for 'General Student Information' containing fields for 'First (given) name', 'Middle initial', and 'Last name (surname)'. An orange arrow points from the 'Sign In' button towards the 'Create Your Student Account' sidebar.

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Access your SAT Suite of Assessment scores with personalized feedback, practice, college planning and career exploration resources.

- See all your scores and if you are on track for college readiness
- Detailed explanations of skills required to be college ready
- Send your scores to Khan Academy® for personalized practice recommendations
- Search for colleges that fit your needs
- Start on your scholarship and college financial aid plan
- Take a personality test to find majors and careers fit for you
- Get feedback on your readiness for AP courses

**Create Your Student Account**

This one account is for everything, including SAT, AP, PSAT/NMSQT, CLEP, and BigFuture activities, so provide complete and accurate information.

\* = Required

**General Student Information**

First (given) name: \*

Middle initial:

Last name (surname): \*

# How Do I Access My Online PSAT/NMSQT® Scores and Reports? (cont.)

1. Log in to your account.
2. Select PSAT/NMSQT Scores.  
\*OR\*
3. Use “Missing Scores” to locate scores.

The image shows two screenshots of the CollegeBoard website. The top screenshot is the 'My Score Reports' sign-in page, featuring fields for 'Username' and 'Password', and buttons for 'Sign In' and 'Sign Up'. The bottom screenshot shows a user profile page for 'lma' with a recent PSAT/NMSQT score of 860 (Evidence-Based Reading and Writing) and 480 (Math). A large orange arrow points from the 'Add Missing Scores' button on the user profile page back to the 'Sign In' page, indicating the next step in the process.

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Welcome, lma. Here is your most recent score.

PSAT/NMSQT Fall 2015 11th Grade

860 Total Score 380 Evidence-Based Reading and Writing 480 Math

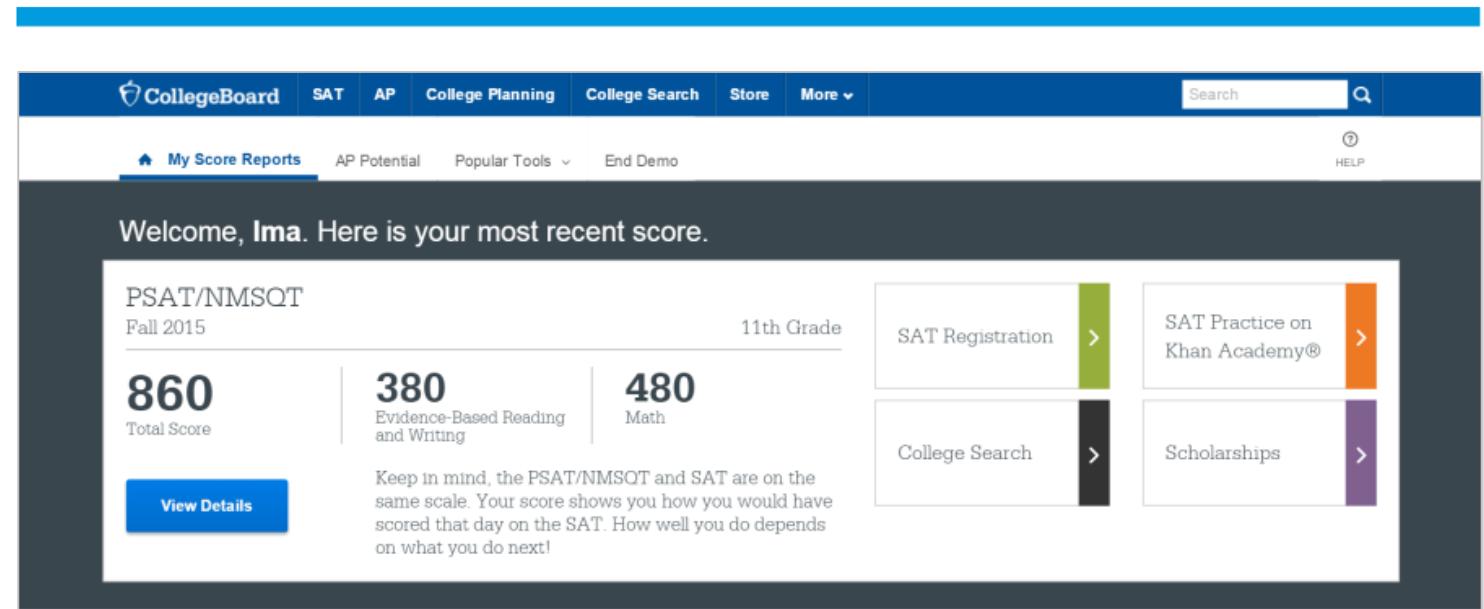
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Keep in mind, the PSAT/NMSQT and SAT are on the same scale. Your score shows you how you would have scored that day on the SAT. How well you do depends on what you do next!

Missing scores? If you've taken a College Board assessment but your score does not appear on this page, click on the button below to add it to this account. Please contact Customer Service at (866) 756-7346 for assistance or if you have any questions.

Add Missing Scores

# What Will I Learn About My Scores?



Welcome, Ima. Here is your most recent score.

PSAT/NMSQT  
Fall 2015 11th Grade

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# How Do I See My Detailed Scores?

## Score Report for PSAT/NMSQT Fall 2015

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Your Total Score

**860** | 320 to 1520

[My Score Range: 820-900](#)

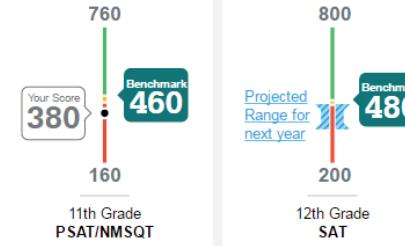
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Your Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Score

**380** | 160 to 760

[My Score Range: 350-410](#)



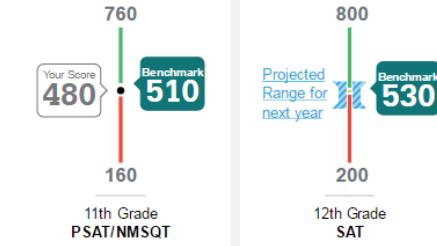
**!** Your scores indicate you need to strengthen your college readiness skills.

Let's get you on track, so you won't have to take noncredit courses in college. Choose to share your scores on [Khan Academy®](#) to receive free, personalized practice recommendations.

