MAGOOSH STUDY SCHEDULE

The Enhanced ACT Two-Month Study Schedule

Updated for the Enhanced ACT



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Introduction

Two months is a sweet spot for ACT prep. It is long enough to work through every high-value topic on the Enhanced ACT, take five full practice tests, and still have room to go back and fix what the tests reveal. It is short enough that you will not lose steam.

This schedule is built on the Enhanced ACT: the shorter test, with English, Math, and Reading making up your Composite score and Science and Writing optional. Most days run about an hour. If you only have a month, see our one-month schedule, which is the intensive version of this plan.

What's on the Enhanced ACT

Section	Questions	Time	Counts toward your Composite?
English	50	35 min	Yes
Math	45	50 min	Yes
Reading	36	40 min	Yes
Science	40	40 min	No (optional)
Writing (essay)	1 essay	40 min	No (optional)

Your Composite is the average of English, Math, and Reading, so the core of this schedule is those three sections. If you are also taking Science or Writing, every week has clearly marked optional blocks for them.

How This Schedule Works

Time estimates are honest. Each day lists a time for every item, and the day's total is the sum plus a few minutes for logging in and getting set up. Lesson times include a minute to load and move between videos. Quiz and practice times include reading the explanations, which is where most of the learning happens. If a day says 65 minutes, plan on 65 minutes.

Start with a diagnostic. Kickoff weekend is ACT Test 1. Your results tell you where your points are hiding, and you will come back to them for weeks.

Quiz first when you can. Most Magoosh study modules have a short quiz. If you think a day's topic is already a strength, take the quiz before the lessons. Five out of five? Skip the lessons and spend the time on something from your weak-spot list. Missed any? Watch the lessons.

Read every explanation. For each question you miss, read the text or video explanation and jot down why you missed it. Keep these notes in one place. Your "Your Pick" days and test reviews are built around this list.

Day 5 is Your Pick. Days 1 to 4 each week are assigned. Day 5 is yours: review your latest test, run custom practice in your weakest area, and work through one module of your choosing. Not sure what to pick? Each Your Pick day comes with a suggestion.

Weekends are for tests. A full practice test lands on the weekends after Weeks 2, 4, 6, and 7, with the review built into the following Monday. The other weekends are your choice: take an extra test if you want more data, or use the weekend to catch up. Magoosh has more than a dozen full-length Enhanced ACT tests, so you will not run out. If you took the free Magoosh practice test before signing up, that was ACT Test 3; the first optional weekend tells you what to take instead.

Where to Spend Your Time

Based on our analysis of official Enhanced ACT forms, here is how often topics show up. This schedule covers the "Most common" and "Common" topics in full. "Less common" topics appear as Your Pick suggestions, so you can add them if you are aiming for a top score.

English - Most common: writer's goal and adding/deleting sentences · transitions and sentence order · run-ons and sentence structure · word choice and tone - Common: commas · dashes, colons, and semicolons · best illustration (choosing the most specific detail) · wordiness and redundancy - Less common: subject–verb agreement · pronouns · verb tense · idioms

Math - Most common: word problems and modeling · lines, slope, and the coordinate plane · percents, ratios, and proportions · quadratics and factoring · function notation - Common: area, perimeter, and volume · probability · reading graphs and tables · mean and median · right triangles and SOHCAHTOA · exponents and roots - Less common: complex numbers · sequences · inequalities · matrices · logarithms · the unit circle

Reading - Most common: detail questions ("According to the passage...") and line references - Common: author's purpose · inference · main idea · meaning of words in context · comparison passages - Less common: author's voice · graphs and charts with a passage

What You'll Need

- Your Magoosh ACT Premium account. Every lesson, quiz, practice set, and practice test in this schedule is inside your account.
- A notebook or notes app for your weak-spot list.
- **Online or on paper?** Find out how you will take the ACT. If you are testing online, you will have a built-in Desmos graphing calculator, and this schedule includes two Desmos sessions marked "Testing online?" If you are testing on paper, bring your own approved calculator and skip those items.

Taking Science or Writing?

Blocks marked **Optional: Science** and **Optional: Writing** appear each week, with their own time totals so they never crowd out the core work. Take the Science section on your practice tests if you are taking it on the real thing. Skip these blocks entirely if you are not taking those sections.

THE SCHEDULE

Your Day-by-Day Plan

KICKOFF WEEKEND Get Your Starting Data

2 hr 10 min · Science +40 min

- **(2 hr 5 min) Take ACT Test 1.** Go to Practice Tests and take English, Math, and Reading. Short on time? Use the buttons at the top to take one section at a time, for example English and Reading on Saturday and Math on Sunday.
- Taking Science? Add the Science section (40 min).
- Don't review yet. That is what Day 1 is for.

