

# Tips for the ACT Science Section

## 1) **Before the test:**

- Make a list of your best problem types: graph/table, experiments, or competing theories.
- Determine the target number of questions to answer

## 2) **Scan** the problem to find out the problem type.

- **Speed through (or skip)** if not on your list. Do it fast, then either guess or skip tough questions.
- **Don't get "stuck"** – spending minutes on tough problems that you never complete.

## 3) **Quickly skim** the overview to identify key variables and generally what the problem is asking for (first sentence/last sentence).

- **Annotate:** underline or highlight the key info.

## 4) Quickly skim any graphs/tables to **identify key variables** and the **key result** of the graph/table.

- **Annotate:** underline or highlight the key info.
- **Do not** read experiment or theory descriptions in detail.

## 5) **Jump** to the questions. For each question:

- Find the table/graph specified by the question and answer the question in your own words.
- Read any experiment or theory section to answer the question.
- Eliminate any answers that are obviously wrong.

## 6) **Answer** as many questions as possible for a given passage, guess on the rest (after eliminating obviously incorrect answers), and then move to the next passage.

## 7) **After the first pass**, go back to any questions/problems that you skipped. Prioritize based on your list.

## 8) **With 2 minutes left** on the test, go to each unanswered question and guess, using any eliminated answers to your advantage.