Your Math Score

**480** | 160 to 760

[My Score Range: 450-510](#)

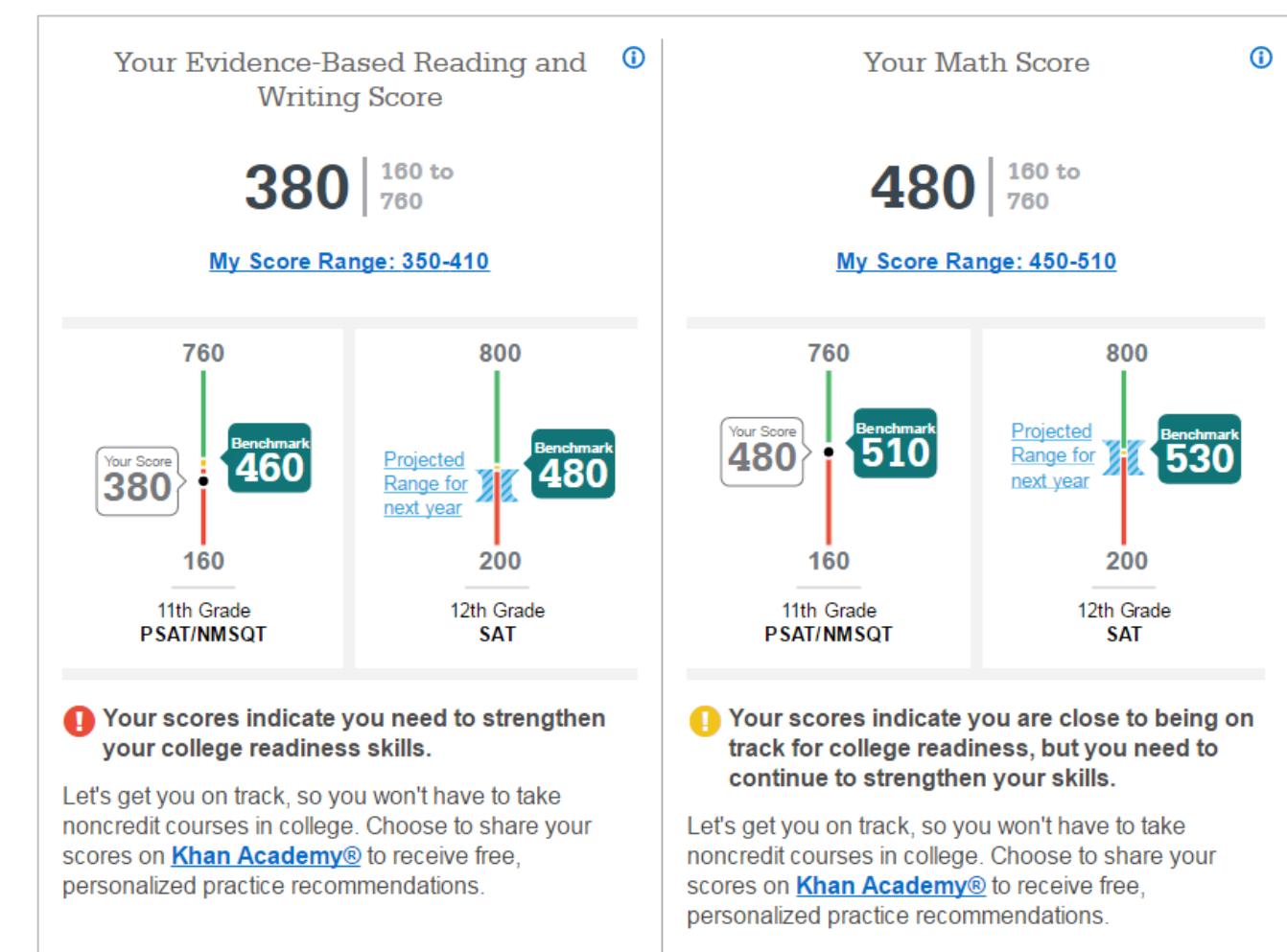


**!** Your scores indicate you are close to being on track for college readiness, but you need to continue to strengthen your skills.

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# How Will I Do on the SAT®?

**The predicted SAT score is an initial projection based on current SAT data and concordance.**



# How Did My Score Measure Against the Benchmarks?

**Section, test, and subscores all report scores in performance zones that indicate whether you are on track for meeting the college readiness benchmarks on the SAT®.**

## Section scores

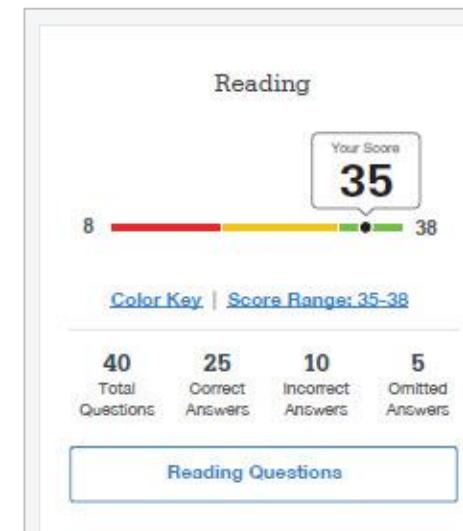
**Need to Strengthen Skills** = below grade-level benchmark by more than one year

