



5 Steps to Improve ACT/SAT Scores

Following these proven effective steps helps ensure proper planning, tracking, reviewing, and practicing in a way that focuses primarily on content and strategies.

- 1) **Take Diagnostics.** Start with Diagnostic tests of each test to determine which test you should take and which sections you should focus on first. For accuracy, these tests should be timed and all in one-sitting.
- 2) **Track Scores.** Convert your raw scores to scaled scores and percentiles. Record these in a spreadsheet to track your progress.
- 3) **Review Missed Questions.** Look over all questions you got wrong or left blank. Using the answer key and any provided explanations, try to understand why your answer is wrong and/or what confused you about the question. Put stars next to those you do not understand to go over with a tutor.
- 4) **Remove Timing.** Focus on content and strategies first by taking away time limits. Once your untimed scores are consistently in the top 10 percentile, then add timing back in.
- 5) **Take Mock Tests.** Complete entire timed tests in a mock testing environment to mimic your experience the day of the actual test.