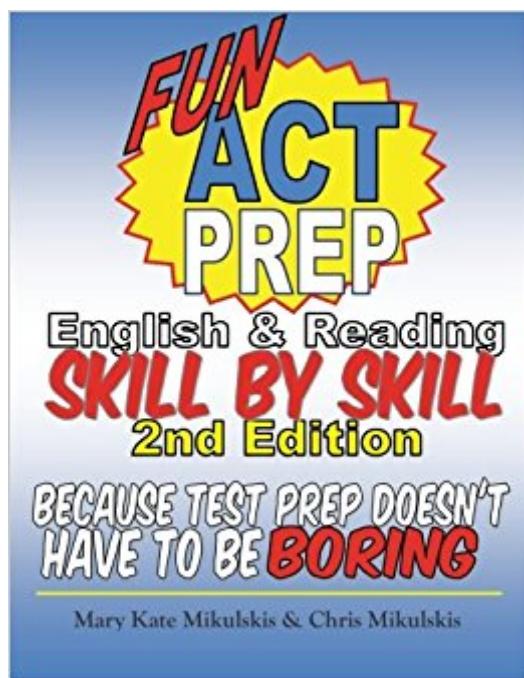


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# Fun ACT Prep English And Reading: Skill By Skill: Because Test Prep Doesn't Have To Be Boring



## Synopsis

The frustration and toil of common ACT prep materials is real--take a horribly boring test, review the answers, cross your fingers you'll remember your mistake for next time. This is why Fun ACT Prep was created! Now in the 2nd edition! Enjoy what you read while preparing for the ACT! "Fun ACT Prep English and Reading: Skill by Skill" combines fun, high-interest topics relevant to teens with challenging passages and standardized questions that mimic the ACT format. Practice for the ACT while reading about Batman, LeBron James, phobias, video games, urban legends, "The Hunger Games," Taylor Swift, and many more! This unique approach to learning each skill in isolation has been applauded by teachers and appreciated by students. First, learn one of 23 critical English or Reading skills one at a time by learning all about the skill, what the questions look like, and tips for conquering that type of question. This is done in an easy-to-understand way. Then take a short formative assessment (quiz) using ONLY that skill with teen-friendly subject matter. Self-check, reflect on what was learned, and learn some overall test tips along the way. Chunk several skills together in an easy-to-read, full-length passage incorporating only 2-5 skills at a time. Finally, combine all learned skills together in a final assessment. Isolating and chunking skills together is proven method to make learning more manageable and easier to process. Useful for individual practice, classroom instruction, or small group tutoring, "Fun ACT Prep English and Reading: Skill by Skill" is adaptable for differentiated instruction and a Response to Intervention (RTI). Aligned to Common Core Standards for Reading and Language Arts.

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Dreading teaching yet another long, boring test prep seminar, high school English teachers Chris Mikulskis and Mary Kate Mikulskis created their own high-interest, skills-based ACT-like passages to engage our students and shake up typical test prep lessons. The response was overwhelming: students were entertained, engaged, and most importantly, learning. Thus, "Fun ACT Prep" was born. Now, we strive to make skills-based learning both meaningful and entertaining for students and teachers alike. Our expanding range of resources, including our two test prep workbooks, "Fun ACT Prep English & Reading: Practice Tests," and "Fun ACT Prep English and Reading: Skill-by-Skill," continues to reflect our philosophy of combining high-interest content with skills-based instruction. We believe that high-interest material sparks student learning. We created the "Fun ACT Prep" series to make the ACT relevant to the students who generally quake in fear of this high-stakes test. This is not your typical boring test prep! Teachers love "Fun ACT Prep" because it engages students and starts some great conversations, and students love it because they can read these original, high-interest passages AND prepare for the ACT. It's the spoonful of sugar that helps the medicine go down! Chris Mikulskis and Mary Kate Mikulskis have been teaching high school English for a combined 18 years in both urban and suburban environments, including private and public high schools. Classes taught include: AP Literature & Composition, AP Language & Composition, English I, English III, and Reading. We also have experience teaching Bridge programs for incoming 8th-9th grade students. In addition, we have taught numerous ACT prep classes over the past 10 years and have also brought our own ACT prep class to local schools and libraries in the Chicagoland area. We are both proud graduates of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Chris Mikulskis holds a master's degree from Governor's State University and has studied English literature at Eastern Illinois University and young adult literature at Governor's State University. Mary Kate Mikulskis holds a master's degree from Concordia University Chicago and is currently pursuing her second master's degree. She was an Education Fellow at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a Teaching Resident for the Chicago Public Schools Summer Teaching Residency Program.

I own the 1st edition of this book and have found it extremely helpful in reviewing ACT skills with my AP and on-level seniors. The passages are more interesting to students than the average fare, and we enjoy self-assessment scoring that comes with each skill. I highly recommend it!

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