**Approaching Benchmark** = below grade-level benchmark by one year or less

**Meets or Exceeds Benchmark** = at or above grade-level benchmark

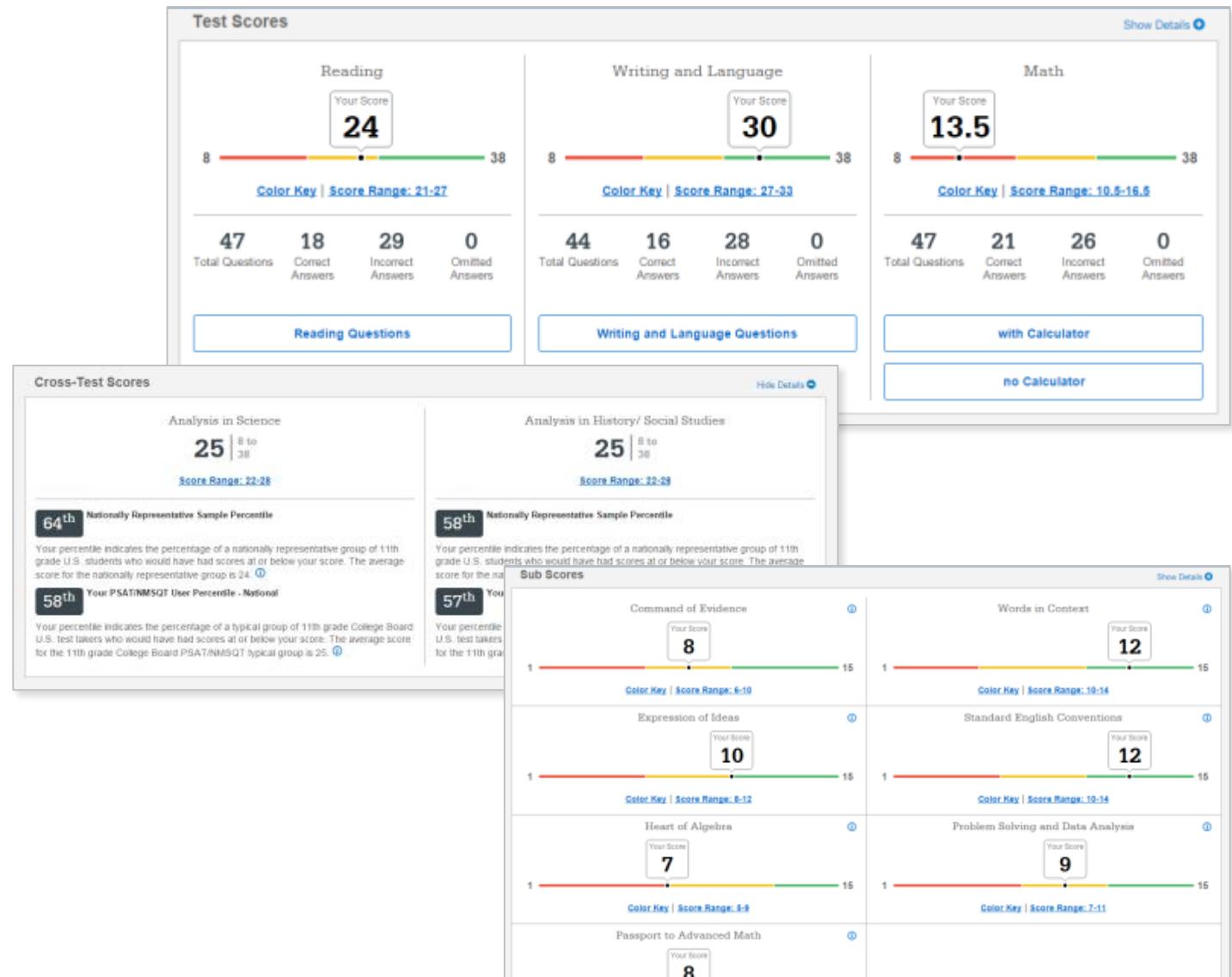
## Test scores and subscores

Red, yellow, and green ranges reflect areas of strengths and weaknesses compared to the typical performance of students



# What Do My Scores Tell Me?

**Test scores, cross-test scores, and subscores give students insightful information about their strengths and areas for improvement.**



# How Can I Improve My Academic Skills?

**Skills Insight™ informs you about what you are already likely able to do, and how you can improve your skills.**

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Score Report for PSAT/NMSQT, Fall 2015 Skills Insight ▾

Download Report

Skills Insight is designed to help students gain a better understanding of how scores relate to specific academic skills. It offers descriptions of performance and insight into skills measured at each score band. It also provides actionable suggestions for improving skills that help students gain additional practice. For a deeper analysis and personalized practice recommendations, link your score to the free official SAT practice on Khan Academy®.

Free, personalized practice for the SAT at Khan Academy >

Reading	Writing & Language	Math
 <p>31 8 to 38</p> <p>Your Score</p> <p>Reading Questions</p>	<p>Your score indicates that you are already likely able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Revise text as needed to improve the exactness or content appropriateness of word choices within somewhat challenging texts</li><li>Retain or add information or ideas to a piece of text to support claims or points in somewhat challenging text</li><li>Command of Evidence Standard English Conventions</li><li>Revise somewhat challenging text to ensure that information is presented in the most logical order</li><li>Revise text as needed to improve the exactness or content appropriateness of word choices within somewhat challenging texts</li><li>Retain or add information or ideas to a piece of text to support claims or points in somewhat challenging text</li><li>Expression of Ideas Relevant Words in Context</li><li>Revise somewhat challenging text to ensure that information is presented in the most logical order</li><li>Expression of Ideas Relevant Words in Context Standard English Conventions</li><li>Revise text as needed to improve the exactness or content appropriateness of word choices within somewhat challenging texts</li></ul>	<p>Improve your skills by focusing on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Retain or add information or ideas to a piece of text to support claims or points in challenging text</li><li>Command of Evidence Standard English Conventions</li><li>Use a variety of sentence structures to accomplish a rhetorical purposes such as persuading an audience</li><li>Revise text as needed to improve the exactness or content appropriateness of word choices within challenging texts</li><li>Expression of Ideas Relevant Words in Context</li><li>Retain or add information or ideas to a piece of text to support claims or points in challenging text</li><li>Use a variety of sentence structures to accomplish a rhetorical purposes such as persuading an audience</li><li>Revise text as needed to improve the exactness or content appropriateness of word choices within challenging texts</li><li>Expression of Ideas</li><li>Retain or add information or ideas to a piece of text to support claims or points in challenging text</li><li>Use a variety of sentence structures to accomplish a rhetorical purposes such as persuading an audience</li><li>Revise text as needed to improve the exactness or content appropriateness of word choices within challenging texts</li></ul>

# What Can I Learn from My Answers?

**See the actual questions, answer choices, and the answer selected.**

Look at the online score report and consider the following:

- Identify the questions answered incorrectly.
- Find the correct answer and read the answer explanation.
- Explain why the error was made.
- Ask questions about answer explanations that are not clear.

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Reading: Question 2C

Questions 2D-2E are based on the following passages.

Passage 1 is adapted from Susan Visos, "A Different Kind of Smart," 1997 by source. Passage 2 is adapted from Linda Newmark, Mind of the Raven: Investigations and Adventures with Wolf-Birds, 2007.

**Passage 1**

In 1994, British psychologist C. Lloyd Shattock published what's called Shattock's canon, the principle that suggestions of humanlike mental processes behind an animal's behavior should be rejected if a simpler explanation will do.

Line 10 Shattock seems to maintain certain expectations, especially when it comes to birds and mammals. "We somehow want to prove they are as smart as people," zoologist Steve Shattock says. "We want a bird that masters a memory problem to be employing human-style thought."

Line 20 New Caledonian crows are the high end of these expectations, as possibly the second-best toolmakers on the planet.

Line 30 Their tools are thrown sticks or sticks made from epiphyte-wrapped leaves, and they use them in the wild to wrangle grubs out of crevices. Researcher Russell Greenyer first saw the process on a cold morning in a mountain forest in New Caledonia, an island chain east of Australia. Over the course of days, he and crow researcher Gavin Hunt had gotten wild crows used to finding

**Passage 2**

For one month after they left the nest, I sat my four-year-old ravens amidst trees and sometimes several times a day on sturdy-trunked walkways. During those walks, I wrote down everything in their environment they seemed to. In the first sessions, I tried to let neither I touched specific objects—sticks, moss, rocks—anything that I touched remained untouched by them. They came to investigate what I had investigated, leading me to assume that young ravens are averse to learning to identify tools from the parents, even parents they alicet, however, contacted almost everything else that lay directly in their own paths. They soon became more inquisitive by taking their own initiative near nests. Even when

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One difference between the experiments described in the two passages is that unlike the researchers discussed in Passage 1, the author of Passage 2:

**View Answer and Explanation**

**You selected answer A. The correct answer is B.**

A. presented the birds with a problem to solve.  
B. intentionally made the birds aware of his presence.  
C. consciously manipulated the birds' surroundings.  
D. tested the birds' tool-using abilities.

**Choice B is the best answer.** The researchers described in Passage 1 "hid behind a log" (Passage 1, lines 10) to avoid being seen by the crows. The author of Passage 2, on the other hand, made no effort to conceal his presence; in fact, as he describes it, he "left" the ravens in his study on "walks" (Passage 2, lines 1-2), during which he "taught" specific objects" (Passage 2, line 4) and then invited the ravens to see whether the birds touched the same objects. The author of Passage 2 notes that the ravens "seem to become more independent" (Passage 2, line 10), going their own way rather than continuing to follow the author. From this it is clear that the author of Passage 2, unlike the researchers described in Passage 1, intentionally made the birds aware of his presence.

