ACCUPLACER- Reading Comprehension – Study Resources

This ACCUPLACER Reading Comprehension test has 20 questions.

Topic Domains – The ACCUPLACER Reading Comprehension test has five topic domains. These five domains will constitute the subject matter reflected in the questions on the placement test.

What 5 topic domains will I encounter in the Reading Comprehension test?

1. Passage-Based Reading: Main Idea
2. Passage-Based Reading: Supporting Detail
3. Passage-Based Reading: Inference
4. Passage-Based Reading: Author’s Purpose/Rhetorical Strategies
5. Passage-Based Reading: Sentence Relationships

Use these domain keywords to aid in your preparation for the test.

Students may use search engines (i.e. Google, Yahoo, etc.) to find study resources using the domain topic keywords above.

Please Note: The resource links below are not part of or considered endorsed by PCC. Students may not see all topics listed below, or may encounter questions not listed below on the Accuplacer placement test because of the adaptive nature of the test.

Study Resources Links – Click on the links below to access study resources:

The Official ACCUPLACER Study Guide

Topic Domain 1 – Passage-Based Reading: Main Idea -

How to Identify the Main Idea of a Paragraph

What is a Topic Sentence? What is a Thesis Sentence?

Main Idea Quiz

Topic Domain 2 - Passage-Based Reading: Supporting Detail –

What is a Supporting Detail? How do identify a Supporting Detail?

Supporting Detail Exercise

Topic Domain 3 - Passage-Based Reading: Inference –

Inference- Meaning and Helpful Hints

Topic Domain 4 - Passage-Based Reading: Author’s Purpose/Rhetorical Strategies –

What is the Author’s Purpose?
Topic Domain 4 - Passage-Based Reading: Author’s Purpose/Rhetorical Strategies Continued -

Test Your Skills- Interactive Quiz

Author’s Purpose Worksheets

Topic Domain 5 - Passage-Based Reading: Sentence Relationships –

Relationships Between Sentences