Week 1 — Strategies First

"The secret of getting ahead is getting started." – Mark Twain

DAY 1 Review Your Diagnostic

1 HR 5 MIN · WRITING +30 MIN

Test review

- (45 min) Click through your ACT Test 1 results. Read the explanation for every question you missed, starting with your weakest section. Start your weak-spot list: for each miss, write the topic, why you missed it, and what you will do differently. If an explanation has a **Related Lessons** link, note the lesson.

English

- (6 min) Watch Introduction to the ACT English Test.
- (8 min) Watch ACT English Question Types.

Optional: Writing

- (14 min) Watch Introduction to the Essay.
- (12 min) Watch Example Essay Prompt.

DAY 2 Math Strategies

55 MIN · SCIENCE +25 MIN

Math

These strategy lessons pay off on every Math topic, so they come first.

- (3 min) Watch Intro to ACT Math.

- (5 min) Watch Calculator Use and Mental Math.
- (4 min) Watch The Use and Abuse of Formulas.
- (7 min) Watch Math Strategy: Picking Numbers - Part I.
- (10 min) Take the Intro to ACT Math Quiz and read the explanations.

Reading

- (11 min) Watch Introduction to the ACT Reading Test.
- (9 min) Watch ACT Reading Passage Types.

Optional: Science

- (7 min) Watch Intro to the ACT Science Test.
- (14 min) Watch How to Read the ACT Science Test.

DAY 3 Backsolving, Picking Numbers, and How to Read a Passage

1 HR 5 MIN · WRITING +25 MIN

Math

- (9 min) Watch Math Strategy: Picking Numbers - Part II.
- (9 min) Watch Math Strategy: Backsolving.
- (8 min) Watch Pacing & Guessing Strategies for Math.
- (10 min) Take the Math Strategies Quiz and read the explanations.

Reading

- (10 min) Watch Approaching Passages.
- (10 min) Take the English Strategies Quiz and read the explanations.

Optional: Writing

- (11 min) Watch Time Management.
- (10 min) Watch Scoring.

DAY 4 Writer's Goal (the #1 English Topic)

55 MIN · SCIENCE +30 MIN

English

Writer's goal and adding/deleting sentences are the most common English questions on the Enhanced ACT.

- (9 min) Watch Writer's/Essay Goal.
- (10 min) Watch Adding or Deleting Sentences.
- (10 min) Take the Rhetorical Strategy Quiz and read the explanations.

Reading

- (10 min) Watch ACT Reading Question Types.
- (11 min) Watch Trap Answer Choices.

Optional: Science

- (13 min) Watch Pacing on the ACT Science Test.
- (15 min) Take the Science Strategies Quiz and read the explanations.

DAY 5 Your Pick

1 HR 5 MIN

Your Pick

- (15 min) Go back to ACT Test 1. In your weakest section, read the explanations for questions you have not reviewed yet, and add to your weak-spot list.
- (20 min) Launch a 10-question Custom Practice session in your weakest section, and read every explanation.
- (25 min) Pick one module from your weak-spot list on your English, Math, or Reading dashboard. Quiz first; watch the lessons if you miss any.

Not sure what to pick? Try English style, a quick win

- (6 min) Watch Redundant Meanings.
- (5 min) Watch Concision and Wordiness.
- (6 min) Watch Clarity in Phrasing.
- (10 min) Take the Style Quiz and read the explanations.

WEEKEND Your Choice, Another Test or a Catch-Up Weekend

DESMOS +40 MIN · WRITING +15 MIN

Everyone

- **Want more data?** Take ACT Test 3 (2 hr 5 min, plus 40 min if you are taking Science). Already took Test 3 as the free Magoosh practice test before you signed up? Take ACT Test 4 instead. Review it on your Your Pick day next week.
- **Behind, or just tired?** Skip the test. Finish anything you did not get to this week, reread your weak-spot notes, and take a real break. A good catch-up weekend is worth more than a rushed test.

Optional: Testing online?

The built-in Desmos calculator can turn a tough algebra question into a quick graph.

- (8 min) Watch Getting Started with Desmos.
- (5 min) Watch Desmos: Single-Variable Equations.
- (7 min) Watch Desmos: Systems of Equations and Inequalities.

- (6 min) Watch Desmos: Quadratics and Parabolas.
- (10 min) Take the Desmos Quiz and read the explanations.

Optional: Writing

- (15 min) Watch How to Wow the Graders.

Week 2 — Word Problems, Percents, and Sentence Structure

"Doing the best at this moment puts you in the best place for the next moment." – Oprah Winfrey

DAY 1 Word Problems and Reading Practice

1 HR 10 MIN · WRITING +25 MIN

Math

Word problems are the most common type of Math question.

