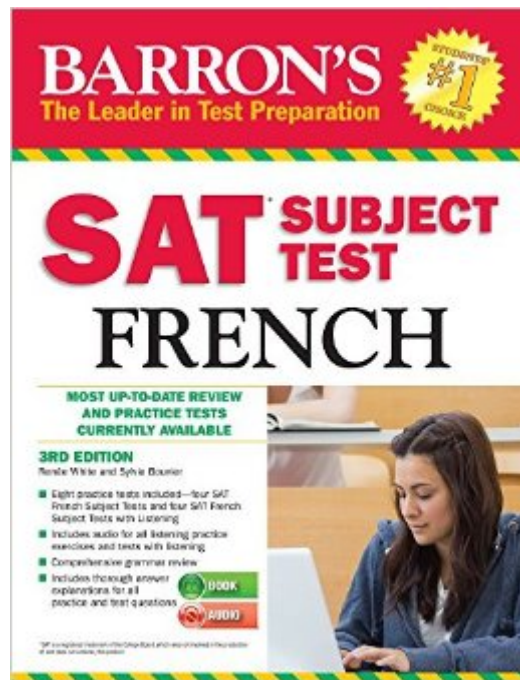


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## Synopsis

This updated manual presents review in French vocabulary, grammar and usage, practice exercises, and eight practice tests with answers. Practice tests reflect actual SAT Subject Tests in format, question types, and degree of difficulty. Four of the book's tests are supplemented with listening comprehension sections contained on the compact discs enclosed with the book. The manual also provides additional practice quizzes with answers, as well as reading comprehension exercises.

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## Customer Reviews

This SAT book, although giving a nice intro to the SAT French with Listening exam, leaves much to be desired. I am in my 6th year of French (I'm currently taking IB HL French) and am fairly competent in the language itself. When I bought this review book and started studying, I thought the actual test would be very easy as the vocabulary and grammar in this study guide is relatively basic and the listening exercises were extremely easy. The book itself does not really give any grammatical review either and only has sets of sample questions with explanations, many of which are unclear, and a small appendix of grammatical references. I still practiced with the book though just to get used to the testing format. When I actually took the test, I found it to be much more difficult than the book. Some of the listening dialogues that were repeated twice in the book were only heard once on the actual exam and the reading section on the actual SAT was much more difficult than

the reading sections of the practice tests in this book. Overall I just felt very unprepared, which was disappointing because the listening tests are only offered once per year, and I will not be able to retake them if I get a bad score. Overall this book was very poorly put together and does not reflect the difficulty of the actual exam. It led me to believe that the exam was much easier than it was, making me overconfident and probably leading to a lower score as a result. I would not recommend this review book to anyone at all, as it is not a true representation of the content and difficulty of the actual exam. I have not yet received my scores, but I will update and expand this review once I do.

I purchased this book on .ca so rest assured that I bought this book. You can verify it by going on Canada. Here's the review I posted there: Just did the French exam with listening yesterday and was unsure whether I was studying from a book that accurately represents the test. It does! Besides to be careful of the odd bad question and the few wrong answers, the only thing I would caution the buyer is to remember that in Part B of the listening exam (the short dialogues), the selections are NOT repeated in the actual SAT so fast-forward the CD when it repeats the selections again so you get an accurate idea of what the test is going to be like. Also, for your own sake DO NOT look at the selections in the different listening parts A, B, C (they will never be shown to you in the actual exam) or at the questions (besides for Part B, where the questions will be written). Both are included in the Barron book for all listening parts and can only hurt your preparation. The grammar review was succinct and mostly clear and there are tons of practice exams, both of which I liked. A lengthier grammar review can be found in Princeton's French Sat 2 book. Good luck!

I bought this book hoping that it would serve as a rigorous study guide for the subject test with listening. Unfortunately, there are so many typing errors in here that it makes it incredibly frustrating to self-correct tests or to understand what the correct answer is. The explanations were rudimentary at best, the questions were done in a half-hearted manner that mimic the test format but don't actually drill certain problem spots. I would have liked to have vocab/grammar drills in the huge Grammar Review section at the back of the book (which really should be first in the book to prepare you for the questions, but that would be too logical) to help me practice pronoun usage, verb tenses, etc. Another huge issue that I have with this book is that in Part B of the Listening portion (which is short dialogues with content questions) the dialogues were repeated twice. Thank goodness I did an official practice test made by the College Board two days before sitting the real exam because if I had walked into the test thinking that those passages would be repeated, it could have been ugly. Repeating passages is odd and unhelpful since it doesn't prepare me for the actual test at all. I

usually buy Barron's books for SATs and will probably buy one for my Spanish subject test at the end of this year but from now on I'll be much more cautious because this book was put together terribly and doesn't do what it's supposed to do. I'll update this review once I get my scores but hopefully I will be prepared. The one bright spot is that there are 8 practice tests to really give you a feel for pacing and types of questions.

My daughter needed 2 semesters of French as a prerequisite for a graduate program. In order to save herself some money she decided to try learning the language on her own. She used a standard text book and, in addition, used this book to prepare for the test. She was able to exceed her goal and successfully test out of 3 semesters. She found that this book had done a good job steering her toward the material that was covered on the test.

I didn't buy this book off of but I recommend it to people. And also recommend not taking the SAT French subject test with listening. My french teacher advised against it. This book brings multiple choice, questions, and explanations. Out of 800, I received a 560. Not bad for someone who didn't know how to speak a lick of French until high school.

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