

13 Questions to Ask Test Prep Companies

1. How long have they been teaching the SAT/ACT?
2. Have they taken the actual SAT Reasoning test or ACT recently?
3. What books and materials are they using to teach the SAT/ACT? (specifically whether or not they are real or simulated materials)
4. Are these real or simulated materials? Do the books that they use include
 - *Full length practice tests*
 - *Detailed descriptions of each section*
 - *Practice essay questions*
 - *Sample essays*
 - *Testing suggestions and anxiety advice*
5. What have been the SAT/ACT test scores of their students?
6. How long is the course and how do they determine how much one-on-one time each student will need?
7. Is the student doing independent homework in between sessions so they can maximize the effectiveness of the one-on-one time?
If so how much time can they plan to commit to this homework?
8. How many students is the individual or company working with each year?
9. What study skills will they be teaching?
10. What kind of teaching style do they have?
(Always look for someone who has a coaching style of teaching.)
11. How will they be addressing "test anxiety"?
12. What type of professional training and experience do they have as an SAT/ACT instructor?
13. Can they offer you current references with phone numbers?