



What is the ACT?

- The Act is a national college admissions examination that consists of subject area tests in: English, Mathematics, Reading, Science and Writing.
- ACT results are accepted by all four-year colleges and universities in the US.
- The ACT includes 215 multiple-choice questions and takes approximately 3 hours and 30 minutes to complete, including a short break (or just over four hours if you are taking the ACT with writing). Actual testing time is 2 hours and 55 minutes (plus 40 minutes if you are taking the ACT with writing).

The Act consists of subject area tests in:

- **English**
 - The English test is a 75-question, 45 minute test covering:
 - Usage/Mechanics: punctuation, grammar and usage, sentence structure
 - Rhetorical Skills: strategy, organization, style
- **Mathematics**
 - The ACT mathematics test is a 60-question, 60-minute test designed to assess the mathematical skills students have typically acquired in courses taken up to the beginning of grade 12.
 - Pre-algebra, elementary algebra, intermediate algebra, coordinate geometry, plane geometry, trigonometry
- **Reading**
 - The reading test is a 40-question, 35-minute test that measures your reading comprehension. The test questions ask you to derive meaning from several texts. The test comprises four sections, each containing one long or two shorter prose passages that are representative of the level and kinds of text commonly encountered in first-year college curricula. Passages on topics in social studies, natural sciences, literary narrative (including prose fiction), and the humanities are included.
- **Science**
 - The science test is a 40-question, 35-minute test that measures the interpretation, analysis, evaluation, reasoning, and problem-solving skills required in the natural sciences.
 - The content of the science test includes biology, chemistry, physics, and the Earth/space sciences (for example, geology, astronomy, and meteorology). Advanced knowledge in these subjects is not required, but knowledge acquired in general, introductory science courses is needed to answer some of the questions. The test emphasizes scientific reasoning skills over recall of scientific content, skill in mathematics, or reading ability.
- **Writing**
 - The writing test is a 40-minute essay test that measures your writing skills—specifically those writing skills emphasized in high school English classes and in entry-level college composition courses.

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