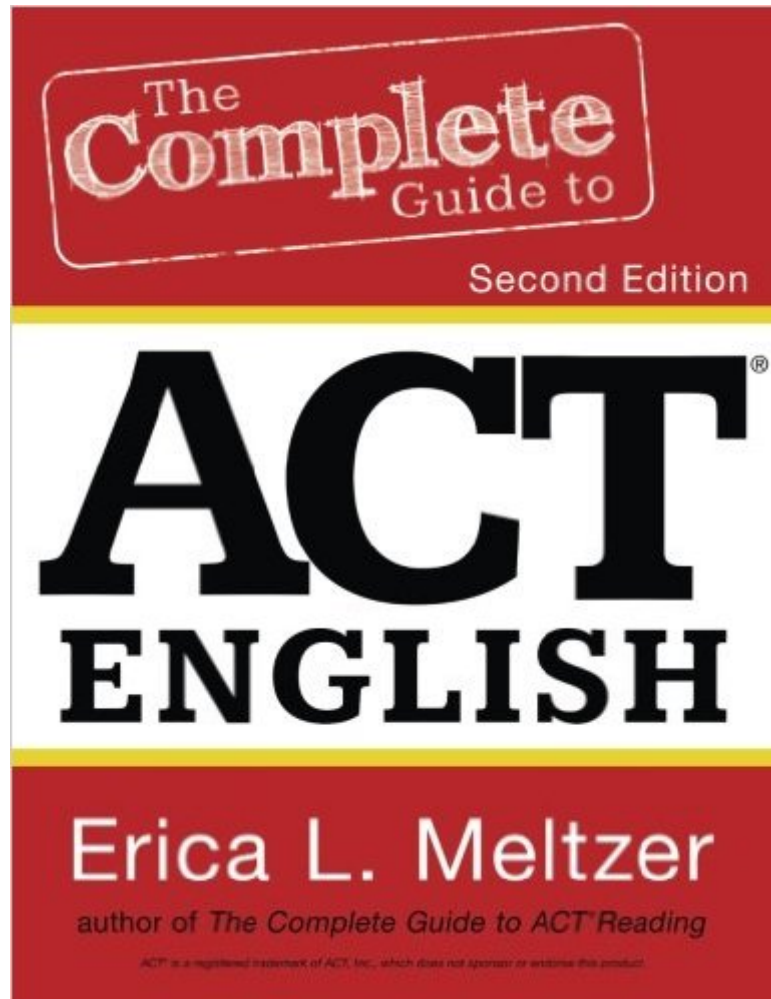


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# The Complete Guide To ACT English, 2nd Edition



## Synopsis

Note: Some minor updates were made to this book on 4/27/16. Written by a top tutor whose students regularly achieve ACT English scores in the mid-30s, *The Complete Guide to ACT English* is the only book that offers a comprehensive review of all ACT grammar and rhetoric topics. Includes step-by-step explanations of errors in all their forms; dozens of ACT-style exercises that help you move from understanding rules to applying them in context; and cumulative reviews that allow you to practice a progressively wider range of concepts in a passage. Also includes a complete index of English questions from *The Real Guide to the ACT*, grouped both by topic and by test.

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## Customer Reviews

Erica has done it again. After mastering the SAT Writing section, she has now taken her amazing analytical skills to the grammar and rhetoric tested on the ACT English. If you want a high score on the ACT English, this is a MUST buy. I am a professional test prep tutor and this is the book that I use with all of my students! It is easy to use and is broken into topics by the frequency that they are tested. Her lessons are concise and readable. Her insights are priceless. The small investment in this book could reap a lifetime's worth of reward from having admissions options to getting scholarships and financial aid. How to use this book: 1. There are only five tests in the red study guide. Take one and compare it to Erica's list of English grammar and rhetoric concepts in the index. Mark your weaknesses. 2. Go do those sections of this workbook first. Most sections are less

than five pages.3. Take the next test and then see if you improved in the areas that you studied.4. Repeat by doing new sections of her book and then comparing the next test.5. Now for the real kicker - gain speed! The ACT English is a test against the clock, 75 questions in 45 minutes. You MUST average one question every 36 seconds. Find the grammar/rhetoric types that you ALWAYS answer correctly. Now go read those sections and see if Erica has something to add to your skill (or at least polish you up a bit). Practice doing those types of questions with confidence and speed! Erica is America's #1 Grammar & Writing Test Prep tutor and many tutors, including me, use her materials. I have hired Erica to tutor me, she is simply that good. Buy this book. Best of luck Phil McCaffrey

I think many of the five star reviews are from friends of the author, which I realized before purchasing the book, but I bought it anyway. The main reason I bought the book was for the appendix at the back that analyzes and organizes all of the questions in The Real ACT. I was going to do that for myself, but now I don't have to :) I like that it is organized into separate skills and gives practice for each of them individually. That sets it apart from other ACT prep books. Unfortunately, there isn't enough practice of each skill for students to be able to master it. This book has a price similar to all of the other ACT prep books but is much shorter and offers far fewer practice questions. There is some value to this book, but I don't think I would have bought it for the price I paid. I think I would've been satisfied with the purchase if it was half the price. Or if it had reduced the teaching/explaining part and had five times the number of practice questions.

A good ACT English prep book. Includes all the topics with some exercises to prepare for the test. My kid feels confident after using the book. I love the two indexes in the back that categorize all questions in red book. However, the brief summary on modification does not fully explain ACT topics. I would recommend "The Curious Case Of The Misplaced Modifier" as a supplement to strengthen some weak topics in this book.

This was a great book to improve on for the English Section of the ACT! I went from an 18 to well over a 32+ for the English Section. However I improved upon my score by buying multiple books such as the Black Prep and the Manhattan Prep. I would buy this book again.

Definitely builds the basics of ACT/SAT grammar and covers all topics. If you do it end to end, you will see markedly improved confidence and ACT/SAT English/Writing scores. The only issue I had

with this and Eric's SAT Grammar book is that there is a lot of overlap, including the tests at the end.

Don't get me wrong, this is a reasonably good guide. The author clearly put some thought into it and knows what she is talking about. BUT is the book a \$30 value? Not even close. I'm a private test prep tutor in Florida. My students already see huge gains in their ACT English scores, but that's with the hodge-podge of my own materials and all the various resources I painstakingly find for my students after each session and those resources are focused each weak area revealed. At \$30 and with such amazing, over the top reviews, I was excited to click Buy and thought this might become the holy grail of my test prep arsenal. Maybe it would be the guide I refer all students to and use during lessons; it sounded amazing in the reviews! Simply, no. I have loaned it out to various students from week to week, and while the online resources and my own little crafts come back complete and with grins of "yeah, that was helpful!", this never has. And I can't blame them. The coverage is spotty, whole topics that I find to be extremely important are untouched, and as another reviewer commented, there is a real lack of practice problems (for some topics). Of course there are editing errors, but that is always the case in the self-published books. Also, this may be a personal difference, but there are several explanations that I don't think are very clear and/or grammatically accurate. That is the main reason I've stopped trying to force this book into my routine - I don't like being in a position where I have to say, "Yes, that is written in the book, but I don't agree with it so here's another explanation." Although, I do have this book to thank for inspiring me to stay focused on writing my own materials!

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