Aztec ACT Prep Series

Overview

Resource Type	Subjects	NRS Level(s)
Online	Reading, English, Science, Writing, Mathematics	ABE Level 6

Summary

General Information

The Aztec ACT Prep Series prepares learners for the ACT test. It is an adaptive system that provides 58 lessons related to areas students need to work on. It is fully aligned to the ACT test, including lessons for all four subjects: Math, Sentence Skills, Reading Comprehension, and the Written Essay.

Practice tests determine student readiness for the ACT and identify areas for improvement based on practice tests.

Technology Requirements

This curriculum works with any modern, updated browser that supports HTML-5, including Chrome, Firefox, and Safari. The online system can be accessed on any desktop, laptop, tablet, or phone.

Mobile Accessibility

There are some concerns regarding the mobile accessibility of the curriculum. It does not have an app available for download. The platform will work using the URL in a browser, but students must do a lot more scrolling than they would when accessing their lessons on a larger device.

Logistics

A teacher or administrator can create/edit student accounts, and they can add/group them into classes based on level or focus. Also, teachers/admins can make changes to the individual student's pathway. If students leave a program, they can return to the specific learning step in which they left off and go back to remediate as they like.

Reports

All Aztec products have a full suite of tools available to provide insight and drive data-based decisions. All products are placed into Aztec's LMS, which provides minute-by-minute tracking of student progress in each academic area and on individual sub-skills on multiple levels and includes remediation plans that guide instruction and accountability. The reporting functionality of Aztec's administration and management system allows for data collection of student progress and evidence of student growth measured. Time-on-task reports are available and customizable by date range.

Instruction

The curriculum is designed to prepare learners for the ACT, college readiness test; therefore, it is best used by learners at ABE Level 6.

Material is presented to students in units and within those are lessons. Its lessons follow a traditional instructional design model. Students take a pre-test and are assigned to lessons based on their results. Lessons deliver instruction via presentations that students can read themselves, or they can utilize a screen reader. Within the lessons are skills checks that provide students immediate feedback and step-by-step explanations. Once students complete the lessons, they are offered practice ("drill") opportunities. Each unit ends with a post-test.

Student Interface

Students can access work through their learning plan independently, see which lessons have been completed, and they tell if the content has been mastered. Also, if a teacher gives a student an extra assignment, they can easily see and access those, and they can tell whether they are overdue. Students can take notes and use a built-in calculator for the math lessons.

Navigating the site is not difficult but will likely require some training for most adult learners. Students can click through lessons and skills checks. When this happens, lessons will still get marked complete, and students will be able to progress. Basic technology support is available (password retrieval, ability to report errors, etc.).

Teacher Interface

Teachers can assign and view student goals and see progress and performance. They can also view assignments in all lesson plans and modify them as necessary. When viewing students' learning plans, teachers can see whether an assignment is not started, in progress, assigned for review, or completed. Teachers can also see students' test results, their responses (right or wrong), and the correct answers. Additionally, teachers can

communicate directly with students and provide live, ongoing support, tutorial services, and remediation through Aztec's platform. Educators can also masquerade as the student and have a real-time, live view to see him or her working in the system.

Accessibility Features
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