

About ACT Test Preparation

The ACT[®] test is a curriculum-based achievement test that measures what students have learned in school. It focuses on the skills and knowledge taught in schools and deemed important for success in first-year college coursework. As a result, the best way for students to prepare for the ACT is to take challenging courses in school, work hard, and learn the material. We believe the best type of test prep program for students is one that focuses on reviewing and mastering course content and core academic skills.

It may also be beneficial for students to become familiar with the test format and timing, so that they know what to expect on test day. ACT offers many free test prep materials on our [website](#) to help students do their best on the ACT test, including free study guides, practice tests, detailed test descriptions, and tips. For those who prefer additional practice, we also provide affordable test prep solutions like ACT[®] Online Prep and ACT[®] Kaplan[®] Online Prep Live, which are free to students who register for the ACT with a fee waiver. Last year, we provided more than 700,000 students from lower-income families fee waivers—valued at \$36 million—to take the ACT.

Overview

Free Prep

- **Preparing for the ACT Test Study Guide:** A free preparation booklet with access to test information, complete practice tests with scoring keys, and a writing prompt. This booklet offers information on the test format, instructions for testing, and includes answers to practice questions so students can verify their knowledge of tested subjects. It also includes strategies to prepare for each subject test.
- **ACT Question of the Day:** A repository of over 100 free practice questions from real ACT tests, ACT Question of the Day helps students prepare for test day. The enhanced ACT Question of the Day, which is accessed through the ACT Profile service, allows students to improve their skills by watching short instructional videos, taking quizzes to diagnose areas where improvement may be necessary, and completing “next step” review options and video suggestions at their convenience. These resources are provided by OpenEd, a company acquired by ACT in May 2016, which provides educational resources to teachers throughout the U.S.

Paid Prep

- **The Official ACT Prep Guide:** The only ACT-authorized test prep book (published by Wiley), this guide includes three practice tests, explanations for all correct and incorrect answer choices, all-new test forms (including the writing test), test-taking strategies for each section, and hundreds of additional practice questions in the online bonus content area.
- **ACT Online Prep:** An online, interactive program that provides each student with an ACT practice test to give a predicted score, and then creates a personalized learning path based on each student's strengths, areas of needed improvement, and timeframe before their test date. The program provides two full-length practice tests, more than 2,400 additional questions from previous tests in all four subject areas (English, reading, science and math), and learning content including lessons, interactive gaming modules, and flash cards. The program is accessible online or through an included app for on-the-go practice. States, districts and schools may also order the program for students. Administrators have access to a dashboard that provides information on student progress at an individual and aggregate level.
- **ACT Kaplan Online Prep Live:** ACT, Inc. and Kaplan Test Prep established a [partnership](#) in 2016 to provide students with a virtual classroom experience that delivers live instruction—by [expert Kaplan instructors](#)—at an accessible price through different subscription plans. The program includes ACT Online Prep, courses and practice on all four ACT test subjects, video tutorials on score-raising strategies, 8 full-length ACT practice tests, and a quiz bank of online quizzes complete with over 1,400 questions and 50+ hours of online lessons, accessible on all computers and devices. Students can access recorded sessions online at any time, and instructors are available for support outside of classroom hours.

Links

- [Preparing for the ACT study guide: English](#)
- [Preparing for the ACT study guide: Spanish](#)
- [ACT Question of the Day](#)
- [ACT Profile](#)
- [OpenEd](#)
- [The Official ACT Prep Guide 2016-2017](#)
- [ACT Online Prep](#)
- [ACT Kaplan Online Prep Live](#)