- (3 min) Watch Intro to Word Problems.
- (8 min) Watch Assigning Variables.
- (9 min) Watch Writing Equations.
- (10 min) Take the Word Problems Quiz #1 and read the explanations.

Reading

- (14 min) Watch Basic Strategies.
- (18 min) Do the Reading Passage Strategies Practice set and read the explanations for every miss.

Optional: Writing

- (11 min) Watch Planning the Essay.
- (14 min) Watch The Thesis.

DAY 2 Run-ons and Fragments, More Word Problems

1 HR 5 MIN · SCIENCE +25 MIN

English

- (8 min) Watch Dependent and Independent Clauses.
- (11 min) Watch Run-on Sentences and Comma Splices.
- (7 min) Watch Sentence Fragments.

Math

- (10 min) Watch Number of Variables.
- (10 min) Take the Word Problems Quiz #2 and read the explanations.
- (7 min) Watch Intro to Percents.

- (5 min) Watch Working with Percents.

Optional: Science

- (11 min) Watch Understanding Tables, Graphs, and Figures.
- (11 min) Watch Finding Trends and Patterns.

DAY 3 Sentence Structure Practice, Percent Change

1 HR 10 MIN · WRITING +15 MIN

English

- (30 min) Do the Sentence Structure Practice set and read the explanations for every miss.

Math

- (6 min) Watch Number Sense and Percents.
- (11 min) Watch Percent Increases.
- (8 min) Watch Percent Decreases.
- (10 min) Take the Percents Quiz and read the explanations.

Optional: Writing

- (12 min) Watch Coming Up With Examples.

DAY 4 Ratios and Proportions, Detail Questions

1 HR 10 MIN · SCIENCE +25 MIN

Math

- (11 min) Watch Intro to Ratios.
- (8 min) Watch Ratios and Rates.
- (8 min) Watch Operations with Proportions.
- (10 min) Take the Ratios Quiz and read the explanations.

Reading

Detail questions are the most common Reading question. The secret is going back to the passage instead of answering from memory.

- (6 min) Watch Detail Questions Intro.
- (9 min) Watch Using Key Words.
- (10 min) Take the Detail Questions Quiz and read the explanations.

Optional: Science

- (8 min) Watch Linking Tables and Graphs.
- (15 min) Take the Interpretation of Data Quiz and read the explanations.

DAY 5 Your Pick

1 HR 5 MIN

Your Pick

- (15 min) Took the optional test last weekend? Review it now: read every explanation for a miss and update your weak-spot list. If not, go back to ACT Test 1 and read explanations for 3–4 questions you have not reviewed yet.
- (20 min) Launch a 10-question Custom Practice session on your weakest Math topic, and read every explanation.
- (25 min) Pick one module from your weak-spot list on your English, Math, or Reading dashboard. Quiz first; watch the lessons if you miss any.

Not sure what to pick? Try the Rhetorical Strategy practice set

- (30 min) Do the Rhetorical Strategy Practice set and read the explanations for every miss.

WEEKEND Practice Test #2

2 HR 5 MIN · WRITING +55 MIN

Test

- **(2 hr 5 min) Take ACT Test 2 at Practice Tests. Do English, Math, and Reading in one sitting this time, with the short break after Math, just like the real test. Find a quiet place, and turn off your phone.**
- Taking Science? Add the Science section (40 min).
- Don't review yet. Day 1 of Week 3 is your review day.

Optional: Writing

- (45 min) Do the Practice Essay #1 set and read the explanations for every miss.
- (10 min) Reread your essay against the rubric in the Scoring lesson. Note one thing to do better next time.

Week 3 — Algebra and Organization

"It always seems impossible until it's done." – Nelson Mandela

DAY 1 Review Practice Test #2

1 HR · SCIENCE +20 MIN

Test review

- (40 min) Click through your ACT Test 2 results. How does your score compare with Test 1? Read the explanation for every miss, weakest section first, and update your weak-spot list. Which weak spots improved, and which are still there?

Reading

- (12 min) Watch Pacing & Guessing Strategies for Reading.

Optional: Science

- (20 min) Review your Science misses on Test 2. Which passage type gave you trouble: data, experiments, or conflicting viewpoints?

DAY 2 Algebra Foundations, Transitions and Order

1 HR 10 MIN · WRITING +25 MIN

Math

- (9 min) Watch Intro to Algebra.
- (8 min) Watch Simplifying Expressions.
- (8 min) Watch Basic Equation Solving.
- (10 min) Take the Intro to Algebra Quiz #1 and read the explanations.

English

- (9 min) Watch Transitions.
- (10 min) Watch Ordering Sentences and Paragraphs.
- (10 min) Take the Organization Quiz and read the explanations.

