

## ACT/SAT Testimonials:

Preparing for the SAT and ACT is no doubt a grueling process for students. However upon first meeting Ben, we could tell that Ben was the perfect person to assist our son. Ben not only has many years of experience with both exams, and therefore knows the ins and outs, but more importantly, he acted as a teammate to our son in studying for the exams. Ben spoke to our son in a candid and often humorous fashion which made the hours of study less dreadful. Ben's assistance no doubt had a positive effect on our son's performance on both exams.

-J

*[Note: J's son scored in the 90<sup>th</sup>+ percentile on the SAT and ACT.]*

Emma got a 35 on her composite score.

Pretty nice, eh?

35 English

34 math

36 reading

36 science

Yaaa!

-[Emma's Mom]

Ben gave me techniques for solving different problems and recommended practice tests to take. He went over my answers with me and explained what I did wrong, how I could have gotten the problems right, and how to apply the logic to similar questions in the future. He explained how to get into the head of the testmakers to figure out what the questions are really asking.

I got the score I needed on the SATs to get into my top university choices.

-A

[A got a 1590 on her SAT and has been accepted to Princeton and Penn.]

" Ben Paris teaches exceptionally well. Instead of just telling his students to do practices mindlessly, he teaches each problem in detail, where students learn what they did wrong and what they should do next time. I found that extremely helpful and I cannot thank Ben enough for my high score."

Victor

[Victor got a 33 on his ACT.]  
Hi Ben,

We can't thank you enough! We just found out –N's- ACT scores. He got a 36.

Thank you!

-S

"My ACT Writing score jumped from the 51st percentile to the 95th thanks to Mr. Paris! His teachings were incredibly helpful and I would highly recommend him to any student who wishes to improve their test scores!"

[Note: Some people call me "Mr. Paris." I can't stop them.]

[M] told me how much you helped her with the ACT. She went on to say that your work helped her with ALL test taking!! I have to say that she is totally acing her tests at school! Soooooo, a HUGE thank you .....we are really, really happy!! We are exactly where we want to be and that is a great feeling !! Just wanted you to know !!

-G

*[and then when the scores came out:]*

[M] just found out that she got a 27 on her ACT.....( 26 on math and reading, and 27 for English and science for a total of 27). She is pretty happy ....and so are we!! She made a point of asking me to let you know!! Thanks again for everything....we really appreciate all that you have done for us!!

G

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Hi Ben,

I did awesome on my ACT, so thank you. I got a 35 overall. I got a 36 on both English and Science, a 32 on Math, and a 34 on Reading.

Thanks,  
-M

Wow wow wow yeah I think I'm done with ACT. I'm so excited. Thank you so much for your help. This would have been absolutely impossible without you chasing me and giving me such amazing advice. Thank you.

-Ella

[Note: in under 8 hours of work with me, she went from a 26 to a 31, going up substantially in every subject.]

Hi Ben,

I am just messaging you as a thank you for helping me out with my ACT Prep. I really appreciated the assistance you provided. I got all of my test scores back and am satisfied with the scores.

English: 28  
Math: 30  
Reading: 26  
Science: 33

Composite: 29.0  
Super-scored Composite: 30.0  
STEM: 32

Thank you for all of the help, I do not plan on taking the ACT again.

-C

[Note: The initial scores here were 20/24/19/26, which means he went from the 63<sup>rd</sup> percentile to the 95<sup>th</sup>(!) percentile.]

To: [ben.paris@gmail.com](mailto:ben.paris@gmail.com)  
Subject: I got into my dream school  
Hey Ben,

I got into USC, super stoked! I'm really excited about next year. I won't forget how much you helped me along the way! As always, thank you for everything.

-J

[Note: "J" went from well under the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile to the 87<sup>th</sup>.]

Hi, Ben,

Matthew got his SAT score today. He did really well. 1570, 770 in reading, 800 math and full score on the essay. We're all so happy for him. Thank you so much for your help.

Rachel

Guess what. She got a 35!!! We are thrilled and she is DONE!!! 35 English, 35 Science, 34 Reading, 34 Math.

