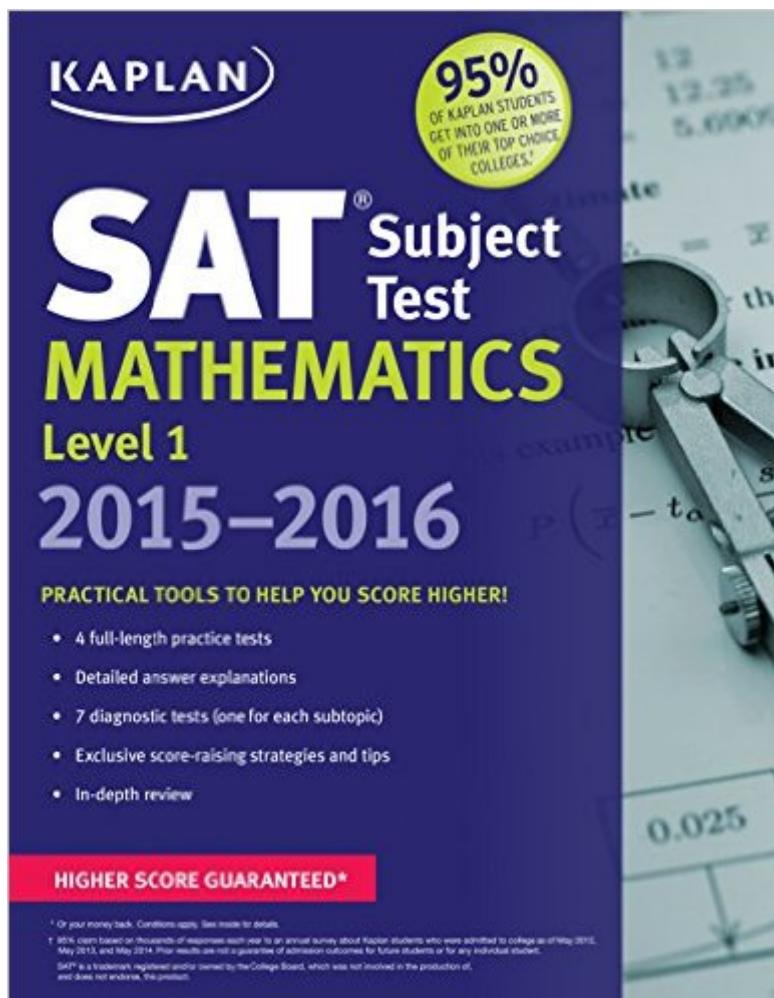


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- Proven score-raising strategies
- End-of-chapter quizzes
- DVD with expert video tutorials

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## **Customer Reviews**

I got the Kaplan Math level 1 prep book for my son who will be applying to the top colleges in the country. I used their books back when and did well enough on the tests that I received offers to teach test prep courses from several companies. I also got into my first choice school, and had several others to choose from. There is more to getting into college than the test, but the SATs still loom large at many schools, which need an objective metric for comparing students from different schools, different parts of the country and the world. Because my son is aiming high, he is taking

all of the tests. He used the Kaplan guides for the PSAT and SAT, and performed very well. The Math test is the one which has him the most nervous (though it shouldn't be). \_\_\_\_\_ 4/ 21/2016 update)