Optional: Writing

- (16 min) Watch Structuring the Essay.
- (8 min) Watch The Introduction.

DAY 3 Systems of Equations, Line References

1 HR 5 MIN · SCIENCE +25 MIN

Math

- (10 min) Watch Eliminating Fractions.
- (9 min) Watch Two Equations, Two Unknowns - I.
- (12 min) Watch Two Equations, Two Unknowns - II.
- (10 min) Take the Intro to Algebra Quiz #2 and read the explanations.

Reading

- (9 min) Watch Line Reference Questions.
- (10 min) Take the Line Reference Quiz and read the explanations.

Optional: Science

- (9 min) Watch Intro to Science Test Passage Types.
- (12 min) Watch Attacking Science Passages.

DAY 4 Slope and Intercepts, Paragraph Openers and Closers

1 HR 10 MIN · WRITING +20 MIN

Math

- (12 min) Watch Slope.
- (7 min) Watch Intercepts.
- (9 min) Watch The Coordinate Plane.
- (10 min) Take the Coordinate Geometry Quiz #1 and read the explanations.

English and Reading

- (7 min) Watch Introducing and Concluding Paragraphs.
- (6 min) Watch EXCEPT and NOT.
- (10 min) Take the EXCEPT and NOT Quiz and read the explanations.

Optional: Writing

- (10 min) Watch The Body Paragraphs.
- (6 min) Watch The Conclusion.

DAY 5 Your Pick

1 HR 5 MIN

Your Pick

- (15 min) Go back to ACT Test 2 and read explanations for 3–4 questions you have not reviewed yet.
- (20 min) Launch a 10-question Custom Practice session in your weakest Reading or English question type, and read every explanation.
- (25 min) Pick one module from your weak-spot list on your English, Math, or Reading dashboard. Quiz first; watch the lessons if you miss any.

Not sure what to pick? Try the Reading Question Strategies practice set

- (18 min) Do the Reading Question Strategies Practice set and read the explanations for every miss.
- (10 min) Take the Comparison Passages Quiz #2 and read the explanations.

WEEKEND Your Choice, Another Test or a Catch-Up Weekend

DESMOS +40 MIN · SCIENCE +30 MIN

Everyone

- **Want more data?** Take ACT Test 5 (2 hr 5 min, plus 40 min if you are taking Science). Review it on your Your Pick day next week.
- **Behind, or just tired?** Skip the test. Finish anything you did not get to this week, reread your weak-spot notes, and take a real break. A good catch-up weekend is worth more than a rushed test.

Optional: Testing online?

- (7 min) Watch Desmos: Functions.
- (7 min) Watch Desmos: Sliders.
- (6 min) Watch Desmos: Circles & Coordinate Geometry.
- (7 min) Watch Desmos: Data & Statistics.
- (10 min) Take the Desmos Basics II Quiz and read the explanations.

Optional: Science

- (11 min) Watch The Conflicting Viewpoints Passage.
- (15 min) Take the Science Passages Quiz and read the explanations.

Week 4 — Lines, Quadratics, and Punctuation

"Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out." – Robert Collier

DAY 1 Graphing Lines and Commas

1 HR 5 MIN · WRITING +15 MIN

Math

- (7 min) Watch Graphing Lines.
- (11 min) Watch Vertical and Horizontal Lines.
- (12 min) Watch Writing Equations of Lines.
- (10 min) Take the Coordinate Geometry II Quiz #1 and read the explanations.

English

- (12 min) Watch Commas I.
- (8 min) Watch Commas II.

Optional: Writing

- (14 min) Watch The Importance of Style.

DAY 2 Slope-Intercept and Distance, Apostrophes

55 MIN · SCIENCE +25 MIN

Math

- (10 min) Watch Slope-Intercept Form.
- (10 min) Watch Distance Between Two Points.
- (10 min) Take the Coordinate Geometry II Quiz #2 and read the explanations.

English

- (10 min) Watch Apostrophes.
- (10 min) Take the Punctuation Quiz #1 and read the explanations.

Optional: Science

- (8 min) Watch Using Key Terms.
- (6 min) Watch Unfamiliar Terms.
- (7 min) Watch Guessing Strategies for Science.

DAY 3 FOIL and Factoring, Comparison Passages

55 MIN · WRITING +20 MIN

Math

- (9 min) Watch Multiplying Expressions.
- (10 min) Watch FOIL Method.
- (10 min) Take the Algebra I Quiz #1 and read the explanations.

Reading

Every Reading section has one pair of passages, and several of its questions ask you to compare them.

- (9 min) Watch Comparison Passages.
- (10 min) Take the Comparison Passages Quiz #1 and read the explanations.

Optional: Writing

- (12 min) Watch Top Grammar Rules for the Essay.
- (6 min) Watch Proofreading Your Essay.

