

# SET A TEST SCORE TARGET

Your test score target is unique to you and depends on your future educational and career goals. Setting your test score target also involves several steps, outlined below: test, research, and action.

## TEST

Your first step is to take the pre-test that is part of your Cambridge course. After you take this test, you will receive a score report that gives you an accurate measure of where you stand. To begin the process of setting a test score goal, fill in your pre-test scores below:

| TEST SECTION | SCORE |
|--------------|-------|
| English      |       |
| Mathematics  |       |
| Reading      |       |
| Science      |       |
| Composite    |       |
| Writing      |       |

As you use these scores to make a plan for improvement throughout this course, remember that if you had a bad test day (for example, if you were ill or distracted by personal problems), your scores may not be reflective of your true abilities. Be sure to take this into account as you set a goal for your post-test and your real ACT test.

## RESEARCH

Now, make a list of schools that you are interested in attending and research the average scores and GPAs of admitted students to get an idea of how you stack up. Fill in the score that you estimate you need for each school. If you are interested in applying for scholarships, make sure you also research the scores each school requires for scholarship eligibility.

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| School: | Average ACT Test Score of Admitted Students: |  |
|         | Average GPA of Admitted Students:            |  |
|         | Scholarship Score Requirement:               |  |
|         | Estimated ACT Test Score Needed:             |  |
|         | Additional Points Needed:                    |  |
| School: | Average ACT Test Score of Admitted Students: |  |
|         | Average GPA of Admitted Students:            |  |
|         | Scholarship Score Requirement:               |  |
|         | Estimated ACT Test Score Needed:             |  |
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|         | Estimated ACT Test Score Needed:             |  |
|         | Additional Points Needed:                    |  |

Once you have this chart filled in for several schools, you should have a good idea of the difference between your pre-test score and the score you will need to get into your schools of interest. Fill in this information below:

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|-----------------------|--|--------------|--|
| <b>Pre-Test Score</b> |  | <b>Score</b> |  |
|-----------------------|--|--------------|--|

### ACTION

How do you translate these numbers into an action plan? See your Student Item Analysis report. This report gives you valuable information for every question on the pre-test. You'll see your answer, the correct answer, and the type of question that was asked. With a little analysis, you can see exactly where your weaknesses are and make a plan to address them.