

# ALL-IN ACE

## *Purposeful, Methodical, Comprehensive*

By resolving to get an early start on your ACT preparation, you're taking a **comprehensive** approach and no Test, topic, or question type is out of reach for you. Even with time on your side, you'll need a **purposeful** and **methodical** study plan to conquer the entire exam. Start practicing now so that, by test day, you'll be indomitable.

**How to Use Your Study Plan:** The study plan below is based on your results. Each week, the Recommended chapters cover the topics that are worth the most points on the ACT, so be sure to prioritize those items. To make your prep as efficient as possible, choose Optional items that best fit your study needs and schedule. If you fall behind or don't have 12 full weeks to study, be sure to prioritize the Recommended items. Happy prepping!



## WEEKS 1-3

### Foundations of the ACT

Knowing what to expect on each Test of the ACT will give you confidence on test day—you'll have no surprises about what types of questions you'll be asked. You will take a full practice test during these weeks; take the time to carefully review your results to give yourself an idea of where you stand on each section of the test.

During these weeks, you'll:

- Become comfortable with the structure of the ACT
- Take a diagnostic practice test
- Learn the Kaplan Method for each test section

#### Week 1

Overall Study	Writing
<p><u>Recommended:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Practice Test C</b> (online)</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Review <b>Practice Test C</b></li><li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Chapter 1:</b> Inside the ACT</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Explore the test maker's website and register for the ACT</li></ul>	
<p><u>Optional:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Online Video:</b> About the ACT</li></ul>	<p><u>Optional:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Chapter 27:</b> The Method for the ACT Writing Test <i>(If you're unsure about whether to take the essay on test day, check out the section Should I Write the ACT Writing Test?)</i></li></ul>



## Week 2

English and Reading	Math
<u>Recommended:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Chapter 2:</b> The Method for ACT English <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Chapter 15:</b> The Method for ACT Reading	<u>Recommended:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Chapter 7:</b> The Method for ACT Math Questions
<u>Optional:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Qbank:</b> 15 English questions <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Qbank:</b> 10 Reading questions	<u>Optional:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Chapter 6:</b> Prerequisite Skills and Calculator Use <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Online Math Videos: Point Builders</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Using Your Calculator</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Fundamental Math</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Translating English to Math</li> </ul>

## Week 3

English and Reading	Math	Science
<u>Recommended:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Chapter 16:</b> ACT Reading Passage Strategies	<u>Recommended:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Chapter 8:</b> Number and Quantity	<u>Recommended:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Chapter 22:</b> The Method for ACT Science
<u>Optional:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Qbank:</b> 10 Reading questions	<u>Optional:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Online Math Video:</b> Answer Questions about Radicals <input type="checkbox"/> <b>QBank:</b> 5-10 Math questions	<u>Optional:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>QBank:</b> 6-8 Science questions



## **WEEKS 4-5**

### **High-SmartPoints Topics**

Let's cut right to the chase: some topics are tested on the ACT more heavily than others. Kaplan has assigned a SmartPoints number to each topic on the ACT—the higher the SmartPoints number, the more that topic is tested. That means that mastering those topics with the highest SmartPoints values has the potential to earn you a ton of points on test day.

During these weeks, you'll:

- Lay the groundwork for success in English and Math by studying high-SmartPoints topics
- Learn to identify every Reading question type
- Master the analysis of Science Data Representation passages



**Week 4**

English and Reading	Math	Science
<p><u>Recommended:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ <b>Chapter 3:</b> Spotting and Fixing Errors               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ How Much Do You Know?</li> </ul> </li> <li>Sentence Structure               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ The Basics</li> <li>❑ Parenthetical Elements</li> <li>❑ Commas, Dashes, and Colons</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><u>Recommended:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ <b>Chapter 9:</b> Rates, Ratios, Proportions, and Percents</li> </ul>	<p><u>Recommended:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ <b>Chapter 23:</b> Data               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ How Much Do You Know?</li> <li>❑ Data Representation Passages</li> <li>❑ Detail and Interpretation Questions</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><u>Optional:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ <b>Online English Videos: Sentence Structure topics</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ <b>Featured Video:</b> Comma Use</li> <li>❑ (see online resources for more Sentence Structure video topics)</li> </ul> </li> <li>❑ <b>QBank:</b> 15 English questions</li> </ul>	<p><u>Optional:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ <b>Online Math Video:</b> Answer Ratio, Rate, and Proportions Questions</li> <li>❑ <b>Online Math Video:</b> Answer Questions on Percents</li> </ul>	<p><u>Optional:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ <b>QBank:</b> 6-8 Science questions</li> </ul>



