

Methodize Student User Guide



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Welcome to Methodize

Welcome to Methodize! Methodize by Method Learning is a comprehensive online education program that contains courses covering ACT and SAT preparation, Financial Literacy, and more.

Methodize's ACT and SAT courses are organized into brief, easy-to-navigate units. Each unit contains lessons that will cover the concepts covered by the course.

When working through these courses, students will read brief lessons that will prepare them for everything that they can expect to see on the ACT and SAT. Every lesson also has an accompanying quiz that students can use to demonstrate their mastery of the material.

Best of all, every quiz question has a detailed text and video explanation so you can glean valuable strategies and subject information by reviewing the answers on your quizzes.

Unit 2

Lessons

- ✓ Plugging in Numbers
- ✓ Redundancy
- ✓ Speed and Strategy
- ✓ Science Basics

Unit 3

Lessons

- ✓ Translating Words to Math
- ✓ Punctuation
- ✓ Paired Passage Strategy
- ✓ Conflicting Viewpoints

Unit 4 100% Unit Progress

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- ✓ Proportions
- ✓ Passages: Extra Practice 1
- ✓ Main Idea
- ✓ Three-Axis Graphs

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Quizzes Completed 1 of 1

Attempt 1 Main Idea: Fracking View Quiz →

40% Attempts: 1 Questions: 10

VIDEO EXPLANATION

Every summer in Chicago, just before the start of the Lollapalooza music festival, many streets to the east of downtown are closed to traffic, and millions of people flood to Grant Park to experience the best cuisine from the finest and most popular restaurants in Chicago at the Taste of Chicago food festival.

Which of the following would be the best replacement for the underlined portion?

A. NO CHANGE

B. are

C. were

0:40 / 1:09



Exploring Methodize

When logging into Methodize you will see the home page is divided by several clickable buttons. When you click on the [Continue](#) button you will be taken to the last lesson you accessed. Then you will continue through the program in order. Basically, if you are confused about how to use the program, just keep clicking [Continue](#).

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ACT
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Course Progress
28%

Units 4/18
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Lessons 23/67
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Quizzes 16/72
[View Quizzes](#)

If you'd like to review your quizzes - you can do so by clicking on the box labelled **Quizzes**. Each quiz is listed by subject and you can see how many attempts you've made and the scores you've received. If you click on an individual quiz, you will be able to see your attempt and review specific questions and answers.

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You can also access the **Units** section, organized with lessons that cover each subject, by clicking on the box that says units.

If you are looking for a specific lesson, you can click on the box labeled **Lessons**. All of the lessons are organized by subject.

English

1. A Man and His Cartoonish Machines				
Attempt #	Score	Time Spent	Time Completed	Results
1	18%	52 secs	Tue Dec 8th 9:59:46 am CST	View Results

2. Achieving a Goal: The Optimist No Attempts

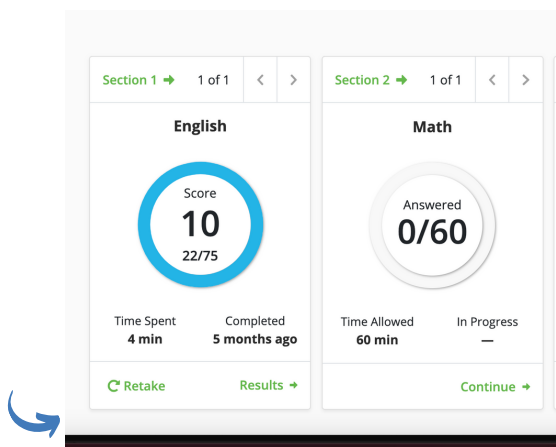
3. Author's Intent				
Attempt #	Score	Time Spent	Time Completed	Results
1	0%	12 secs	—	In Progress

