**ACT in the REGULAR CLASSROOM vs. the TEST PREP CLASSROOM**

[ACT SUCCESS:  Good Grades, Not Test Practice](http://ccsr.uchicago.edu/downloads/2451act-teacher_memo.pdf) - research summary from the Consortium on Chicago School Research at the University of Chicago/Urban Education Institute

ACT Test Prep

* [ACT Online Prep](http://www.actstudent.org/onlineprep/)™ The only test preparation program designed exclusively by ACT test development professionals!
* [The Real ACT Prep Guide](http://www.actstudent.org/testprep/book.html)
The official ACT prep guide—the only one that includes five actual retired ACT tests—each with an optional Writing Test.
* [ACT Question of the Day](http://www.act.org/qotd/)
Each day we post a new ACT Test practice question.
* [Preparing for the ACT](http://media.actstudent.org/documents/preparing.pdf)(PDF; 80 pages, 1,075KB) or [Preparación para el examen de ACT](http://media.actstudent.org/documents/preparing_es.pdf)(PDF; 86 pages, 1.18MB)
A free student preparation booklet available from most high schools and colleges—includes test information, complete practice tests with scoring keys, and a writing prompt with sample essays.
* [Practice test questions](http://www.actstudent.org/sampletest/)
* [Test tips](http://www.actstudent.org/testprep/tips/)
* [Test descriptions](http://www.actstudent.org/testprep/descriptions/)

**ACT's "Preparing for the Act" BOOKLET and PRACTICE TEST**

Booklet includes test tips and full practice test and key.

[2011-2012 Practice Test Booklet](http://media.actstudent.org/documents/preparing.pdf)

[2007-2008 Practice Test Booklet](http://www.collegetidbits.com/tools/preparing-for-the-act.pdf)

**FREE ONLINE PRACTICE PROGRAMS**

[**Number2.com**](http://www.number2.com/)

Number2.com's online test preparation courses for ACT, SAT, and GRE are totally free! By creating an account you can access a customized course that includes user-friendly tutorials, practice sessions that dynamically adapt to each student's ability level, a vocabulary builder, and more... [**ENROLL**](http://www.number2.com/exams/all/enroll.cfm?s=0)

Parents, teachers, and counselors can monitor a student's progress by viewing real-time reports. [Click here to learn more.](http://www.number2.com/helpers/index.cfm?s=0)



* [**Learning Express Library**](http://www.mcls.ms/)**- Free Access to Practice Tests at Home or at Your Local Library**

To get started:

Click on "Learning Express Library" in the Quick Links box or from the Online Resources page.  If you are a new user, click "Register".  You will need a library card from the [First Regional Library](http://www.firstregional.org/). The card is free but you must have an adult with you to apply for one.

* LEL provides practice for many skills including:

·         Math and Reasoning Skills Improvement

·         Reading Comprehension Skills Improvement

·         Vocabulary and Spelling Skills Improvement

·         Writing and Grammar Skills Improvement

·         ACT Preparation

·         Advanced Placement (AP) Preparation

·         CLEP Preparation

·         PSAT/NMSQT Preparation

·         SAT Preparation

·         THEA Preparation (Math)

·         TOEFL iBT Preparation (ENGLISH)

·         Technical and Career College Skills

·         Computer Skills

·         GET Preparation

·         Job Search and Workplace Skills

·         U.S. Citizenship

·         Jobs & Careers

·         And more!

* [**March 2 Success**](https://www.march2success.com/index.cfm)

The U.S. Army has teamed with Peterson's to provide free online class and test prep assistance for ACT, SAT, and State Standardized Tests.  Parents can track students and monitor their progress online.  Teachers and counselors can monitor a small number of students, too, although the program is not designed to be used by teachers in a classroom setting.



 **FREE PRACTICE TESTS and PREP MATERIALS from TEST PREP COMPANIES**

They generally require registration.

[4Tests](http://www.4tests.com/exams/examdetail.asp?eid=13)

[KAPLAN](http://www.kaptest.com/College/ACT/index.html)

[McGRAW HILL](http://www.mhpracticeplus.com/act.php)

[PETERSON](http://www.petersons.com/college-search/free-act-practice-test.aspx)

[PRINCETON REVIEW](http://www.princetonreview.com/college/free-act-practice-test.aspx)

[SPARKNOTES](http://www.sparknotes.com/testprep/act)

[TEST FRENZY](http://act.testfrenzy.com/)

[Test-Guide.com](http://www.test-guide.com/free-act-practice-tests.html)

[TestPrepPractice.net](http://www.testpreppractice.net/ACT/Free-Online-ACT-Practice-Tests.aspx)

