

## 1. Master the Basics First

- Read and underline. Pay attention to the details, and make sure you are answering the correct question being asked.
- SAT math is as much about English as it is about the math.
- The SAT heavily tests **algebra, arithmetic, and problem-solving skills**.
- Make sure you're solid on **fractions, decimals, percentages, ratios, and basic algebraic equations** before moving on to advanced topics.
- Knowing **order of operations (PEMDAS)** and how to work with **negative numbers** will be extremely helpful.

## 2. Use Strategic Guessing

- There is **no penalty for wrong answers**, so never leave a question blank!
- If you're unsure, eliminate **at least one or two wrong answer choices** before making an educated guess.
- Plugging in answer choices (when applicable) can help verify your solution.

## 3. Practice Without a Calculator

- Some SAT math questions **do not allow calculators**, so practice solving problems **both with and without one**.
- Learn to do quick **mental math**, estimate answers, and simplify expressions efficiently.
- Understanding number properties, like **divisibility rules** and **square roots**, can help speed up problem-solving.