Thank you so much for all of your help with her!!!!

-K

Celie made a 30 on the ACT with writing. She is thrilled! Thanks for all of your help.

Marie

I did not think I could raise my 1290 PSAT to a 1420 on the SAT, but Ben was extremely helpful. He explains concepts concisely, gives reasonable advice, and is thorough and honest when reviewing practice tests. I learned a lot about how to go through tough questions and how to save time without being reckless. He covers concepts clearly and doesn't waste time. Ben was indispensable to the improvements on my score, there's no doubt about that.

-Emily

Ben is an amazing tutor! In just one session of tutoring, he can go over practice tests, teach you helpful test strategies and explain wrong answers. One thing I found very helpful was that Ben is great at finding patterns of missed answer and then helps to work on that specific topic which brings your score up a lot! He has a great positive attitude and is really knowledgeable about all the sections and material within them. I am very happy at how much I brought my score up! For example, I brought my reading score up from a 24 to a 30 with Ben's help. I am very happy with my score which was all made possible by Ben's tutoring.

-Mira

Thanks to Ben's help, my daughter ended up getting a 1570 (780 reading/writing and 790 math) on her SAT! When it would come down to a couple plausible answers, he helped her to think like the test makers think and choose the correct one! With his help, she walked into the exam room with confidence and the results exceeded her own expectations. Ben is so easy to talk with - funny, patient, clear - and we highly recommend his tutoring services!

-K

Ben is so flexible and diligent with his tutoring. My ACT improved by 5 points! Don't waste your time sitting in a crowded class when you can get individual help and practice from someone who's experienced, thorough, and willing to help. Standardized testing is a difficult time in every student's life, and I'm so glad I chose Ben Paris!

-G

*[G scored over the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile and is going to UCLA.]*

Ben immediately was able to find patterns in the questions I missed and identify topics I struggled with. This was a huge help in knowing what I actually needed to practice and what I had a solid grasp of. I think having a concise list of thing I needed to work on really made the preparatory process much less overwhelming. And while having the list in itself was great, having someone to consult when I didn't understand topics really made studying feel a lot easier to get started on and much easier to finish with a complete understanding of topics I didn't previously grasp. The end result was an 8 point increase on my ACT score getting me up to a 32. And that was just the first try!

-E

*[E got a 35 on his second try. Now he's done!]*

Ben was super helpful in pinpointing the exact areas where I needed help. He gave me great insight and strategies to analyze the reading questions (my weakest area), and I went from missing 5 or 6 reading questions on practice tests, to missing none on the real test. With his coaching, I was able to score a 1590 SAT my first time! I would definitely recommend working with him.

-k

Ben was very knowledgeable about all aspects of the ACT, and was able to correct all of my weaknesses before I took the test. He was also extremely easy to talk to and work with, and took the stress out of the test preparation. Although I felt unsure of how I would do on the ACT in the beginning of the review process, with Ben I was able to get a 33 on my first try.

-D

Our daughter recently took the SAT to qualify for the SET gifted & talented program. As an integral part of her preparation, we worked with Mr. Paris on its reading and writing & language portions. Whereas bookstores are replete with fairly voluminous practice books, guides, and other tools, we found the content of such sources either too generic and obvious or too focused on the almost mechanical techniques that, supposedly, help boost the score if followed to the letter. In contrast, Mr. Paris has provided guided assistance by highlighting and demonstrating on several instructive examples a few overarching principles that, when applied in conjunction with common sense, serve to resolve some close calls. In broadest terms, Mr. Paris helped us realize that one can score very well on the SAT without

succumbing to various hacks and tricks that serve no purpose other than to play the game imposed upon students through the unfortunate vagaries of standardized testing.

We highly recommend working with Mr. Paris. It is our impression that such collaboration is particularly useful for students who pretest around the 90th percentile and are looking to ascend to the 99th percentile, although the techniques Mr. Paris advances should prove just as useful at all percentiles of initial achievement.

