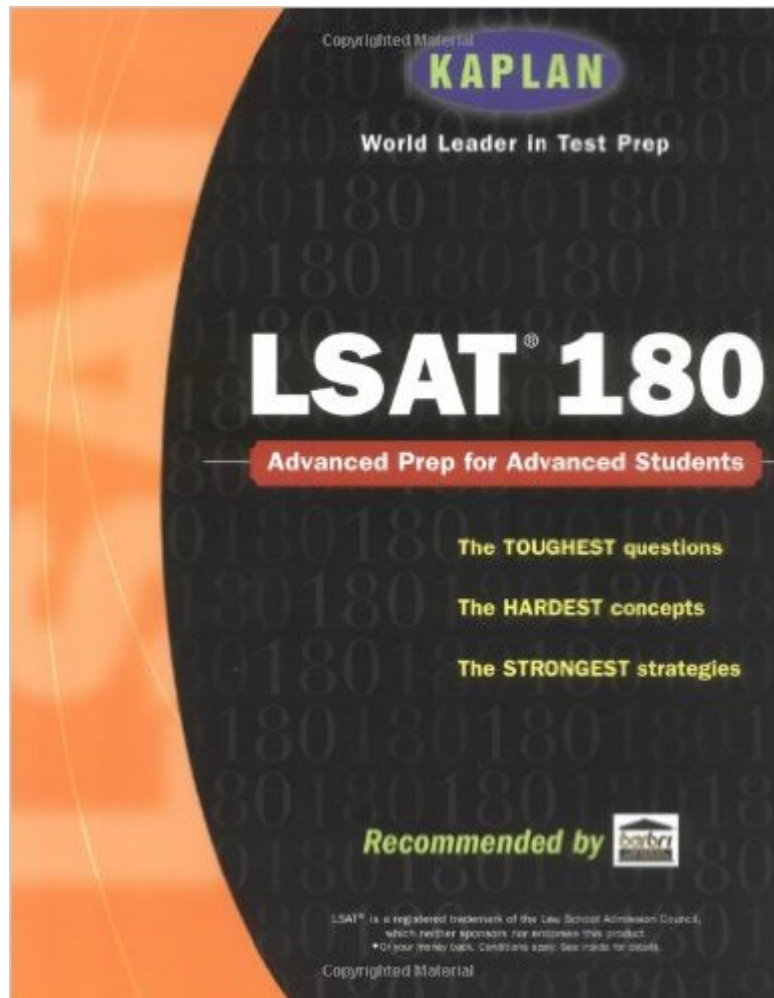


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The first time I took the LSAT, I scored in the 74th percentile. The second time I took the LSAT, I scored in the 95th percentile. My advice to anyone looking to achieve something similar:

1. Buy this book. "Cracking the LSAT", Master the LSAT, and the more basic Kaplan LSAT are books that I had bought the first time around. My opinion is that the strategies that are suggested in these books won't help separate you from the thousands of other LSAT takers that you're forced to compete with. So what you need to separate yourself from the crowd are strategies that go beyond everyday, run-of-the-mill LSAT advice. And this book gives that to you in spades. Also very detailed answer explanations that go beyond probably any other on the market.
2. Buy the 10 Real LSATs. Practice until you can do sections in 30 minutes. It's all about speed. If everyone had as much time as they wanted to take the LSAT, performance would probably be significantly higher. If you can get into about a 30 minute rhythm per section, you'll be fine. You'll avoid last minute panic on sections, and you'll have time to check over your answers. Personally, I found that the 30 minute rhythm came to me naturally after enough practice. Be prepared to take many practice tests if you want to achieve this. Whatever you do, DO NOT give yourself more than 35 minutes when taking old tests.
3. Examine your wrong answers on old LSATs. Essential if you hope to make any progress. It's really important to see here what other strategy or method could have helped you answer the problem more successfully/quickly.
4. Get plenty of sleep the night before. Eat a good breakfast the morning of the test. Bring a candy bar to eat at the break, if you like chocolate.

As the authors would readily admit, LSAT 180 is not a typical test preparation book. There are no full-length practice tests, and the questions are more difficult than average LSAT questions. You should only use LSAT 180 if you have taken plenty of timed practice LSATs (preferably real ones from recent years) and received high scores. The questions in this book are difficult, and they will do little to improve your score or your confidence if you are having trouble with easier questions. Also, you should not use this book if you have not yet mastered time allocation on the LSAT. The writers suggest that you can allow "extra" time to solve these problems because they are so difficult, but

this could generate bad habits if you are already having trouble finishing sections in the time allowed. Due to the absence of practice tests in this book, you'll have to learn LSAT time management elsewhere. LSAT 180 could be a useful book for people who have mastered all of the basic LSAT skills, and who want to be confident that they can handle anything that the LSAT can throw at them. I don't think that anybody really NEEDS this book to do well on the LSAT, but it probably won't hurt you as long as you also get plenty of practice elsewhere. It contains types of problems that I had not seen in other test preparation books (such as the "Time Warp" Logic Games, which have not appeared regularly on LSATs for several years, according to this book's authors). Preparing for rare problem types is probably a waste of time for most people, but a perfectionist might sleep easier knowing that he or she has seen everything there is. It can't hurt to do these problems, as long as you maintain a correct sense of perspective about their importance, and they may help improve your logical skills.

In training for the LSAT, I used only official pretests sold by LSAC. Many reviewers recommended studying multiple books, like those available by Kaplan or Princeton Review. I have found that Kaplan and other study aides add to the confusion many test takers experience, and Kaplan even admits that its study guides do not help 40% of those who buy the books. If you want to do well on the LSAT, this is the way to study: Your first purchase should be the 10 More Actual, Official LSAT PrepTests. The PrepTest book will give several of real LSATs to take, though without question analysis. All of the answers are given, but they are not explained. I find this to be a bonus, because I believe that a test taker can learn more from figuring out why the answer is what is, instead of just going by the problematical answers Kaplan gives. Kaplan's answers have a tendency to be too long and lack an accurate answer. It is similar to when a person is talking but they are not really saying anything. Just getting used to taking the test is the most important part of the preparation process. If you finish all ten tests, get the older 10 Actual, Official LSAT PrepTests. DO NOT buy Kaplan's LSAT 180. It is full of the toughest questions that KAPLAN could MAKE UP. These questions are so bogus that they lowered everyone in my study group's score: we all had scores over 170 before this book. Some reviewers recommend this book for those with a score of 165+, but I do not think this book will be a use to anyone, no matter how well they have done on past tests. On one page, Kaplan gave two complete different explanations for two questions that were the exact same type of question. Kaplan's answers to MADE UP questions are lacking judgment.

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