DAY 4 Quadratics, Dashes, Colons, and Semicolons

1 HR · SCIENCE +30 MIN

Math

- (6 min) Watch Factoring - Combined.
- (7 min) Watch Factoring - Rational Expressions.
- (10 min) Watch Factoring - Quadratics.
- (10 min) Take the Quadratics Quiz #1 and read the explanations.

English

- (7 min) Watch Colons.
- (6 min) Watch Dashes.
- (6 min) Watch Semicolons.

Optional: Science

- (12 min) Watch Answering "Yes/No, Because" Questions.
- (15 min) Take the Science Question Strategies Quiz and read the explanations.

DAY 5 Your Pick

1 HR 5 MIN

Your Pick

- (15 min) Go back to ACT Test 2 and read explanations for misses in the topic that has given you the most trouble so far.
- (20 min) Launch a 10-question Custom Practice session on that topic, and read every explanation.
- (25 min) Pick one module from your weak-spot list on your English, Math, or Reading dashboard. Quiz first; watch the lessons if you miss any.

Not sure what to pick? Try more punctuation practice

- (5 min) Watch Other Punctuation.
- (10 min) Take the Punctuation Quiz #2 and read the explanations.
- (30 min) Do the Punctuation Practice set and read the explanations for every miss.

WEEKEND Practice Test #3

2 HR 5 MIN · WRITING +55 MIN

Test

- **(2 hr 5 min) Take ACT Test 11 at Practice Tests. English, Math, and Reading in one sitting. You are halfway through the schedule, so this test shows how much the first month moved you.**
- Taking Science? Add the Science section (40 min).
- Don't review yet. Day 1 of Week 5 is your review day.

Optional: Writing

- (45 min) Do the Practice Essay #2 set and read the explanations for every miss.
- (10 min) Compare this essay with your first one. What improved?

Week 5 — Quadratics, Functions, and Rhetorical Skills

"When we do the best we can, we never know what miracle is wrought in our life or in the life of another." – Helen Keller

DAY 1 Review Practice Test #3

1 HR · SCIENCE +20 MIN

Test review

- (40 min) Click through your ACT Test 11 results. Read the explanation for every miss, weakest section first, and update your weak-spot list. Compare with Tests 1 and 2: what is trending up, and what is stuck?

English

- (5 min) Watch Grammar Basics Part 1.
- (8 min) Watch Grammar Basics Part 2.

Optional: Science

- (20 min) Review your Science misses on Test 11 and read the explanations.

DAY 2 Quadratic Formula and Equations, Word Choice

1 HR 5 MIN · WRITING +45 MIN

Math

- (12 min) Watch Factoring - Difference of Two Squares.
- (8 min) Watch Quadratic Formula.
- (10 min) Take the Quadratics Quiz #2 and read the explanations.

English

- (7 min) Watch Best Illustration Questions.
- (12 min) Watch Word Choice.
- (10 min) Take the Rhetorical Strategy II Quiz and read the explanations.

Optional: Writing

- (45 min) Do the Practice Essay #3 set and read the explanations for every miss.

DAY 3 Function Notation, Author's Purpose

1 HR · SCIENCE +30 MIN

Math

Function notation shows up on every Enhanced ACT Math section.

- (14 min) Watch Function Notation.
- (10 min) Take the Function Notation Quiz and read the explanations.
- (9 min) Watch Strange Operators.

Reading

- (11 min) Watch Author's Method (Purpose).

- (10 min) Take the Author's Purpose Quiz and read the explanations.

Optional: Science

- (12 min) Watch Finding Clues in the Answer Choices.
- (15 min) Take the Science Question Strategies Quiz #2 and read the explanations.

DAY 4 Exponents, Tone and Style

1 HR 10 MIN · WRITING +15 MIN

Math

- (11 min) Watch Intro to Exponents.
- (12 min) Watch Law of Exponents - I.
- (10 min) Take the Powers and Roots Quiz and read the explanations.

English

- (10 min) Watch Tone.
- (10 min) Take the Tone Quiz and read the explanations.
- (6 min) Watch Redundant Meanings.
- (5 min) Watch Concision and Wordiness.

Optional: Writing

- (15 min) Reread your third essay with the Top Grammar Rules and Proofreading lessons in mind. Mark three fixes you would make.

DAY 5 Your Pick

1 HR 5 MIN

Your Pick

- (15 min) Go back to ACT Test 11 and read explanations for 3–4 questions you have not reviewed yet.
- (20 min) Launch a 10-question Custom Practice session in your weakest section, and read every explanation.
- (25 min) Pick one module from your weak-spot list on your English, Math, or Reading dashboard. Quiz first; watch the lessons if you miss any.

