

ACT Reading Tips and Tricks



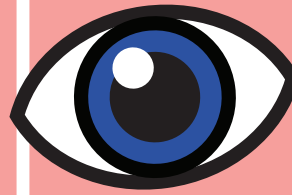
Ignore everything around you and stay focused on the test.



Pace yourself. You have 40 minutes to complete the reading test. There are four reading passages with nine questions each.



Always read the passage first, then answer the questions.



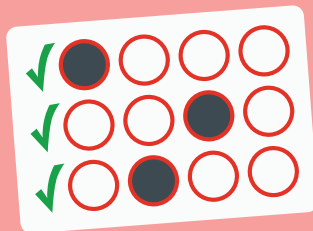
Read with your eyes, not your mouth. Moving your lips takes time and can slow down your reading speed.



Spend 10 minutes or fewer on each passage and set of questions.



If a question references a line in the passage, re-read that line and the lines before and after it to answer the question. Only refer back to the passage as needed.



Do not leave any questions unanswered. It is better to guess rather than leave unanswered questions.



When there are about two minutes left, move through any remaining unanswered questions and mark them with any answer.



The best way to prepare for the reading section of the ACT is to independently read. Grab a book, an article, a blog, or any other reading material to grow your reading skills. Aim to read 20 minutes a day.