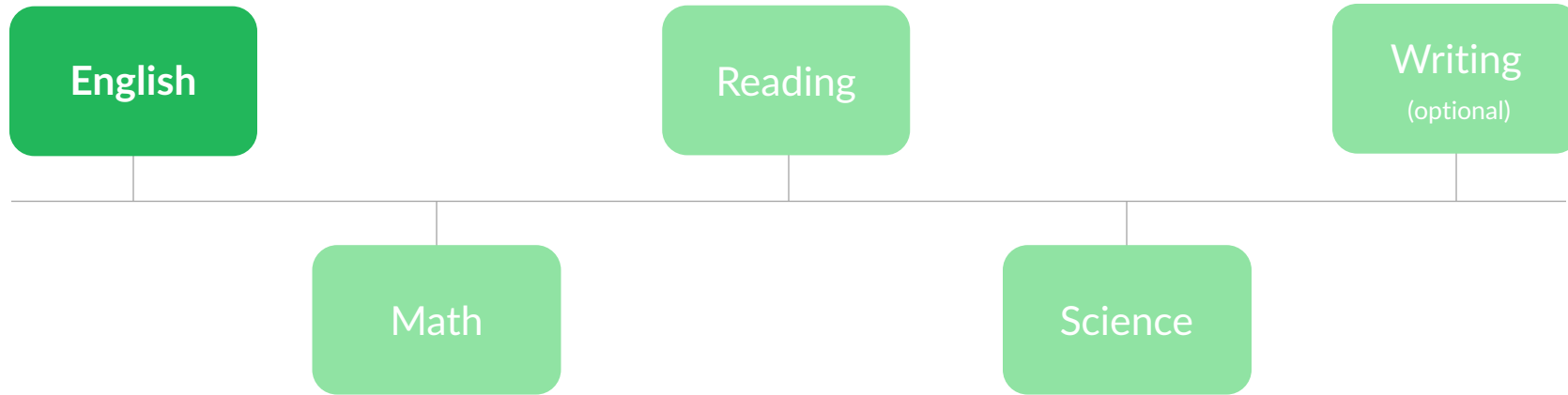


Your Guide to Self Prep: ACT English



ACT English Section Overview



Format/Timing:

- 75 questions (5 passages)
- Time: 45 minutes long

Content:

- Students must read a passage and correct the grammar.
- Tests grammar rules related to punctuation, parts of speech, sentence structure, and idioms.
- Tests rhetorical skills such as editing, organizing, inserting, and deleting sentences.

STEP ONE

Familiarize yourself with the content and timing of the section.

Take a timed practice test or practice section. You can take a proctored ACT with ArborBridge or purchase a book of practice tests directly from the ACT or another test prep company.

Request a practice test here: <https://www.arborbridge.com/contact/>

STEP TWO

Grade your exam and identify your weaknesses.

Carefully consider the types of questions you got wrong. On the English section, categorize your mistakes into these three categories:

1. Grammar

Did you struggle with punctuation questions? Verb forms and tenses? Pronouns? These grammar questions form the heart of the ACT English section.

2. Rhetoric

Were you unsure how to organize paragraphs? Did you struggle with questions asking about the content of the passages? Rhetoric questions don't relate to specific rules but are an important part of the ACT English section.

3. Word Choice

Were you unsure of vocabulary, or which kinds of words established a particular tone? Word choice questions can be tricky, particularly if English is not your first language.

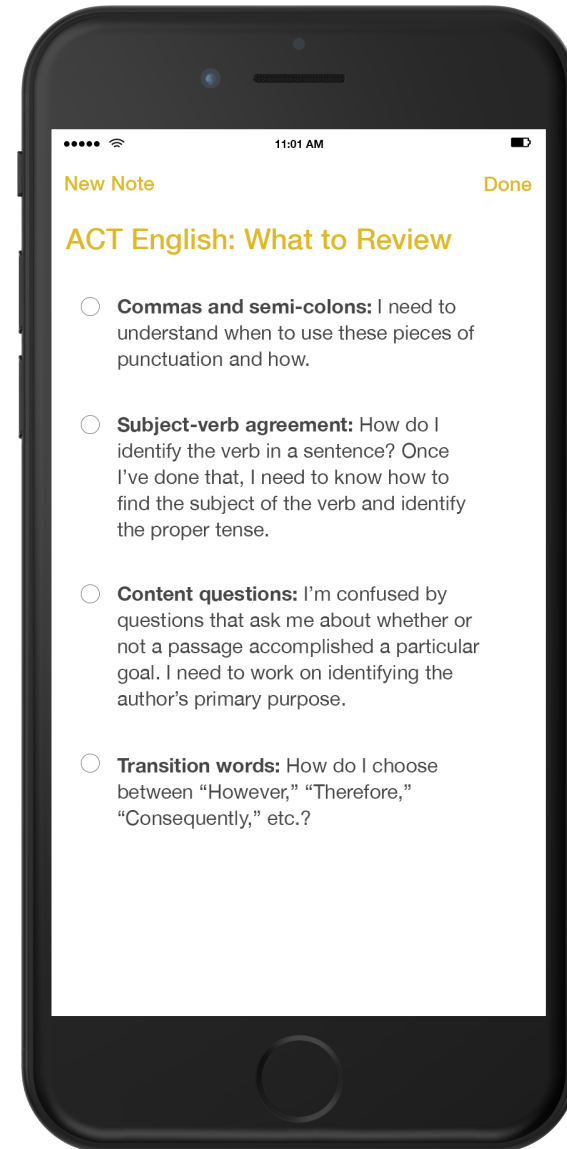
STEP THREE

Establish a plan for preparation.

If you took a practice test with ArborBridge, we will provide you with a detailed score report that includes a prioritized list of topics that you need work on.

If you used The Official ACT Prep Guide, there are detailed explanations for each question. Read all the explanations for your incorrect answers and look for patterns.

Then, develop a list of topics that you want to review. For example, your list might look like this:



STEP FOUR

Identify resources and practice!

*Ask your friends and teachers
or go online and find
whatever resources you think
are relevant and helpful.*

Our recommendations for resources:

1. Use amazon.com's "Look Inside" feature to preview a few commercially-available test prep books from major tutoring companies. Choose the one that you think best addresses the plan you created in Step 3.
2. Check out *The Official ACT Prep Guide*. In addition to providing practice tests and clear explanations, this guide includes instruction on a variety of English topics.
3. Also check out *The Elements of Style* (Strunk and White). While not specific to the ACT, it's a classic book on grammar and style and will help you across all three categories of ACT questions.
4. Go to Khan Academy's grammar resource page (<https://www.khanacademy.org/humanities/grammar>) . It has many useful modules that align nicely with ACT grammar.

STEP FIVE

Track your progress.

When you feel ready, take another timed practice test or practice section. Grade your exam, see where you've improved, and repeat Steps 2–5 as necessary.

PLUS...

More tips from our test prep experts

Keep it simple.

The ACT likes conciseness, so try to eliminate unnecessary words and pieces of punctuation.

Talk to yourself!

Don't be afraid to read sentences out loud. It's perfectly natural and effective way to better interpret information.

Take a free practice ACT with ArborBridge!

Students who take practice tests with ArborBridge receive a complimentary score report, fully customized for each individual student. We break down each of your answers to every question on the test and pinpoint your main weaknesses, which ultimately leads to more efficient test prep.

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