**Choice A is not the best answer because while a case could be made that the author of Passage 2 gave the ravens a problem to solve—which new objects are best to touch?, the ravens shown described in Passage 1 presented the crows with a problem as well: how to extract meat from a log. Thus, presenting birds with a problem to solve was not a difference between the experiments.**

**Choice C is not the best answer because both the crows described in Passage 1 and the author of Passage 2 consciously manipulated the birds' surroundings. The crows researchers placed meat problems in a log and a paradise plant behind the log (see Passage 1, lines 10-16). The author of Passage 2 put unfamiliar objects onto paths for the ravens to find (see Passage 2, lines 14-15). Thus, conscious manipulation of the birds' surroundings was not a difference between the experiments.**

**Choice D is not the best answer because there is no evidence that the author of Passage 2 tested the ravens' tool-using abilities. The passage instead suggests that the author's detailed observations about the birds' interactions with objects naturally occurring in an artificially introduced into the environment.**

**Question Difficulty: EASY**

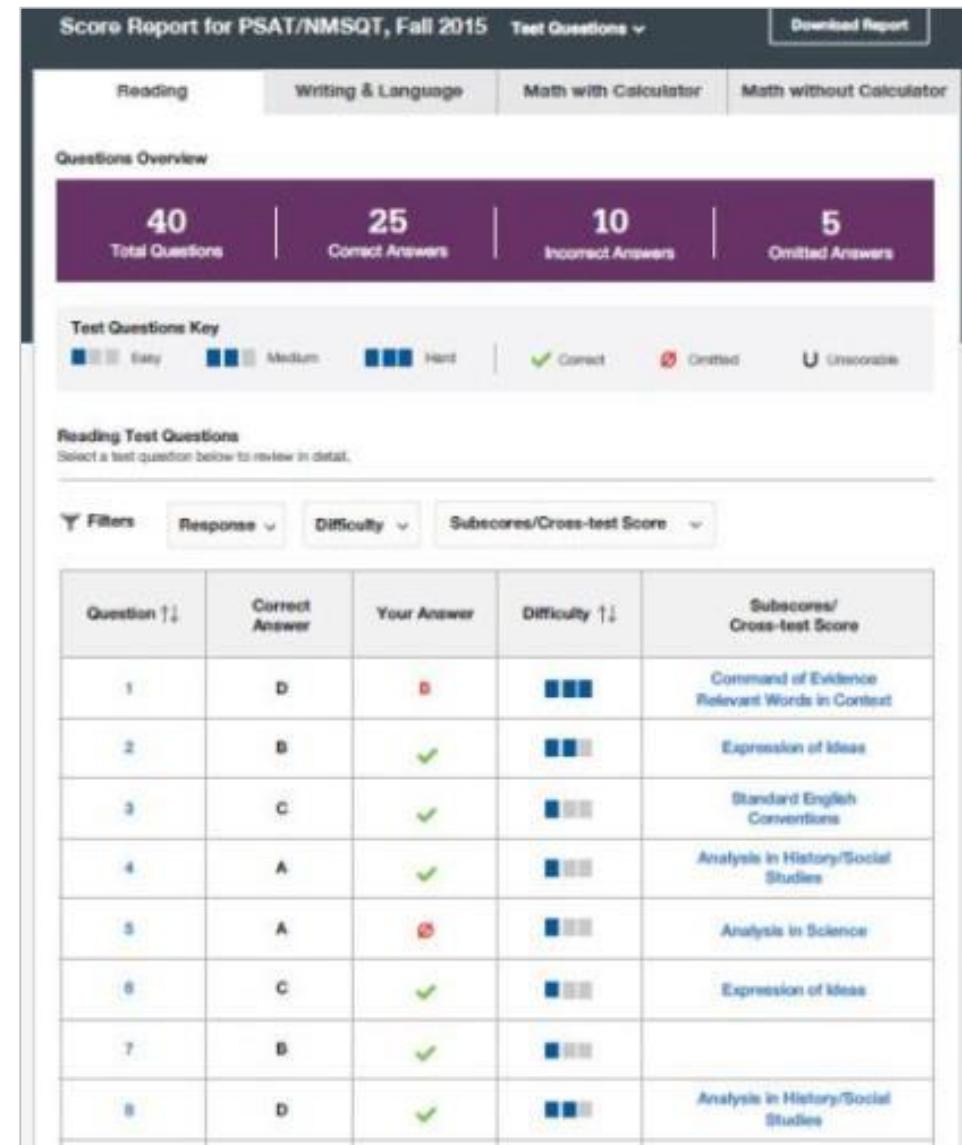
# What Can I Learn from My Answers?

(cont.)

**Check the level of difficulty of each question and the related subscores and cross-test scores.**

Look at the types of questions answered incorrectly and skipped and consider the following:

- Identify the level of difficulty. How many questions did I miss at each level?
- Was I more likely to skip questions associated with any subscore or cross-test score?
- What inferences can I make about areas for improvement based on the types of questions I missed and skipped?



# What Is My AP Potential™?

**AP Potential uses scores from the PSAT/NMSQT® to provide predictions for 21 AP® Exams.**

- College Board research shows that students who score a 3 or higher on an AP Exam typically experience greater academic success in college and are more likely to earn a college degree on time than non-AP students.

## AP Potential and Coursework

**What is AP?**  
Advanced Placement is a College Board program that enables students to pursue college-level studies - with the opportunity to earn college credit, advanced placement or both - while still in high school. The program offers courses in more than 30 subjects. For a full list of courses, click here. If you've taken a College Board assessment in 9th grade or higher, see below for a list of AP courses that you are likely to succeed in. If you've taken an assessment in 9th grade or higher but don't see any AP courses listed below, click here to link the scores to this account or contact Customer Service at (866)756-7140 for assistance and questions.

**High School Core Coursework**  
Colleges have different high school course requirements, but all expect you to take classes that challenge your skills. Try to take a core course load of 4 years of English and at least 3 years of Math, Science, and Social Studies. As you work towards your high school diploma, you should consider taking courses that align with your future career interest and college major, which may require more than the standard core course load. You may also want to think about taking Advanced Placement courses in your later years of high school.

[View all AP Courses](#)

**AP Potential Key**

● ● ●	Potential
● ● ○	Some Potential
● ○ ○	Potential Not Yet Indicated

**Potential**  
Your scores show that you have the potential for success in this course. Speak with your teachers or school counselor to see if you have the appropriate prerequisite courses and find out how you can enroll.

**Some Potential**  
Your scores show that you have some potential for success in this AP course. Having interest in the course subject as well as dedication to working hard will increase your chances for success. Speak with your teachers or school counselor to see if you have the appropriate prerequisite courses and find out how you can enroll.

**Potential Not Yet Indicated**  
Your scores show that you may need more preparation and support to be successful in this course. Share your goals and interests with your teachers and school counselor, and learn which high school courses can prepare you for AP courses in the future. If you're already taking an AP course, you can still succeed through hard work and motivation. Talk to your teachers regularly so they can support you.

