



MINDSPIRE

TEST PREP

February 19, 2019

Dear Sample Student,

Thank you for taking the time to complete a diagnostic ACT! Diagnostic tests serve as a useful baseline score for all students and they are an essential component in constructing the most personalized and effective training program. I have attached a score report that breaks down your performance on each section of the test. This includes a breakdown of which question-types you did well on, which question-types you can improve on, your subsection scores, and more. I am also including just a few of my own thoughts to provide some context as you review your performance.

Composite Score: 24 (74th percentile)

English: 19 (47th percentile)

The English section primarily test your knowledge of grammar and English writing conventions, with a secondary emphasis on cohesive and logical writing. Looking at your score report, there is no immediately identifiable trend in the questions you answered incorrectly. You and your tutor would engage in a comprehensive review of the topics tested in this section, beginning with the grammar rules governing the most commonly tested concepts. These include subject-verb agreement, prepositional phrases, and punctuation usage. You would also learn how to approach the logical writing questions with appropriate strategies. Examples of these kinds of questions are Add/Delete/Revise, Sentence Placement, and Yes/Yes/No/No.

Math: 23 (68th percentile)

The Math section covers a broader range of topics than any of the other sections on the test. Additionally, the Math section becomes increasingly harder as you near the end of the section. If we look at your score report we will find that there is, again, no clearly identifiable trend in your wrong answers. Although you and your tutor would engage in a comprehensive review of the topics in this section, the best place to start appears to be with Algebraic Manipulation and Word Problem questions. After those topics, you would

likely move on to a review of Geometry and Trigonometry, which includes Angles, Circles, and Triangles. These are the best concepts to begin studying because they appear most frequently on the test and because the skills required to solve these questions are often fundamental in solving the very hardest questions at the end of the section.

Reading: 28 (83rd percentile)

The Reading section has an emphasis on questions that concern specific details from the passages. This is in contrast to the SAT, which places a greater emphasis on reasoning with the arguments and facts in the passage. Most of the questions that you missed in this section were Specific Detail questions, which ask you to recall or find information discussed in the passage. These questions are made difficult by passages with complicated subject matter, which makes literal comprehension a bigger challenge. You also missed a couple other question-types, such as Inference and Passage 1/Passage 2 Relationship. You and your tutor would work on improving your literal comprehension of the harder passages while also learning the key strategies for questions that don't solely test your ability to recall information.

Science: 24 (77th percentile)

Despite its name, the Science section hardly tests your actual knowledge of scientific concepts. On average, only about four question in the entire section will require any prior knowledge of Biology, Chemistry, or Physics. For the most part, you do not even need to read the passages to answer the questions correctly – you can rely solely on the tables and figures. What the Science section *does* test is your ability to reason in a scientific context. Most of the questions you missed were questions that required an analysis of the relationships between variables given in the figures and tables. The focus of your work in this section would therefore be on learning how to extract all of the necessary information from the figures that accompany the passages. It is equally important for you to learn how to determine whether a question requires you to examine the passage or the figures or both. Your work with your tutor would also emphasize the strategies you can apply to make these kinds of crucial, time-saving judgments.

Test Recommendation:

The comparison between your SAT score (1060) and ACT score (24) indicates that the ACT is the better test for you. A 1060 on the SAT is the equivalent of a 21 on the ACT. This means that by focusing on the ACT, you are beginning your test prep further ahead than if you focused on the SAT. Additionally, the fact that the SAT is 50% Math significantly impacted your score, and this is a problem you can avoid by taking the ACT, which only has one Math section.

General Recommendations:

It's important to remember that standardized tests are only one part of an application process that is becoming increasingly holistic. Depending on the colleges you seek admission to, however, you may want a higher score when you take the real SAT.

Above all else, the most important thing for you to do is to set a clear and attainable goal that you can then begin to work towards. The most effective way to improve your score is by tutoring in a one-on-one setting with a program that is tailored to your strengths and weaknesses.

Mindspire students are guaranteed to see an increase in their scores depending on the number of hours they spend studying. To target the 27 range, for example, we can create a 20-hour program that guarantees at least a 3-point increase. If you're aiming for a score above 30, the 35-hour program may be a better fit, as it offers a guaranteed increase of 6 points on test day.

For more information on programs and pricing, please visit our website:

www.mindspire.com/services/sat-act-tutoring

If you have any questions, concerns, or thoughts to share, we would love to hear them!

Best regards,

The Mindspire Team

Telephone: 1.844.537.PREP

E-mail: info@mindspireprep.com