**TAM-N-TANGIA'S ACT WORKSHOP GOODIES**

[ACT Mini Lesson Workbook 2012 TEACHER](http://www.madison-schools.com/cms/lib4/MS01001041/Centricity/Domain/699/ACT%20Mini%20Lesson%20Workbook%202012%20Teachers%20Edition.pdf)
[ACT  Mini Lesson Workbook 2012 STUDENT](http://www.madison-schools.com/cms/lib4/MS01001041/Centricity/Domain/699/ACT%20Workbook%202012%20Mini%20Lesson%20Student%20Edition.pdf)
[ACT Practice Test 1](http://www.madison-schools.com/cms/lib4/MS01001041/Centricity/Domain/699/ACT%20Practice%20Test%201.pdf) (2010-2011)
[ACT Practice Test 2](http://www.madison-schools.com/cms/lib4/MS01001041/Centricity/Domain/699/ACT%20Practice%20Test%202.pdf) (2007-2008)
[ACT Practice Test 3](http://www.madison-schools.com/cms/lib4/MS01001041/Centricity/Domain/699/ACT%20Practice%20Test%20%203.pdf) (2004-2005)
[ACT Released Tests Segmentation](http://www.madison-schools.com/cms/lib4/MS01001041/Centricity/Domain/699/ACT%20Released%20Tests%20Segmentation.xlsx)
[ACT Trainiing Workshop 7-16](http://www.madison-schools.com/cms/lib4/MS01001041/Centricity/Domain/699/ACT%20Training%20Workshop%207-16.pdf)

FULL ACT PPT SLIDES
[ACT Intro](http://www.madison-schools.com/cms/lib4/MS01001041/Centricity/Domain/699/ACT%20Intro.pptx)
[ACT English](http://www.madison-schools.com/cms/lib4/MS01001041/Centricity/Domain/699/ACT%20English.pptx)
[ACT Math](http://www.madison-schools.com/cms/lib4/MS01001041/Centricity/Domain/699/ACT%20Math.pptx)
[ACT Reading 2011](http://www.madison-schools.com/cms/lib4/MS01001041/Centricity/Domain/699/ACT%20Reading%202011.pptx)
[ACT Science](http://www.madison-schools.com/cms/lib4/MS01001041/Centricity/Domain/699/ACT%20Science.pptx)
[ACT Writing](http://www.madison-schools.com/cms/lib4/MS01001041/Centricity/Domain/699/ACT%20Writing.pptx)

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**SKILLS AND DRILLS:**

[GLENCOE's ACT/SAT Prep Workbook](http://www.glencoe.com/sites/common_assets/literature/pdfs/al/ast_pwb.pdf) pdf

[Learning Express's ACT Exam Success](http://www.misd.net/languageart/GrammarInAction/ACTExamSuccess.pdf) pdf

**MATH:**

[ACT Math Facts and Formulas](http://www.madison-schools.com/cms/lib4/MS01001041/Centricity/Domain/699/ACT%20math%20facts%20formulas.pdf)

[Just Math Tutoring](http://justmathtutoring.com/)

[INTERACTIVE Lessons](http://www.shodor.org/interactivate/lessons/)  Go to STATISTICS section and check out IMPOSSIBLE GRAPHS activity

[MATH PLANET](http://library.thinkquest.org/16284/satact.htm) - If you run into problems and need review, this site features links to crash courses in algebra and geometry!

[MATHWRIGHT](http://www.mathwright.com/) - For SERIOUS MATHLETES ONLY- INTERACTIVE math texts , but program downloads required for demos!

[Math Online](http://mathonline.missouri.edu/) - Practice test links

[Math Drills](http://www.saab.org/mathdrills/md.cgi) - Need practice factoring polynomials, working with time/distance/rate problems, etc.?  Well, here you go!

[Math Grid-in and MC Practice](http://www.free-test-online.com/psatnmsqt-test)

[SAAB.org](http://www.saab.org/):  Vocabulary and Math Drills and Tests

[Eric the Red](http://www.erikthered.com/tutor/practice.html) Math Tutor

about.com's [ACT Math Practice Test 1](http://testprep.about.com/library/ACT_Quiz/bl_ACT_Math_Test_1.htm)

[Brightstorm](http://www.brightstorm.com/math/):  Math video tutorials

**ENGLISH:**

[Interactive Grammar & Usage Quizzes](http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/quiz_list.htm)

[Purdue University:  The OWL](http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/681/01/) - Grammar & Writing Instruction & Practice

[Idiom List](http://www.thecriticalreader.com/index.php?option=com_k2&view=item&id=295:sat-idiom-list) from The Critical Reader