Not sure what to pick? Try the Author's Purpose practice set, or finish quadratics and style

- (18 min) Do the Author's Purpose Practice set and read the explanations for every miss.
- (9 min) Watch Quadratic Equations.
- (6 min) Watch Clarity in Phrasing.
- (10 min) Take the Style Quiz and read the explanations.

WEEKEND Your Choice, Another Test or a Catch-Up Weekend

SCIENCE +40 MIN

Everyone

- **Want more data?** Take ACT Test 6 (2 hr 5 min, plus 40 min if you are taking Science). Review it on your Your Pick day next week.
- **Behind, or just tired?** Skip the test. Finish anything you did not get to this week, reread your weak-spot notes, and take a real break. A good catch-up weekend is worth more than a rushed test.

Optional: Science

- (36 min) Do the Interpretation of Data Practice set and read the explanations for every miss.

Week 6 — Geometry and Reading Skills

"Believe you can and you're halfway there." – Theodore Roosevelt

DAY 1 Roots, Inference, and Main Idea

1 HR 10 MIN · WRITING +15 MIN

Math

- (13 min) Watch Square Roots.
- (10 min) Watch Simplifying Roots.
- (20 min) Do the Powers and Roots Practice set and read the explanations for every miss.

Reading

- (10 min) Watch Inference.
- (10 min) Take the Inference Quiz and read the explanations.

Optional: Writing

- (15 min) Pick the essay prompt you found hardest and outline a fresh response in 10 minutes: thesis, two examples, counterargument.

DAY 2 Triangles, Main Idea

1 HR 5 MIN · SCIENCE +25 MIN

Math

- (12 min) Watch Triangles - Part I.
- (13 min) Watch Triangles - Part II.
- (10 min) Take the Intro to Geometry Quiz and read the explanations.

Reading

- (11 min) Watch Main Idea.

- (10 min) Take the Main Idea Quiz and read the explanations.

Optional: Science

- (13 min) Watch The Scientific Method.
- (9 min) Watch Science Knowledge on the ACT Science Test.

DAY 3 Right and Similar Triangles, Meaning of Words

1 HR 10 MIN · WRITING +15 MIN

Math

- (13 min) Watch Right Triangles.
- (10 min) Take the Triangles Quiz and read the explanations.
- (11 min) Watch Similar Triangles.
- (10 min) Take the Triangles II Quiz and read the explanations.

Reading

- (10 min) Watch Meaning of Words.
- (10 min) Take the Meaning of Words Quiz and read the explanations.

Optional: Writing

- (15 min) Write just the introduction and thesis for that outline, timed to 8 minutes. Compare with the model in the Structuring the Essay lesson.

DAY 4 Quadrilaterals and Area, Parenthetical Information

1 HR 10 MIN · SCIENCE +20 MIN

Math

- (14 min) Watch Quadrilaterals.
- (12 min) Watch Area of Quadrilaterals.
- (10 min) Take the Quadrilaterals Quiz and read the explanations.

English

- (8 min) Watch Parenthetical Information.
- (9 min) Watch Parallelism.
- (10 min) Take the Sentence Structure II Quiz and read the explanations.

Optional: Science

- (10 min) Watch Math Problems on the ACT Science Test.
- (10 min) Take the Scientific Method Quiz and read the explanations.

DAY 5 Your Pick

1 HR 5 MIN

Your Pick

- (15 min) Took the optional test last weekend? Review it now. If not, go back to ACT Test 11 and read explanations for 3–4 questions you have not reviewed yet.
- (20 min) Launch a 10-question Custom Practice session on your weakest Math topic, and read every explanation.
- (25 min) Pick one module from your weak-spot list on your English, Math, or Reading dashboard. Quiz first; watch the lessons if you miss any.

Not sure what to pick? Try polygons

- (9 min) Watch Polygons.
- (8 min) Watch Regular Polygons.
- (10 min) Take the Polygons Quiz and read the explanations.

WEEKEND Practice Test #4

2 HR 5 MIN · SCIENCE +25 MIN

Test

- **(2 hr 5 min) Take ACT Test 12 at Practice Tests. English, Math, and Reading in one sitting. Two weeks to go, so treat this one like the real thing: same start time if you can, no phone, no pauses.**
- Taking Science? Add the Science section (40 min).
- Don't review yet. Day 1 of Week 7 is your review day.

Optional: Science

- (24 min) Do the Interpretation of Data II Practice set and read the explanations for every miss.

Week 7 — Circles, Solids, Trig, and Grammar

"I find that the harder I work, the more luck I seem to have." – Thomas Jefferson

DAY 1 Review Practice Test #4

1 HR 10 MIN · SCIENCE +20 MIN

Test review

- (40 min) Click through your ACT Test 12 results. Read every explanation for a miss and update your weak-spot list. The topics still on the list after four tests are what the rest of this schedule is for.

