MAGOOSH STUDY SCHEDULE

The Enhanced ACT Three-Month Study Schedule

Updated for the Enhanced ACT



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Introduction

Three months is the most thorough of our ACT study schedules. You will work through essentially every lesson in the Magoosh ACT course that matters for your Composite score, answer hundreds of practice questions with explanations, and take six full-length practice tests, with time built in to go back and fix what each test reveals.

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, a bit more on heavier topics. If you have less time, see our two-month schedule (about an hour a day, the highest-value topics) or our one-month schedule (the intensive 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.

One Math block and one English or Reading block a day. Days 1 to 4 each pair a Math topic with an English or Reading topic, so no section goes cold for long. Math gets the most time because it has the most topics.

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. 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, and the rarest topics on the test live there.

Weekends are for tests. A full practice test lands every other weekend from Week 3 on, with the review built into the following Monday. The weekends in between 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; Week 5's test 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," "Common," and nearly all "Less common" topics. The rarest topics are Your Pick suggestions.

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. Over twelve weeks you will cover every Science lesson and quiz in the course, and every Writing lesson plus three practice essays. 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, English Strategies

1 HR 10 MIN · WRITING +30 MIN

Test review

- (40 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.
- (10 min) Take the English Strategies Quiz and read the explanations.

Optional: Writing

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

DAY 2 Math Strategies, Writer's Goal

1 HR 5 MIN · SCIENCE +25 MIN

Math

- (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.

English

- (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.

Optional: Science

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

DAY 3 Backsolving and Picking Numbers, Intro to ACT Reading

1 HR 15 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

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

Optional: Writing

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

DAY 4 Word Problems, Passage Strategies Practice

1 HR 5 MIN · SCIENCE +30 MIN

Math

- (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

- (18 min) Do the Reading Passage Strategies Practice set and read the explanations for every miss.
- (12 min) Watch Pacing & Guessing Strategies for Reading.

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

Your Pick

- (15 min) Go back to ACT Test 1. In your weakest section, read the explanations for 3–4 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 or topic, and read every explanation.
- (20 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 a Reading practice set

- (18 min) Do the Author's Purpose Practice set and read the explanations for every miss.
- (18 min) Do the Main Idea Practice set and read the explanations for every miss.

WEEKEND Catch Up (and Desmos, if you're testing online) — DESMOS +40 MIN

Everyone

- Finish anything you did not get to this week. Then take a real break.

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.

Week 2 — Word Problems, Percents, and Writer's Goal

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

DAY 1 More Word Problems, Rhetorical Strategy Practice

1 HR 10 MIN · WRITING +15 MIN

Math

- (10 min) Watch Number of Variables.
- (10 min) Take the Word Problems Quiz #2 and read the explanations.
- (11 min) Watch Intro to Set and Venn Diagrams.

English

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

Optional: Writing

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

DAY 2 Percents, Run-ons and Fragments

1 HR · SCIENCE +25 MIN

Math

- (7 min) Watch Intro to Percents.
- (5 min) Watch Working with Percents.
- (6 min) Watch Number Sense and Percents.
- (10 min) Take the Percents Quiz #1 and read the explanations.

English

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

Optional: Science

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

DAY 3 Percent Change, Question Types and Trap Answers

1 HR 20 MIN · WRITING +25 MIN

Math

- (11 min) Watch Percent Increases.
- (8 min) Watch Percent Decreases.
- (10 min) Take the Percents Quiz #2 and read the explanations.
- (8 min) Watch Sequential Percent Changes.

Reading

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

Optional: Writing

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

DAY 4 Ratios, Rates, and Proportions, Question Strategies Practice

1 HR 10 MIN · SCIENCE +30 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

- (18 min) Do the Reading Question Strategies Practice set and read the explanations for every miss.
- (8 min) Watch Literary Narrative Passages.

Optional: Science

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

DAY 5 Your Pick

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Your Pick

- (15 min) Go back to ACT Test 1. In your weakest section, read the explanations for 3–4 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 or topic, and read every explanation.
- (20 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 an English practice set

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

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

DESMOS +40 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.