--A parent of a young student now eligible for admission to the SET

Thanks Ben for all the help. I got my score and I am done!  
Michael [33 on ACT]

Ben is amazing! He always knew what specific areas needed work, and there was no time wasted reviewing unnecessary material. He was always so positive and funny and reassured me when I felt stressed. I improved my ACT score by 3 points (Science went up by 5) and will be attending the University of Pennsylvania in the Fall. I 100% recommend Ben to everyone preparing for the ACT/SAT. He's great!

-M

Dear Mr. Paris,

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My June SAT scores just came out, I just want to say thank you for all your help during this last year. There is no way I would have improved so much without you. Once again thank you for everything.

-C

[C went up 270(!) points to 1400.]

We dropped Caleb off at UMass Amherst today to begin his freshman year in computer science. He applied to and was accepted at 8 colleges and universities of his choosing. Many were a reach for him, including the UMass Computer Science program that became his first choice. He could not have done it without the improvement in his ACT scores that resulted from your coaching. Thank you!

-Kate

1470!!!!!!

Bro I got a 1470. That's crazy! My conservative estimate was 1370.

Thanks so much for all your help and for all that you do.

-Eric

Hi Ben,

I got my composite score: 36  
36 on all except Math where I got a 35.

Glad to say I won't be taking that again! Once again, thank you for all your help! It was incredibly useful :)

I had a great day at the office! (Office of testing that is). I scored a 1430 on the SAT from August. I also felt really good about the ACT I took in September as your helpful guidelines and tips really did make a difference. While taking both tests, I was able to recognize and identify certain subject areas that we talked about. Obviously there were still some ridiculously hard questions but I would like to say thank you for everything you did to help me prepare, even though it was such a short window we were given.

Thank you again for everything! I know you are a modest man but you really did give me the tools to improve my score. Whether it was tips on how to take the test or the discipline of actually completing practice sections routinely so that I did not come to a session unprepared, I thank you for your time, patience, and effort to helping me. You will always have me sending business your way, not that you need anymore, as you really are able to make a difference.

Thank you for everything again,

-T

Hey Ben,

I am thrilled to say I got a 36 on the ACT a week ago!!! I got:

Writing - 36

Math - 35

Reading - 36

Science - 36

Which is really surprising considering I usually do best in math, but I'm still ecstatic about my score.

I also wanted to thank you, Ben, for helping me so much with these tests. Despite you denying it, it really is because of you that I did so well, and so I'm very grateful to you. You have no idea how much this means to me. Thank you for all you've done for me!

-R

Hey Ben,

I just wanted to let you know that I got a 35 on the ACT. (35,35,36,35 on all the sections in order of occurrence; probably one question from a 36, but I think a 35 is pretty great!)

Thank you so much for your help!

-A

It was fantastic to work with Ben Paris. In just 2 weeks he brought my ACT score from a 24 to a 29. I never knew that there was a specific way to study for the ACT. It feels good to finally declare victory!

-M

I recently received my scores from the November SAT and am happy to say that I received a 1570 (770 RW and 800 Math) and a 7 (Reading), 6 (Analysis), 8 (Writing) on the essay. Thank you very much for all of your help and feedback.

S

Great news! He missed one PSAT Reading question (37/38 scaled), one Writing question (38/38), and no math questions (38/38). PSAT score of 1510/1520, and all-important selection index of 226/228!  
No matter how much the CA cutoff moves, I can't imagine him NOT being a NM semifinalist. Thank you so much for your help.

-C

[Then, a few weeks later:]

H's SAT scores are in.

He got a 1560:

EBRW: 760 (Reading 49/52, Writing and Language 41/44)

Math: 800 (57/58; He ran out of time on the Math, no calculator).

-C

I'd like to let you know A's SAT score just came out. He scored 1560!

Math: 790

English: 770

Essay score didn't come out yet.

We are all so proud how well he did.

-A's Mom

THANK YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

: 760

Reading: 800

Total: 1560

-A

I'm sure your call on the act v. sat was correct and that your advice was instrumental to his scoring pretty well.