English

- (6 min) Watch Singular and Plural.

- (9 min) Watch Subject Verb Agreement.
- (10 min) Take the Subject-Verb Agreement Quiz and read the explanations.

Optional: Science

- (20 min) Review your Science misses on Test 12.

DAY 2 Circles, Verb Tense

1 HR 5 MIN · WRITING +15 MIN

Math

- (7 min) Watch Circles.
- (11 min) Watch Circle Properties.
- (9 min) Watch Circles, Arcs, and Sectors.
- (10 min) Take the Circles Quiz and read the explanations.

English

- (11 min) Watch Verb Tense.
- (10 min) Take the Nouns and Verbs Quiz and read the explanations.

Optional: Writing

- (15 min) Reread your best practice essay. Write down the structure that worked so you can reuse it.

DAY 3 Solids and Volume, Pronouns

1 HR 5 MIN · SCIENCE +25 MIN

Math

- (8 min) Watch Rectangular Solids.
- (11 min) Watch Prisms & Pyramids.
- (6 min) Watch Cylinder, Cones, Spheres.
- (10 min) Take the Spatial Geometry Quiz and read the explanations.

English

- (8 min) Watch Pronoun Agreement.
- (9 min) Watch Pronoun Cases.
- (6 min) Watch Ambiguous Pronouns.

Optional: Science

- (10 min) Do the Science Question Strategies Practice set and read the explanations for every miss.
- (15 min) Take the Science Question Strategies Quiz #3 and read the explanations.

DAY 4 SOHCAHTOA, Conjunctions

1 HR 10 MIN · SCIENCE +20 MIN

Math

- (15 min) Watch Intro to SOHCAHTOA.
- (8 min) Watch SOHCAHTOA and Special Triangles.
- (10 min) Take the Trigonometry Quiz and read the explanations.

English

- (11 min) Watch Conjunctions.
- (9 min) Watch Important Set of Adverbs.
- (10 min) Take the Other Parts of Speech Quiz and read the explanations.

Optional: Science

- (10 min) Take the Interpretation of Data Quiz #2 and read the explanations.
- (10 min) Do the Interpretation of Data Practice #2 set and read the explanations for every miss.

DAY 5 Your Pick

1 HR 5 MIN

Your Pick

- (15 min) Go back to ACT Test 12 and read explanations for misses in the weak spot that has given you the most trouble.
- (20 min) Launch a 10-question Custom Practice session on that weak spot, and read every explanation.
- (25 min) Pick one module from your weak-spot list on your English, Math, or Reading dashboard. Quiz first; watch the lessons if you miss any.

Not sure what to pick? Try the Pronouns practice set

- (30 min) Do the Pronouns Practice set and read the explanations for every miss.

WEEKEND Practice Test #5, Your Dress Rehearsal

2 HR 5 MIN · SCIENCE +15 MIN

Test

- **(2 hr 5 min) Take ACT Test 13 at Practice Tests. English, Math, and Reading in one sitting, at the same time of day as your real test if you can. This is the last full test before the real thing.**
- Taking Science? Add the Science section (40 min).
- Don't review yet. Day 1 of Week 8 is your review day.

Optional: Science

- (15 min) Take the Science Strategies Quiz #2 and read the explanations.

Week 8 — Statistics, Probability, Data, and a Strong Finish

"It's not whether you get knocked down, it's whether you get up." – Vince Lombardi

DAY 1 Review Practice Test #5

1 HR 10 MIN

Test review

- (40 min) Click through your ACT Test 13 results. Read every explanation for a miss. Then look across all five tests: write down the three topics that still cost you points. Those are this week's targets.

Math

- (11 min) Watch Mean, Median, Mode.
- (10 min) Take the Statistics Quiz and read the explanations.

DAY 2 Probability and Counting, Usage

1 HR 10 MIN

Math

- (6 min) Watch Introduction to Counting.
- (9 min) Watch Fundamental Counting Principle.
- (7 min) Watch Intro to Probability.
- (9 min) Watch Complementary Events and Simple Rules.
- (10 min) Take the Probability Quiz and read the explanations.

English

- (9 min) Watch Idioms.
- (5 min) Watch Who vs. Whom.
- (10 min) Take the Usage Quiz and read the explanations.

DAY 3 Graphs and Tables, Weighted Averages

1 HR 10 MIN

Math

- (3 min) Watch Intro to ACT Data Interpretation.
- (5 min) Watch Types of Graphics.
- (7 min) Watch Other Timeplots.
- (5 min) Watch Tables of Values.
- (5 min) Watch Histograms.
- (10 min) Take the Data Interpretation Quiz and read the explanations.
- (6 min) Watch More on Mean and Median.