[Learning Express's ACT English Exam Success](http://www.misd.net/Languageart/grammarinaction/ACTEnglishsamples.pdf) samples pdf

about.com's [ACT ENGLISH QUIZ](http://testprep.about.com/library/ACT_Quiz/bl_ACT_English_Quiz.htm)

**VOCABULARY:**

[VOCABULARY UNIVERSITY](http://www.myvocabulary.com/)

[Knewton's SAT Vocabulary for Real Life](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lWuH6-qY1TU)

[100 Top SAT Vocabulary Words](http://www.vocabulary.com/lists/23400)

[SparkNotes 250 Toughest SAT Words](http://www.sparknotes.com/testprep/books/newsat/chapter15section4.rhtml)

[SparkNotes 1000 Most Common Sat Words](http://img.sparknotes.com/content/testprep/pdf/sat.vocab.pdf)

[PERNICIOUS PAIRS / NOTABLE CONFUSABLES](http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/notorious.htm)

[New York Times  Word-of-the-Day](http://learning.blogs.nytimes.com/category/word-of-the-day/)

[VocabAhead Videos](http://www.vocabahead.com/StudyRoom/tabid/61/Default.aspx)

[VocabVideos](http://vocabvideos.com/video-library-and-player.html)

**CRITICAL READING:**

[What is Critical Reading?](http://www.criticalreading.com/critical_reading.htm)

[How to Practice Active Reading](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DfGJkCfxNv8)

[Critical Reading of an Essay's Argument](http://web.cn.edu/kwheeler/reading_basic.html)

[Quick Critical Reading Practice](http://www.madison-schools.com/cms/lib4/MS01001041/Centricity/Domain/699/Critical%20Reading%20PracticeI.pdf)

[501 Critical Reading Questions](http://www.math.iupui.edu/~momran/books/501%20Critical%20Reading%20Questions.pdf)pdf

[How to Write Critical Reading Questions](http://www.slideshare.net/lpahomov/7-types-of-critical-reading-questions) (7 types)

[Learning Express's Reading Comprehension Study Guide](http://www.education.com/study-help/study-help-language-reading/) at education.com

   This site has obvious value to English teachers.  But many clickable links to sections like ["READING GRAPHICS PRACTICE EXERCISES"](http://www.education.com/study-help/study-help-language-reading/) are useful in science and social studies, as well.  Also, it offers at least 3 sets of practice exercises in various areas, including:

    [Arts and Humanities Critical Reading Practice Set 1](http://www.education.com/study-help/article/critical-reading-arts-humanities-practice/)

    [Science and Nature Critical Reading Practice Set 1](http://www.education.com/study-help/article/critical-reading-science-nature-practice/)

    [Social Studies Critical Reading Practice Set 1](http://www.education.com/study-help/article/critical-reading-social-studies-practice/)

    [U.S. History and Politics Critical Reading Practice Set 1](http://www.education.com/study-help/article/critical-reading-history-politics-practice/)

[Critical Reading in U.S. History:  Johnson's Great Society](http://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&frm=1&source=web&cd=2&ved=0CFcQFjAB&url=http%3A%2F%2Fpublicportal.ousd.k12.ca.us%2F1994101215161810200%2Flib%2F1994101215161810200%2FGreat_Society_Assessment_-_Working_With_Charts_and_Graphs.doc&ei=bhgMUNa9EIXmqgHWyMSeCg&usg=AFQjCNE_DHLQ2qGK7QY3bfxH4R3Vu9z8fQ&sig2=xSvJNfmc4LcsvhnZZYGPFg) pdf

[U.S. Government Course Review with Critical Reading Questions](http://www.aacps.org/testing/government.pdf) pdf

[TX 2003 Social Studies Assessment](http://web.archive.org/web/20110220115534/http%3A/ritter.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/resources/online/2003/grade11/socialstudies.htm) (U.S. TAKS)

[TX 2006 Social Studies Assessment](http://web.archive.org/web/20110220095808/http%3A/ritter.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/resources/online/2006/grade11/ss/11socialstudies.htm) (U.S. TAKS)

[TX 2003 Social Studies Assessment](http://web.archive.org/web/20110220112141/http%3A/ritter.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/resources/online/2003/grade10/socialstudies.htm)  (World TAKS)

[TX 2006 Social Studies Assessment](http://web.archive.org/web/20110220092956/http%3A/ritter.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/resources/online/2006/grade10/ss/10socialstudies.htm) (World TAKS)

