

About the Test

Demonstrating subject-area mastery on SAT Subject Tests

Students take the SAT Subject Tests to demonstrate to colleges their mastery of specific subjects such as **English, history, mathematics, science, and foreign languages**. The content of each test is not based on any one approach or curriculum but rather evolves to reflect current trends in high school course work.

Five general subject areas

The SAT® Program offers **20** Subject Tests that fall into general subject areas.

<p>English</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Literature	<p>Languages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Chinese with ListeningFrenchGermanModern HebrewItalianLatinSpanish
<p>History and Social Studies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">United States HistoryWorld History	<ul style="list-style-type: none">French with ListeningGerman with ListeningJapanese with ListeningKorean with ListeningSpanish with Listening
<p>Mathematics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Mathematics Level 1Mathematics Level 2	
<p>Science</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Biology E/MChemistryPhysics	

SAT Subject Tests facts

- The SAT Subject Tests are offered **six times a year** in the United States and at international sites.
- Students **can take one, two, or three tests** on a single test date.
- Each takes **one hour**.
- All Subject Tests consist of **multiple-choice questions**, but some have **unique features or formats**.
- The types of questions change little from year to year.
- All Subject Tests are **machine scored**.

Unique features and formats on SAT Subject Tests

Your students need to be prepared for some differences between the Subject Tests. The SAT Subject Tests Preparation Center in the student area of this site covers these differences in depth. The unique features and formats of the tests include:

- **Languages with Listening:** Subject Tests in Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Korean, and Spanish consist of a listening section and a reading section. Students taking these tests must bring an **acceptable CD player** with earphones to the test center.
- **Biology E/M:** This test contains 60 general-knowledge multiple-choice questions, followed by 20 multiple-choice questions that emphasize one of the following:
 - **Ecological** (Biology E) subject matter
 - **Molecular** (Biology M) subject matterStudents choose the section they feel most prepared for at the start of testing. After completing the 60 core questions, test-takers move on to the section that they chose.
- **Chemistry:** This test includes approximately five questions that ask students to evaluate two related statements based on equation balancing and/or predicting chemical reactions. Students answer these five questions in a special section of the answer sheet, labeled "Chemistry."
- **Mathematics Level 1 and Level 2:** These tests include questions that cannot be answered without the use of at least a scientific or graphing calculator. Mathematics Subject Tests are developed with the expectation that most students will use a graphing calculator.