



3 Dangers of ACT Practice Tests

What to Know and
What to Avoid

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INTRO

The Perils of ACT Practice Tests



Practice tests are key to good ACT prep, but just taking full-length practice tests isn't enough to guarantee a good score.

In this ebook, we'll go over the three major pitfalls that many students stumble into when attempting to use ACT practice tests.

1: Inaccurate Practice Tests

> **Key Point:** Bad practice tests teach you the wrong things and waste valuable prep time.



Many non-official practice tests are **lower quality** than the real test. The quality problems can range from materials that don't test the right things or ask about them in the right way to tests that are rife with errors.

Some might argue that doing any sort of practice test is better than nothing, no matter if it's not as good as the real ACT. But using low-quality ACT practice tests is like practicing to become a ping pong champ by playing squash: it will not only **waste your time** but will also make your score worse because it's **teaching you the wrong skills**.

2: Overdosing on Practice Tests

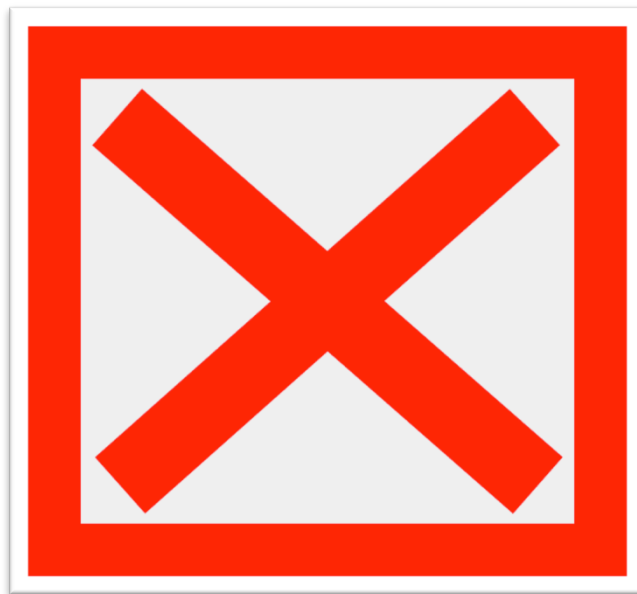
- > **Key Point:** Practice tests don't help you if you mindlessly do one after another without taking the time to [study in-between](#).



It's okay to take the first few practice tests without too much reflection, just to get used to the format and the experience of taking the test. Once you get to the 4th or more practice ACT, though, you need to **thoroughly review your mistakes** if you want to see any improvement in your score.

3: Underdoing Practice Tests

- > **Key Point:** You cannot have a good ACT study program without at least **four real practice tests**. If you're spending less than 10% of your ACT prep time on practice tests, things are going wrong.



Preferably, you'll spend up to 30% of your total ACT prep time taking practice tests. Making room in your busy schedule for the chunk of time a realistic practice takes can be tricky, however. A good rule of thumb to follow is that out of **every 40 hours** you spend doing ACT prep, you should spend (at a minimum) **at least 3-4 of those hours** taking a [realistic, full-length practice test](#) (with breaks).

AND NOW WHAT?

Through this guide, you've learned a lot about the dangers presented by ACT practice tests. Figure out which traps you're most likely to fall into and use the information in this book to avoid that fate.

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