4. Bat to the Future No Attempts

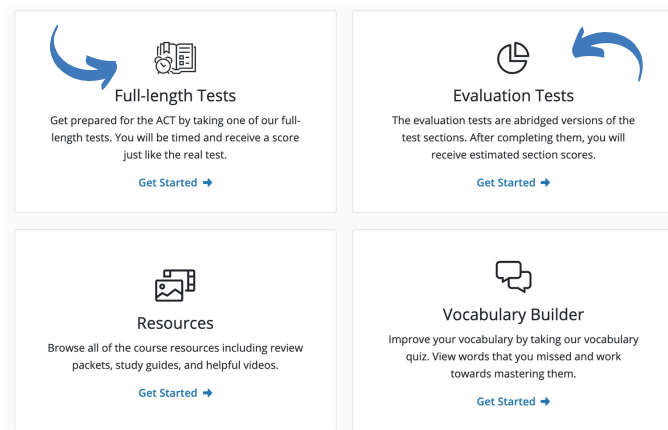


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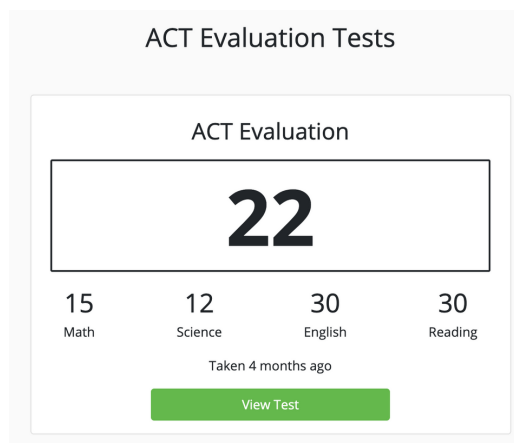
There are four other boxes on your Methodize home page, which you will find highly valuable. The box labelled **Full-Length Tests** houses two full-length ACT or SAT practice exams (depending on the course). These exams are structured exactly like the tests you will be taking on your official exam day. They are designed to help you understand what you can expect on the day you take your proctored exam. **Full-length practice tests are the best practice you can do for the ACT and SAT.**



If you don't have the time to do a full-length test, or if you are just beginning your preparation and want a "baseline score", or if you can't decide whether you would rather take the ACT or SAT, you should use the **Evaluation Tests**. These are short, timed exams that allow you to identify your initial strengths and weaknesses so that you can focus on the areas you need to improve.




After you have taken your exams, you will receive a predicted score, and have a chance to review all of your answers and to see explanations of the right answers as well as valuable strategy tips that will help you when you see similar questions on the real tests.





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The box labeled **Resources** is where you can find helpful tools like downloadable study guides, videos, and other items. There is no such thing as over-preparing for tests like the ACT and the SAT, and these resource materials will be quite helpful.



Full-length Tests

Get prepared for the ACT by taking one of our full-length tests. You will be timed and receive a score just like the real test.


[Get Started →](#)



Evaluation Tests

The evaluation tests are abridged versions of the test sections. After completing them, you will receive estimated section scores.


[Get Started →](#)



Resources

Browse all of the course resources including review packets, study guides, and helpful videos.

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Vocabulary Builder

Improve your vocabulary by taking our vocabulary quiz. View words that you missed and work towards mastering them.

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Vocabulary Quiz

Define: conflagration

A. a large fire
B. copy
C. bonus, addition
D. bond, link

[Submit](#)

The final box contains our **Vocabulary Builder**. Clicking here will take you to a flashcard-like game where you can review hundreds of the kinds of "college-level" words that you will encounter in the reading passages on the ACT and SAT .

When you define a word correctly two times it is placed on your words mastered list. On the flip side, if you've missed a word it populates on your words missed list. You can review your words mastered and words missed list at any point by clicking on the Vocabulary Builder box.

Missed and Mastered Vocabulary Words

A vocabulary word is considered "mastered" when you have correctly defined it more than one time in the vocabulary quiz.

Filter: All Time This Year

Words Missed	Total: 1	Words Mastered	Total: 0
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[Practice Vocabulary Words →](#)



Assessing Your Progress In Methodize

With Methodize, it is simple to see where you stand and how far you have to go. When logging into your **Dashboard**, you can see that there is a large green percentage completion meter located at the top right on your screen.

Below your percentage tracker you will see clickable boxes labeled units, lessons and quizzes.

Units are organized with **Lessons** that cover various subjects, and every lesson has at least one multi-question **Quiz**. When you complete a lesson, you will see a green checkmark so that you will be able to see immediate feedback on your progress through the program. In order for a green check mark to appear, you will need to mark the lesson as read and answer all of your quiz questions.

Clicking on the lesson, listed in the units or lessons section will allow you to review it again for comprehension, or to simply refresh your memory on the strategies needed to successfully complete each lesson and quiz.

On top of any Methodize page, you will see a horizontal percentage bar, which shows you the total percentage of Methodize you have completed.

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Creating Concise Sentences ✓ Marked as Read

In this lesson, you'll learn how to simplify sentences, a task frequently tested by the ACT English section. We'll review how to recognize inefficiently worded sentences and how to fix them.

View Lesson

Quizzes Completed 0 of 1

Creating Concise Sentences: Stress
Attempts: 1 | Questions: 15

View Quiz →

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View Quiz →



Resetting Your Password

We know that it can be very frustrating to forget a password, especially if you are in a hurry. That's why we've made it very easy for you to reset your password and access your account.

If you cannot remember your username or your password, click the link on the login screen **Forgot Your Password?** Once you have clicked that link, you'll be taken to a new page where you can reset your credentials.

In order to reset your password, you will need to enter the e-mail address associated with your account in the box provided. If you access Methodize through your school, the address will probably be your school-issued email address.

