

# Our Story

ACT Up Speed Reading uses proven techniques in teaching students to read much faster, giving them an extra advantage on the ACT Reading, English and Science sections. It all started when Liz Kearney's nephew, then a high school junior with stellar grades, was dismayed with his score on his first attempt at the ACT. He felt the amount of reading hindered his progress through the test and decided that a speed reading class might help. He took a class and, despite the long ride, boring instructor, and mixed company, he practiced the techniques and dramatically increased his reading speed.

His new skill boosted his overall score from the mid 20s into the low 30s. He increased his reading score by 5 points, and with no tutoring, increased both his English and science scores by 3 points. These scores put a whole new set of college options on the table and brought financial aid opportunities not previously given. Convinced others could benefit from the same advantage, Liz grew determined to make this valuable skill available to more students.

Liz specializes in innovative curriculum design and cutting edge learning methodologies. She knows how to teach so that students learn. Liz crafted a speed reading workshop just for students who are preparing to take the ACT.

To set apart the ACT Up Speed Reading work- shops and optimize their impact, Liz mixed in several key ingredients including:

- A fun, activity-driven learning experience specifically designed to capture students' attention and keep them engaged
- Careful selection of active, passionate, energetic teachers currently teaching in area schools.
- Convenient delivery in local schools. Students are more comfortable learning alongside their peers in a familiar environment

# Liz Kearney



"Her life's journey" is how Liz has described the process of teaching proper reading strategies and techniques to people of all ages. She received her undergraduate degree in Education from Loyola University in Chicago and went

on to obtain masters degrees from both Loyola and National Louis University. As she completes her PhD she teaches reading in the Chicago Public Schools and instructs Masters level education classes at National Louis and Concordia University.

In the course of her 25 years of education experience Liz has written and published several children's books. She has also written and taught a preparatory course for the ISAT test given to junior high school students.

And now she is taking aim at the ACT.

Liz has always stressed the value of comprehension over speed when it comes to reading. She felt, however, that if speed could be doubled or tripled while comprehension is maintained, the value in that would be limitless. So she designed a new curriculum. One that will have students reading much faster while maintaining comprehension. A curriculum that, with proper amounts of practice, can change their success going forward on every test they take. The ACT is only the beginning...



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**Act Up Speed Reading  
equips students with the power  
to increase ACT scores and  
conquer reading-intensive  
workloads through college  
and beyond.**



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## A Lifetime of Value

- An affordable investment today returns **immediate and lifelong** dividends for students.
- **Engineered specifically** for students taking **the ACT**, our workshops teach proven speed reading techniques shown to double or triple reading speeds in just a few short weeks.
- Speed reading, when **practiced and applied**, increases ACT scores. Higher ACT scores give students a competitive edge, opening doors to better schools and **increasing the potential for merit-based aid**.
- Long after the ACT is finished, speed reading remains an asset. Time-strapped students can wield their **speed reading skills to conquer heavy course** loads and attain work/life balance in the **years following school**.

## Speed Reading Works!

- We guarantee **if students practice** what they learn in an ACT Up Speed Reading workshop, their ACT **scores will go up**. How can we be so sure? Logic. Many students walk out of the test frustrated because they could not get through all four of the onerous passages.
- Reading at a faster pace opens up the opportunity for students to not only **complete** all the reading, but also to **answer more questions**; PLUS have a chance to review their choices.
- The ACT does not penalize students for wrong answers. So, the ability to get to and answer more questions creates the **opportunity for higher scores!**

## Home Field Advantage

- ACT Up Speed Reading workshops are conveniently taught in **local schools** by **certified teachers**.
- A comfortable, fun experience **expertly taught** and shared with peers enhances learning and motivates students to **practice, perfect, and use their new skill**.
- The **potential impact** reaches beyond just one student or one class of students. Year after year, as class after class uses this targeted speed reading program to score well on the ACT, a **legacy of success** is set in motion for the students, the school, and the community.
- **Visit our website** to see when we will be in your area and to meet our outstanding staff of certified teachers!

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