**AP Courses**  
Your scores on the PSAT/NMSQT can identify your potential for success in specific AP courses. Below is a list of these AP courses. The chart identifies your potential for each of these AP courses and if these AP courses are offered in your school. You may also look to see if these AP courses match your college major.

**Select a Major**

Subject	AP Potential	Your School Offers this Course	Matches Major
Art History	● ● ●		✓
Biology	● ● ○	✓	
Calculus AB	● ○ ○	✓	
Calculus BC	● ○ ○	✓	✓

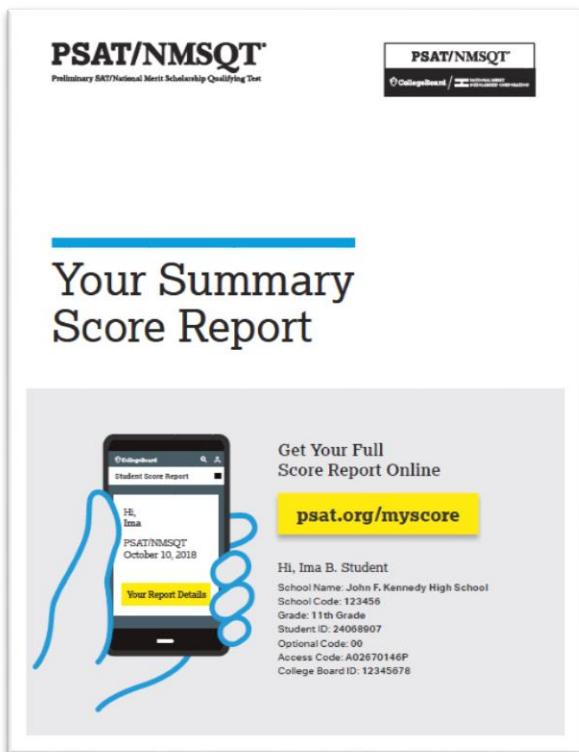
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# Understanding My Paper Score Report



# What Are My Scores?

**Scores for the assessments in the SAT® Suite are vertically equated.**



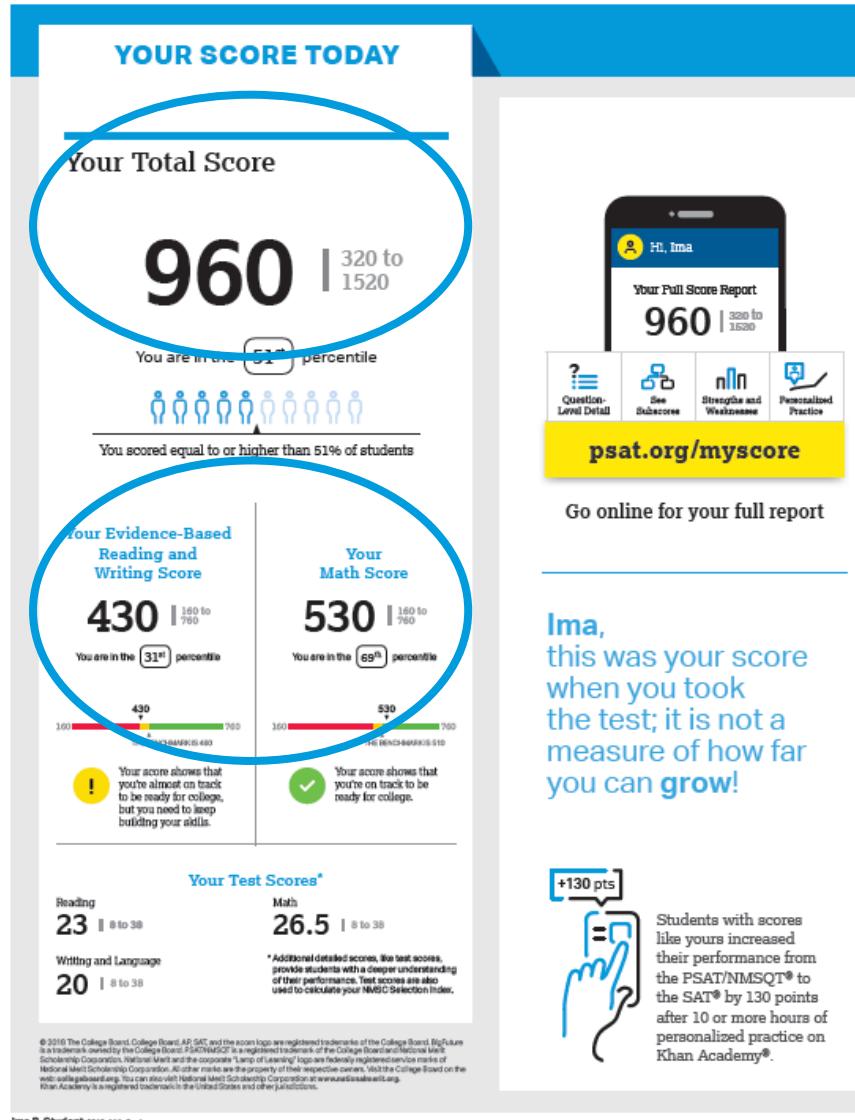
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## Your Summary Score Report

Get Your Full Score Report Online  
[psat.org/myscore](http://psat.org/myscore)

Hi, Ima  
PSAT/NMSQT October 10, 2018  
Your Report Details

Hi, Ima B. Student  
School Name: John F. Kennedy High School  
School Code: 123456  
Grade: 11th Grade  
Student ID: 24068907  
Optional Code: 00  
Access Code: A02670146P  
College Board ID: 12345678



YOUR SCORE TODAY

Your Total Score  
**960** | 320 to 1520

You are in the **91<sup>st</sup>** percentile

You scored equal to or higher than 51% of students

Your Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Score  
**430** | 160 to 780

You are in the **31<sup>st</sup>** percentile

Your Math Score  
**530** | 160 to 780

You are in the **69<sup>th</sup>** percentile

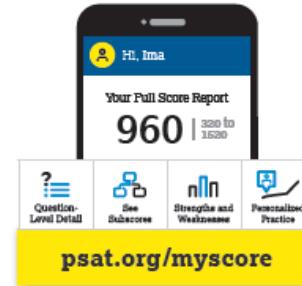
Your Test Scores\*

Reading	Math
<b>23</b>   8 to 38	<b>26.5</b>   8 to 38
Writing and Language	
<b>20</b>   8 to 38	

\* Additional detailed scores. The test scores provide students with a deeper understanding of their performance. Test scores are also used to calculate your NMSC Selection Index.

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Ima B. Student 2018, 11th Grade



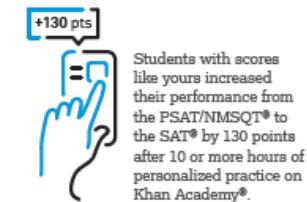
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Question-Level Detail  
See Subscore  
Strengths and Weaknesses  
Personalized Practice

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Go online for your full report

Ima,  
this was your score  
when you took  
the test; it is not a  
measure of how far  
you can **grow!**



+130 pts

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# What Are My Scores? *(cont.)*

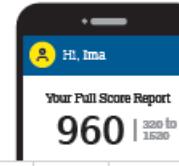
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Hi, Ima

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Question-Task Detail See Subscores Strengths and Weaknesses Personalized Practice

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# What Are My Score Percentiles?

