

# The ACT

Learn about the structure, format, and content of the ACT

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## FORMATS



PAPER



COMPUTER

(International and select US School District testing)

## INCREASING QUESTION DIFFICULTY



For Math and Science sections only

## QUESTION FORMAT



MULTIPLE CHOICE

4 answer choices: English, Reading, Science  
5 answer choices: Math

## TIME PER QUESTION



ENGLISH



READING



MATH



SCIENCE

## SCORING

36

English | 1-36 Reading | 1-36

Math | 1-36 Science | 1-36

Composite Score | 1-36

## OPTIONAL WRITING TEST



1 PROMPT WITH 3 PERSPECTIVES

40 minutes | Scoring: 2-12

## STRUCTURE

2 hr 55 min



215 Questions

45 min

English  
75 Questions

60 min

Math  
60 Questions

15 min break

35 min

Reading  
40 Questions

35 min

Science  
40 Questions

5 min break

40 min

Writing (Optional)

1 prompt

## ACT CONTENT BREAKDOWN

### ENGLISH



Conventions of Standard English | 52-55%

- Sentence structure and formation
- Punctuation
- Usage

Production of Writing | 29-32%

- Topic development
- Organization, unity, and cohesion

Knowledge of Language | 15-17%

### MATHEMATICS



Preparing for Higher Math | 57-60%

- Number and quantity
- Algebra
- Functions
- Geometry
- Statistics and probability

Integrating Essential Skills | 40-43%

### READING



Key Ideas and Details | 52-60%

Craft and Structure | 25-30%

- Word choice and text structure
- Author's purpose and perspective
- Characters' points of view

Integration of Knowledge and Ideas | 13-23%

### SCIENCE



Interpretation of Data | 40-50%

Scientific Investigation | 20-30%

Evaluation of Models, Inferences, and Experimental Results | 25-35%

- Data representation
- Research summaries
- Conflicting viewpoints