

# SAT/ACT Tea Time



**What is it?**

**SAT**

The SAT is a reasoning test. It's meant to test your ability to combine information and analyze real-world problems

**ACT**

The ACT is a content-based test. It's meant to test skills you learn in school.

**When is it taken?**

Oct., Nov., Dec., Jan., March, May, June

Sept., Oct., Dec., Feb., April, June

**SAT**

Might be better for you if...

You like to read the "classics"  
You're good at understanding historical documents

You are good at doing math by hand  
(there is a non-calculator section)

You don't like science  
No science test here!

You like info-graphics  
(Questions will ask you to use data from charts and graphs)

You're good at analyzing texts  
(You have to analyze how someone else develops an argument)

**ACT**

Might be better for you if...

You are a fast reader and detail oriented

You are good at mental math and finding shortcuts

You like science  
You're good at interpreting tables & graphs and connecting information

You're not as confident in your reading skills  
The passages are easier

You're good at winning arguments  
Analyze different perspectives

**Content**

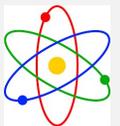
**Reading**

**Math**

**Science**

**English/Writing**

**Essay**  
(Both are optional)



**Total Test Time**



**SAT**

3 hours without essay;  
3 hours 50 minutes with essay

400-1600

(two scores of 200-800 from Math & Reading/Writing combined); 3 separate scores on optional essay from 2-8.

**ACT**

2 hours 55 minutes without essay;  
3 hours 35 minutes with essay

1-36

(4 scores of 1-36 for each test, averaged & rounded to closest whole #); optional essay score from 1-36.