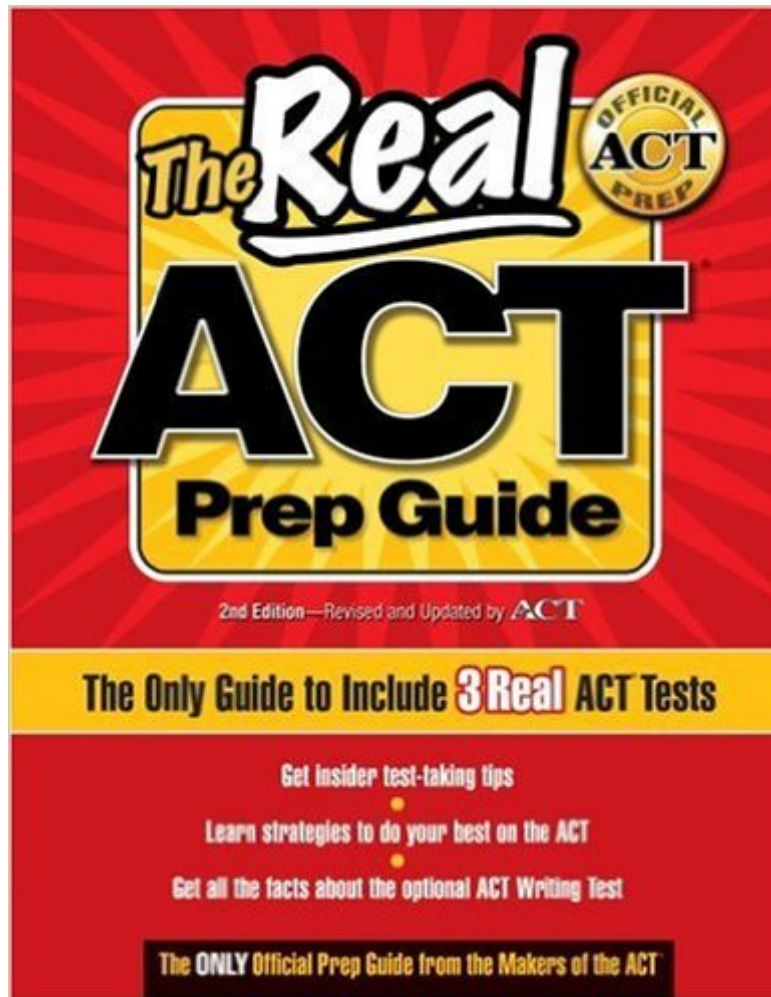


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We run a very successful test prep company and highly recommend The Real ACT Prep Guide to students. It is important to note that the ACT is one of the most predictable tests ever created. This test always tests the same skills--in the same amounts!--on each section of the test. For example, the English test will ALWAYS have 10 questions testing punctuation, 12 questions testing grammar, 18 questions testing sentence structure, etc. And within those categories, the same skills are always tested. This predictability can be found in all sections of the test. The math section will ALWAYS have 14 plane geometry questions, 4 trig questions, etc. Why am I blabbering on about this? Since the ACT is so predictable, the best way to prep for the test is to take official ACTs. The same question types just repeat and repeat. With enough practice, you'll know exactly what to expect on test day. And no, the fake Princeton Review and Kaplan ACT practice tests just don't cut it. (Just check out all those reviews for those books. Sadly, they are filled with comments like, "The tests in this book were nothing like the real thing. Not a good thing to find out on test day." Oy.) This book is the only one out there offering real ACT tests. You need this book! There are several problems with this book, however: 1) The Real Guide doesn't give you a "big picture" view of the skills you need to

improve. Let's say you answer a test question incorrectly and review the answers and explanations. Hopefully, you won't get a similar question wrong next time. But you don't necessarily have a "macro" sense of the topics you need to review.²) Even if you realize what skills you need to improve, the Real ACT Prep Guide doesn't really review any skills tested on the ACT.

I am an Associate Professor of Mathematics, SAT and ACT Math tutor, and author of the book "The 32 Most Effective SAT Math Strategies." I also tutor the Science section of the ACT. If you are preparing for the ACT, then you must have this book since it is the only one with 3 actual exams. I only wish that this book had more actual tests, or at least more actual ACT questions. To prepare effectively for the ACT you unfortunately need more than this book simply because it doesn't have enough questions. When I tutor for the ACT I generally have my students do 5 practice tests (including these 3 and the free one you should be able to pick up at your guidance counselor's office). In addition I use another 3 tests for additional practice (these are done in class and for homework, but not under timed conditions). This amount of preparation is more than sufficient for a substantial improvement to your score. It is important however to be implementing the correct strategies as you prepare. The Science section in particular can be a bit tricky since your time must be used wisely. Let me finish this review by telling you exactly how I teach my students to take the Science section of the test. First of all I teach my students to only use the passages to look up answers to questions - NEVER read the passages before the questions. This wastes too much time. In fact, in many questions you will not have to read the passages at all. Often you will just have to look up the answers in the appropriate charts, graphs, tables, figures, etc. Second, always save the "arguments" passage for last. This is the wordiest passage which has two or more people giving two opposing viewpoints. This passage can suck your time away quickly if you're not careful.

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