-W [whose son scored a 29 on the ACT]

Weekly meetings with Ben kept me on track with my study plan. He is very familiar with the practice tests and he helped me evaluate where I went wrong on practice questions that I missed. My SAT reading went from 700 to 770 :)

-ST

Hey Ben, I got into Harvey Mudd College! Just wanted to say thanks again for your help.

-H

I can't believe I actually did it!! I went from a 26 to a 31 in just one sitting. I haven't always been the best test taker but Ben made it easy to do well. Thanks for teaching me how to take the test!

-S

[Note: "S" did indeed have that score improvement; we worked before that to get her to that 26, and then she really nailed it and got that 31.]

Just thought I'd let you know what I got on my SAT.

I received a 650 in Reading and a 660 in Math, improving in both categories, and totaling at a 1310.

I'm pretty stoked on this score and will be keeping it as my final SAT score; you really helped me out, and I'm super grateful for the time and effort we spent together on this score improvement.

Thank you so much, C.

Hi Ben,

Just got my the scores back for this recent test on March 10, and I think you'll be happy to hear them. I got 740 on reading/writing and an 800 on the math, 90 points improvement since the last time! Essay was a little better as well, I improved my score by three points.

I only had 2 sessions with Ben and my ACT science score went from 25 to 33! He gave me strategies to complete the test on time and did some sample problems with me so I could better understand my strengths and weaknesses. He is also really enthusiastic about teaching so that made it more fun. Thank you, Ben!

Elizabeth

After frustrating group classes and an unsatisfying score on my SAT, Ben Paris helped me realize that the ACT would be more fitting and eventually helped me receive a 30! He explained everything so clearly and taught me the time management tools I needed to succeed. His friendly and encouraging personality made me comfortable and motivated to learn in a very individualized approach. As a result I got into my top choice, a very competitive business school.

-V

**[ACT]** WooHoo! She did it! She got a 31 overall score. I guess the stars all aligned that day. Thank you for your patience and ability to connect with her, Ben. Switching from the SAT to ACT was definitely a winner for her.

(K's mom)

I got my SAT scores back today, and I was able to get a 1560, 790 in Reading and Writing and 770 in Math, so I'm pretty happy with it and don't think I'll be taking it again.

. . . Thank you so much for all your help!

-I

Amazing news!! I was happy to find out that my confidence with the test matched how I actually did. I got a 1320! 620 on English, which I was very impressed with. I am so appreciative to have had your help . . . English is my hardest and I thank you for making it one of my strengths. I did extraordinary on the Grammar thanks to all your lessons. 700 on math! I was shocked I did so well on the math, but am still thrilled beyond belief. I felt good about it at the end of the test, but I am so relieved that now I know I did extremely well. . . I am genuinely proud of my overall score. I cannot thank you enough for your teaching and making me learn what's most important. You were the key to my massive improvement!  
Thanks again,

-H

Being the oldest in the family and just starting out with the college process, I was not sure what to expect with Mr. Paris. However, just after one session with him, I felt significantly more confident in my abilities to take the SAT. Throughout the rest of our Skype calls, he explained the answers clearly and effectively, even when dealing with a very stubborn student like me! He was extremely helpful that my score went from 1290 to a 1420 in a few short months. I couldn't have asked for a better tutor!!

-G

I wanted to let you know that I just got into the University of Chicago. Thank you so much for all your help in preparing for the ACT exam. The experience taught me how to manage my time and hunker down and power through challenges. Thanks again, and Happy Holidays!

Best,

-M

"Good to Great!" My son benefited from the guidance of Ben and achieved a perfect score 36 in his ACT, not just the overall score but 36 in each section.

Ben is an extremely knowledgeable, effective and caring tutor. Not only are the lessons very helpful after completing the practice tests, he is actually fun to work with, a welcomed add-on during a stressful period. My son enjoyed the sessions very much.

Highly recommended!

DS

We would absolutely recommend you to anyone who wants help with test preparation and/or writing. You helped H with a number of the subtler aspects of the ERW questions, which is exactly what he needed. More recently, you were able to get straight to the point with him on the problems with his CA essay and provide sound suggestions about how to restructure it in a way that really allowed him to show who he is. [H's father] and I were at wit's end with his flailing about, but you got him back on course. He clicked with you, and we are very grateful.