Week 3 — Ratios, Fractions, and Sentence Structure

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

DAY 1 Fractions, Sentence Structure Practice

1 HR 15 MIN · WRITING +15 MIN

Math

- (11 min) Watch Intro to Fractions.
- (10 min) Watch Operations with Fractions.
- (5 min) Watch Word Problems with Fractions.
- (10 min) Take the Fractions Quiz and read the explanations.

English

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

Optional: Writing

- (12 min) Watch Coming Up With Examples.

DAY 2 Intro to Algebra, Literary Narrative Quiz, Humanities

1 HR 10 MIN · SCIENCE +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.

Reading

- (18 min) Take the Literary Narrative Quiz and read the explanations.
- (10 min) Watch Informational Passages: Humanities.

Optional: Science

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

DAY 3 Equations and Systems, Transitions and Order

1 HR 5 MIN · WRITING +25 MIN

Math

- (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.

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 4 Slope and Intercepts, Openers, Closers, and Best Illustration

1 HR 10 MIN · SCIENCE +25 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

- (7 min) Watch Introducing and Concluding Paragraphs.
- (10 min) Do the Rhetorical Strategy Practice #2 set and read the explanations for every miss.

- (7 min) Watch Best Illustration Questions.

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

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 in your weakest section or topic, and read every explanation.
- (20 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 complex numbers (about two questions per test)

- (14 min) Watch Complex Number Basics.
- (10 min) Watch Arithmetic with Complex Numbers.
- (10 min) Take the Complex Numbers Quiz and read the explanations.

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.**
- Taking Science? Add the Science section (40 min).
- Don't review yet. Day 1 of Week 4 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 4 — Algebra and Organization

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

DAY 1 Review Practice Test, Humanities Quiz, Social Science

1 HR 10 MIN · WRITING +20 MIN

Test review

- (35 min) Click through your ACT Test 2 results. Read the explanation for every miss, weakest section first, and update your weak-spot list. Which weak spots improved since your last test, and which are still there?

Reading

- (18 min) Take the Humanities Quiz and read the explanations.
- (10 min) Watch Informational Passages: Social Science.

Optional: Writing

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

DAY 2 Graphing Lines, Custom Practice

55 MIN · SCIENCE +15 MIN

Math

- (7 min) Watch Graphing Lines.
- (11 min) Watch Vertical and Horizontal Lines.
- (10 min) Take the Coordinate Geometry Quiz #2 and read the explanations.

Practice

- (20 min) Launch a 10-question Custom Practice session in your weakest section, and read every explanation.

Optional: Science

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

DAY 3 Equations of Lines, Custom Practice

1 HR · WRITING +15 MIN

Math

- (12 min) Watch Writing Equations of Lines.
- (10 min) Watch Slope-Intercept Form.
- (10 min) Take the Coordinate Geometry II Quiz #1 and read the explanations.

Practice

- (20 min) Launch a 10-question Custom Practice session in your weakest section, and read every explanation.

Optional: Writing

- (14 min) Watch The Importance of Style.

DAY 4 Distance and Circles in the Plane, Social Science Quiz, Science Passages

1 HR 5 MIN · SCIENCE +40 MIN

Math

- (10 min) Watch Distance Between Two Points.
- (10 min) Take the Coordinate Geometry II Quiz #2 and read the explanations.
- (8 min) Watch Circles in the x-y Plane.

Reading

- (18 min) Take the Social Science Quiz and read the explanations.
- (11 min) Watch Informational Passages: Science.

Optional: Science

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

DAY 5 Your Pick

1 HR

Your Pick

- (15 min) Go back to ACT Test 2. In your weakest section, read the explanations for 3–4 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 or topic, and read every explanation.
- (20 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 a grammar practice set

- (30 min) Do the Grammar Basics Practice set and read the explanations for every miss.
- (30 min) Do the Nouns and Verbs Practice set and read the explanations for every miss.

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

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.

Week 5 — Lines and Punctuation

"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 Multiplying Expressions and FOIL, Word Choice and Tone

1 HR 10 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.

English

- (12 min) Watch Word Choice.
- (10 min) Watch Tone.
- (10 min) Take the Rhetorical Strategy II Quiz and read the explanations.

Optional: Writing

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

DAY 2 Factoring, Detail Questions

1 HR 5 MIN · SCIENCE +25 MIN

Math

- (6 min) Watch Factoring - Combined.
- (7 min) Watch Factoring - Rational Expressions.
- (10 min) Take the Algebra I Quiz #2 and read the explanations.
- (10 min) Watch Factoring - Quadratics.

