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# PSAT Reading and Writing Skills Checklist

A domain-by-domain audit for PSAT 8/9, PSAT 10 and PSAT/NMSQT.

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## Reading and Writing domains

Domain	Skills to check	Evidence of mastery
Information and Ideas	Central ideas; inference; textual and quantitative evidence	Explains why the correct choice is supported and why distractors overreach.
Craft and Structure	Words in context; purpose; structure; cross-text connections	Establishes local context and identifies how the text is organized.
Expression of Ideas	Transitions; rhetorical synthesis	Matches logic and the writer's stated goal.
Standard English Conventions	Boundaries; agreement; modifiers; tense; punctuation	Names the rule before selecting punctuation or grammar.

## Practice checklist

- Complete one untimed set in every domain.
- Record whether each miss came from evidence, vocabulary, logic or grammar.
- Redo missed questions after 48 hours.
- Add time limits only after accuracy is stable.
- Use the Student Question Bank for targeted official practice.

## Official sources

College Board practice: <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/practice>

Digital PSAT structure: <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt/whats-on-the-test/structure>

Understanding scores: <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/scores/understanding-scores>

International registration: <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/psat-10/taking-the-test/international-registrations>

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