## Week 5

English and Reading	Math	Science
<p><u>Recommended:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Chapter 3:</b> Spotting and Fixing Errors Agreement               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Verbs</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Pronouns</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Modifiers</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Idioms</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> How Much Have You Learned?</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Chapter 17:</b> Identifying Reading Question Types</li> </ul>	<p><u>Recommended:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Chapter 10:</b> Algebra</li> </ul>	<p><u>Recommended:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Chapter 23:</b> Data               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Calculation and Inference Questions</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> How Much Have You Learned?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><u>Optional:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Online Videos</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Featured English Video:</b> Misplaced Modifiers</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Featured Reading Video:</b> Detail Questions</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> (see online resources for more English and Reading video topics)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><u>Optional:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Online Math Videos: Algebra topics</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Featured Video:</b> Solve for a System of Equations</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> (see online resources for more Algebra video topics)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><u>Optional:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>QBank:</b> 6-8 Science questions</li> </ul>



## **WEEKS 6-7**

### **Areas of Opportunity**

Now it's time to dig into some challenging topics. You can do this! Your goal is not to learn everything about, say, geometry or punctuation, but rather to learn the most commonly-tested ACT concepts and to familiarize yourself with questions in that category.

During these weeks, you'll:

- Improve your performance on your areas of opportunity in English, Math, and Science
- Expand your Reading skills by learning strategies for every question type



## Week 6

English and Reading	Math	Science
<p><u>Recommended:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ <b>Chapter 4:</b> Spotting and Fixing Issues               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ How Much Do You Know? Development</li> <li>❑ Precision</li> <li>❑ Introductions and Conclusions</li> <li>❑ Revising Text</li> <li>❑ Purpose</li> </ul> </li> <li>❑ <b>Chapter 18:</b> Answering Reading Questions</li> </ul>	<p><u>Recommended:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ <b>Chapter 11:</b> Tables, Graphs, Statistics, and Probability</li> </ul>	<p><u>Recommended:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ <b>Chapter 24:</b> Experiments               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ How Much Do You Know?</li> <li>❑ Research Summaries and Design Methodology Questions</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><u>Optional:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ <b>Online English Video:</b> Irrelevant and Misplaced Information</li> <li>❑ <b>Online Reading Video:</b> Inference Questions</li> </ul>	<p><u>Optional:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ <b>Online Math Video:</b> Answer Mean, Median, and Mode Questions</li> <li>❑ <b>Online Math Video:</b> Answer Probability Questions</li> </ul>	<p><u>Optional:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ <b>QBank:</b> 6-8 Science questions</li> </ul>





## Week 7

English and Reading	Math	Science
<p><u>Recommended:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Chapter 4:</b> Spotting and Fixing Issues<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Conciseness</li></ul></li><li>Organization<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Transitions</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Sentence Placement</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> How Much Have You Learned?</li></ul></li></ul>	<p><u>Recommended:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Chapter 12:</b> Functions</li></ul>	<p><u>Recommended:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Chapter 24:</b> Experiments<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Synthesizing Data Questions</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> How Much Have You Learned?</li></ul></li></ul>
<p><u>Optional:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Online English Videos:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Featured Video:</b> Transitions and Flow</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> (see online resources for more Conciseness and Organization video topics)</li></ul></li></ul>	<p><u>Optional:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Online Math Video:</b> Demystifying Trigonometry</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>QBank:</b> 5-10 Math questions</li></ul>	<p><u>Optional:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>QBank:</b> 6-8 Science questions</li></ul>



## **WEEK 8**

### **Practice Test**

You've worked hard and learned a lot over the previous weeks! Now, put that study to work on some authentic practice. Taking a practice test under real test-like conditions is the best way to solidify what you've learned and to practice test-taking strategies. Plus, your results will help you make a plan for your remaining weeks until test day.

#### **Tips for Taking Practice Tests:**

Make the practice test count! Time yourself, eliminate distractions, and use your test-taking strategies (see Chapter 1), just as you would for the real test. Practice using the Methods for each test section (English, Math, Reading, and Science) on every question—even if doing so takes more time now, practicing will improve your speed so the Methods are second nature on the real test day.

After finishing the practice test, it is vital that you *review your results*. Dig into each question—think not only about why you got a question correct or incorrect but also about whether you approached the question strategically. For each question, ask yourself: What can I learn about this type of question? Then use your results to help you plan your study until test day.

