

Which Test Should You Take?

Take a short quiz to find out!

1. Do you require testing accommodations?

- A. Yes B. No

2. Do you prefer math/science or reading/writing?

- A. Math/science B. Reading/writing

3. Have you taken trigonometry or precalculus?

- A. Yes B. No

4. Do you like to focus on details or the big picture?

- A. Details B. Big picture

5. How frequently do you rely on your calculator for basic math?

- A. Often B. Rarely

**If you answered
mostly A**

We recommend the ACT.

**If you answered
mostly B**

We recommend the SAT.

Remember, these are general recommendations. Take a diagnostic SAT and diagnostic ACT to find out which test works best for you.

ACT vs. SAT

What are the differences?

ACT

SAT

English

- Grammar rules (verbs, pronouns, idioms, sentence structure, style, punctuation)

Writing & Language

- Grammar rules (verbs, pronouns, idioms, sentence structure, style, punctuation)
- Analyze charts/graphs

Math

- Algebra, data analysis, arithmetic, precalculus, trigonometry, geometry
- Does NOT provide commonly used formulas for students
- Calculator allowed for 100% of questions

Math

- Algebra, data analysis, arithmetic, precalculus, trigonometry, geometry
- Provides commonly used formulas for students
- Calculator allowed for only 65% of questions

Reading

- Speed and instant recall in reading comprehension

Reading

- Drawing inferences and conclusions from evidence
- Founding Documents/Global Conversation passage
- Analyze charts/graphs

Science

- Analyze charts/graphs
- Draw conclusions
- Does not focus on actual scientific knowledge

Science

- No Science section

Essay

- Write a persuasive argument in response to a specific, modern-day issue
- Optional
- 40 minutes

Essay

- Analyze a given passage and discuss how the author uses evidence and develops his/her argument
- Optional
- 50 minutes