- (9 min) Watch Weighted Averages.

Reading

- (11 min) Watch Informational Passages: Science.

DAY 4 Your Three Targets

1 HR 10 MIN

Targeted review

- (20 min) For each of your three target topics, retake the module quiz. Can you get 5 out of 5 now?
- (30 min) Launch a 15-question Custom Practice session mixing your three target topics, and read every explanation.
- (15 min) Reread your weak-spot list and write down the five rules or strategies you most want to remember on the day of the test.

DAY 5 Rest

Rest

- No studying today. Lay out what you need for tomorrow, do something you enjoy, and go to bed early. You have done the work.

Test Day

- No last-minute prep. Eat a full breakfast, do something that relaxes you, and give yourself plenty of time to get to the test center.
- Bring your admission ticket, photo ID, an approved calculator (if you are testing on paper), a drink, and a snack.
- You have put in two months of steady work and at least five full practice tests. Walk in ready to show it.

Your Pick: More Suggestions

Use these on Your Pick days or whenever you finish early. Quiz first; watch the lessons if you miss any.

Still shaky on the basics? - Fractions: Intro to Fractions, Operations with Fractions, then the Fractions Quiz - Order of operations and decimals: Order of Operations, Intro to Decimals, then the Number and Quantity Quiz - Lines and angles: Lines and Angles - Reading passage types: Literary Narrative Passages, Humanities, Social Science, each with its own quiz on your Reading dashboard

Aiming for a top score? Less common topics worth a look - Inequalities and absolute value: Inequalities - I, Absolute Value Equations, then the Algebra II Quiz - Complex numbers (about two questions per test): Complex Number Basics, Arithmetic with Complex Numbers, then the Complex

Numbers Quiz - Sequences: Intro to Sequences, Arithmetic Sequences, Geometric Sequences, then the Sequences Quiz - Graphs of quadratics: Graphs of Quadratics I and II, then the Quiz - Transformations of functions: Transformations of Functions - Work, mixture, and growth problems: Work Questions, Growth and Decay, Mixture Questions, then the Word Problems II Quiz - More exponents and roots: Negative Exponents, Fractional Exponents, Equations with Square Roots, then the Powers and Roots II Quiz - Scale and units: Scale Factor & Scaling, Units of Measurement, then the Spatial Geometry II Quiz - Polynomials: Factor Theorem, Graphs of Polynomials, then the Specific Functions Quiz - Matrices and logarithms (rare, one question or none per test): Matrices I, Logarithms I - Unit circle (rare): Intro to Unit Circle Trigonometry I - English usage: Comparatives and Superlatives, Misplaced Modifiers, Adjectives and Adverbs, then the Usage Practice - Reading: Author's Voice and Visual Quantitative Info, each with a quiz on your Reading dashboard

What Kind of Question Was That?

Not sure how to name a question you missed? Use these clues.

English

If the question...	It's testing...	Where it is in this schedule
asks whether to **add or delete** a sentence, or whether the passage **meets a goal**	Writer's Goal	Week 1, Day 4
asks for the most **specific, vivid, or relevant** detail	Best Illustration	Week 5, Day 2
offers **transition words** (*However, Therefore*) or asks where a sentence **belongs**	Organization	Week 3, Days 2 and 4
has choices that are **different words with similar meanings**	Word Choice / Tone	Week 5, Days 2 and 4
has choices that differ in **periods, commas, and semicolons that join or split sentences**	Run-ons / Fragments	Week 2, Days 2 and 3
has choices that differ only in **commas**	Commas	Week 4, Day 1
has choices that differ in **dashes, colons, or semicolons**	Other Punctuation	Week 4, Day 4
has one choice that is much **shorter**, or choices that **repeat** an idea	Wordiness	Week 5, Day 4
has choices that differ in **verb form** (*is/are*) or **pronouns** (*it/they*)	Grammar and Usage	Week 7, Days 1 to 3

Reading

If the question says...	It's testing...	Where it is in this schedule
"According to the passage..." or points to specific lines	Detail / Line Reference	Week 2, Day 4 and Week 3, Day 3
"Passage A" and "Passage B"	Comparison Passages	Week 4, Day 3
"The main purpose of the paragraph..." or "The author includes ... in order to..."	Author's Purpose	Week 5, Day 3
"It can reasonably be inferred..."	Inference	Week 6, Day 1
"As it is used in line X, the word ... most nearly means"	Meaning of Words	Week 6, Day 3
"main idea," "primarily about"	Main Idea	Week 6, Day 2

Math

Math questions are usually easy to name ("percents," "slope," "probability"). In Custom Practice you can choose questions by Math topic, and your Math dashboard lists a module for every topic.

Have a Different Amount of Time?

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