**ACT STUDY TIPS**

1. Buy or borrow at least 2 reputable study books.

2. During the test, use the entire time for each section.

3. Get inside the heads of the test makers.

4. Learn the most frequently tested concepts.

5. Memorize the instructions for each test.

6. Pinpoint your weaknesses and attack them.

7. Remember that test taking is a learned skill, not an inherent gift.

8. Do some timed practice to check in on your pacing.

9. Spend some time with the free resources at **actstudent.org**

10. Develop a Personalized ACT Study Plan.

• Work backwards from your test date.

• Be realistic with yourself about how many hours/days per week you can study.

• Stick to it!

• Figure out what you’ll study each week.

• Utilize pre-made study plans. Ex: http://magoosh.com/hs/act/2015/one-month-act-study-schedule/

11. Utilize online and social media resources.

**ACT STUDY RESOURCES**

**Khan Academy.** (Answers to first edition of the [College Board's official SAT study guide](http://www.amazon.com/Official-SAT-Study-Guide-OFF/dp/B001SRLGV6/ref=sr_1_3?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1370469797&sr=1-3&keywords=official+sat+study+guide), 2004)

**PWN the SAT.** Want to ace the math section of the SAT? Try [PWN the SAT](http://blog.pwnthesat.com/). (PWN is a video-gaming term that means "own.")

**College Board.**Buy a copy of what test-prep insiders call the "Blue Book," College Board's own thick SAT guide. The latest version is called "[The Official SAT Study Guide DVD Edition](http://www.amazon.com/The-Official-SAT-Study-Guide/dp/0874479797/ref=sr_1_fkmr1_2?s=books&ie=UTF8&q%20?tag=asly-20id=1370469235&sr=1-2-fkmr1&keywords=he+Official+SAT+Study+Guide+DVD+Edition)" or "[The Official SAT Study Guide 2nd edition](http://www.amazon.com/Official-SAT-Study-Guide-2nd/dp/0874478529/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1370469313&sr=1-1&keywords=The+Official+SAT+Study+Guide+2nd+edition/?tag=asly-20)."Buy the book and have access to the [College Board's online site for the book owners](http://www.collegeboard.com/html/satstudyguide/?excmpid=CBP6-ST-2-guide).

**ACT.** Study on the cheap with "[The Real ACT Prep Guide](http://www.amazon.com/The-Real-Edition-Prep-Guide/dp/B00CNKPWYE)," which includes five retired ACT tests. You can also [study online at the ACT site](http://www.actstudent.org/onlineprep/order.html) for $21.95 for a year.

**The Critical Reader.** Provides a great deal of free advice via the [test-prep blog](http://www.thecriticalreader.com/blog.html) on the critical reading and writing portion of the SAT test. You'll also findfree study guides on her site. Including the**"**[Complete SAT Grammar Rules](http://www.thecriticalreader.com/general-grammar-tips/sat-grammar/item/264-complete-sat-grammar-rules.html)" and the "[Complete ACT Punctuation Rule](http://www.thecriticalreader.com/general-grammar-tips/act-grammar/item/265-complete-act-punctuation-rules.html)[**s**](http://www.thecriticalreader.com/act-grammar/study-guides/grammar/act/complete-act-punctuation-rules)."

**Number2.com.**Students can study for the SAT and ACT [at this site](https://www.number2.com/), and parents can track the time that their teens spend on it, as well as their progress.

**EriktheRed.** This [helpful site](http://www.erikthered.com/tutor/#satmathsec) helps students prepare for the math section of the SAT and ACT. Students will find lots of free materials to download for the SAT test, including quizzes, formulas and exam strategies.

[**www.ACTStudent.org**](http://magoosh.com/Users/IamCatLeahG/Dropbox/ACT%20Blog/www.ACTStudent.org) The official ACT website

**ACT TWITTER HANDLES:**

**@BellCurves** They tweet about test preparation, learning, schooling, and education. The focus here is on the GMAT, GRE, and SAT in addition to the ACT, but you can learn about many great education resources from their tweets!

**@GrockitCollege** ACT tips, news, and special promotions from Grockit, one of the biggest online ACT study centers. Follow them to keep up with the weekly free ACT test questions on Grockit’s College Prep blog.

**@ACTStudent** The official testmaker’s website! An absolute must-follow for those looking to get the latest information on the ACT! Especially nice to be reminded of upcoming dates and deadlines!

**@KaplanSATACT** This is Kaplan’s Twitter handle for their undergrad focus. College application tips, plus news on upcoming Kaplan courses.

**@CollegeBoundNet** Tweets from Gina & Barbara from CollegeBound.net. These ladies tweet on college topics like admissions, testing, scholarships, etc. and host a weekly chat on Twitter.

**@ThePrincetonRev** Like Kaplan, they offer comprehensive courses on the ACT. Their tweets cover all kinds of different tests, but this handle is updated fairly often with interesting information.

**@TheWordoftheDay** With hundreds of tweets already, follow them to learn a challenging new vocabulary word each day!