

WordSmart Reveals the Anatomy of a "Good" SAT Score

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SAN DIEGO, CA, September 13, 2013 /24-7PressRelease/ -- [WordSmart](#) is in the test-preparation industry to help students improve their scores, particularly on the SAT and ACT. The lowest SAT reading comprehension scores in over 40 years were marked in 2012.

On the other hand, SAT takers turned out in record numbers, with 1.66 million students taking the exam. In light of last year's combination of bottomed-out scores and the multitude of test takers, the test preparation company investigated what many parents are asking: "What do SAT scores really mean?"

The company reminds students that, although a higher score is clearly better than a low one, the actual lines between the two are blurred. "In essence, the meaning of scores depend on the individual student and the particular school," said a WordSmart representative. He continues to explain that the dependence on circumstance offers better chances for teens to succeed. Although there is a gray area for student scores, there are also absolutes. A median score for the SAT Reasoning Test is a 1490. Half of students score above, and half fall below the line.

The company explains that one quarter of students place above 1850, seven percent achieve scores over 2000, two percent are above 2200 and only 384 score a 2400--the highest score possible.

While absolutes in scoring are apparent, the testing company tells students and parents that even small improvements can open many more doors of opportunity. The National Association for College Admission Counseling found that even minor score improvements can increase a student's chance of acceptance at colleges and universities. WordSmart points out that this paper more directly applies to students with excellent test scores in the first place. The company suggests that students who fall near the median score should aim for increases of over 100 points.

To help students achieve these improvements, students must reach out to available resources. Mobile apps have proven themselves as incredible study tools. The company points to a recent study performed by Apple and Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. The pilot study revealed that when using tablets to study, rather than textbooks, 20 percent more students achieved a 'Proficient' or 'Advanced' score in subject comprehension.

Another study, based on an educational game, showed that tablet use could improve basic

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understanding and fundamental math skills in children. The students in the study played the game for 20 minutes each day. After five days, the average student saw a 15 percent increase in test scores.

The test preparation company currently offers two apps to help students get ready for the SAT and ACT. The Challenge app lets students test vocabulary skills and compare their scores with friends, as well as with the company's system. It provides predicted SAT and ACT scores, IQ, reading comprehension levels, and expected salary earnings.

In addition, WordSmart's SAT ACT App recreates the exams for mobile users, including 40 minutes of reading, 40 minutes of science and 1.5 hours of English examination.

ABOUT:

[WordSmart](#) is based in San Diego, California, and employs more than 100 people. The company offers products, learning tools, and tutoring services to help students and adult learners prepare for standardized tests and gain lifelong learning skills. The company provides preparation for the SAT, ACT, GRE, and GMAT, as well as grade, middle, and high school educational supplementation.

The company is based on the importance of vocabulary building, and over 70 years of research. All products guarantee students can see dramatic score increases when the learning tools are used as recommended.