



Prepare for the SAT/ACT

Looking for SAT or ACT prep help? We've got some great pointers and helpful websites to get you ready for your big test day!

Focus on vocab

Try learning a new word every day, by checking out some of these sites. Be sure to learn Greek and Latin prefixes, suffixes and roots — these will be helpful with guessing. Remember, it's more important to understand the general idea of a word will be than memorizing hundreds of dictionary meanings.

• NextStepU.com/TestPrep

Read articles, find resources and learn from experts the best approach to testing.

• m-w.com

Merriam-Webster will e-mail subscribers a word of the day.

• sat.collegeboard.org/home

This site offers a word of the day, practice tests and many more resources.

Additional test prep resources:

- **Powerscore** powerscore.com
- **Grockit** grockit.com
- **TopTestPrep** toptestprep.com
- **Kaplan** Kaptest.com
- **ACT Inc.** act.org
- **The College Board** collegeboard.com
- **Princeton Review** princetonreview.com

• quizhub.com

The interactive quizzes on QuizHub feature eight words at a time. Just click to review the next set of words.

• vocabtest.com

Free online vocabulary workshops cover all levels of words. This is a great site to increase your vocabulary comprehension.

ACT vs. SAT

According to testing expert Ross Blankenship, founder of Top Test Prep (toptestprep.com), the biggest difference between the ACT and SAT is that the SAT frequently requires that you go through more steps in order to solve each problem.

The ACT exam has more sections (i.e.

science) and there are more problems within the ACT's math section. The ACT also has an optional writing section that does not factor into a student's scores. The SAT essay actually factors into a student's scores.

So that means the SAT tends to be easier for students who naturally do better in school without studying as hard. The ACT tends to be easier for students who work quickly through exams and memorize large amounts of information, faster.

Most colleges accept both exams, so take a diagnostic exam and several practice tests to see which test is a better fit.

NOTES:

Read more!

Get more tips on how to prepare for testing at NextStepU.com/TestPrep

