

STUDY HELPS FOR THE COMPASS PLACEMENT TEST
The secret is spending quality time on these studies

FREE TUTORIALS

Review of skills you may have forgotten or never knew

WRITING (ALSO CALLED ENGLISH) and READING:

<http://www.sparknotes.com/testprep/books/act/chapter4.rhtml>

Use this for **English (Writing)** in chapter 4, 5, 6, and for **Reading in Chapters 12 and 13**. (It may mention ACT, but ACT is the publisher of our test and it is the same.) If you want to go directly to a different chapter, change the chapter number in the address above. You can also click on a forward and backward arrow on each chapter web page to access other chapters. Each chapter has several sections to work through.

<http://www.edufind.com/english/grammar/>

There is a free test (you have to get results through your e-mail The best part, however, is an extensive grammar tutorial (menu #2).

PRE-ALGEBRA (BASIC MATH) and ALGEBRA – HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL

<http://www.khanacademy.org/> Select the math tab and get clear instructions on basic math, pre-algebra and algebra I. Especially helpful if you struggle with math concepts.

<http://coolmath.com> For ages 13 – 100!! This is a colorful and fun site with excellent teaching units. Select “Pre-algebra” and “Algebra.”

<http://www.math.com> Select “Pre-algebra” and “Algebra” from the upper left-hand corner. Stay away from the parts that require payment for services.

<http://www.purplemath.com/modules/index.htm> This includes an extensive list of algebra helps. For COMPASS, concentrate mostly on the beginning algebra topics.

FREE PRACTICE TESTS AND SAMPLE QUESTIONS

Test your skills to see if you are performing well on the subjects

<http://www.act.org/compass/sample/> Although there is a book that can be purchased, there is also a free section. In the left- hand column, click on “COMPASS TEST PREPARATION.” Then scroll down until you see the list of self-assessment modules. These are free. Try to do all of them. The answer key is at the end of each practice test.

<http://www.4tests.com/> Select free practice tests for ACT for Reading and Writing only. The math gets too advanced quickly. You can also choose the GED for practice tests on Reading, Writing, and Math. Avoid the sections that want to charge you for materials.