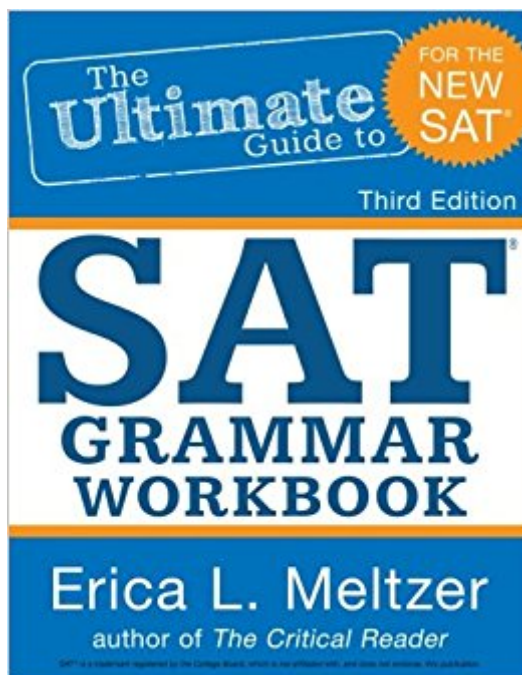


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The Ultimate Guide to SAT® Grammar Workbook, 3rd Edition, includes six full-length tests that reflect the format and content of the multiple-choice Writing section of the redesigned SAT.

Thorough explanations cover grammar as well as techniques for identifying correct and incorrect answers, and are designed to reinforce the explanations and strategies discussed in The Ultimate Guide to SAT® Grammar, 3rd Edition. Errata: Test 1, question 5, answer should read: A: Add/delete/change The previous sentence states that Yunus decided to take matters into his own hands, with "matters" referring to the village woman's inability to earn a living wage from selling brooms. The sentence in question should thus indicate what Yunus did to help. In addition, the following sentence refers to the tiny loans, so the sentence in question should logically introduce the idea of the loans. Both A and C contain the idea of lending, but only A explains what Yunus did to help the villagers. C focuses on the banks, not on Yunus. p. 38, Test 2, question 31: "they" should be underlined in the passage (Choice A). p. 136, Test 6, question 16, answer should read: D: Pronoun agreement Logically, the underlined pronoun must refer to the plural noun "the main engines" (what else could fly itself back to Earth?). "Itself" is singular, eliminating A. "Oneself" and "him- or herself" are singular but only refer to people. "Themselves" is plural and correctly refers to things. p. 101, Test 5, question 14: choice D should read "it did not, however, produce"

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Customer Reviews

Having looked at and/or used SAT prep books by several different publishers, I'd say that this is the best SAT grammar workbook out there. The explanations are usually clear, good, and helpful in avoiding making the same mistake again. That being said, there are mistakes. Typos, incorrect punctuation, and the very occasional wrong answer. I've found this in every SAT prep book - aside from the official one - I've worked through. I don't understand why that is. I mean, really...if the prep books can't get it 100% right, how is a student expected to get it 100% right?! Still, this book, and The Ultimate Guide series, is much better than most.

I order whole set three books. My sons feedback is very good. After use this set of books. The error down to 0-1 in reading, 0-2 in writing. It is very odd to get 2 incorrect. Before use this set normally 3-5 error in reading and 3-5 in writing.

Before reading this book, I was lucky to score a 500 on the grammar section; there were so many rules that our school did not teach us. However, after reading the book, my writing score went into the 700s. However, one major flaw is that there are always those "weird" rules that this book does not touch upon, and this book needs to put some more rules and tips for the passage correction section. It is decent, but not enough to get an 800 writing. I got a 12 on the essay but got 3 wrong (2 wrong from improving passages) so 760. If this book focuses more on improving passages, it would be nearly perfect. However, this book is still good enough for anybody wanting to get above 700 writing.

I have a bright, young, teenage ESL student over here in the Caucasus whose dream is to pass the SAT and get into an American University in Turkey where her father lives. I am experienced teaching ESL but not SAT; the poor girl was stuck with me as a teacher due to the lack of native English speaking instructors in my city. I am now 40 and haven't studied dangling modifiers or advanced syntax for native speakers since I was in high school 22 years ago, and took the ACT when I was 18. I was not familiar with the SAT before purchasing this book and was ashamed when I bombed so many questions on the practice tests. So I had to learn the tricks of the SAT before teaching my student. After using this guide; we are both acing the practice tests! We rarely get a single question wrong. This book enabled a Georgian-Turkish adolescent whose third language is English to master the grammar tests, in addition to a 40 year old who is rusty with such grammar. I would assume that an American teen can excel with this book if we can! She gives us too many tips and step by step details on each grammar concept. It is so much better than any other SAT

grammar book that I have tried. Thanks for saving us Erica and helping a young girl's dream come true!

I wish I had this book back when I took the SAT in 2006. There are many books that go over SAT grammar, but what makes this book notable is its focus on *only* SAT grammar rather than on arbitrary and recondite rules. In the foreword it explains how Erica wrote practice problems for the writing section back when it first came out and how little attention was paid to the patterns that showed up on the SAT. Not surprisingly, the SAT only tests on a limited subset of grammar rules that is unambiguous. For whatever reasons, some resources treat the SAT writing section as a test on all of English grammar, which means less attention is paid to what you'll actually be tested on. Erica does a really good job of pointing out that for error correction, underlined words generally imply certain kinds of errors. For example, if an adjective is underlined, the *only* kind of thing that will be wrong with it on the SAT is that it should actually be an adverb, or else nothing will be wrong with it at all (and vice versa). She goes into detail over the kinds of errors always appear on the SAT as well as those that do occasionally. In retrospect, the SAT is fairly predictable in this regard. There are about 20-30 practice questions at the end of each chapter that are helpful and non-trivial. I think this is a really good resource at all levels (although it will take you longer to get through the book if you don't have a good foundation). If you really understand the material, you have a very good shot of 750+ if your writing is decent. The book is only about 120 pages, but I found it comprehensive nonetheless.

I am a full-time test-prep tutor, and have found that most of my students only have a rudimentary grasp of many of the grammar rules that the SAT tests. Though many of these students are excellent readers and writers, no one has ever taught them the fundamentals of grammar or explained the building blocks of sentences. Meltzer's book is a fantastic resource since it thoroughly covers all the grammatical concepts an SAT test taker needs to know. Things I liked: 1. All error types are explained. Unlike many other SAT books, which gloss over or skip certain errors, this book covers everything with the insight that only comes from long-term scrutiny of actual SAT tests. 2. Blue Book (College Board Official SAT Study Guide) questions are categorized. This is important, since students need to be able to recognize the errors in actual SAT questions and can use this book as an index to look up and practice troublesome error types. Things that I think could be improved: 1. The book often is dry and utilitarian. It's hard to make grammar interesting, but all but the smartest and most motivated students may find this book difficult to read and use, even

though some of the writing is down-to-earth and funny. I think changing the layout, graphics, and look of the book might help.² Most of the practice questions and exercises do not have answer choices. It would be great if the author had written SAT-style answer choices to go along with the exercises. Of course, students should spend more time with blue book questions than with the questions in this book. Overall, this book is the best of its kind, and is a great resource for SAT tutors and for motivated students.

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