Reading

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

DAY 3 Quadratics, Style

1 HR 15 MIN · WRITING +15 MIN

Math

- (12 min) Watch Factoring - Difference of Two Squares.
- (8 min) Watch Quadratic Formula.
- (10 min) Take the Quadratics Quiz #1 and read the explanations.

English

- (10 min) Take the Tone Quiz and read the explanations.
- (6 min) Watch Redundant Meanings.
- (5 min) Watch Concision and Wordiness.
- (6 min) Watch Clarity in Phrasing.
- (10 min) Take the Rhetorical Strategy II Quiz #3 and read the explanations.

Optional: Writing

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

DAY 4 Quadratic Equations and Systems, More Commas and Apostrophes

1 HR 5 MIN · SCIENCE +30 MIN

Math

- (9 min) Watch Quadratic Equations.
- (10 min) Take the Quadratics Quiz #2 and read the explanations.
- (9 min) Watch System - Number of Solutions.

English

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

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

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 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 section or topic, and read every explanation.
- (20 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 and Usage practice sets

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

WEEKEND Practice Test #3

2 HR 5 MIN

Test

- **(2 hr 5 min) Take ACT Test 3 at Practice Tests. English, Math, and Reading in one sitting. Already took ACT Test 3 as the free Magoosh practice test before you signed up? Take ACT Test 4 instead.**
- Taking Science? Add the Science section (40 min).
- Don't review yet. Day 1 of Week 6 is your review day.

Week 6 — Factoring, Quadratics, and Grammar

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

DAY 1 Review Practice Test, Commas

1 HR 5 MIN · WRITING +15 MIN

Test review

- (35 min) Click through your ACT Test 3 results. Read the explanation for every miss, weakest section first, and update your weak-spot list. Which weak spots improved since your last test, and which are still there?

English

- (10 min) Take the Style Quiz and read the explanations.
- (12 min) Watch Commas I.

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 Function Notation, Custom Practice

1 HR 10 MIN · SCIENCE +30 MIN

Math

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

Practice

- (20 min) Launch a 10-question Custom Practice session in your weakest section, and read every explanation.

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 3 Exponents, Line References, EXCEPT and NOT

1 HR · WRITING +15 MIN

Math

- (9 min) Watch Exponential Growth.
- (11 min) Watch Intro to Exponents.
- (10 min) Take the Powers and Roots Quiz and read the explanations.

Reading

- (9 min) Watch Line Reference Questions.
- (6 min) Watch EXCEPT and NOT.
- (10 min) Take the Line Reference 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 Laws of Exponents, Dashes, Colons, and Semicolons

1 HR 5 MIN · SCIENCE +25 MIN

Math

- (12 min) Watch Law of Exponents - I.
- (12 min) Watch Negative Exponents.

English

- (7 min) Watch Colons.
- (6 min) Watch Dashes.
- (6 min) Watch Semicolons.
- (5 min) Watch Other Punctuation.
- (10 min) Take the Punctuation Quiz #2 and read the explanations.

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 5 Your Pick

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Your Pick

- (15 min) Go back to ACT Test 3. In your weakest section, read the explanations for 3–4 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 or topic, and read every explanation.
- (20 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 Reading practice

- (18 min) Do the Meaning of Words Practice set and read the explanations for every miss.
- (18 min) Do the Author's Voice Practice set and read the explanations for every miss.
- (10 min) Take the EXCEPT and NOT Quiz and read the explanations.

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

Everyone

- **Want more data?** Take ACT Test 7 (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.

Week 7 — Functions and Exponents

"The expert in anything was once a beginner." – Helen Hayes

DAY 1 Square Roots, Science Passage Quiz

1 HR 5 MIN · WRITING +15 MIN

Math

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

Reading

- (18 min) Take the Science Passage 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 2 Operations with Roots, Main Idea

1 HR 15 MIN · SCIENCE +20 MIN

Math

- (12 min) Watch Other Roots.
- (14 min) Watch Operations with Roots.
- (10 min) Watch Simplifying Roots.
- (10 min) Take the Powers and Roots II Quiz #1 and read the explanations.

