

THE SAT VS THE ACT

- Fewer Geometry Questions
- More Time per Question
- No-calculator Math Section

KEY Differences

- Lots of Geometry
- Faster Paced
- Tough Science Section

TIMING & SCORING

Time Per Question

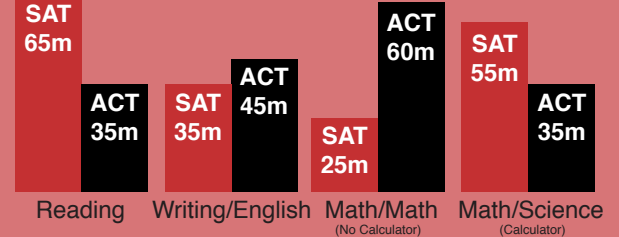


Overall Time

3h SAT
2h 55m ACT

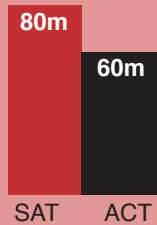
Total Points
400 - 1600 SAT
1 - 36 ACT

Time Per Section

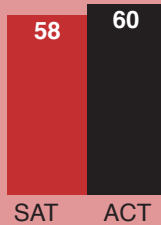


MATH

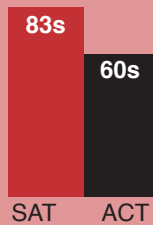
Total Time



Number of Questions



Time Per Question



Number of Sections

2 SAT
1 ACT

Formulas

The **SAT** provides a reference table of common formulas.

The **ACT does not provide** formulas for reference.

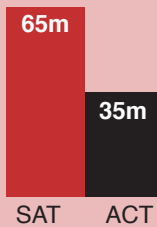
Calculator

The **SAT** has **one NO CALCULATOR** section and one calculator section.

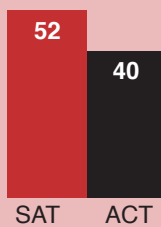
The **ACT** allows calculators for all Math sections.

READING

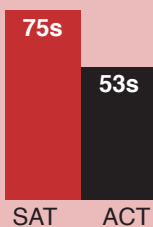
Total Time



Number of Questions



Time Per Question



Number of Passages

5 SAT
4 ACT

Do the Reading Sections Have Graphs and Charts?

SAT YES

relating to two passages

ACT NO

only on the Science section

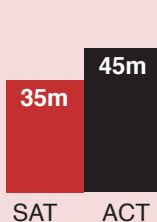
Topics Covered

- Literature
- Science (2)
- History/Soc. Studies (2)

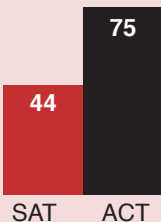
- Prose/fiction
- Humanities
- Social Science
- Natural Science

WRITING/ENGLISH

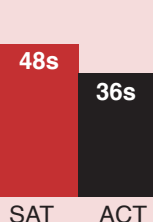
Total Time



Number of Questions



Time Per Question

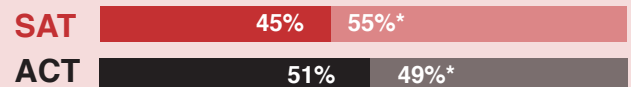


Average grade level*

13 SAT
10 ACT

*Flesch-Kincaid readability assessment

Grammar VS. Rhetorical Skills



*The difference between the 49% Rhetorical Skills on the ACT and 55% on the SAT feels even greater in practice, as the questions on the SAT require a fuller understanding of the passage.

Average Words Per Sentence

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