3-Hour Game Changer

SAT English Revision Guide. One-day prep for the Digital SAT, planned minute by minute: 11 question types in three hours.

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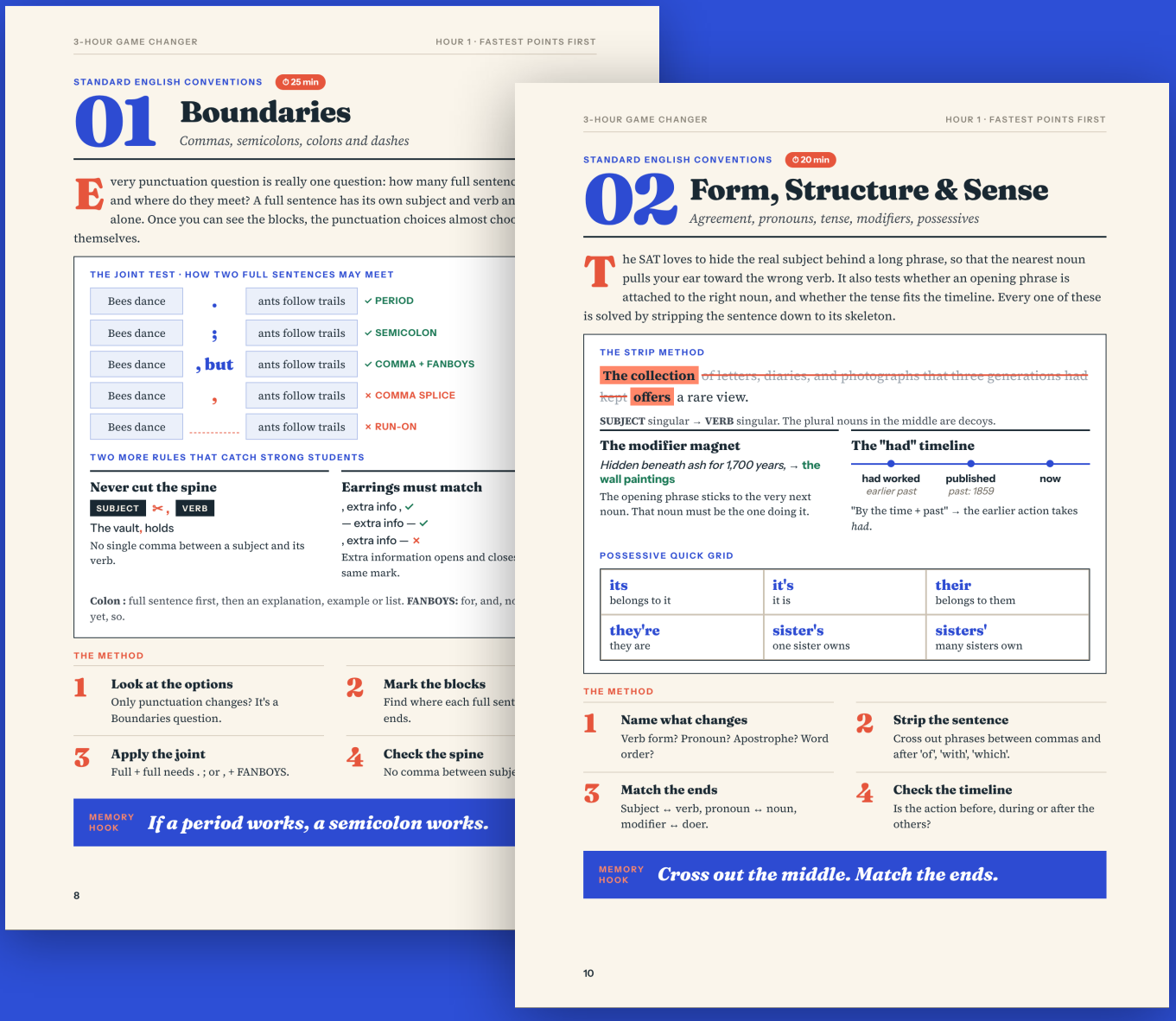
35 QUESTIONS



3-HOUR GAME CHANGER HOUR 1 · FASTEST POINTS FIRST

STANDARD ENGLISH CONVENTIONS ⏱ 25 min

01 Boundaries

Commas, semicolons, colons and dashes

Every punctuation question is really one question: how many full sentenc and where do they meet? A full sentence has its own subject and verb an alone. Once you can see the blocks, the punctuation choices almost choo themselves.

THE JOINT TEST · HOW TWO FULL SENTENCES MAY MEET

Bees dance	.	ants follow trails	✓ PERIOD
Bees dance	;	ants follow trails	✓ SEMICOLON
Bees dance	, but	ants follow trails	✓ COMMA + FANBOYS
Bees dance	,	ants follow trails	× COMMA SPLICE
Bees dance	----------	ants follow trails	× RUN-ON

TWO MORE RULES THAT CATCH STRONG STUDENTS

Never cut the spine

SUBJECT ✂ , VERB

The vault, holds

No single comma between a subject and its verb.

Earrings must match

, extra info , ✓

— extra info — ✓

, extra info — ×

Extra information opens and close same mark.

Colon : full sentence first, then an explanation, example or list. **FANBOYS:** for, and, n yet, so.

THE METHOD

1 **Look at the options** Only punctuation changes? It's a Boundaries question.

2 **Mark the blocks** Find where each full sent ends.

3 **Apply the joint** Full + full needs . ; or , + FANBOYS.