Reading

- (11 min) Watch Main Idea.
- (10 min) Take the Main Idea 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 3 Inequalities, Punctuation Practice

1 HR 15 MIN

Math

- (15 min) Watch Inequalities - I.
- (13 min) Watch Inequalities - II.
- (10 min) Take the Algebra II Quiz #2 and read the explanations.

English

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

DAY 4 Lines, Angles, and Triangles, Author's Purpose

1 HR 10 MIN · SCIENCE +25 MIN

Math

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

Reading

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

Optional: Science

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

DAY 5 Your Pick

1 HR

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 3 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 or topic, and read every explanation.
- (20 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 eliminating fractions and the second law of exponents

- (10 min) Watch Eliminating Fractions.
- (12 min) Watch Law of Exponents - II.
- (10 min) Take the Algebra II Quiz #1 and read the explanations.
- (10 min) Take the Rhetorical Strategy Quiz #2 and read the explanations.

WEEKEND Practice Test #4

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 past the halfway mark, so this test shows how far the first six weeks moved you.**
- Taking Science? Add the Science section (40 min).
- Don't review yet. Day 1 of Week 8 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 8 — Roots and Reading Skills

"Little by little, one travels far." – J.R.R. Tolkien

DAY 1 Review Practice Test, Modifiers, Parentheticals, and Parallelism

1 HR 15 MIN

Test review

- (35 min) Click through your ACT Test 11 results. Read the explanation for every miss, weakest section first, and update your weak-spot list. Which weak spots improved since your last test, and which are still there?

English

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

DAY 2 Triangles and Right Triangles, Custom Practice

1 HR 5 MIN · SCIENCE +20 MIN

Math

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

Practice

- (20 min) Launch a 10-question Custom Practice session in your weakest section, and read every explanation.

Optional: Science

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

DAY 3 Similar and Special Right Triangles, Custom Practice

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Math

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

Practice

- (20 min) Launch a 10-question Custom Practice session in your weakest section, and read every explanation.

DAY 4 Quadrilaterals and Area, Inference

1 HR 5 MIN · SCIENCE +25 MIN

Math

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

Reading

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

Optional: Science

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

DAY 5 Your Pick

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Your Pick

- (15 min) Go back to ACT Test 11. In your weakest section, read the explanations for 3–4 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 or topic, and read every explanation.
- (20 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 order of operations and decimals

- (12 min) Watch Order of Operations.
- (13 min) Watch Intro to Decimals.
- (10 min) Take the Number and Quantity Quiz and read the explanations.

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

Everyone

- **Want more data?** Take ACT Test 8 (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.

Week 9 — Geometry

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

DAY 1 Polygons and Geometry Strategies, Grammar Basics

1 HR 5 MIN

Math

- (9 min) Watch Polygons.
- (8 min) Watch Regular Polygons.
- (10 min) Take the Polygons Quiz and read the explanations.
- (4 min) Watch Assumptions & Estimation.
- (5 min) Watch Geometry Strategies - Part I.

English

- (5 min) Watch Grammar Basics Part 1.
- (8 min) Watch Grammar Basics Part 2.
- (10 min) Take the Grammar Basics Quiz and read the explanations.

DAY 2 Circles, Subject-Verb Agreement

1 HR

Math

- (7 min) Watch Circles.
- (11 min) Watch Circle Properties.
- (10 min) Take the Circles Quiz #1 and read the explanations.

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.

DAY 3 Arcs and Sectors, Verb Tense

45 MIN

Math

- (9 min) Watch Circles, Arcs, and Sectors.
- (10 min) Take the Circles Quiz #2 and read the explanations.

English

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

DAY 4 Solids and Volume, Meaning of Words

1 HR

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.

Reading

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

DAY 5 Your Pick

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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 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 or topic, and read every explanation.
- (20 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 divisibility and primes

- (10 min) Watch Divisibility.
- (9 min) Watch Divisibility Rules.
- (10 min) Take the Integer Properties Quiz and read the explanations.

WEEKEND Practice Test #5

2 HR 5 MIN · WRITING +55 MIN

Test

- **(2 hr 5 min) Take ACT Test 12 at Practice Tests. English, Math, and Reading in one sitting. Match real conditions: 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 10 is your review day.

Optional: Writing

- (45 min) Do the Practice Essay #3 set and read the explanations for every miss.
- (10 min) Score yourself against the rubric. Which of the four domains is still your weakest?

