

Tips for Taking a Reading Test

Pace yourself.

If possible, spend less time on the passages and the questions and use the remaining time allowed for your test to review your work and return to the questions on the test that are most difficult for you.

Read the passage carefully.

Before you begin answering a question, read the entire passage thoroughly. It is important that you read every sentence rather than skim the text. Be conscious of relationships between or among ideas. You may want to make notes about important ideas in the passage, either in the test booklet, or on scratch paper if it is provided.

Refer to the passage when answering questions.

Answers to some of the questions will be found by referring to what is explicitly stated in the text. Other questions will require you to determine implicit meanings and to draw conclusions, comparisons, and generalizations. Refer to the passage before you answer any questions.