

Top Apps for Test Prep

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Make the best use of your high-tech gadgets this test-taking season. Download these cool test prep applications to your computer or mobile device.

General:

These apps offer multiple study options and wide-ranging instruction.

1. BenchPrep: Choose your course -- including high school, higher education, graduate and professional - choose your device, and study independently or with friends.
2. Test Prep for Dummies: Use this nuts-and-bolts app for advice and practice questions on the ASVAB, GRE, SAT, CCNA and more.
3. StudyByApp: Apps are broken down by subject, including science, math and college prep. There's even a "positive parenting" app for new moms and dads.
4. College Test Prep: Interactive flashcards cover Advanced Placement high school and college subjects.

SAT:

The SAT could be the biggest hurdle between you and a college education. Use these apps to crush it.

5. SATLadder: Offers a fun, competition-based question answering structure, including over 2,000 SAT questions.
6. 411 Prep: SAT Math: Dynamic flashcards, a daily study guide and over 500 different question types distinguish this math prep app.
7. SAT Vocab Challenge Vol. 2: This app, by The Princeton Review, measures your knowledge of the 250 most common vocabulary words on the test.
8. Ace the SAT: This free app offers practice math questions and solutions for the iPhone, iPad and iPod Touch.
9. SAT Vocab Cards: Browse and quiz yourself on 1,000 high-frequency SAT words for free, with 1,000 more available for purchase.
10. No. 2 SAT Prep: SAT, ACT and GRE course prep material is available for free with this handy app.

ACT:

Ace this other common college entrance exam with these specialized apps.

11. SAT and ACT Vocabulary HD: Master the 1,000 common ACT and SAT words across nine sets of words.
12. ACT Math Prep Practice Problems: Choose among 48 ACT subjects and browse answer rationales, performance statistics and test-taking advice.

AP:

Scoring well on Advanced Placement (AP) exams in high school can exempt you from many college courses, saving you time and money.

13. American History Test Prep: This prep app by Pearson Education focuses on quizzes, reviews and flashcards from American Roots to Challenges for a New Century.

14. No Fear Shakespeare: Use this app for modern translations of Shakespeare and never be confused by The Bard again.

15. World Atlas HD: Orient yourself in the world with high-resolution maps of the world from National Geographic.

16. iBabylon: Ni hao! Browse this quick and comprehensive dictionary of over 75 languages plus full-text translations.

17. Spanish Anywhere: Study, translate and pronounce Spanish with this portable guide.

18. AP Physics Tutor Tool: Designed for the AP Mechanic Physics C test, this app includes a full practice test.

19. iElements: Make AP Chemistry study a snap with this pinch-zoomable, simple periodic table of chemical elements.

Verbal:

Boost your verbal skills with these general vocabulary themed apps.

20. Defining Twilight: Whether you're Team Edward or Team Jacob, this themed vocabulary practice is likely to be right up your alley.

21. Dictionary!: This no-frills app comes with over 200,000 words and doesn't require an internet connection.

22. FreeSaurus: Another no-fuss app for synonyms, antonyms and related words - a must for vocab retention.

23. Grammar Up: Improve your word selection and vocabulary for written exams.

24. Vocabulary: View "word of the day" words from several sources and test your knowledge.

25. 200 Great Books: A virtual library of free books, from Aesop's Fables to Walden.

26. CliffsNotes Study Guides: No time to read the whole book? Get the summary to go.

Math:

Improve your math skills across the board with these all-purpose apps.

27. iFormulas: Use this clean reference for your studies in Algebra, Calculus and more.
28. myConvert: This lightning-quick unit converter takes the guesswork out of measurement.
29. Math.: Browse over 400 math lessons, and enjoy the first five for free.
30. Graphing Calculator: Leave the bulky calculator at home with this sleek, functional app.

DIY tools:

These functional apps are perfect for individual study.

31. Google Books: Access more than 3 million Google eBooks across your devices.
32. Flashcards+: Create and study your own flashcards with this popular app.
33. Evernote Peek: This virtual cover helps you study without peeking at the answers on your iPad.
34. inClass: Share notes and organize your schedule with this free app.
35. ShowMe Interactive Whiteboard: Create your own whiteboard tutorials and be the hero of your study group.
36. Khan Academy: Broaden your mind with over 2,500 free videos on everything from basic math to venture capitalism.

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