








Comparing the ACT® with the SAT®

ACT		SAT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English Math Reading Science Optional Writing Test 	 SECTIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evidence-based Reading and Writing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reading Writing and Language Math
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Composite score: 1-36 Section scores for English, Math, Reading and Science: 1-36 each Writing Test: 2-12 	 SCORING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total score: 400-1600 Section scores for Math and Evidence-based Reading and Writing: 200-800
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 hours, 55 minutes (without Writing Test) 3 hours, 35 minutes (with Writing Test) 	 TIMING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 hours
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	 PENALTY FOR WRONG ANSWERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two sections (English, Reading) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Passage-based grammar—including punctuation Four reading passages in 35 minutes that are drawn from Prose Fiction (or Literary Narrative), Social Sciences, Humanities and Natural Sciences 	 READING AND WRITING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two sections (Reading Test, Writing and Language Test) - Focus on multiple-meaning words <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Five reading passages in 65 minutes that are drawn from world literature and significant historical or scientific documents—may include informational graphics, such as charts Passage-based grammar—including punctuation Emphasis on word choice and editing skills
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One 60-minute section Calculator allowed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arithmetic Algebra I & II Geometry Trigonometry 	 MATH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two sections totaling 80 minutes Calculators are only allowed on one of the two sections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emphasis on Algebra I & II Arithmetic Few questions on Geometry and Trigonometry
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Writing Test is optional (40 minutes, timed) Students will need to make an argument on an issue relevant to high school students and evaluate and analyze multiple perspectives on that issue; they will be scored on ideas and analysis, development and support, organization, and language use 	 ESSAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None

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SAY YES TO THE RIGHT TEST

ACT or SAT—which test is right for you? Here’s what you need to know.



What’s on the test?

ACT: English, Math, Reading, Science and an optional Writing Test

SAT: Evidence-based Reading and Writing, Math



Do wrong answers cost points?

ACT: No

SAT: No



How is it scored?

ACT: Composite score of 1-36 (1-36 in each test)

SAT: Total score of 400-1600 (200-800 in each section)



Which test is better?

Neither test is harder than the other, so the best test is the one you’re most comfortable with. **Try a Free Practice Test** for each—your results will help you figure out what’s right for you.



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Want all the details?

Check out our complete comparison chart on the reverse side.

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