-C

Ben was hugely helpful in improving my ACT score—in just two weeks of tutoring he raised my practice score of 31 to a 34! Not only did he teach me new content and test-taking strategies, but he boosted my confidence as well. Ben knows these tests inside and out!

-Eva

I'm very glad I had Ben to help me get close enough to that 1400! All the techniques I learned really helped me get more comfortable with taking the SAT and finishing the sections on time. With his help I improved significantly from my PSAT! Very happy with my scores and his help.

-T

[Note: one test later, she got to that 1400.]

"Ben was a huge help in every aspect of my testing preparation process. He was able to not only assist me in figuring out which test would be best for me (ACT vs. SAT), but he also came up with a solid, scheduled, and thought-out plan for studying based on when I was taking the test. Especially in the year 2020, Ben was able to deal with the bumps and "unexpecteds" we faced during the testing periods. I'd recommend Ben as a tutor to anyone who is serious about achieving the highest score they possibly can on the SAT!"

- Jack

Hi Ben,

I just wanted to reach out to let you know that I was accepted to Tufts University through their Early Decision program! Thank you so much for all your help with test prep.

Your student,  
Talia :)

[Note: The SAT scores from here on out were out of a maximum of 2400 and not the current 1600.]

Ben Paris is an excellent SAT tutor. In less than 10 hours he helped me improve my overall score by 300 points, from a 1960 to a 2260! He was able to explain solutions clearly and concisely, and identify larger patterns in my test-taking approach. He was able to help me with a wide range of skills, from my approach to critical reading passages to my ability to eliminate wrong answers. He was particularly good at helping me to both address my weakness, and maximize my strengths, in order to achieve my highest potential score.

-Rebecca

OH MY GOD I DID IT!!!!!!! I got a 31!!!! 29 English 32 on math 30 on reading 33 on science

-Adam

After just one session with Ben, I really felt like I knew where my weak points were and how I could approach working towards the score I knew I could get. His clever tips and special attention to my individual problems were helpful because I could focus my efforts on what was most important to improving my score. I raised my score 210 points (to 2070)!

-Sam

[ACT] Reading went from a 19 to a 29. Thanks for everything. Working with you definitely made a huge difference.

- Kathy

Ben Paris's exceptional ability in test prep helped me to raise my SAT score up to a 2070! His invaluable tips, methods, and teachings were instrumental.

-Stuart

I recently got my score back for the 10/26 ACT. I got 36s in every category. Yay! I'm kind of surprised because the math was abnormally hard, but I guess I did fine.

-S

**As a first-generation college student, the college admissions process seemed confusing and nearly impossible. Ben Paris not only provided me with the necessary tools and tutoring to reach my highest potential on the ACT, but also great advice and insight into the entire admissions process. His application essay services were especially valuable. He carefully read over my essays and suggested how they could be more effective, focused, and personal. He also helped me to determine which colleges were a good match for me. Aside from suggesting books and websites, Ben used his personal experiences with college to help me find schools where I could thrive. Overall, Ben's tutoring, essay editing, and admissions counseling played a large role in making my applications to the top schools in the nation more competitive and refined.**

- Kirsten

I asked Amanda to share the great news (780 math - are you kidding me) and 660 reading and 700 writing. Even above your projections. . . .THANK YOU SO MUCH - you are a true difference maker.

-Scott

2110!!!!!!

690 CR

650 M

770 W

Thank you!!

- Sara

Can't thank you enough for helping our daughter get those last 200 points to put her into 2100 territory. We are so happy with your help.

I know you had limited time with her<sup>1</sup>, but it made a huge difference.

Emily

You helped me so much on the SAT I . . .I got an 800 critical reading, and a 720 in both math and writing.

Liana

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<sup>1</sup> Note from BP: I worked with this student for only two hours.

K's tests went well. She got two 800s on the reading / writing portion of the SAT and a 680 on the math . . .