I am updating my review in response to a question I received which made me realize that I had left out a huge amount of information. This book is a bit different than the Kaplan guides I used, but my test taking days are a ways off ;) This was for my son. This guide is particularly good for reviewing concepts and formulas. The first half of the book is review of the areas on the test (and several chapters on the test itself). Each focus area is followed by a subsection test ( 7 in all) to identify areas where you need to focus. The chapters (subjects) in part 2 are: 4 Algebra 5: plane geometry 6: solid geometry 7: coordinate geometry 8: Trigonometry 9: Functions 10: miscellaneous (symbols, definitions, imaginary numbers..) Part 3 consists of 4 full length practice tests. I personally love Kaplan guides and felt they helped quite a lot. Your strategy in preparing depends on where you need work. I personally purchased several older guides as well for the extra practice in taking the test. Kaplan guides explain the scoring and give you test taking strategy, and, most importantly, practice with questions very much like those you will find on the test. Practice tests will point out any weak spots, areas where you need to brush up. They also allow you to get a feel for the test and learn how to pace yourself. The subject tests differ from the SAT and PSAT in that they test not only ability, but knowledge of content. As every school, and even class within a school is going to differ in terms of content, this guide helps focus students on what material will be covered on the test, so that you have time to brush up on any weak spots, and, if necessary, learn formulas, strengthen your knowledge of specific areas. There is no substitute for being prepared, and while school and life get them prepared in a general way, the Kaplan guides provide what you need to know to master the material for each exam. As he has not yet sat for this particular exam, I can not say how well he will do, or how much this particular guide helped, but I personally have confidence in Kaplan guides, having used them myself, and know that they are still producing good books as both of my kids have used them for the SAT, PSAT and other subject tests. I personally found the practice tests to be the most useful component, and took dozens. I believe it helped a great deal, as I had time to finish and then go back over the test, to check for errors before turning it in. Even very solid students can benefit from this guide as it teaches you pacing, and gives you confidence going into the test. \_\_\_\_\_

6/29/2015 update \_\_\_\_\_ Updating my review as my son got his test results last week, 800 on both Math level 1 and 2, not bad for a kid who thought he was not good at math ;) I can not say with any certainty how much the study guide

helped, but it sure didn't hurt. Thank you Kaplan, for contributing to my son's academic success.

If you are considering the SAT subject test in Mathematics, you may want to hold off on purchasing a study guide until you determine whether level 1 or 2 is appropriate for your student. The College Board cites Level 1 as being suited to students with three years of college-preparatory mathematics, two years of algebra and one year of geometry. For those testing at Level 2, the recommended high school curriculum is two years of algebra, one year of geometry and a grasp of elementary functions (pre-calculus) and/or trigonometry. In practical terms, I'm thinking the SAT subject-specific tests will number among the last standardized tests to be submitted to colleges/universities that a student takes in High School, especially in the case of the Level 2 test, which works best for a student who is already into his or her fourth year of college-track mathematics. For those living in the southern and eastern parts of the country, perhaps far from any Ivy League schools, the SAT subject tests are not spoken of with as much frequency as you might think - in fact, my college-grad eldest never had a teacher talk about these in high school, although the ACT and (general) SAT were frequent topics of discussion. The list of colleges, however, that either require or encourage the subject tests is a fairly long one, prominently featuring Ivy League, small/private and state institutions, among others, on both coasts and in the heartland. Particularly if your student is applying to a number of colleges, the question of whether to take one or more SAT subject tests is worth the considering early on, and this book's utility in no small part is as a preview of what the student will face in that test. I'll be pulling out this text this summer, after the year's studies and AP exams are over, to help my then rising 11th grader target any areas not adequately covered by two years of algebra/pre-calc and geometry. I noticed right away going through that the style of this book is a little more personal than that of Kaplan's more comprehensive and hefty prep for the general SAT. Topics covered are as wide ranging as a section on the use of performance enhancing drugs -- as some would call them, ADHD medications being fairly controversial in today's very competitive academic environment. As a one-time Liberal Arts major, I can't spot check the accuracy of questions here in the same way that I (mostly) could for my review of Kaplan's current guide to the general SAT, but this isn't my first time as an SAT parent and I've come to trust Kaplan as a publisher of professionally checked and edited resources. The only real disappointment here is that there aren't additional online practice tests available for purchasers of this book, as is the case with Kaplan SAT Premier 2015-2016 with 8 Practice Tests: Book + Online + DVD + Mobile (Kaplan Test Prep).

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