Week 10 — Circles, Solids, and Trig

"Don't watch the clock; do what it does. Keep going." – Sam Levenson

DAY 1 Review Practice Test, Pronouns

1 HR 5 MIN

Test review

- (35 min) Click through your ACT Test 12 results. Read the explanation for every miss, weakest section first, and update your weak-spot list. Which weak spots improved since your last test, and which are still there?

English

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

DAY 2 Scale and Units, Custom Practice

1 HR

Math

- (10 min) Watch Scale Factor & Scaling.
- (9 min) Watch Units of Measurement.

- (6 min) Watch Geometry Strategies - Part II.
- (10 min) Take the Spatial Geometry II Quiz and read the explanations.

Practice

- (20 min) Launch a 10-question Custom Practice session in your weakest section, and read every explanation.

DAY 3 SOHCAHTOA, Comparison Passages — 1 HR 10 MIN

Math

- (15 min) Watch Intro to SOHCAHTOA.
- (8 min) Watch SOHCAHTOA and Special Triangles.
- (10 min) Take the Trigonometry Quiz #1 and read the explanations.

Reading

- (9 min) Watch Comparison Passages.
- (10 min) Take the Comparison Passages Quiz #1 and read the explanations.
- (10 min) Take the Comparison Passages Quiz #2 and read the explanations.

DAY 4 Mean, Median, Mode, Author's Voice — 55 MIN

Math

- (11 min) Watch Mean, Median, Mode.
- (6 min) Watch More on Mean and Median.
- (10 min) Take the Statistics Quiz #1 and read the explanations.

Reading

- (11 min) Watch Author's Voice.
- (10 min) Take the Author's Voice Quiz and read the explanations.

DAY 5 Your Pick — 1 HR

Your Pick

- (15 min) Go back to ACT Test 12. In your weakest section, read the explanations for 3–4 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 or topic, and read every explanation.
- (20 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 Desmos practice sets (testing online)

- (10 min) Do the Desmos Practice #1 set and read the explanations for every miss.
- (10 min) Do the Desmos Practice #2 set and read the explanations for every miss.

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

Everyone

- **Want more data?** Take ACT Test 9 (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.

Week 11 — Statistics, Probability, and Data

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

DAY 1 Weighted Averages and Graphics, Adjectives, Adverbs, and Conjunctions

1 HR 10 MIN

Math

- (9 min) Watch Weighted Averages.
- (10 min) Take the Statistics Quiz #2 and read the explanations.
- (3 min) Watch Intro to ACT Data Interpretation.
- (5 min) Watch Types of Graphics.

English

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

DAY 2 Graphs and Tables, Visual Quantitative Info

1 HR 10 MIN

Math

- (5 min) Watch Timeplots for Motion.
- (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.

Reading

- (9 min) Watch Visual Quantitative Info.
- (20 min) Take the Visual Quantitative Info Quiz and read the explanations.

DAY 3 Counting, Idioms and Comparisons — 1 HR 10 MIN

Math

- (6 min) Watch Introduction to Counting.
- (9 min) Watch Fundamental Counting Principle.
- (5 min) Watch FCP with Restrictions.
- (10 min) Take the Counting Quiz and read the explanations.

English

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

DAY 4 Probability, Custom Practice — 1 HR

Math

- (5 min) Watch Factorial Notation.
- (7 min) Watch Intro to Probability.
- (9 min) Watch Complementary Events and Simple Rules.
- (10 min) Take the Probability Quiz and read the explanations.

Practice

- (20 min) Launch a 10-question Custom Practice session in your weakest section, and read every explanation.

DAY 5 Your Pick — 1 HR

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 12 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 or topic, and read every explanation.
- (20 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 growth, work, and mixture problems

- (5 min) Watch Growth and Decay.
- (11 min) Watch Work Questions.
- (10 min) Watch Mixture Questions.
- (10 min) Take the Word Problems II Quiz and read the explanations.

WEEKEND Practice Test #6, Your Dress Rehearsal — 2 HR 5 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 12 is your review day.

Week 12 — Fill the Gaps and Finish Strong

"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream." – C.S. Lewis

DAY 1 Review Practice Test — 40 MIN

Test review

- (35 min) Click through your ACT Test 13 results. Read the explanation for every miss, weakest section first, and update your weak-spot list. Which weak spots improved since your last test, and which are still there?