[from K's mother]

Ben was a huge help for the SAT. His insight and efficiency both worked to increase my score by over 250 points, bringing it to a 2170. He was able to provide innovative essay writing tips, as well as critical reading and writing strategies. His willingness to explain a tricky problem in detail and list numerous methods for dealing with SAT traps made me more confident in my test taking skills. He also taught me how to analyze my own test taking patterns, giving me the ability to recognize and diagnose recurrent issues. THANK YOU BEN!

-Madeleine

*I'm sure that you will be pleased to know that EL received her SAT score yesterday, and came in at 2020 (I aggravated my wife by predicting that she would score over 2000). That is a 180 point improvement, for which you can take a good deal of credit. EL was thrilled, as is our whole family. We all agree that the way you worked with her was very effective.*

*[from EL's father]*

*[Then, a few months later . . .]*

*I'm happy to share with you that EL has received a \$38,000 financial package [from] . . . her first choice. She has been thrilled to accept their offer, and [EL's mother] and I could not be happier. A lot of work and planning have paid off, and I want to thank you for all of your help in preparing her to succeed on the SAT.*

*[from EL's father]*

SL got a 2370 on her Oct 5th SAT: R 800, M 770, W 800[!]

[from SL's mother]

I just wanted to thank you once again for all the work you put in helping me out raising my SAT scores, I really would have never been able to achieve these scores without your help!

-Evan

[Note: Evan's final scores were 650 Reading, 680 Math, 660 Writing, which was over 500(!) points higher than his first test.]

**Nice Results from Sunday 25 January: Thank you.**

710 Reading, 720 Math, 770 Writing

This certainly was a success.

-G

ABG got a 1920!!!! Yippee~!!!

WE'RE SOOOOOOOOOO happy and excited for ABG!!!

thank you sooooo much for all of your help!

xo

[from ABG's parents.]

[Scores were 690 Reading, 570 Math, 660 Writing, which represented a 400(!) point improvement.]

Emily scored a 2190 (750 math, 760 writing, and 680 writing). Thanks so much.

[Emily's Dad]

I got a total score of 2010.

740 Reading

650 Math

620 Writing

-Frances

What a terrific improvement- thanks so much!!!

-Kerry

Thank you for all your help!

Z- [ACT super score 35/36/33/34]

Hi Ben,

Just wanted to let you know I got a 34 on the ACT. Thanks a lot for your help!

J

Ben Paris was instrumental in helping me boost my reading and writing scores both to 780. In order to find the holes in my knowledge, he analyzed every question that I had missed and addressed the major problem areas. Ben also gave me strategic advice for tackling the SAT which improved both my time management and precision as I have often found myself under a time crunch. He was extremely meticulous and efficient during each of our sessions. Overall, he is an A+ instructor.

D

[Note: "D" got a super math score too!]

"Ben is an outstanding tutor who has a fantastic working knowledge of the test material, relates amazingly well with teens, and most-importantly - gets results! In only a few hours of tutoring he helped our daughter, Emma, raise her ACT score from 21 to 27! She just received a fantastic academic scholarship to her first-choice school, and this would not have been possible with her initial test score. Ben is a great guy and his services are worth every penny."

S

. . . Ethan got the 800 he so desired (but admittedly thought was a little unobtainable), and to boot in [was in]CR. . .

. . . Ethan is elated with 800, 760, 760. . . Thank you so very much. I think your words of wisdom are exactly what he needed. You immediately honed in on what Ethan was doing and gave him the advice he needed and by doing this you gave him the confidence to succeed. You can count him among your success stories!

Sincerely,

Deborah

*[. . .and a little while later, I got this good news:]*

Dear Ben,

We are trying to contact all those who helped Ethan during his college application journey to update them with his college choice. He is very excited to say that he will be a member of Stanford's class of 2020!

Sincerely,

Deborah

660 critical reading  
620 math  
560 writing  
I think we did it!!

Before I met Ben the whole SAT seemed impossible. But as I worked with him it began to feel as if it was doable. Thanks to Ben my score jumped over two hundred points. Thanks Ben!!

-B

*[Note: This was an improvement of 250 points.]*