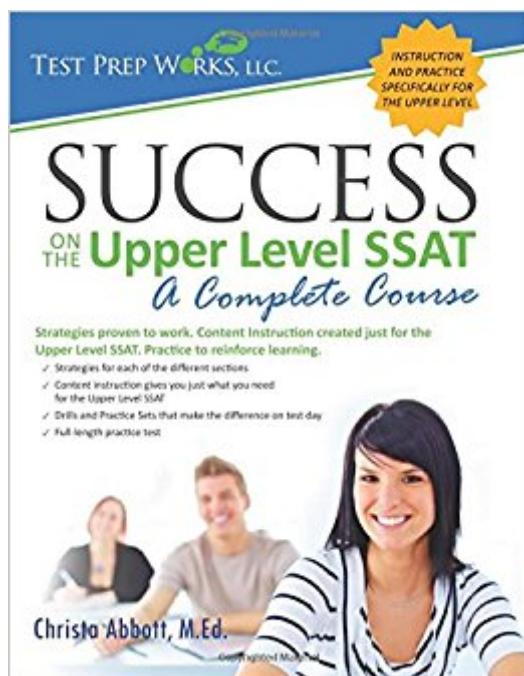


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# Success On The Upper Level SSAT: A Complete Course



## **Synopsis**

Please note - A newer edition of this book is now available, published in August 2017. You can find it easily by searching for either 978-1680590012 (the ISBN #) or 1680590014 (the ASIN #). Success on the Upper Level SSAT: A Complete Course is a complete course to prepare for the Upper Level SSAT. This book provides the comprehensive test-taking strategies and content that students need to ace the test, including: Vocabulary lessons that ask students to categorize words and derive meanings from roots so that they can handle anything on test day Math content lessons that explain the concepts and how they will be applied Detailed strategies and drills for the reading section One full-length practice test to prepare students for test day This book is designed both for students and families to use independently and for educators to use as a text with their students. While most other prep manuals mix together instruction for very different tests into one single volume, all of the material in Success on the Upper Level SSAT: A Complete Course is specific to the Upper Level SSAT. Students can use this book confidently and independently without being distracted by material that is not relevant. Test Prep Works has developed a series of books specifically for the Upper Level SSAT, including: Success on the Upper Level SSAT: A Complete Course -- Students benefit from the comprehensive content instruction, test-taking strategies, and practice provided in this book, including vocabulary lessons and drills, math content lessons and problem sets, reading strategies and drills, and one full-length practice test. 30 Days to Acing the Upper Level SSAT -- Students looking for more practice will benefit from the 15 "workouts" in this book, and instructors can use the workouts as assignments that reinforce test-taking strategies and help measure progress. Each workout includes practice questions from all sections of the test and can easily be completed in a single sitting. This book also introduces the test-taking strategies that are critical for success on the Upper Level SSAT. The Best Unofficial Practice Tests for the Upper Level SSAT -- This book consists of two full-length practice tests with answer keys, allowing students and instructors to measure progress and preparing students for what they will experience on test day. (Note -- These practice tests have different questions than the practice test in Success on the Upper Level SSAT: A Complete Course and the two books can be combined for a total of three full-length practice tests.) Each book in the series can be used independently or they can be combined with each other, depending on the needs of the individual student.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Christa Abbott has been a private test prep tutor for more than a decade, helping her students gain admission to some of the top independent schools in the country. She has now used that experience to develop materials that help students prepare for independent school admissions tests. The approaches used in these books are based on the latest research about how students learn, so that preparation can be an effective and efficient use of time. These materials are also written to be developmentally appropriate for the ages of the students taking the tests. Christa is a graduate of Middlebury College and received her Masters in Education from the University of Virginia, a program nationally recognized for its excellence. She resides in Arlington, VA with her husband and three children. Christa continues to coach students one-on-one in the Washington, D.C., area as well as students all over the world via the internet.

I tutor children who are taking this test, and I find this book to be very helpful. It is well-organized, easy to follow, and thorough yet compact. Way better than the Kaplan, Princeton Review, or Barrons books. The book provides simple but effective strategies, exercises that are followed by step-by-step answers and drills with an answer key elsewhere so that kids can learn new material on their own, practice it, and check their own work. There are ten vocab lessons in the book as well as lists of words organized by meaning (a good way of learning lots of words quickly). No book has everything, and this one is missing lists of word roots, prefixes, and suffixes to study. It also lacks the pages and pages of drills that books like Kaplan and Princeton review have. If you are planning to have your child study for this test for more than 6-8 weeks or so, or if your child is just focusing on one area of weakness, you'll want to supplement with more drills from Kaplan or Princeton, or use

practice tests from "The Best Unofficial Practice Tests" book by the same company. Skip the Official Guide to the SSAT unless you just want an overview of the test and help with registration.

We were disappointed by this book. If you are not going to hover over your child's shoulder, you'll find that he or she is going to spend a lot of time filling out crossword puzzles with words he or she probably knows already that won't be on the test. This is not good if your child is only willing to invest a limited amount of time in the first place and/or has a jam-packed schedule. We had greater luck with the official SSAT practice books and tests online.

I have been tutoring test prep for many years and tried dozens of books. This book caught my attention because it is the only one I've seen that claims to be specific to the Upper Level SSAT. Also it is newly published and upgraded to recent changes in the exam. I will only comment on the book's Reading section. 1.) The Upper Level SSAT is unique for having poetry in its Reading Section and THE BOOK HAS NO POEMS. 2.) Tutors and students need thoughtful sample passages, and THE ENTIRE BOOK HAS THREE SAMPLE PASSAGES! 3.) Students are advised to read the questions first. Try it. I don't think the author has. Read 6 or 7 questions then read a passage trying to remember the questions that you are looking for answers for. 4.) Many many students are anxious about time constraints. The book tells students that their first priority is worry about time. 5.) The book advises students to do the fiction passages first because they are easier. Anyone that has taught for more than a week knows that "easy" is student dependent. I cannot count the students I have had that are very concrete, have a hard time with fiction, and have no business starting on the short suit. I could go on.

Really helped my daughter to practice. Wish it would offer more than 1 full test, but I rate it 5 stars because they are explicit about not offering that and the book truly has excellent test-taking advice!

Very good book for SSAT review, and it doesn't have all the lower level tests that make most of the SSAT review books so cumbersome.

Lots of excellent strategies with mini lessons for practice. Like any big test though, you need to put in the time in advance to make the most of the book.

Great book to practice for the test

This book helped me get from a 50 percent to a 70 percent

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