

ATI TEAS 7 Study Guide



ENGLISH

A PDF Guide to the ATI TEAS 7
English & Language Usage Test

PREPARING FOR THE TEAS ENGLISH TEST

How do I prepare for the TEAS English & language usage test?

To properly prepare for the TEAS English and Language Usage test, it is crucial that you focus on the key topics within each area of the test. Below you will find extensive lists of these topics, including standard English conventions, knowledge of language, and vocabulary acquisition, as well as helpful techniques to best acquaint yourself with them.

TEAS English test structure and timing

You will have 37 minutes to answer the 37 questions on the English section. There are 3 topics covered on the ATI TEAS 7 English & language usage section:

- **Conventions of Standard English:** 12 questions altogether worth 32% of the section.
- **Knowledge of language:** 11 questions altogether worth 30% of the section.
- **Using language and vocabulary to express ideas in writing:** 10 questions altogether worth 27% of the section.
- An additional four unscored items.

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HOW TO PREPARE FOR:

Conventions of Standard English

In this part of the section you need to be able to work with sentences, which are the fundamental framework for communication. Concepts that you should know well include:

- **Basic sentence structure:** know the difference between active and passive voice, as well as how to switch from one to the other. Be clear on the different types of tenses (especially, present, present perfect, past and past perfect). Understand the three perspectives in writing (first, second and third person).
- **Parts of speech:** words in English fit into eight different categories: nouns, pronouns, prepositions, conjunctions, interjections, verbs, adverbs, and adjectives. Know how each part of speech works and how to describe its purpose and effect on a sentence.
- **Spelling:** be familiar with spelling rules, as well as their many exceptions. Try to learn the correct spelling of as many commonly misspelled words as you can. Some useful ways to improve your spelling are to turn on your spellchecker when working on the computer to catch any words you may misspell, and to switch off the autocomplete function on your computer and mobile phone, as typing out the words yourself is an excellent way to improve your awareness of how words are properly spelled.
- **Punctuation:** learn the rules of punctuation, including how and when to use a comma; how to fix a run-on sentence; and how to use the period (full stop), colon, semi-colon, apostrophe, exclamation mark, question mark, and quotation marks. Understand the effects of the punctuation on text, including changing the meaning or pace at which the text is read.
- **Subject-verb agreement:** understand the different rules for verbs agreeing with the subject. Learn how to deduce from a sentence information about the subject when the information is not immediately clear.
- **Pronoun-antecedent agreement:** know about this agreement and learn how to choose the correct pronoun for the antecedent (the noun) that the pronoun is referring to.

HOW TO PREPARE FOR:

Knowledge of Language

In this part of the section you will be assessed on your ability to apply the rules laid down by the conventions of English in writing, making sure a sentence or passage is clear, well structured, and meets its audience's needs. Concepts you should be clear on include:

- **Formal and informal language:** learn how to recognize the appropriate level of language to use in a given situation. Depending on the subject matter and the style of written communication (for example, a text message to a friend or an email to your professor in college), either formal or informal language may be appropriate.
- **Sentence structure:** understand the purpose of the sentence and analyze the sentence accordingly. Can you improve the clarity of the sentence by adding or removing an adverb or adjective? Does the sentence need to be lengthened, shortened, or have punctuation amendments? In addition, you should know the differences between dependent and independent clauses, as well as between compound and complex sentences, and how to identify and fix a run-on sentence.
- **Paragraph organization:** know the power of paragraph organization, especially grouping topics, creating a clear flow in the argument or the story, or reducing or lengthening one paragraph to match or contrast against another.
- **Tone in writing:** understand how to identify the author's tone in a passage, which words do they use to create this tone, and what is their purpose by using this particular tone (how does the text make the reader feel?).
- **Transition words:** learn the different types of transition words (such as contrast, cause and effect, addition, etc.), and how to correctly use them to improve sentences and passages.

HOW TO PREPARE FOR:

Using Language and Vocabulary to Express Ideas in Writing

In this part of the section you should be able to recognize words and define them accurately, as well as choose the right words to express an idea.

Concepts you should know well include:

- **Increasing your vocabulary:** prepare to face new words that you may not have encountered before. To reduce the chances of being caught by surprise, read a variety of different articles, newspapers, and novels, as many as you can, to expose yourself to different words and writing styles.
- **Unknown words:** know how to infer the meaning of an unfamiliar word (or make an educated guess), by analyzing the parts of the word and try to recognize the root and any prefixes or suffixes, or by using context clues to help.
- **Confusing terminology groups:** understand the difference between commonly confused words (such as you're and your) that can completely alter a sentence if used incorrectly. Study these groups to be clear on the differences between them.
- **Synonyms and antonyms:** you need to be able to identify situations in which two words are synonyms or antonyms, and be able to find the synonym or antonym of a given word.

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