

ENGLISH SAT 1 PREP CLASS

RACL 6th and 7th Grades

Instructor Information

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General Information

About the Class

This class is for 6th and 7th grade students who wish to increase their ability and confidence on the SAT Reading, Writing & Language, and Essay sections. The class focuses on improving students' critical reading, grammar, and verbal comprehension skills. Activities include daily readings, class discussions, practice exercises, and learning games.

This class not only provides students with the tools they need to excel on the SAT - it also provides the literary analysis and essay writing skills needed for success in English and Language Arts classes in middle school, high school, and beyond.

About the Teacher

Hi! My name is Jessalyn, I graduated high school at the NC School of Science and Mathematics and now I am a third-year philosophy major at UNC Chapel Hill. I have experience in being a Humanities TA and as a literacy tutor for the Student Coalition for Action in Literacy Education (SCALE). I am really excited about working with and teaching elementary and middle school students and hope to be a university professor in the future after going to law school and pursuing a career in law.

I am very passionate about literature and reading comprehension and am so inspired by students' enthusiasm for learning! I look forward to meeting the students and collaborating with them to feed that enthusiasm and give them the tools they need to reach their goals.

Expectations and Goals

The main goal of this class is to increase student's critical reading skills and their mastery of key grammar concepts. Additionally, students should come away from the class with an increased intrinsic motivation and confidence in regards to the SAT Reading and Writing sections. Students will receive an exam every fourth class meeting to track how they are doing with the concepts and give extra practice with SAT style testing. In addition, students will have occasional reading homework and grammar practice, which they will be quizzed on in class. The quizzes and exams will include essay, multiple choice, vocabulary, and reading practice.

Textbook

We will be working out of the *Grammar & Writing: Student Textbook Grade 7 2nd Edition 2014*. The book is not mandatory for the class but is highly suggested. There are many new and used options online that cost as little as \$5!

Course Schedule

Week	Topic	Reading*
Week 1 09.14.19	Introduction & The Types of Sentences	none
Week 2 09.21.18	Simple Subject/Predicates, Complete Sentences, Sentence Fragments, and Run-On Sentences	none
Week 3 09.28.19	Verbs and Nouns	“Seventh Grade” by Gary Soto
Week 4 10.05.19	SAT format exam covering material from weeks 1-3	none
Week 5 10.12.19	Adjectives and Prepositions	“Flowers for Algernon” by Daniel Keyes
Week 6 10.19.19	Scientific Literature	“How Do Nematodes Learn to Find a Host?” Denis S. Willet et. al.
Week 7 10.26.19	Conjunctions and Commas	“Everyday Use” by Alice Walker
Week 8 11.02.19	Context Clues and Pronouns	“The Landlady” by Roald Dahl
Week 9 11.09.19	SAT format exam covering material from weeks 5-7	none
Week 10 11.16.19	Quotation Marks and Parentheses	“One Friday Morning” by Langston Hughes
Week 11 11.23.19	Author’s Purpose and Outlining Papers	“O Captain! My Captain!” by Walt Whitman
Week 12 12.07.19	Poetry	“A Very Old Man with Enormous Wings” by Gabriel García Márquez
Week 13 12.14.19	SAT format exam covering material from weeks 9-12	none

*If a reading is passed out during class to be read for homework, students need to make sure they bring back the copy of that reading to class to be used for quizzes and class discussion!