

READING COMPREHENSION TEST STRATEGIES**READING COMPREHENSION TEST
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1. Budget your time.
2. Don't panic if there are a lot of words you don't recognize.
3. Skip hard questions until you have answered the other questions for a reading passage.
4. Answer every question for a reading passage before going on to the next passage.

1. Budget your time.

Many students find the reading passages in this section very hard. Do not spend too much time reading a passage. Nor should you waste time on any particular question. Here are some guidelines on how much time you should spend on each question.

Section III (Reading Comprehension)

50 questions

55 minutes

If there are 5 reading passages, spend:
5 minutes reading each passage.
30 seconds per question, on average.

If there are 6 reading passages, spend:
4 minutes reading each passage.
37 seconds per question, on average.

Of course, some questions may take you longer than 30 or 37 seconds. But, if you are going to complete the Reading Section within the 55 minutes you are allowed, other questions will then have to take fewer than 30 or 37 seconds.