ACT Guided Highlighted Reading (Social Science) - America's Homeless in America
     [America's Homeless in America - Practice Test](http://www.missionliteracy.com/page68/assets/America%20Mentally%20Ill%20Homeless.pdf)
     [America's Homeless in America - Key](http://www.missionliteracy.com/page68/assets/Americas%20Mentally%20Ill%20Homeless.doc)
     [America's Homeless in America - Guided Highlighted Reading](http://www.missionliteracy.com/page68/assets/America%20Mentally%20Ill%20Highlighted%20Read.pdf)
ACT Guided Highlighted Reading (Natural Science) - The Health Effects of Caffeine
     [The Health Effects of Caffeine - Practice Test](http://www.missionliteracy.com/page68/assets/ACT%20Exam%20A%20-%20Passage%204%20-%20Natural%20Science%20with%20numbered%20lines%20and%20paragraphs.pdf)
     [The Health Effects of Caffeine - Key](http://www.missionliteracy.com/page68/assets/ACT%20Exam%20A%20Answer%20Key%20Passage%204%20Natural%20Science.pdf)
     [The Health Effects of Caffeine - Guided Highlighted Reading](http://www.missionliteracy.com/page68/assets/ACT%20Exam%20A-%20Passage%204%20-%20Natural%20Science%20-Guided%20Highlighted%20Read.pdf)
ACT Practice Tests - Humanities
     [The History of Jazz - Practice Test](http://www.missionliteracy.com/page68/assets/History%20of%20Jazz%20practice%20activity.pdf)
     [The History of Jazz - Key](http://www.missionliteracy.com/page68/assets/History%20of%20Jazz%20Answer%20Key.pdf)

**SCIENCE REASONING:**

[Sample Science Reasoning Test](http://limestone.k12.il.us/psae/science.pdf)

[The ACT Science Myth](http://www.testingiseasy.com/act-science-myth/)

[Motion Graphs](http://www.mysciencesite.com/motion_graphs.pdf)

[CHEMISTRY:  Guided Reading](http://www.macombscience.org/uploads/5/8/3/4/583452/chemistry_example.pdf)

[EARTH SCIENCE: Guided Reading](http://www.macombscience.org/uploads/5/8/3/4/583452/earth_example.pdf)

[The PHYSICS Classroom ACT Center](http://www.physicsclassroom.com/actprep/)

[GAPMINDER WORLD](http://www.gapminder.org/world/#$majorMode=chart$is;shi=t;ly=2003;lb=f;il=t;fs=11;al=30;stl=t;st=t;nsl=t;se=t$wst;tts=C$ts;sp=5.59290322580644;ti=2011$zpv;v=1$inc_x;mmid=XCOORDS;iid=phAwcNAVuyj1jiMAkmq1iMg;by=ind$inc_y;mmid=YCOORDS;iid=phAwcNAVuyj2tPLxKvvnNPA;by=ind$inc_s;uniValue=8.21;iid=phAwcNAVuyj0XOoBL%5Fn5tAQ;by=ind$inc_c;uniValue=255;gid=CATID0;by=grp$map_x;scale=log;dataMin=282;dataMax=119849$map_y;scale=lin;dataMin=12;dataMax=83$map_s;sma=49;smi=2.65$cd;bd=0$inds=;example=75)- download statistical tool and manipulate data

[ACT Science Glossary](http://www.madison-schools.com/cms/lib4/MS01001041/Centricity/Domain/699/ACT%20Science%20Glossary%20of%20Terms.pdf)ACT Science Glossary

[Instant ACT Science Reasoning Test JEOPARDY](http://www.superteachertools.com/jeopardyx/jeopardy-review-game-convert.php?gamefile=../jeopardy/usergames/Aug201135/jeopardy1314650886.txt)

[4 Science Tricks to Boost Your Score](http://testprep.about.com/od/actscience/tp/ACT_Science_Tricks.htm)

**WRITING:**

[ACT Writing Rubric](http://swiftpens.com/page11/page20/page28/page28.html)

[ACT Educator's Guide to the Writing Test](http://www.act.org/aap/writing/pdf/educator_guide.pdf)

[Swiftpens ACT Writing Guide](http://swiftpens.com/page11/page20/page28/page28.html)

**BOOKS & GUIDES:**

\*[AMSCO MATH AND SCIENCE REASONING](http://amscopub.com/price_list_book_information/price_list_info.html?CM=Prod&CID=14&PID=145)

     [AMSCO MATH AND SCIENCE REASONING](http://amscopub.com/images/file/File_952.pdf?CFID=108d8922-d1f3-4ed9-ab7c-78da97456eda&CFTOKEN=0) (sample)

\*[AMSCO READING AND WRITING](http://amscopub.com/price_list_book_information/price_list_info.html?CM=Prod&CID=4&PID=707)

     [AMSCO READING AND WRITING](http://amscopub.com/images/file/File_947.pdf?CFID=108d8922-d1f3-4ed9-ab7c-78da97456eda&CFTOKEN=0) (sample)

\*[THE REAL ACT PREP GUIDE](http://www.actstudent.org/testprep/book.html)

[HAPPY SCHOOLS BLOG](http://www.happyschoolsblog.com/best-act-test-prep-books-2012/):  Top Ten ACT Prep Books Links  (Please note that the big red book is the only prep text sanctioned by act.org.  It's always better to use the "real deal" when you can!)