4 **Check the spine** No comma between subje

MEMORY HOOK *If a period works, a semicolon works.*

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3-HOUR GAME CHANGER HOUR 1 · FASTEST POINTS FIRST

STANDARD ENGLISH CONVENTIONS ⏱ 20 min

02 Form, Structure & Sense

Agreement, pronouns, tense, modifiers, possessives

The SAT loves to hide the real subject behind a long phrase, so that the nearest noun pulls your ear toward the wrong verb. It also tests whether an opening phrase is attached to the right noun, and whether the tense fits the timeline. Every one of these is solved by stripping the sentence down to its skeleton.

THE STRIP METHOD

The collection ~~of letters, diaries, and photographs that three generations had kept~~ **offers** a rare view.

SUBJECT singular → **VERB** singular. The plural nouns in the middle are decoys.

The modifier magnet

Hidden beneath ash for 1,700 years, → **the wall paintings**

The opening phrase sticks to the very next noun. That noun must be the one doing it.

The "had" timeline

had worked (earlier past) · published (past: 1859) · now

"By the time + past" → the earlier action takes *had*.

POSSESSIVE QUICK GRID

its belongs to it	**it's** it is	**their** belongs to them
they're they are	**sister's** one sister owns	**sisters'** many sisters own

THE METHOD

1 **Name what changes** Verb form? Pronoun? Apostrophe? Word order?

2 **Strip the sentence** Cross out phrases between commas and after 'of', 'with', 'which'.

3 **Match the ends** Subject ↔ verb, pronoun ↔ noun, modifier ↔ doer.

4 **Check the timeline** Is the action before, during or after the others?

MEMORY HOOK *Cross out the middle. Match the ends.*

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“You don't need more time. You need to know exactly where your time goes.”

— RASHMI

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hours, planned minute by minute	question types on the Digital SAT	SAT-style questions, fully explained	timed mini test to finish

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MY NOTES

MEET YOUR TEACHERS

Two teachers. One mission: get you unstuck.



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How I teach

The humanities taught me how memory really works. Students hold cases, theories, dates, and thinkers in their heads, and the ones who remember are never the ones who crammed. When a student understands *why* a rule exists and attaches it to a short, sharp trick, the rule stays, even under exam pressure. That is the method behind every page of this guide.



Ronak

SAT MATH

Master's, Applied Mathematics · 8+ years teaching SAT Math. Shows students which questions Desmos solves faster and which are quicker by hand.

Why Stuck in SAT

During our own academic journeys, Ronak and I kept noticing the same thing: students don't fail because the material is impossible. They get stuck at very specific points. So we split the work the way we split it at home. Ronak takes Math. I take English. Our job is to find the exact place you are stuck and get you out of it.

RASHMI SHARMA

Logic first. Then a memory hook for every rule.

YOUR PLAN

Three hours. Every question type.

The hours are ordered by return: the fastest points first, so even if you stop early, you stop with the biggest gains.

HOUR 1

25′	20′	10′	5′
Boundaries	Form, Structure & Sense	Transitions	Checkpoint

Fastest points: rules you can apply in seconds

HOUR 2

15′	15′	10′	10′	10′
Words in Context	Text Structure & Purpose	Cross-Text Connections	Rhetorical Synthesis	Checkpoint

Craft & structure + the notes questions

HOUR 3

10′	10′	10′	10′	20′
Central Ideas & Details	Command of Evidence: Text	Command of Evidence: Data	Inferences	Mini test

Evidence, data and logic

Every topic gives you

1 · the rule in plain words
2 · a visual trick
3 · a four-step method
4 · a memory hook
5 · a real-length example, solved

How to use it

Keep a timer running for each block. Try every example before reading the solution. Checkpoint answers are at the back. Finish with the mini test, timed.

After three hours you will be able to

- ✓ Fix any punctuation question in under a minute
- ✓ Name the logic of a transition before reading the options
- ✓ Beat the notes questions by reading only the goal
- ✓ Find the real subject in the longest sentence
- ✓ Answer vocabulary questions without knowing the word
- ✓ Read a graph question in the right order

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03 · Transitions The relationship-first method · 10 min 12

04 · Words in Context Your word first, their words second · 15 min 18

05 · Text Structure & Purpose What does it DO, not what does it SAY · 15 min 20

06 · Cross-Text Connections Text 1 makes a claim. Text 2 reacts. · 10 min 22

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08 · Central Ideas & Details The main idea keeps its limits · 10 min 32

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MY NOTES

KNOW THE TEST

The Reading & Writing section, on one page

MODULE 1
27 questions
32 minutes

→ *your score here decides the difficulty of Module 2*

MODULE 2
27 questions
32 minutes

≈ 71
seconds per question on average

25–150
words per passage; one question each

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penalty for wrong answers. Never leave a blank.

THE ORDER INSIDE EVERY MODULE · SAME TYPES COME TOGETHER, EASIER TO HARDER

Words in Context	Structure & Purpose	Cross-Text	Central Ideas	Evidence: Text	Evidence: Data	Inferences	Boundaries	Form & Sense	Transitions	Notes

Hour 1 topics · Hour 2 topics · Hour 3 topics

Craft & Structure ≈ 28%
Words in Context, Structure & Purpose, Cross-Text

Information & Ideas ≈ 26%
Central Ideas, Evidence (text & data), Inferences

Standard English Conventions ≈ 26%
Boundaries; Form, Structure & Sense

Expression of Ideas ≈ 20%
Transitions, Rhetorical Synthesis (notes)

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

The grammar and notes questions sit in the second half of each module and are the quickest to answer. If time is running low, don't rush the reading questions; protect time for the questions you can bank in seconds.

MY NOTES

HOUR

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Fastest points first

Grammar, punctuation and transitions run on rules, not opinions. Learn the rule once and these become the quickest marks on the test.

IN THIS HOUR

01 · Boundaries	25 min
02 · Form, Structure & Sense	20 min
03 · Transitions	10 min