

ACT Practice Test Notecard

- Put an answer for every question well before time expires.
- Come up with your own answers first!

English

- Answer questions as you read the passage; **don't skip lines.**
 - Notice numbered paragraphs or sentences (questions about ordering).
- Look for clear, short, simple phrasing that avoids repetition.
- Answer *exactly* what a specific question asks you for!
- Where does a sentence go? Look for clue words: ***this, it, these, and those.***

Math

- Skip questions that you're not sure about. Come back later!
- Use your Smart Math Strategies!:
 - **Guess-and-Check (B/D or G/J)**
 - **Making Up Numbers**
 - **Process of Elimination (look for these opportunities!)**
- Fit questions into topics you know: ratios, systems of equations, etc.

Reading

- Read the introduction, if there is one.
- **Annotate each paragraph with a word or two.**
- Find the information in the passage. It's there.
- Trying to eliminate answers? Look for words that are *wrong!*

Science

- Read the intro, but don't get stuck. Just look for stuff you understand.
- **Note the format of graphs/charts: "Everything outside before anything inside!"**
- **Pay attention to units, labels, keys, axes, notes, etc.**
- Find terms and numbers you can look up in a graph or chart.

Essay

- Short intro to show that you understand the topic and why it's meaningful.
- Each body paragraph includes...
 - 2+ sentences to show that you *understand* the perspective.
 - 2+ sentences talking about its *strengths* — the good points it makes
 - 2+ sentences about its *weaknesses* — what does it overlook or get wrong?
- Conclusion: your own perspective *and how it relates to the others.*