*\*indicates books we use in our test prep course.*

**ACT SCORE ANALYSIS SPREADSHEET:**

[SPREADSHEET](http://www.scorehighmovement.com/resources/) from THE SCORE HIGH MOVEMENT

**GAMES:**

Play [ZERO HOUR THREAT](https://www.mycollegeoptions.org/Content/ForStudents/ZeroHourThreat/ZeroHourThreatGame.aspx)from[**MY COLLEGE OPTIONS**](https://www.mycollegeoptions.org/Content/ForStudents/StudentLounge/LoungePreview.aspx)

[ACT Big Board Game](http://www.madison-schools.com/cms/lib4/MS01001041/Centricity/Domain/699/BigBoardGameACT.ppt)**-**ThisJeopardy style practice game covers all sections. *Please note that sometimes it's hard to locate the SHOW ANSWER button because they HTML link gets shifted during editing. Just move the mouse around until the pointer cursor becomes a finger. Sometimes the link is closer to the little eraser at the bottom right than the actual words.*

**TOOLS:**

[DATA VISUALIZATION](http://digitaldollar.edublogs.org/2010/04/26/moving-beyond-bar-graphs-with-data-visualization/) - article and links

[GAPMINDER WORLD](http://www.gapminder.org/world/#$majorMode=chart$is;shi=t;ly=2003;lb=f;il=t;fs=11;al=30;stl=t;st=t;nsl=t;se=t$wst;tts=C$ts;sp=5.59290322580644;ti=2011$zpv;v=1$inc_x;mmid=XCOORDS;iid=phAwcNAVuyj1jiMAkmq1iMg;by=ind$inc_y;mmid=YCOORDS;iid=phAwcNAVuyj2tPLxKvvnNPA;by=ind$inc_s;uniValue=8.21;iid=phAwcNAVuyj0XOoBL%5Fn5tAQ;by=ind$inc_c;uniValue=255;gid=CATID0;by=grp$map_x;scale=log;dataMin=282;dataMax=119849$map_y;scale=lin;dataMin=12;dataMax=83$map_s;sma=49;smi=2.65$cd;bd=0$inds=;example=75)- download statistical tool and manipulate data

[BUBBLE SHEET GENERATOR](http://catpin.com/bubbletest/) - generates custom answer sheets

**VIDEOS:**

[Knewton](http://www.youtube.com/user/KnewtonSAT/videos)

[Test Prep Authority](http://www.youtube.com/user/TestPrepAuthority/videos)

[Kaplan](http://www.youtube.com/user/KaplanSATACT/videos)

[Brightstorm](http://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=Brightstorm+ACT+Prep&oq=Brightstorm+ACT+Prep&gs_l=youtube.3...282.4066.0.4432.6.6.0.0.0.0.158.582.2j4.6.0...0.0...1ac.Qe6ZhIrqTu8)

**ACT BOOKMARKS (printable)**

[ACT TEST SECTIONS BOOKMARK](http://www.madison-schools.com/cms/lib4/MS01001041/Centricity/Domain/699/act%20bookmarks.docx)

[ACT READING STRATEGIES](http://www.missionliteracy.com/page68/assets/Strategies%20for%20ACT%20Reading%20bookmark.pdf) \*This is a good bookmark, but ***PLEASE NOTE that it does have one erroneous claim****.* *R****eadingquestions are NOT arranged in order of difficulty!****The four trig questions do come near the end on the math section, but the questions for English, Reading, and Science Reasoning are NOT arranged in order of difficulty. Students should answer the questions which they find easiest first.*

[ACT READING PASSAGE TYPES](http://www.missionliteracy.com/page68/assets/ACT%20Passage%20bookmarks.pdf)

[CRITICAL READING](http://www.missionliteracy.com/page68/assets/Close%20and%20Critical%20Reading%20bookmarks.pdf)

[GENERAL SCIENCE](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/22_GeneralScienceBookmarkACTRecomm_177156_7.pdf)