ACT Reading					
Standards for Score Ranges 13-15	Standards for Score Ranges 16-19	Standards for Score Ranges 20-23	Standards for Score Ranges 24-27*	Standards for Score Ranges 28-32	Standards for Score Ranges 33-36
Locate basic facts (e.g., names, dates, events) clearly stated in a passage	Locate simple details at the sentence and paragraph level in somewhat challenging passages	Locate important details in somewhat challenging passages	Locate and interpret minor or subtly stated details in somewhat challenging passages	Locate and interpret minor or subtly stated details in more challenging passages	Locate and interpret minor or subtly stated details in complex passages
Draw simple logical conclusions about the main characters in somewhat challenging literary narratives	Draw simple logical conclusions in somewhat challenging passages	Draw logical conclusions in somewhat challenging passages	Locate important details in more challenging passages	Locate important details in complex passages	Locate important details in highly complex passages
Identify the topic of passages and distinguish the topic from the central idea or theme	Identify a clear central idea in straightforward paragraphs in somewhat challenging literary	Draw simple logical conclusions in more challenging passages	Draw subtle logical conclusions in somewhat challenging passages	Draw subtle logical conclusions in more challenging passages	Draw logical conclusions in complex passages
1	narratives Identify clear comparative relationships between main characters in somewhat challenging literary	Paraphrase some statements as they are used in	Draw logical conclusions in more challenging passages	Draw simple logical conclusions in complex	Draw simple logical conclusions in highly complex
event occurs in somewhat challenging passages Identify simple cause-effect relationships within a	narratives Identify simple cause-effect relationships within a	somewhat challenging passages Infer a central idea in straightforward paragraphs	Paraphrase virtually any statement as it is used in somewhat	passages Paranhrase virtually any statement as it is used in	passages Draw complex or subtle logical conclusions, often
single sentence in a passage	single paragraph in somewhat challenging literary narratives	in somewhat challenging literary narratives	challenging passages	more challenging passages	by synthesizing information from different portions of the passage
Understand the implication of a familiar word or phrase and of simple descriptive language	Analyze how the choice of a specific word or phrase shapes meaning or tone in somewhat challenging passages when the effect is simple	Identify a clear central idea or theme in somewhat challenging passages or their paragraphs	Paraphrase some statements as they are used in more challenging passages	Infer a central idea or theme in more challenging passages or their paragraphs	Paraphrase statements as they are used in complex passages
Analyze how one or more sentences in passages relate to the whole passage when the function is stated or clearly indicated		Summarize key supporting ideas and details in somewhat challenging passages	Infer a central idea or theme in somewhat challenging passages or their paragraphs	Summarize key supporting ideas and details in complex passages	Identify or infer a central idea or theme in complex passages or their paragraphs
Recognize a clear intent of an author or narrator in somewhat challenging literary narratives	Analyze how one or more sentences in somewhat challenging passages relate to the whole passage when the function is simple	Order simple sequences of events in somewhat challenging literary narratives	Identify a clear central idea or theme in more challenging passages or their paragraphs	Order sequences of events in more challenging passages	Summarize key supporting ideas and details in highly complex passages
Analyze how one or more sentences in passages offer reasons for or support a claim when the relationship is clearly indicated	Identify a clear function of straightforward paragraphs in somewhat challenging literary narratives	Identify clear comparative relationships in somewhat challenging passages	Summarize key supporting ideas and details in more challenging passages	Understand implied or subtly stated comparative relationships in more challenging passages	Order sequences of events in complex passages
Make simple comparisons between two passages	Recognize a clear intent of an author or narrator in somewhat challenging passages	somewhat challenging passages	Order sequences of events in somewhat challenging passages	Identify clear comparative relationships in complex passages	Understand implied or subtly stated comparative relationships in complex passages
	· ·	Analyze how the choice of a specific word or phrase shapes meaning or tone in somewhat challenging passages	Understand implied or subtly stated comparative relationships in somewhat challenging passages	Understand implied or subtly stated cause-effect relationships in more challenging passages	Identify clear comparative relationships in highly complex passages
	Make straightforward comparisons between two passages	Interpret most words and phrases as they are used in somewhat challenging passages, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings	Identify clear comparative relationships in more challenging passages	Identify clear cause-effect relationships in complex passages	Understand implied or subtly stated cause-effect relationships in complex passages
		Analyze how one or more sentences in somewhat challenging passages relate to the whole passage	Understand implied or subtly stated cause-effect relationships in somewhat challenging passages	Analyze how the choice of a specific word or phrase shapes meaning or tone in complex passages	Identify clear cause-effect relationships in highly complex passages
		Infer the function of straightforward paragraphs in somewhat challenging literary narratives	Identify clear cause-effect relationships in more challenging passages	Interpret virtually any word or phrase as it is used in more challenging passages, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings	Analyze how the choice of a specific word or phrase shapes meaning or tone in passages when the effect is subtle or complex
		Identify a clear function of paragraphs in somewhat challenging passages	Analyze how the choice of a specific word or phrase shapes meaning or tone in somewhat challenging passages when the effect is subtle	Interpret words and phrases in a passage that makes consistent use of figurative, general academic, domain-specific, or otherwise difficult language	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in complex passages, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings
		Analyze the overall structure of somewhat challenging passages	Analyze how the choice of a specific word or phrase shapes meaning or tone in more challenging passages	Analyze how one or more sentences in complex passages relate to the whole passage	Interpret words and phrases in a passage that makes extensive use of figurative, general academic, domain specific, or otherwise difficult language
		Identify a clear purpose of somewhat challenging passages and how that purpose shapes content and style	Interpret virtually any word or phrase as it is used in somewhat challenging passages, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings	Infer the function of paragraphs in more challenging passages	Analyze how one or more sentences in passages relate to the whole passage when the function is subtle or complex
		Understand point of view in somewhat challenging passages	Interpret most words and phrases as they are used in more challenging passages, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings	Analyze the overall structure of complex passages	Identify or infer the function of paragraphs in complex passages
		Analyze how one or more sentences in somewhat challenging passages offer reasons for or support a claim	Analyze how one or more sentences in somewhat challenging passages relate to the whole passage when the function is subtle	Infer a purpose in more challenging passages and how that purpose shapes content and style	Analyze the overall structure of highly complex passages
		Identify a clear central claim in somewhat challenging passages	Analyze how one or more sentences in more challenging passages relate to the whole passage	Understand point of view in complex passages	Identify or infer a purpose in complex passages and how that purpose shapes content and style
ACT Reading Benchmark 22 Draw logical conclusions using information from two literary narratives		Infer the function of paragraphs in somewhat challenging passages Identify a clear function of paragraphs in more challenging passages	Analyze how one or more sentences in complex passages offer reasons for or support a claim Infer a central claim in more challenging passages	Understand point of view in highly complex passages Analyze how one or more sentences in passages offer reasons for or support a claim when the relationship is	
			Analyze the overall structure of more challenging passages	Draw logical conclusions using information from	subtle or complex Identify or infer a central claim in complex passages
Standards for Score Ranges 24-27*		Infer a purpose in somewhat challenging passages and how that purpose shapes content and style	multiple portions of two literary narratives	Identify a clear central claim in highly complex passages	
		Infer a central claim in somewhat challenging passages	Identify a clear purpose of more challenging passages and how that purpose shapes content and style		Draw logical conclusions using information from multiple portions of two informational texts

Understand point of view in more challenging passages

offer reasons for or support a claim

Analyze how one or more sentences in more challenging passages

Identify a clear central claim in more challenging

informational texts

passages
Draw logical conclusions using information from two