

# ACT Review

# Night before the Test

- A good meal, a good laugh, a good sleep
- Cram = Grammar rules only
  - Watch Kaplan videos
  - Review No Red Ink
  - Do Quizlets

# Day of the Test

- Get there early – Get settled and centered
- Bring ID and Admission Ticket
- Bring a pantload of #2 pencils
- Bring a drink and a snack for the break
- Bring a calculator
- Be an offensive driver – Be ready to attack the test

# Reading Section

- 40 Questions
- 35 Minutes
- Testable Items
  - Main idea, significant details/supports, sequencing, comparison, context, paraphrasing, voice/tone
- Not Testable Items
  - Facts beyond text, vocab, logic terminology

# Reading Test

- Pacing
  - Gloss questions (1 minute)
    - Seek hints for passage – What's it about?
    - Look for character references
    - Places to mark for specific information
  - Read (3-4 minutes)
    - Mark as you go
    - Make quick annotations
    - Consider TP-FAST as a guide
  - Answer questions (4-5 minutes)

# Reading Test

- Text Types
  - Social studies
  - Natural sciences
  - Literary narrative
  - Humanities

# English Section

- 75 Questions
- 45 Minutes
- Testable items
  - Punctuation, grammar, and syntax
  - Audience, purpose, organization, style
- Not Testable Items
  - Spelling and vocabulary
- Pay attention to style and rhetoric of passage
  - How does question fit into context of passage?

# English Section

Know the situation

- Pay attention to style and context and theme
- How does question fit into the bigger picture?
- Tone = Author's attitude towards the subject

Do easiest questions first

- Pile up points and save time
- Finish each section before moving to the next



# English Section

- Choosing an answer
  - Listen to the sound of the options
  - Eliminate long responses – we want precision
  - Eliminate contradictory responses
  - Substitute responses into the sentence
- Terms to review
  - Appositive, antecedent, active voice, idiom, clauses, modifier, audience, purpose, rhetoric, tone

# Online Support

- Kaplan Quick Grammar Review
  - Eliminating Choices
    - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KIksWtbET80>
  - Punctuation Errors
    - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pg7dv3f2\\_fg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pg7dv3f2_fg)
  - Comma Usage
    - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g7Nkls8pMZo>
  - Apostrophe Usage
    - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OsQ4TAjDvV0>