Percentiles and benchmarks are provided for 10th and 11th grades on the PSAT/NMSQT®.

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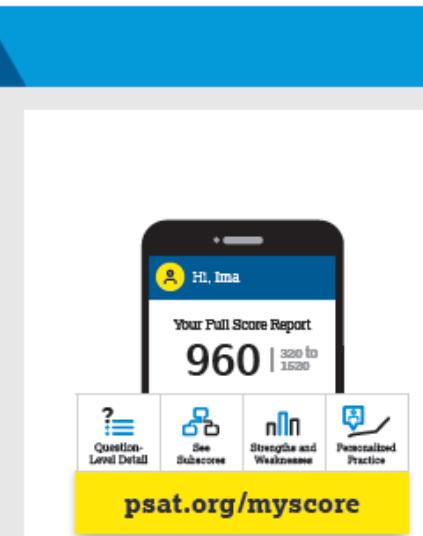
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Ima B. Student 2016, 11th Grade



Hi, Ima

Your Full Score Report

**960** | 320 to 1520

Question-Level Detail

See Subscores

Strengths and Weaknesses

Personalized Practice

**psat.org/myscore**

Go online for your full report

Ima,  
this was your score  
when you took  
the test; it is not a  
measure of how far  
you can grow!



Students with scores like yours increased their performance from the PSAT/NMSQT® to the SAT® by 130 points after 10 or more hours of personalized practice on Khan Academy®.

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# What Is the National Merit® Scholarship Program?

## YOUR PATH TOMORROW

Here's what else is waiting for you online:

**1** A link to free personalized practice on Khan Academy

Share your scores with Khan Academy to get your personalized practice.

**2** A list of the challenging courses you're ready for

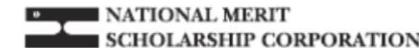
Congrats! Your scores show you're ready to succeed in AP® courses.

**3** Your customized starter college list

Check out the tools at BigFuture™ to kick-start your college plans.

**SAT** Don't forget!

Register to take the SAT ahead of college application deadlines in spring of junior year and fall of senior year.



### Your NMSC Selection Index

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NMSC uses a Selection Index score based on PSAT/NMSQT scores as an initial screen of students who enter its scholarship programs. The Selection Index score is double the sum of your Reading, Writing and Language, and Math Test scores.

### Eligibility Information

You meet entry requirements for the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Program and your Selection Index score will be considered among 1.6 million program entrants.

If your Selection Index places you among the 50,000 high scorers who qualify for National Merit Scholarship Program recognition, you will be notified next September when qualifying Selection Index scores will be made available.

### Entry Requirements

Information you provided on your answer sheet:

High school student: YES

Year to complete high school and enroll full time in college: 2020

Total years to be spent in grades 9–12: 4

### National Merit Scholarship Corporation

National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) conducts the National Merit® Scholarship Program, an academic competition for recognition and college scholarships.

To designate students who qualify for recognition in its 2020 competition, NMSC will consider the 2018 PSAT/NMSQT® Selection Index scores of some 1.6 million test takers (usually high school juniors) who meet program entry requirements. For more information, please visit: [www.nationalmerit.org](http://www.nationalmerit.org).

If any of your responses to NMSC's "Entry Requirements" questions are inaccurate or there has been a change in plans that may affect program entry, write immediately to:

National Merit Scholarship Corporation  
Attn: Scholarship Administration  
1560 Sherman Avenue, Suite 200  
Evanston, IL 60201-4897

Include your name and home address along with your high school name, address, and six-digit code number.

# How Can I Improve My Scores?

## Your Question-Level Feedback

# Your Question-Level Feedback

QUESTIONS OVERVIEW	
<b>READING</b>	
<b>47</b> Total Questions	<b>21</b> Correct Answers
<b>25</b> Incorrect Answers	<b>1</b> Omitted Answers
<b>WRITING AND LANGUAGE</b>	
<b>44</b> Total Questions	<b>17</b> Correct Answers
<b>26</b> Incorrect Answers	<b>1</b> Omitted Answers
<b>MATH – CALCULATOR</b>	
<b>31</b> Total Questions	<b>15</b> Correct Answers
<b>14</b> Incorrect Answers	<b>2</b> Omitted Answers
<b>MATH – NO CALCULATOR</b>	
<b>17</b> Total Questions	<b>10</b> Correct Answers
<b>7</b> Incorrect Answers	<b>0</b> Omitted Answers

\*Tip: A great way to start improving: check out the easy questions you missed first.

KEY

- ✓ Correct
- ✗ Omitted
- ✗ Unscored
- ✗ Multi-Grid/Incorrect
- Easy Question
- Medium Question
- Hard Question
- Easy Question Missed\*

READING	WRITING AND LANGUAGE	MATH – CALCULATOR	MATH – CALCULATOR
Question # 1 A ✓ Your Answer 2 B ✓ 3 B ✓ 4 B A ✓ 5 C ✓ 6 D ✓ 7 B ✓ 8 A ✓ 9 D ✓ 10 A ✓ 11 D C ✓ 12 D B ✓ 13 D A ✓ 14 A X ✓ 15 C B ✓ 16 B C ✓ 17 D C ✓ 18 B D ✓ 19 A ✓ 20 C ✓ 21 B D ✓ 22 D ✓ 23 B D ✓ 24 D ✓ 25 C ✓ 26 B A ✓ 27 B C ✓ 28 A C ✓ 29 D A ✓ 30 B A ✓ 31 D ✓ 32 A ✓ 33 C ✓ 34 A B ✓ 35 A B ✓ 36 C O ✓ 37 B C ✓ 38 C D ✓ 39 C C ✓ 40 C ✓ 41 B ✓ 42 B ✓ 43 A B ✓ 44 A ✓ 45 A C ✓ 46 D A ✓ 47 C B ✓	Question # 1 D ✓ Your Answer 2 B ✓ 3 C D ✓ 4 C A ✓ 5 B D ✓ 6 B X ✓ 7 A D ✓ 8 B C ✓ 9 A B ✓ 10 D ✓ 11 D ✓ 12 B ✓ 13 C ✓ 14 C B ✓ 15 D ✓ 16 B A ✓ 17 B D ✓ 18 A ✓ 19 B ✓ 20 C D ✓ 21 A ✓ 22 A B ✓ 23 C B ✓ 24 D C ✓ 25 C D ✓ 26 A ✓ 27 A D ✓ 28 B ✓ 29 D A ✓ 30 C B ✓ 31 D ✓ 32 B ✓ 33 D ✓ 34 D B ✓ 35 D ✓ 36 B A ✓ 37 C D ✓ 38 A ✓ 39 C ✓ 40 D A ✓ 41 D B ✓ 42 A O ✓ 43 C B ✓ 44 B C ✓	Question # 1 B ✓ Your Answer 2 A ✓ 3 B ✓ 4 D ✓ 5 B C ✓ 6 A ✓ 7 B ✓ 8 C B ✓ 9 A ✓ 10 D C ✓ 11 D ✓ 12 A ✓ 13 B ✓ 14 C ✓ 28 65 29 0, 12 30 1368 31 85	Question # 1 B ✓ Your Answer 2 A ✓ 3 B ✓ 4 D ✓ 5 C A ✓ 6 B ✓ 7 B C ✓ 8 C B ✓ 9 A ✓ 10 D C ✓ 11 D ✓ 12 A ✓ 13 B ✓ 14 C ✓ 28 65 29 0, 12 30 1368 31 85
Correct	Correct	Correct	Correct
Your Answer	Your Answer	Your Answer	Your Answer
Difficulty	Difficulty	Difficulty	Difficulty

Ima B. Student 2018, 11th Grade

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# What Are My Next Steps?