DAY 2 Sequences — 45 MIN

Math

- (10 min) Watch Intro to Sequences.
- (10 min) Watch Arithmetic Sequences.
- (9 min) Watch Geometric Sequences.
- (10 min) Take the Sequences Quiz and read the explanations.

DAY 3 Your Three Targets — 55 MIN

Targeted review

- (20 min) Look across all six tests. Write down the three topics that still cost you points. For each, 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.

DAY 4 Light Review — 35 MIN

Light review

- (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.
- (15 min) Retake the two quizzes that gave you the most trouble this month.
- Then stop. No cramming. Do something you enjoy and go to bed early.

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 three months of steady work and at least six 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. These are the topics this schedule does not assign because they are rare on the Enhanced ACT or are review of earlier math.

Number basics, if you want them - Properties of Real Numbers, Order of Operations, Intro to Decimals, Rounding, Multiples of 10, Scientific Notation, Fractions and Decimals, with quizzes on your Math dashboard under Number and Quantity - Integer properties: Divisibility, Divisibility Rules, Multiples.

Prime Factorization, Greatest Common Factor, Least Common Multiple, Even and Odd Integers - More fractions: Fraction Properties - II, then the Fractions Quiz #2 and #4

Rare topics (one question or none per test) - Motion problems: Intro to Motion Questions, Average Speed, then the Motion Quiz - Sums of sequences and inclusive counting: Inclusive Counting, Sums of Sequences, then the Sequences Quiz #3 - Rotations: Rotations in the x-y Plane, then the Advanced Coordinate Geometry Quiz - Unit circle and radians: Intro to Unit Circle Trigonometry I and II, Degrees and Radians, then the Trigonometry II Quiz - Advanced trig: Inverse Trig Functions, Advanced Trig Formulas, then the Advanced Trigonometry Quiz - Matrices: Matrices I and II, then the Matrices Quiz - Logarithms: Logarithms I, II, III, then the Logarithms Quiz - Rationalizing and discontinuities: Rationalizing, Functions with Discontinuities - Extra practice sets: Powers and Roots II Practice #2, Complex Numbers Practice, Specific Functions Practice, Spatial Geometry II Practice, General Math Strategies Practice, Desmos Practice #1 and #2

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...	Lessons to try
asks whether to **add or delete** a sentence, or whether the passage **meets a goal**	Writer's Goal	Writer's Goal (Week 1)
asks for the most **specific, vivid, or relevant** detail	Best Illustration	Openers, Closers, and Best Illustration
offers **transition words** (*However, Therefore*) or asks where a sentence **belongs**	Organization	Transitions and Order
has choices that are **different words with similar meanings**	Word Choice / Tone	Word Choice and Tone
has choices that differ in **periods, commas, and semicolons that join or split sentences**	Run-ons / Fragments	Run-ons and Fragments
has choices that differ only in **commas**	Commas	Commas; More Commas and Apostrophes
has choices that differ in **dashes, colons, or semicolons**	Other Punctuation	Dashes, Colons, and Semicolons
has one choice that is much **shorter**, or choices that **repeat** an idea	Wordiness	Style
has choices that differ in **verb form** (*is/are*) or **pronouns** (*it/they*)	Grammar and Usage	Subject-Verb Agreement; Verb Tense; Pronouns

Reading

If the question says...	It's testing...	Lessons to try
"According to the passage..." or points to specific lines	Detail / Line Reference	Detail Questions; Line References
"Passage A" and "Passage B"	Comparison Passages	Comparison Passages
"The main purpose of the paragraph..." or "The author includes ... in order to..."	Author's Purpose	Author's Purpose
"It can reasonably be inferred..."	Inference	Inference
"As it is used in line X, the word ... most nearly means"	Meaning of Words	Meaning of Words
"main idea," "primarily about"	Main Idea	Main Idea

Each of these is the title of a day in this schedule, so use the table of contents to jump back to it.

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?

Two months? Our two-month ACT study schedule covers the highest-value topics at about an hour a day. One month? Our one-month schedule is the intensive plan at about 90 minutes a day. Finished this plan early and want more full tests? Go to Practice Tests and take any numbered test you have not taken.