

Sample Output — Custom ACT Practice Set

Filled-in English transitions set with timing and miss tags

Illustrative sample output for a filled-in run of this prompt. Your assistant may phrase things differently. Not official College Board (or other test-maker) material. AI = skill tutor; official practice = score truth.

Source prompt: Custom ACT Practice Set Generator

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Scenario (What We Filled In)

Junior, latest practice English 24, Math 26, Reading 25 (composite ~25). Target 28. Six weeks out. Weak tags: English transitions and OMIT judgment; some careless punctuation. Wants a 20-minute set tonight, not a full section.

Sample Assistant Response

Set Spec

- **Section:** English (Enhanced clocks in mind)
- **Focus:** Transitions + rhetorical purpose; light OMIT
- **Items:** 8 questions (illustrative stems — **not** official ACT items)
- **Budget:** ~16–18 minutes working + 4 minutes tag review (~20 min total)
- **Mode:** Untimed accuracy first half, then 45–50 sec/item on last four

Hard constraints honored: Enhanced product; AI tutor layer; official timed practice remains score truth.

Items (Illustrative)

1. Stem gist: Two sentences; blank wants contrast after a concession. Tempting pick: "Furthermore" (keeps adding). **Better:** Contrast transition supported by the second sentence's turn. **Tag if missed:** conceptual (transition type) or process (did not name paragraph goal).
2. Stem gist: Redundant pair ("each and every"). Tempting pick: Keep both for "emphasis." **Better:** OMIT or shortest clear option. **Tag:** process (concision rule).
3. Stem gist: Comma splice dressed as sophisticated prose. Tempting pick: Comma-only "fix." **Better:** Period, semicolon, or conjunction that actually joins clauses. **Tag:** conceptual (boundaries).
4. Stem gist: Transition into an example. Tempting pick: "However" because the prior sentence felt hard. **Better:** Example/additive cue that matches the writer's goal. **Tag:** process (goal-first).
- 5–8. Same pattern: one transitions, one OMIT, one agreement under time pressure, one organization (sentence order / delete irrelevant detail). Each includes a one-line why-wrong for the trap choice.

Answer Key Pattern (How to Grade Yourself)

For every item write:

1. **Goal of the sentence/paragraph in five words**
2. **Evidence in the stem** (not outside knowledge)
3. **Miss tag:** conceptual | process | careless | timing

Follow-Up Drills (10 minutes)

- 5 transition-only items: name the relationship before looking at choices

- 5 OMIT candidates: if meaning survives without the phrase, cut it
- Log only **recurring** tags—do not start a new grammar textbook tonight

When to Stop AI

After two such sets, sit a **timed English section** (35 min / 50Q Enhanced) from official-style materials. If transitions still dominate the miss log, rerun this prompt with those exact tags pasted. Composite movement comes from timed transfer, not infinite chat sets.

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