- **Continue to take challenging courses in high school**
- **Link scores with Khan Academy®**
- **Set up a practice plan and stick to it**
- **Register for the SAT®**
- **Utilize other resources to research and prepare for college**

# Official SAT® Practice with Khan Academy®— It's FREE!

- Go to [satpractice.org](https://satpractice.org) and create a free account.
- Get personalized recommendations. Link your Khan Academy account to your College Board account to import past SAT Suite results, or take diagnostic quizzes to get personalized recommendations.
- Create a study plan. Select a test date and set up a practice schedule.



# How Can I Practice with Khan Academy®?

[Watch a video introducing Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy](#)



- Thousands of practice questions and videos covering every SAT® concept
- Six official, full-length SAT practice tests with more to come
- Personalized recommendations based on each student's strengths and weaknesses
- Tailored practice schedule mapping out each students' path to test day
- SAT tips and strategies, sharing information about each part of the test

# What Steps Will I Follow to Link My College Board Account to Khan Academy®?



## Step 1

Log in or create a Khan Academy account.

## Step 2

When prompted, agree to link your Khan Academy and College Board accounts. You will then be directed to [collegeboard.org](https://collegeboard.org).

## Step 3

Sign in or create a College Board account.

## Step 4

When prompted, hit “Send” to authorize the account linking.

## Step 5

Start practicing on Official SAT® Practice on Khan Academy!

# How Can I Link My College Board and Khan Academy® Accounts?

- After successfully logging in to your College Board account, you will be asked to authorize the account linking.
- After clicking “Send,” you will be redirected to SAT® Practice on the Khan Academy site.
- You can remove the link at any time by clicking on “Revoke,” which is found in your College Board account settings.

The screenshot shows the Khan Academy SAT Practice interface. At the top, there is a blue header with the text "TODAY'S GOAL" and "Practice your skills". Below the header, it says "Choose the area you'd like to focus on for improvement today." with two buttons: "Practice Reading & Writing" and "Practice Math".

The main content area has several sections:

- Sign in to CollegeBoard.org**: Text explaining that connecting the account will read in exam results, fast-forward skill progress, and provide practice recommendations. It also states that even if no exam is taken, the account will stay in sync with future exam schedules. A "Sign in to CollegeBoard.org" button is present.
- Current skill levels**: Shows "Math" and "Reading & Writing" with a sub-instruction to link PSAT/NMSQT® or PSAT 8/9 results or complete diagnostic quizzes.
- Frequently asked questions**: A section with a link to "frequently asked questions" and a note about reporting problems or ideas.
- Exam scores**: A section with a "View Full Exams" button and a note about appearing once the first practice exam is completed and the account is connected.

# How Do I Register for the SAT®?

- SAT Registration link from Popular Tools menu
- [sat.org/register](http://sat.org/register)

The screenshot shows a 'Score Report for PSAT/NMSQT' page. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for 'CollegeBoard', 'SAT', 'AP', 'College Planning', 'College Search', and 'Store'. Below this is a sub-navigation bar with 'My Score Reports' (which is the active tab, indicated by a blue underline), 'Full Reports', 'AP Potential', and 'Popular Tools'. The main content area displays the 'Score Report for PSAT/NMSQT' with tabs for 'Report Details', 'Test Questions', and 'Skills Insight'. Under 'Report Details', it shows 'Your Total Score' as 880 (320 to 1520) and 'Score Range: 840-920'. To the right, there's a sidebar with links: 'Make an Action Plan', 'AP & Core Coursework', 'College Search', 'Majors & Career Profiles', 'My Personality', 'Pay for College', 'SAT Practice', 'SAT Registration' (which is circled in blue), and 'Scholarships'. At the bottom right of the sidebar, it says '760'.

# What Additional Resources Will Help Me Prepare for My Future?

- BigFuture™
  - College Action Plan
  - College Search
  - Scholarships
  - Financial Aid
- Roadmap to Careers
- Student Search Service®

Dashboard My Score Reports AP Potential Popular Tools

Report Details Test Questions Skills Insight

Your Total Score: 880 (320 to 1520)

Score Range: 840-920

Keep in mind, the PSAT/NMSQT and SAT are on the same scale.

Your score shows you how you would have scored that day on the SAT. How well you do depends on what you do next!

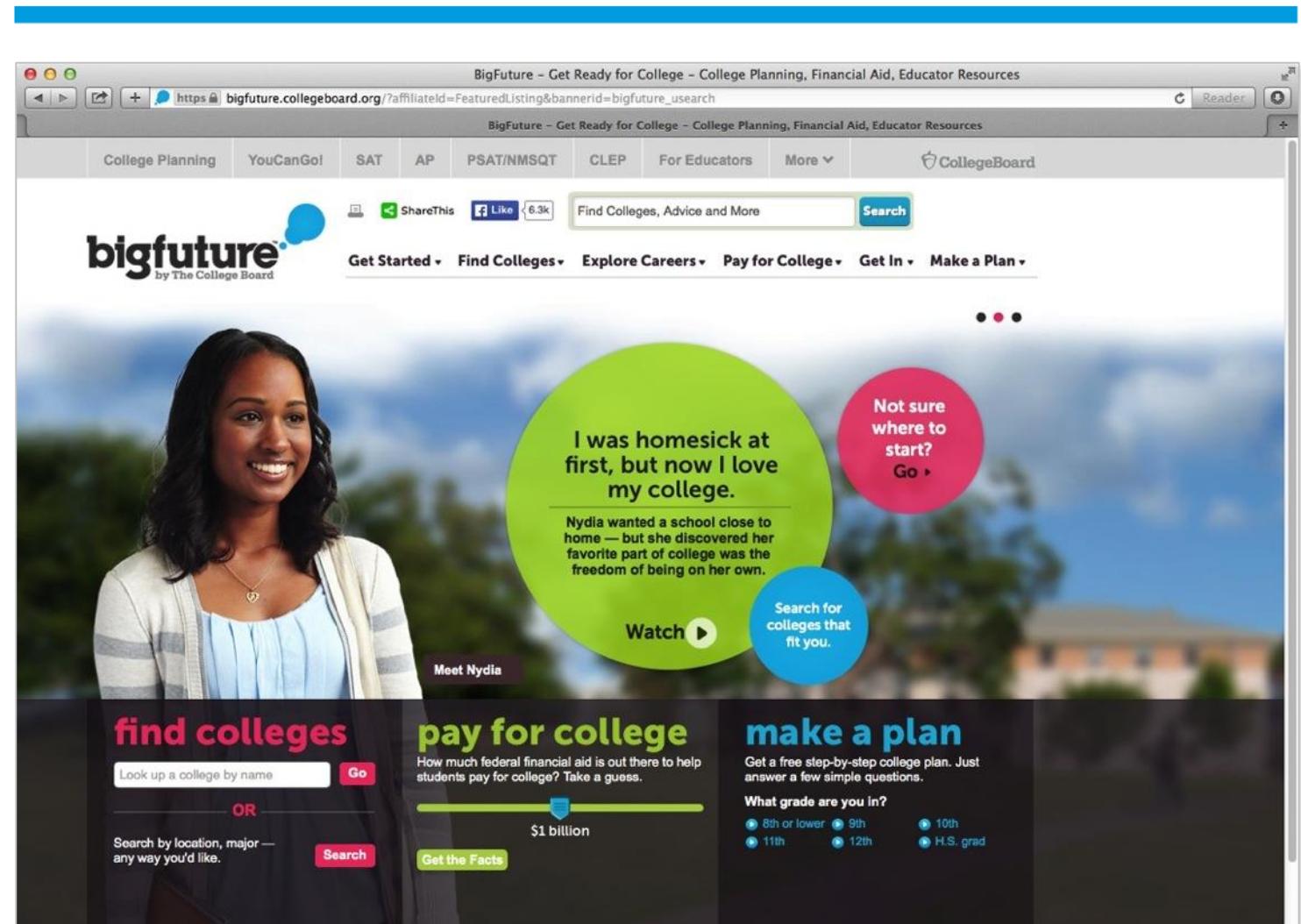
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You are on track for college

