

## ACT vs. SAT - How do they compare?

ACT	SAT
<b>4 Sections</b> <b>Total Time: 3 hours 35 minutes with essay</b>	<b>4 Sections</b> <b>Total Time: 3 hours 50 minutes with essay</b>
Reading – 35 minutes, 40 questions English – 45 minutes, 75 questions Math – 60 minutes, 60 questions w/ calculator Science – 35 minutes, 40 questions Essay (optional) – 40 minutes	Reading – 65 minutes, 52 questions Language/Writing – 35 minutes, 44 questions Math – 55 minutes, 38 questions w/ calculator Math – 20 minutes, 20 questions no calculator Essay (optional) – 50 minutes
Total # of questions 215 Time per question: 49 seconds	Total # of questions 154 Time per question: 1 minute 10 seconds
<b>Scoring:</b> The ACT gives a score between 1 and 36 on each section (Reading, English, Math, and Science). A score from each area is added and then divided by 4 for the composite score. The composite score is between 4-36 points. The essay score is calculated from four different domains for a score per domain. The domain scores are then averaged into a total score. The maximum score is 12 points.	<b>Scoring:</b> The SAT combines the reading section with the writing /language section to create one verbal score on a 200-800 point scale. The math component is also on a 200-800 point scale. The total SAT score is between 400-1600 points. The essay score ranges from 2-8 points for three different areas: reading, analysis and writing. The maximum score is 24 points.
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