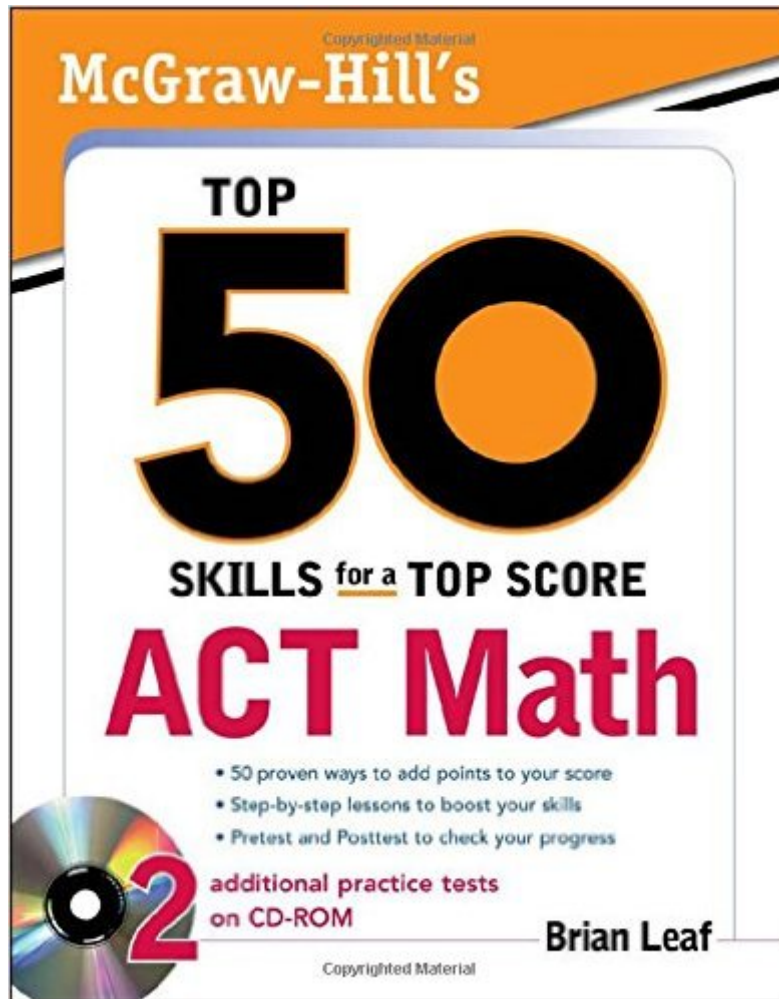


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# McGraw-Hill's Top 50 Skills For A Top Score: ACT Math



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We want to help you succeed on the math portion of the ACT\* "If you want a short but concise guide to the ACT with every trick and mathematical explanation necessary to get a perfect score, this is the book for you." -- Dr. Michele Hernandez, author of the *A is for Admission*, *The Middle School Years*, and *Acing the College Application* "Brian gives practical tips and tricks specifically designed to outwit the ACT's formula, and he does it all with a sense of humor and fun. Nice job!" -- Danica McKellar, actress (*"The Wonder Years," "West Wing"*), mathematician, and author of New York Times bestsellers *Math Doesn't Suck* and *Kiss My Math* We've put all of our proven expertise into McGraw-Hill's *Top 50 Skills for a Top Score*. With this book, you'll master the essential skills identified by a prominent ACT instructor and add points to your score. You'll get focused instruction on these crucial skills, helpful exercises, pre- and posttests to check your weaknesses and progress, and two additional tests on the accompanying CD-ROM. With McGraw-Hill's *Top Skills for a Top Score: ACT Math*, we'll guide you step by step through your preparation and give you the tools you need to succeed. Inside you'll find: 50 essential skills with step-by-step sample exercises A pretest to identify your weaknesses and a posttest to track your progress Two additional tests on CD-ROM Strategies to help you answer every type of ACT math item

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## Customer Reviews

My son originally scored a 16 in Math on his first ACT. We tried two other ACT prep books before

this one. They were long and tedious and mainly just reviewed math skills. This book went well beyond the skills needed and explained how to attack a variety of problems that are common on the ACT. Each of the 50 skills are broken down into a one page explanation and an additional page of five practice problems. There are study cards for each skill so you can review the skill daily to help remember it. Sam was able to cover two to five skills daily without feeling overwhelmed or defeated. His score increased to a 24. In each of the subscore areas, he increase by 4 points for an overall increase of eight points. I strongly recommend this book. It was completely different than other books we tried and apparently it's fairly effective. He might have done better had he finished the last ten skills. He only finished the first 40 skills in the book.

If you just want a quick review book than this is the book for you. This book is short,concise, with all topics reviewed. All answers are clearly explained. The first review gave a very accurate description of how the book was organized, so I will not repeat. The book itself is well organized.However, if are looking a more intensive math practice,a better book would be McGraw-Hill's CONQUERING THE ACT MATH.

I have not been in school since 2006 and I just took my ACT last weekend. After signing up for the ACT, I spent hours online trying to pick out the book that would help me prepare. I am very strong with English and Reading, but a little more than rusty on my Math skills. I decided to purchase a book that would mainly focus on the Math section. This book was my decision. The only book I purchased for ACT prep. At first I was unsure if I had made the right choice in the one book that would help me get ready for this big test. When I sat down and started taking the pretest, I realized I was in deeper than I thought. But when the lessons started--I mean the "skills", I started to understand the equations and it made the Math seem a lot simpler. Each lesson has 5 questions; ranging from easy to hard, that help you review each skill. After you are through with all the skills, there is a review and a posttest. There is also a CD-ROM attached that has 2 additional practice test. I completed the book and both practice tests. The night before the test, I didn't need to cram. The Math test was second, after English. I was so confident with my Math and with the help of a good calculator (TI-30XIIS), I even had time to go back and check my work! This book really helped me prepare for everything that was included on the test. I was so happy with the results and how much I learned!

It 'teaches' you 50 topics, but it doesn't. It gives you a very brief overview, but it doesn't not cover

everything you need to know to answer the questions that follow. Second complaint: it only asks about 5 questions per topic, not nearly enough for good practice. The only thing that this book is good for is to point to what areas you need to focus on -- and practice somewhere else, but at least at that, it does a good job.

This book is absolutely wonderful! It is written in an easy to understand way with concise lessons that really give you the best hints for how to approach ACT math questions. It is broken down into short segments that can be worked each day. There is a little humor in it as well. My son said he understood 4 years of high school math more completely by going through this book to prepare for the ACT. I highly recommend this book!!!

This book is AWESOME!!!! I reviewed every skill in this book and did a math practice test from the Real ACT Prep Guide afterwards. I boosted my score from an 18 to a 26! That was without using the cdrom that contains the hard questions for all of the math skills. This book really breaks down the skills in a language that you can understand and gives very good explanations as to why something is wrong. Those that say this book is useless or terrible really did not try.

My highly-verbal, creative, and math-avoiding daughter actually worked through this whole book, and her math score increased 4 points. So pleased. One of her colleges increased her scholarship by several thousand dollars a year after they received her updated scores. Huge win.

I'm a long time math and ACT Tutor. I have written many, brief concept pages with the intent to publish a skills book some day. This author, Brian Leaf, beat me to it. A fantastic job! This book is an excellent collection of the most critical math skills needed on the ACT. Easy, direct explanations. In fact, I have my students buy it now.

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