Once completed, please click the box that reads [Send Password Reset Link](#) and you will be sent an e-mail with instructions on how to reset your password so you can continue your studies. The email will be sent immediately, so if you don't see it quickly, *please check your junk mail/spam filter in case the email was incorrectly flagged.*



ACT and SAT Glossary

Accommodation	An adjustment in testing conditions to enable students with disabilities to take a standardized test. Examples: having the questions read out loud (for visually impaired students); use of a computer for the essay (dysgraphia), 50% or 100% extended time to complete the test (documented ADD/ADHD, executive function, working memory impairments). While the testing conditions for students taking the test with accommodations may be different, the test questions and scoring system are the same.
Answer Choices	On a multiple-choice question, there will be four answer options lettered A, B, C, and D (ACT Math questions have five answer choices). Only one of these will be correct. The incorrect answer choices may represent common errors and can be very tempting!
ACT.Inc.	ACT is both the name of a standardized test for high school students and the name of the company that produces the test. ACT.Inc. publishes other tests, like WorkKeys, Pre-ACT, and ASPIRE.
College Board	The College Board is the name of the company that produces the SAT, the PSAT, and Advanced Placement tests.
Composite Score	A composite score (in this case, for the ACT), is the (rounded) average of the scores on each individual section of the test. If a student scored a 32 on Reading, a 22 on Math, a 36 on English and a 13 on Science, the composite score would be 26.
National Merit Scholarship	A scholarship given out based on PSAT scores, outstanding academic achievements, leadership abilities and extracurricular activities. Qualifying scores vary by state.
No Guessing Penalty	On the ACT and SAT, you only earn points for the questions you answer correctly, and do not lose points for wrong answers. So go ahead and give your best answer to every question—there's no advantage to leaving them blank.
Percentile Rank	Percentile ranks provide a way for you to compare your scores to those of other students. Percentile ranks are reported based on the total group of test-takers in the US. The number can range from 1 to 99, and indicates the percentage of test-takers who achieved an equal or lower score than yours. For instance, a percentile rank of 86 means that 86 percent of test-takers achieved a score at or below your score. A percentile rank of 52 means that 52 percent of test-takers attained scores at or below your score.
Pre-ACT	The PreACT is mostly a practice version of the ACT, but it could help connect you with colleges and scholarships. The PreACT is typically taken in 9th or 10th grade and will help you predict your score on the ACT after an additional year of learning. Your performance on the PreACT will help you make a plan for reaching your goal ACT score.
Proctor	A proctor, also called a test room supervisor or a test center supervisor, is an adult in your test room to help make sure that the administration goes well. The proctor helps hand out and collect materials, check admission tickets, and make sure the room is quiet. The proctor also helps monitor test-takers to ensure no one has an unfair advantage. You may also see proctors helping test-takers at check-in or in the hallways during testing and breaks, to make sure that everyone gets where they need to go and that these areas are quiet.



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PSAT

The PSAT/NMSQT is the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. The PSAT is a great primer for the SAT, and even the ACT, but it's more than just a trial run. PSAT scores are used to identify National Merit Scholars and award merit scholarships. This test is structured exactly the same as the SAT, however it is shorter and is missing the hardest elements of the SAT. Most likely students would take this as 10th or 11th graders.

QAS

QAS is a service for the SAT. The acronym stands for "Question and Answer Service" and means that a copy of the test, the answers, and the scoring sheets are sent back to the test takers. This is only available for 3 test dates a year. If possible, students should try to make their first SAT be a QAS test, as it will help them review their scores more thoroughly.

Raw Score

Your raw score is simply the number of questions you got correct out of the total number of questions. If there are 40 questions on a test and you got 28 correct, your raw score is 28. Your raw score will be translated into a scaled score that takes into account things like the difficulty of the questions on this administration of the test versus another administration.

Scaled Score

When you take a standardized test, there are two types of scores you may see: the raw score (number of questions you got correct out of the overall number of questions) and the scaled score, which is the translation of your raw score into a different numerical format that takes into account the difficulty of the questions and the performance of your peers. Your scaled score will be 200-800 for each section.

Score Report

A breakdown of your score for each area of the ACT or SAT. You'll see your total score and then your section scores, percentiles, benchmarks, cross-test scores and subscores so you can evaluate your performance on your test. Besides helping you see how you did, the score report will also contextualize your score so that you know how you compare to all test-takers.

Student Produced Response

An SAT-only question type that simulates a more natural math test-taking experience by offering questions outside the multiple-choice format. Also known as "Grid-ins", on these questions you have to come up with your own response (they are NOT multiple-choice).

Subscore

Your score report will include a number of scores, including test scores (for the Math, Reading, and Writing and Language Tests), cross-test scores (like Analysis in Science, which is a skill covered across sections), and subscores (like Expression of Ideas, which is a skill tested within one section).

Superscore

Superscoring entails taking your highest score for each section of the test across all your test sittings and using the highest section scores to calculate your final score (SAT) or composite score (ACT). Generally colleges will do this automatically when you apply.

TIR

TIR is a service for the ACT. The acronym stands for Test Information Release, and means that a copy of the test, the answers and the scoring sheets are sent back to test takers. This is only available for 3 test dates a year. If possible, students should try to make their first ACT be a TIR test, as it will help them review their scores more thoroughly.