

ACT vs. SAT

11 Key Differences



ACT

SAT



Gives you **LESS** time per question
Ex= 53 sec/question



Gives you **MORE** time per question
Ex= 75 sec/question



Has **SCIENCE** section



NO SCIENCE section



Can use Calculator on **ALL**
Math problems



Contains a **NO CALCULATOR**
Math subsection



Larger focus on **GEOMETRY**
(35-45% of Math)



Larger focus on **ALGEBRA/DATA
ANALYSIS**
(Less than 10% Geometry)



NO Math Reference Sheet



GIVEN Math Reference Sheet

ACT CONT.

SAT CONT.



Math accounts for **25%** of **TOTAL** score



Math gives you **FIVE** possible answer choices for each question



ALL multiple choice questions



Reading= **NO** evidence-support questions



Reading= Questions in **RANDOM** order



OPTIONAL Essay: give your **OWN** opinion from article



Math accounts for **50%** of **TOTAL** score



Math gives you **FOUR** possible answer choices for each question



MOSTLY multiple choice questions; but also has student-produced response questions



Reading= **HAS** evidence-support questions



Reading= Questions in **CHRONOLOGICAL** order



OPTIONAL Essay: **NO** opinion from article