During this week, you'll:

- Take a practice test
- Review the practice test

#### **Week 8**

<b>Overall Study</b>
<p><u>Recommended:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Practice Test 1</b> (in-book) with optional essay</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Review <b>Practice Test 1</b></li></ul>



## WEEKS 9-10

### Section Management

Congratulations! Here's the payoff for the time you spent taking and reviewing your practice test in Week 8. Use those results to choose new chapters to study and previously completed chapters to review. Weeks 9 and 10 are your last opportunity to focus on areas you find particularly challenging, so plan accordingly. From now until test day, you'll focus more and more on consolidating your ACT knowledge and learning strategies for each section of the test.

During these weeks, you'll:

- Begin learning section management strategies for each section of the ACT
- Complete your study of Reading and Science passage types

#### Week 9

English and Reading	Math	Science
<p><u>Recommended:</u> <b>Choose one or both:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Chapter 19:</b> Literature Passages</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Chapter 20:</b> Paired Passages</li></ul>	<p><u>Recommended:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Chapter 13:</b> Geometry</li></ul>	<p><u>Recommended:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Chapter 25:</b> Thinking Like a Scientist<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> How Much Do You Know?</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Applying Core Knowledge Questions</li></ul></li></ul>
<p><u>Optional:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Qbank:</b> 10 Reading questions</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Online Reading Video:</b> Function Questions</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Review chapter(s) based on practice test results</li></ul>	<p><u>Optional:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Online Math Videos: Geometry topics</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Featured Video:</b> Answer Special Right Triangle Questions</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> (see online resources for more Geometry video topics)</li></ul></li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Review chapter(s) based on practice test results</li></ul>	<p><u>Optional:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>QBank:</b> 6-8 Science questions</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Review chapter(s) based on practice test results</li></ul>



## Week 10

English and Reading	Math	Science
<p><u>Recommended:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❑ <b>Chapter 5:</b> ACT English: Timing and Section Management Strategies</li><li>❑ <b>QBank:</b> 10 Reading questions</li></ul>	<p><u>Recommended:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❑ <b>Chapter 14:</b> ACT Math: Timing and Section Management Strategies</li></ul>	<p><u>Recommended:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❑ <b>Chapter 25:</b> Thinking Like a Scientist<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❑ Conflicting Viewpoints Passages and Evaluating Hypotheses Questions</li><li>❑ How Much Have You Learned?</li></ul></li></ul>
<p><u>Optional:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❑ <b>Test Yourself:</b> ACT English</li></ul>	<p><u>Optional:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❑ <b>Test Yourself:</b> ACT Math</li></ul>	<p><u>Optional:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❑ <b>QBank:</b> 6-8 Science questions</li></ul>



## WEEKS 11-12

### Strengths Focus

You've worked so hard! A few weeks left, but you are well-situated for success. Now things get kind of fun: take those topics you're awesome at, and get more awesome at them before test day! Celebrate your successes and take this opportunity to get even better. You'll also finish learning section management strategies and take one last practice test about a week before your test date. As usual, take the time to dig into your results. Finally, do some light practice leading up to the big day.

During these weeks, you'll:

- Focus on your strongest topics to build confidence for test day
- Take a practice test, about a week before your scheduled test day
- Do light practice until test day

#### Week 11

Overall Study	English and Reading	Math	Science
<u>Recommended:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Chapter 28:</b> Countdown to Test Day	<u>Recommended:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Chapter 21:</b> ACT Reading: Timing and Section Management Strategies	<u>Recommended:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Review strengths chapter(s) based on practice test results	<u>Recommended:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Chapter 26:</b> ACT Science: Section Management, Timing, and Efficiency
	<u>Optional:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>QBank:</b> 15 English questions <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Test Yourself:</b> ACT Reading	<u>Optional:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>QBank:</b> 5-10 Math questions	<u>Optional:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Test Yourself:</b> ACT Science



## Week 12

Overall Study	English and Reading	Math	Science
<p><u>Recommended:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Practice Test 2</b> (in-book) with optional essay</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Review <b>Practice Test 2</b></li> </ul>	<p><u>Recommended:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Review strengths chapter(s) based on practice test results</li> </ul>	<p><u>Recommended:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Review strengths chapter(s) based on practice test results</li> </ul>	<p><u>Recommended:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Review strengths chapter(s) based on practice test results</li> </ul>
	<p><u>Optional:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Qbank:</b> 15 English questions</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Qbank:</b> 10 Reading questions</li> </ul>	<p><u>Optional:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>QBank:</b> 5-10 Math questions</li> </ul>	<p><u>Optional:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>QBank:</b> 6-8 Science questions</li> </ul>

Congratulations! You've put in the **purposeful, methodical** effort to complete your **comprehensive** review of the ACT, following the way of the **All-in Ace**. Feel confident in your expert preparation!

