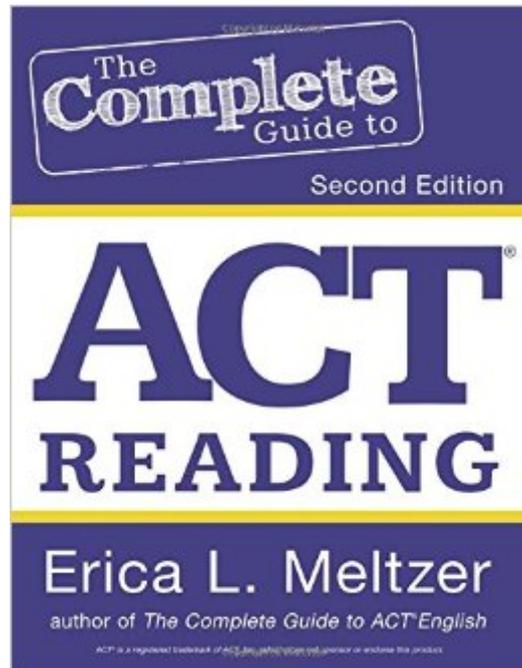


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# The Complete Guide To ACT Reading, 2nd Edition



## Synopsis

This updated edition of The Complete Guide to ACT Reading is designed to reflect the most current version of the ACT Reading Comprehension test. In addition to a complete chapter covering each major question type, this book includes an overview of common passage topics and themes designed to teach students to "read the test" and to identify correct and incorrect answers more quickly and accurately; an extensive discussion of time-management strategies on both individual passage/question sets and on the Reading test as a whole; and two full-length practice tests accompanied by thorough explanations.

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Like Erica Meltzer's The Critical Reader (which covers the SAT's Critical Reading section), The Complete Guide to ACT Reading is thorough and thoughtful. As a full-time tutor, I've read many ACT prep books. This one is an improvement on them for several reasons:1. There's an entire chapter devoted to timing strategy. Since students have different reading speeds and abilities, different strategies must be taught. It's nice to see different options presented, which makes it more likely that your student will find one that works for her. Most books will only discuss one strategy for pacing.2. The book has a great discussion of how to change the way you read passages for maximum benefit. Again, this is done in much more detail than most books and consequently students are more likely to be able to learn how to read more efficiently.3. Advice on how to THINK your way through the Reading section abounds. Using logic to find details and understanding how

authors construct passages and paragraphs are discussed in detail. In fact, a theme of the guide is that thinking skills are necessary for doing well - a welcome change from the reliance on "tips n' tricks" by many of this book's competitors. The book also deconstructs all the major and minor questions types students will encounter on the test and provides a couple of practice tests. The quality and realism of the passages and questions is quite a bit better than other prep books I've read, and the techniques are more robust. The ACT has recently thrown us a couple of curveballs: a Reading section with paired passages and questions asking about both, and the inclusion of a science-style chart in a passage, so the book could benefit from an update to include those potentialities.

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