

THE SAT



vs

THE ENHANCED ACT*



Digital, adaptive



More time per question



Short, single-question reading passages



Fewer math concepts, complex problems

KEY Differences



Paper or online, fixed format



Faster paced



Longer reading passages



More math concepts, straightforward problems



Overall Time

TIMING & SCORING



Overall Time

Reading & Writing
(baseline module)

32m

Reading & Writing
(adaptive module - easier or harder)

32m

Math
(baseline module)

35m

Math
(adaptive module - easier or harder)

35m

200-800 points

200-800 points

1-36

1-36

1-36

1-36

35m

English

50m

Math

40m

Reading

40m

Science (optional)

TOTAL POINTS | 400-1600

TOTAL POINTS | 1-36



Reading & Writing



Math

Time per Question



English



Math



Reading



Science (optional)

MATH

Number of Questions

SAT
44

ACT
45

Question Difficulty

Module 1

Module 2

SAT

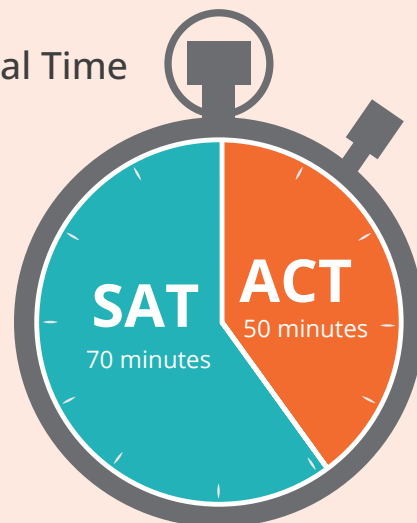
Module 2 will be more difficult if you perform well on Module 1.



ACT

Math section goes from easy to hard.

Total Time



Time Per Question



Formulas

The **SAT provides** a reference of common formulas in the testing application.

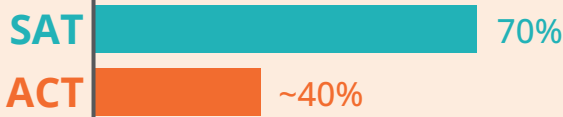
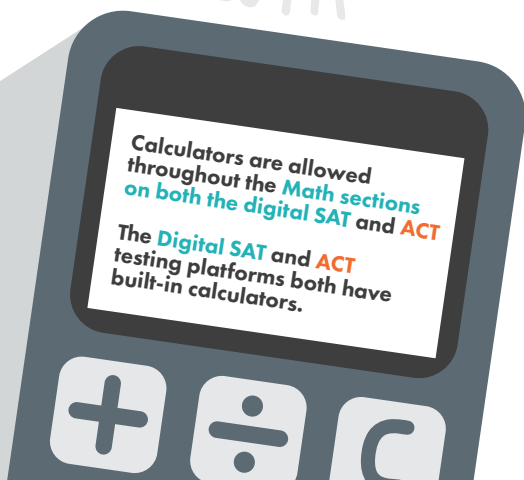
The **ACT does not provide** formulas for reference.



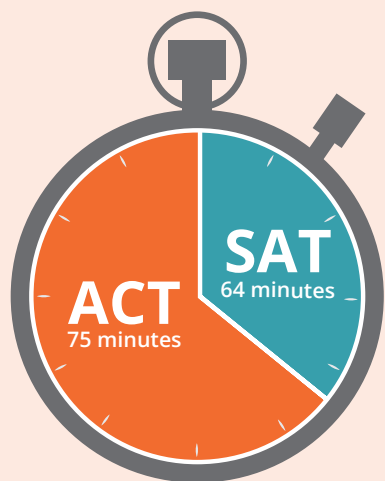
The digital SAT Math modules include 44 questions total. About 25% of these are student-produced response questions (i.e., grid-in), and the rest are multiple-choice.

Algebra Focus

The SAT has a much greater emphasis on Algebra, as well as Data Analysis questions that ask you to incorporate information from tables and charts into your calculations. In contrast, the ACT has a more evenly spread focus among Pre-Algebra, Algebra, and Geometry.



READING/Writing/ENGLISH



Time Per Question

ACT
SAT

READING	67s
ENGLISH	42s
READING & WRITING	71s

Number of Questions

SAT
54
Reading & Writing

ACT
86
Reading & English

Vocabulary

What percentage of questions test vocabulary?

ACT	READING	8%
	ENGLISH	4%
SAT	READING & WRITING	19%

Do the Reading/Writing/English sections have

Graphs and Charts?

SAT



Yes, 3 to 5 Command of Evidence questions use graphs.

ACT



No, only on the optional Science section.

Passage Length

Avg words per passage

SAT

50-150

30-100

Reading

Writing/English

ACT

600-800

150-400*

*The ACT English section consists of 2 shorter passages and 4 longer passages.

Number of Reading Passages

SAT 25-29



ACT 4



9 questions per passage

Topics Covered

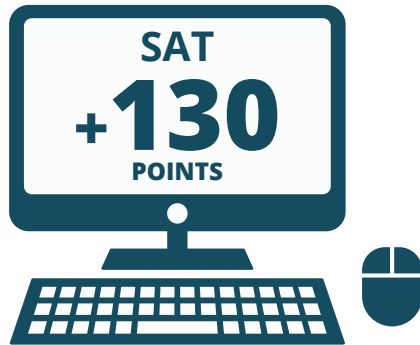
- Literature • Social Science • Poetry
- Nat. Science • History • Humanities

Distribution of topics varies. Easier adaptive modules tend to focus on literature; harder adaptive modules tend to focus on humanities and sciences.

- Prose Fiction • Humanities
- Social Science • Natural Science

ACT Reading passage topics are consistent and appear in the same order on each test.

HOW WOULD YOU SCORE?



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