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Essential information for all 5 ACT test subject areas: English, Math, Reading, Science, and Writing
Subject-specific cards with terms and definitions, formulas, figures, practice question prompts, and more
Color-coded scale under the cover to help easily track your progress
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Customer Reviews

I didn't know what to expect since the product page basically gives little more than a picture of a box. What you receive is a long small box like you might receive business cards in. The cards themselves have rounded edges and measure 3.5 inches by 2.5 inches. They are thinner than nice business card stock. (I'll put up photos to give you an idea of what they look like.) As far as it goes the cards are attractive. The colors used are two shades of turquoise and brown. I'm not a great judge of font size but I'd say 12 -- certainly no smaller than 10. I need my reading glasses to call out questions. The cards cover all the basics -- English, Math, Science, Reading and Writing. ENGLISH sample English card has: "Fix the past participle" on it. And below is the sentence that needs fixing. "Holly reported to Emily that someone had broke the deck chairs." On the other side is what the corrected sentence should look like. In this case... ""Holly reported to Emily that someone had BROKEN the deck chairs." MATH Sample Math questions include definitions of terms like

Difference, Surface Area, and Similar Polygons. Many children will be familiar with such terms. What they might not know --and which I certainly didn't recognize as a thing -- are phrases such as Translation Of A Figure. Their school math book might use other terms so the cards serve a purpose in making them familiar with phrases that the test might use. It merely means to move a figure to a different location on a plane. There are other types of math questions which ask for formulas, such as the area of a parallelogram, and requests for a Geometric Sequence and problems like 'Half of twenty-two is how much less than 15?' Further along there's some trig where you need to solve $1. \cos(90^\circ - \theta)$ or $\cos(\theta/2) = ?$ $2. \sin(90^\circ - \theta)$ or $\sin(\theta/2) = ?$

READING The Reading cards are all about what can be inferred from a sentence. An example would be what can be inferred from, "Ed is actually a very talented singer." And the answer is that not everyone was convinced Ed was talented. Unlike the other cards there is help on the Reading cards in identifying what the key word is that provides the hint.

SCIENCE Of all the sections I thought the Science section was the wimpiest. Basically all they do is ask for a few definitions from various areas of science. What's Mitosis? What's and Independent Variable? And maybe the Science section on the test is that easy, but somehow that seems unlikely. (Note: I never took the ACT so I'm not an authority.)

WRITING If you're like me you are probably wondering what they can put on the cards for something so complicated as an essay. Well, they have Prompts. One card asks whether there should be vending machines in schools. It then asks the student to think of 3 supporting statements. Additionally there are cards which give two thesis statements and then ask students to pick the stronger one. I think that's about all one can expect for cards. (Fortunately too, writing is not currently a required part of the ACT.)

BLANK CARDS There are blanks if you want to make up your own questions.

SUMMARY I wish these cards were a little sturdier but they are okay. Certainly the format and colors are nice. As another reviewer noted these are sort of basic sorts of questions, and that's true. But I think it's far easier to cover basic material this way than to have to take one of the sample tests that the study guides offer as a way to find out if there's a gap in what you/the student knows. The other good thing about cards is that you can pull out the ones you/the student doesn't know and concentrate on those. These cards are not a substitute for one of the ACT study guides but rather an additional tool. I purchased these for a ridiculously low price so I'm happy with them at this point.

Many of these flash cards were too basic to be helpful for us. We wanted to mostly study math and science. These cards were just terms on front and definitions on back, or a description of a formula. For the math, there were many super easy terms about whole numbers and order of operation, etc...

There were also a sizable stack of blank cards for you to fill out yourself.

Great review. We keep these next to the toilet, and my kids both use them. LOL

my granddaughter was taking her ACT this cards were very help.

Great for review.

As expected

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