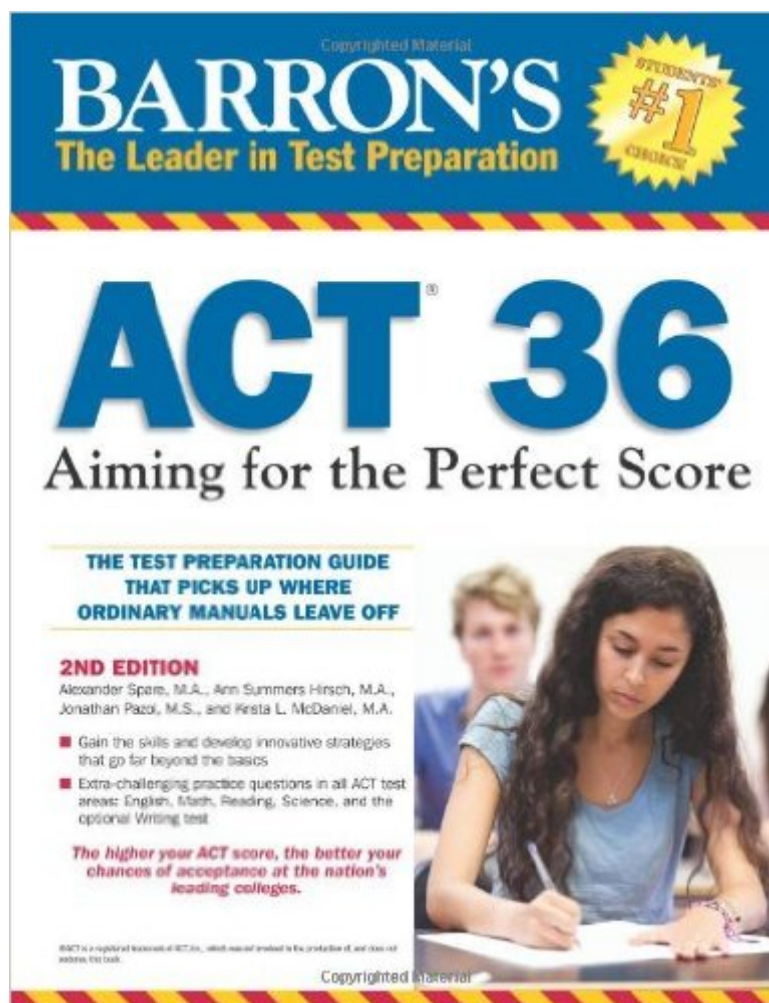


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# Barron's ACT 36, 2nd Edition: Aiming For The Perfect Score



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An ACT test score of 36 represents test-taking perfection. College-bound students who approach this score are more likely to gain acceptance into the nation's finest colleges. Students who are focusing on getting an exceptionally high or even perfect score on the ACT will want to get their hands on this innovative book. Inside, they'll find: Advice and strategies for tackling the ACT's most difficult questions and coming up with winning answers Extra-challenging practice tests in all ACT test areas: English, Math, Reading, Science, and the optional Writing test Instruction on reading efficiently and retentively Special tips for boosting your science score Detailed advice on writing a winning essay Book can be purchased alone or with an optional CD-ROM presenting a full-length ACT practice test that closely matches the real ACT with answers, plus 50 extra-difficult questions with answers.

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## Customer Reviews

I am a parent of a son who attempted to improve the score and he achieved it. The reason for my review, I went through the pain of finding out what is the best book to coach. So we purchased different(used) books, each one has its own strength and weakness. His score improved from 28 to 33. So I asked him to rank the books which he would recommend for others -1) Real ACT2) Barron's ACT 36 and the other ACT books of Barron's3) Princeton4) For practice he used Mcgraw-Hill - 10 exams5) Used online websites in local library to try the practice exam. My local

town lib provided two real exams. He felt it was a good one. Bottom line, I coached him and didn't send to any other coaching centers. I asked him to review the concepts in each book then practice. The drill was each weekend for last 3 months. One full test over the weekend including writing. We tracked the practice test score consistently and observed the pattern. Except for Math and Science his exam score was same as practice(35). So the Math and Science questions in these books could be easier than the real exam; he scored lower than the practice test. Few days before the exam, we went through all his mistakes on all subjects. For Math, I reviewed the concepts along with him as mistakes were reviewed. We both spent time to review Geometry, Trigonometry and math formulas/concept. A day before the exam I asked him to review ACT 36 book tips and quick bite of the information. He felt it was a good recap. He is junior in high school and I asked him to try one more time to improve 1 or 2 points or shoot for perfect score as he got the grip of it. Let us see. Practice, Practice...then review the mistakes slowly to strengthen the skills. That's all. There are no other secret books or flash card gimmicks or coaching center. Again every student has their own style of studying and parent involvement. The first exam he took was on his own and preparation. Second one, I felt a need to coach and shape him better. It paid off. Sharing our experience and most important with practice and efforts the score can be improved. Hope this helps for parents/student googling for ACT info. Good luck!!

This book was...OK. The practice sections are the highlights of this book. The practices they offer are a lot harder than most others, and if you do well with the practices in this book, the other prep books will seem really easy. However, there is something about this book that should be noticed: this book does NOT actually teach anything. For example, in the Math-Geometry section, it says: "...you will use properties of isosceles triangles to find area and perimeter of regular polygons...triangle sum and the reflexive property are key to keep in mind when solving these problems." But nowhere do they tell you what the properties of isosceles triangles are, or what the triangle sums are, or what the reflexive property is...In general, buy this book to only practice the hard ACT questions. You will not gain very much if you do not already know the material tested.

I am currently and senior in high school and made the terrible mistake of not planning my standardized test schedule earlier. But no regrets, I took the ACT in once at the end of my junior year and got a 31. I'll admit it, I'm an over achiever and 95% percentile doesn't quite cut it for me. So I decided to prep for my standardized tests during the summer. I bought many books, Barron's ACT, The real prep guide, the Princeton review guide, Barron's ACT reading and English, Barron's

math and science, Kaplan reading, writing, english, and Kaplan ACT Math, yeah I know i'm crazy, and read them all, I also bought this book at the same time. Now it is less than a month before my ACT and I have finally opened this book and have gotten 34 pages into it and I have already regretted buying the other books. This is the ONLY book you need for the ACT, well this and the McGraw Hill's 10 ACT practice tests, and the Real Prep guide for the real tests, but this book is awesome!!! It gives you easy strategies that you can remember and none of the pace yourself and be careful stuff. It's straight to the point, I got a 30 the English section, and after just going thru half of the grammar stuff and taking a practice tests I have already raised the score to a 33-34 range, granted the fact that I still have to take the test, but if you are hesitating about this book, DON'T! Just buy it! It will be the best decision you will ever make!

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