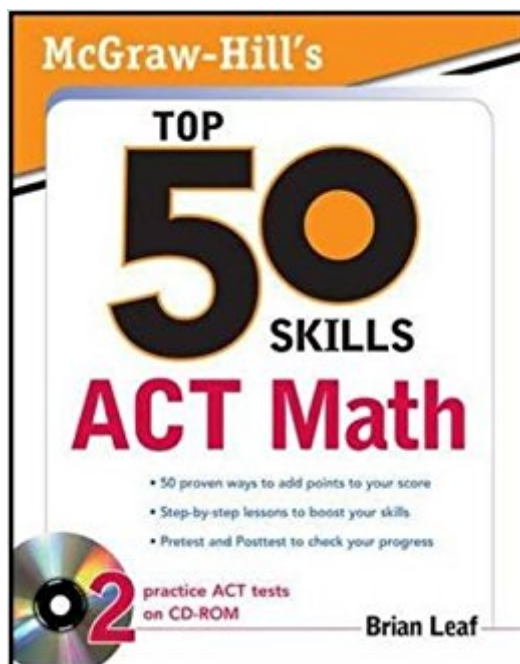


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I have been working as a tutor, both with Kumon learning centers and privately, for over 7 years but had never done ACT prep. This summer, however, with my littler sister going into her junior year of high school I decided to design a prep course for her and a couple of her friends. This book was incredibly helpful! It is very clear and easy to follow. It is direct and breaks down the essentials for success. It takes three years of high school math and condenses it to a manageable level. The ACT can be very overwhelming since it covers so many topics but this book took things one step at a time. I feel like even I relearned some basics from this book and I have taken through Calc III in college! Unlike books that just have practice test after practice test, something that can be unhelpful and frustrating for an already confused student, this book actually teaches math skills needed for success.

Long time math and ACT Tutor here. I have written several, math skill documents with the intent to publish a skills book some day. The author, Brian Leaf, beat me to it. A fantastic job writing a thorough book! This book has an excellent collection of the most critical math skills needed on the ACT. Easy, direct explanations. I have my students buy it now.

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 consise lessons that really give you the best hints for how to approach ACT math questions. It is broken down in to 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 buy going through this book to prepare for the ACT. I highly recommend this book!!!

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.

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 college increased her scholarship by several thousand dollars a year after they received her updated scores. Huge win.

Have not had a chance yet to use the book, but it if full of paratice problems and test taking strategies, plus two free on-line tests. One of the better books on ACT-Prep I've seen.

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