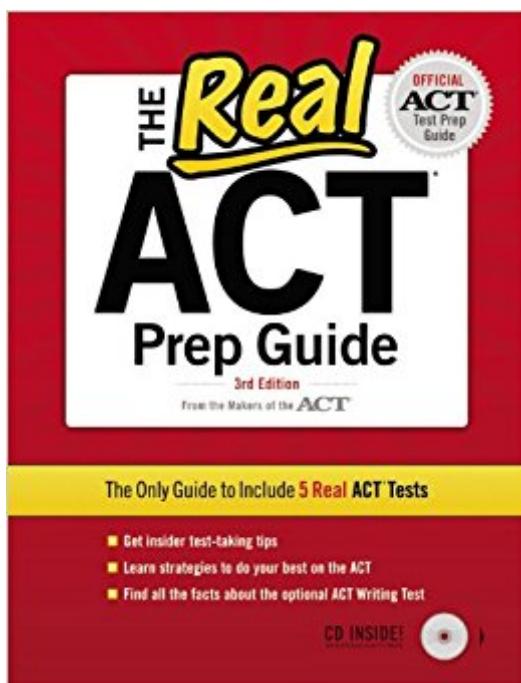


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ACT is an independent, not-for-profit organization that provides more than a hundred educational assessments, research reports, and program management services.

I am a private math tutor and author of the Ultimate Guide to the Math ACT. I gave this book five

stars because it has the best practice tests. However the content is identical to previous editions, even the page numbers have not changed! The only difference is that there are two additional practice tests included here (one I recognize as the test from December 2008). The bottom line is that you get a better value by spending \$21.50 for five practice tests in this third edition versus spending \$20 for the first three practice tests in the earlier editions ( prices as of 8/25/11). An even better deal is to scroll up this page to the box called "Formats" in orange letters. Click on the Paperback link and get the book without the CD. The material on the CD is not very helpful and getting just the paperback will save you a few dollars. UPDATE AS OF MAY 4, 2013: has made it slightly more difficult to find the book without the CD. Scroll up the page to where it says "Formats" in orange letters. Then click on the plus sign to the left of the "Paperback" link to expand it. Then click on the link that says "Paperback, September 6, 2011." UPDATE AS OF JANUARY 2014: is pricing the book with the CD to be 42 cents less than the book without the CD. No idea why that would happen. UPDATE AS OF APRIL 2014: no longer sells the book without the CD, so the instructions above regarding formats no longer applies. The book without the CD can be purchased on the web site but only through third parties.

I'll repeat what I wrote for Barron's guide: Other reviews were helpful. The guides are just that, guides and practice exams to prepare for the real thing... like getting in the mindset of the test and not fear it. Our children have had mixed ACT scores, from avg to 97%+. Scores of our children reflect how well they did generally in their high school level courses.

An incredible study guide for high school students taking the ACT. It has 5 previously administered tests, and 2 new tests that you can take! Not only does it have them, but it details how the answer was obtained. So it's great for the Math section! You're not going into the test blind if you go through this book. It will also explain how the writing test is scored which is great! Most people think they can just go in and easily complete the writing prompt, but that is not the case. So reading the tips in this book are highly encouraged for better test results!

The book arrived two days before it's predicted delivery date and the quality and materials were there, so I happily used it to study for my test. Downside is that it was worn a bit beyond my expectations. While they did mention it was marked up and used, I did not anticipate the penmanship and highlighter-ship in the book, which are obviously irreversible unlike pencil markings. Overall, it was definitely worth the cost to quality ratio, but i wish next time I could've

gotten a book that wasn't filled with pen correction markings and highlights.

This really helped me prepare for the act! When you look at the answer it explains how to get the answer and why the other answers are wrong

This is the guide produced by the real ACT authors. I've found other tests produced by firms that make most of their money on the tutoring are too hard so that you think you need their tutoring. I recommend you take a real test before signing up for any high priced tutoring. My son scored much higher on the real test than the ones put out by the tutor mills.

My son has used the practice tests as a barometer of what he can achieve on his ACT scores. So far the tests have increased his score by nearly 200 points.

This is an excellent book to study for the ACT. Although it is a 2011 book, the content is all the same except for minor changes in the reading section. This book goes perfectly along the Black Book written by Mike Barret. It goes over answer explanations and provides strategies and shortcuts to tackle hard questions in the red book. Overall, great book for studying and well worth your money.

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