Stay on track and continue your progress. Share your scores on Khan Academy for free, personalized practice recommendations.

# BigFuture™— Search Colleges, Scholarships, and Careers

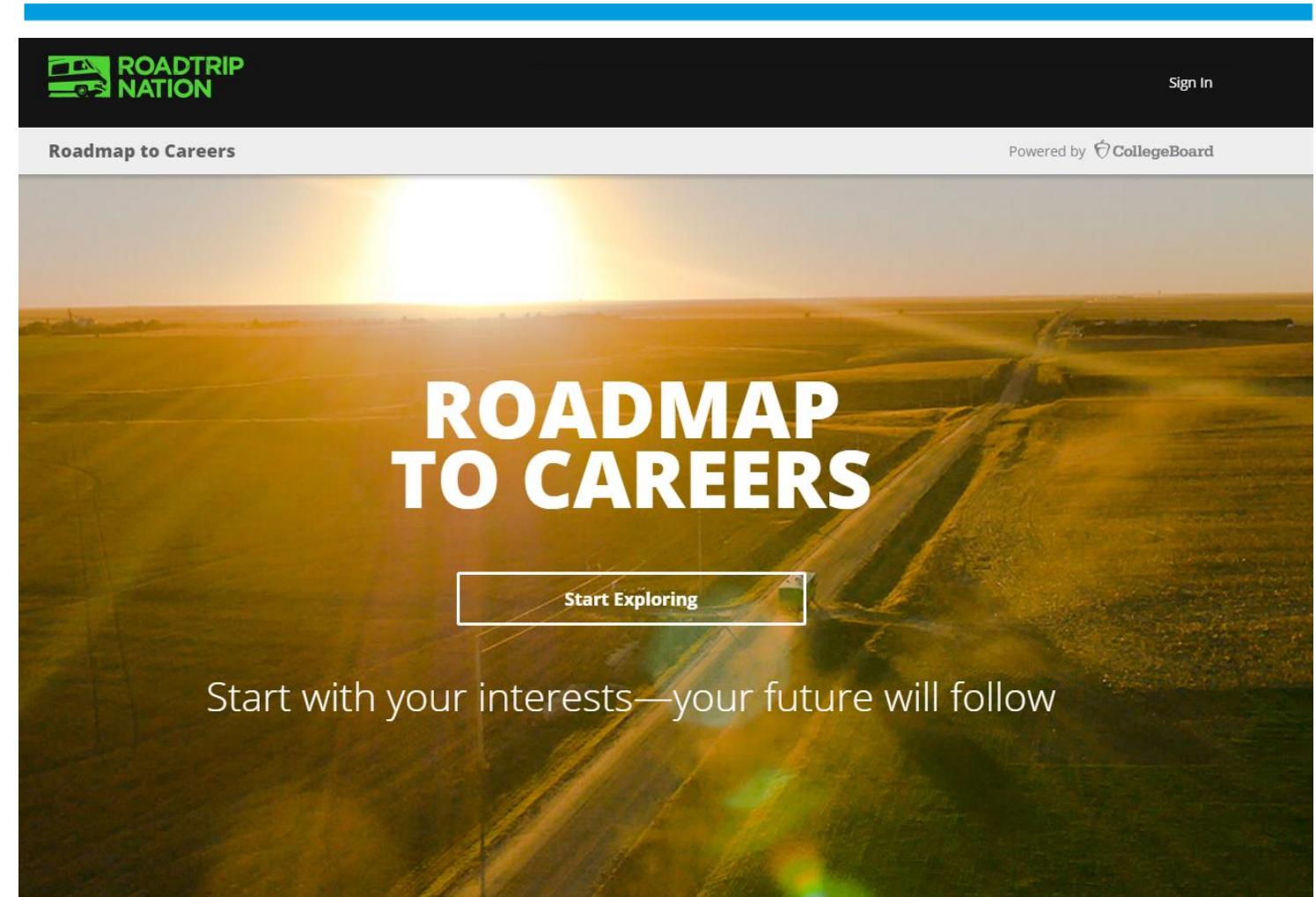
- Search for colleges.
- Watch videos from real students.
- Hear from education professionals.
- Learn about different colleges.
- Get help paying for college.
- Build a personalized plan for getting into college.



# Road Map to Careers

**Roadtrip Nation and College Board are partnering to help students connect with careers.**

- Choose your core interests.
- Watch videos of leaders who share your interests.
- Learn about majors and careers that align to your interests.
- See examples of leaders who followed a similar path.



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Roadmap to Careers website. At the top, there is a black header with the Roadtrip Nation logo on the left and a 'Sign In' link on the right. Below the header, the page title 'Roadmap to Careers' is displayed. In the center, a large, bold, white text reads 'ROADMAP TO CAREERS'. Below this text is a white rectangular button with the text 'Start Exploring'. The background of the page is a photograph of a rural landscape with a road and fields under a sunset sky. In the bottom right corner of the image, there is a small CollegeBoard logo.

# Student Search Service®

**Connects students with information about educational and financial aid opportunities.**

- Participate voluntarily.
- Connect with more than 1,200 colleges, universities, scholarship programs, and educational organizations.
- Sign up when you take an assessment in the SAT® Suite:
  1. Choose to participate in Student Search Service when registering for a College Board test (fill in the circle on the answer sheet).
  2. Provide information about yourself on your answer sheet.
  3. Participating organizations can then search for groups of students who may be a good fit.
  4. FYI: The College Board never shares information on disabilities, parental education, self-reported parental income, Social Security numbers, phone numbers, or actual test scores through Student Search Service.

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# Thank You.

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