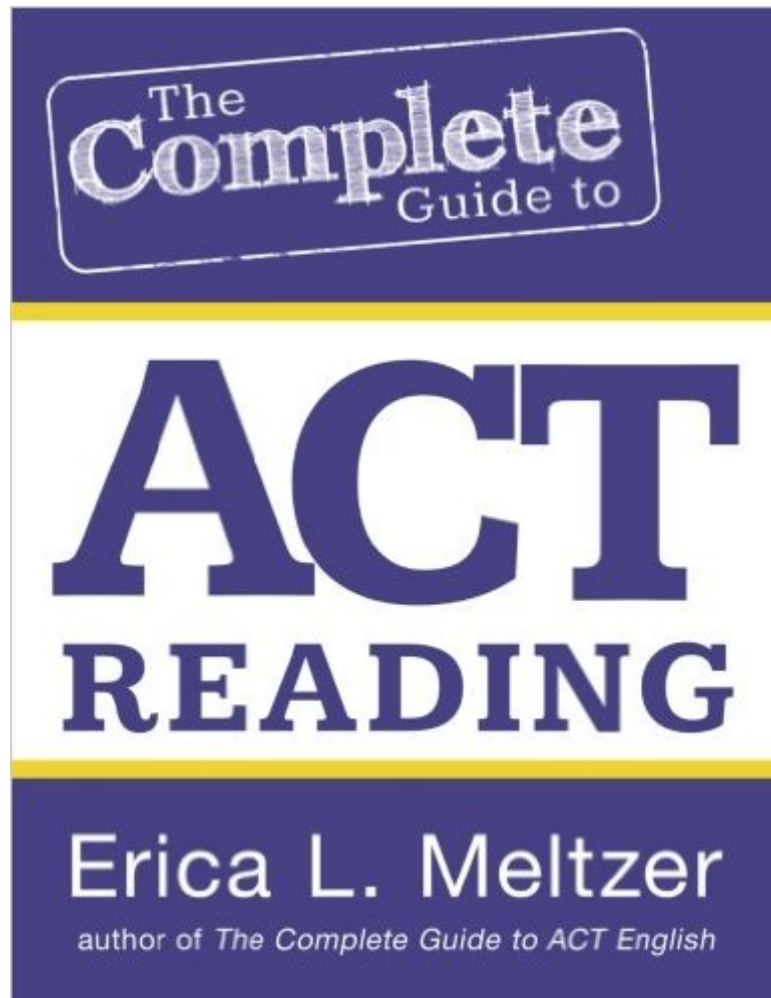


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# The Complete Guide To ACT Reading



## Synopsis

Important: this version is aligned with the pre-2014 ACT Reading test and does not cover paired passages. For the updated version, please see <https://www..com/Complete-Guide-ACT-Reading-2nd/dp/0997517824>. Contrary to popular belief, the ACT Reading Comprehension section is not simply a test of speed but also one of logic. The Complete Guide to ACT Reading combines fundamentals of comprehension with test-taking techniques to explain how to maximize your score by approaching the test strategically. Includes:

- Extensive strategies for managing time throughout the Reading Comprehension section both as a whole and on each passage/question set.
- An in-depth explanation of skimming techniques -- learn to focus on the most important parts of a passage without getting lost in the details, and to locate key information more rapidly as you work through the questions.
- An overview of common passage topics and themes designed to teach you to "read the test" and identify correct and incorrect answers more accurately and efficiently.
- A complete chapter devoted to each major question type: literal comprehension, vocabulary-in-context, function/purpose, tone, inference, and point of view.
- Examples from The Real Guide Guide to the ACT, 3rd Ed. demonstrating how to apply the techniques discussed to actual ACT questions. With passages drawn from the same contemporary sources and authors used on administered ACT exams, this book provides accurate, rigorous preparation designed to teach you exactly what to expect when you sit down to take the real exam -- whether your goal is a 25 or a 36.

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Like Erica Meltzer's *The Critical Reader* (which covers the SAT's Critical Reading section), *The Complete Guide to ACT Reading* is thorough and thoughtful. As a full-time tutor, I've read many ACT prep books. This one is an improvement on them for several reasons:

1. There's an entire chapter devoted to timing strategy. Since students have different reading speeds and abilities, different strategies must be taught. It's nice to see different options presented, which makes it more likely that your student will find one that works for her. Most books will only discuss one strategy for pacing.
2. The book has a great discussion of how to change the way you read passages for maximum benefit. Again, this is done in much more detail than most books and consequently students are more likely to be able to learn how to read more efficiently.
3. Advice on how to THINK your way through the Reading section abounds. Using logic to find details and understanding how authors construct passages and paragraphs are discussed in detail. In fact, a theme of the guide is that thinking skills are necessary for doing well - a welcome change from the reliance on "tips n' tricks" by many of this book's competitors. The book also deconstructs all the major and minor questions types students will encounter on the test and provides a couple of practice tests. The quality and realism of the passages and questions is quite a bit better than other prep books I've read, and the techniques are more robust.

The ACT has recently thrown us a couple of curveballs: a Reading section with paired passages and questions asking about both, and the inclusion of a science-style chart in a passage, so the book could benefit from an update to include those potentialities.

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