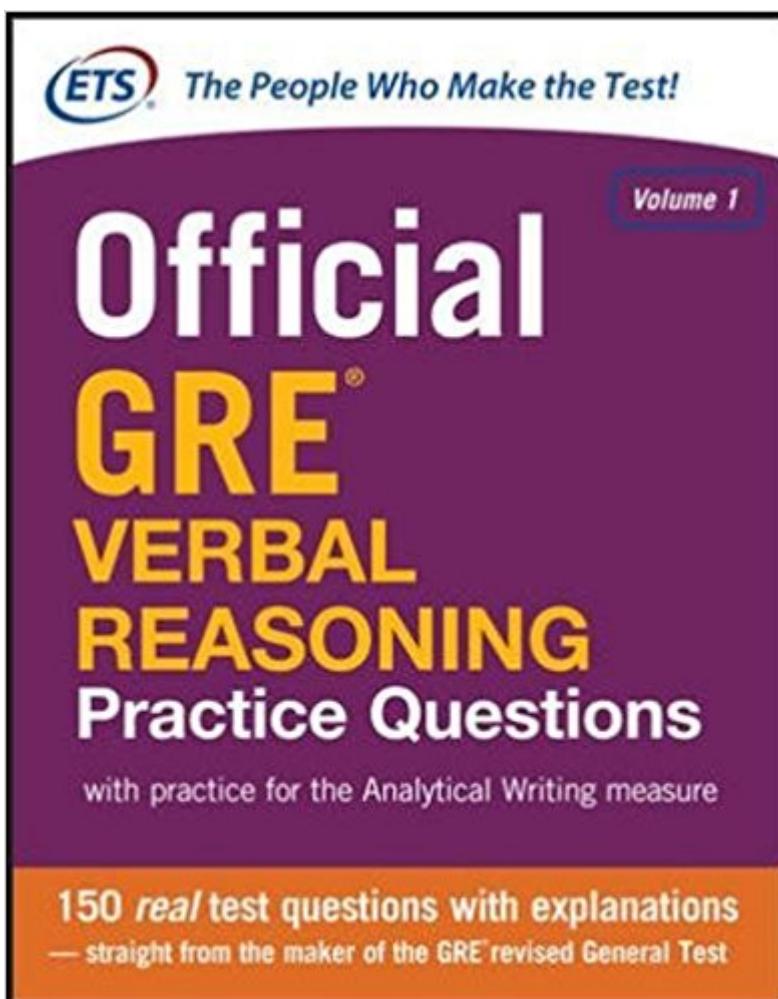


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# Official GRE Verbal Reasoning Practice Questions (Test Prep)



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Educational Testing Service (ETS) serves individuals, educational institutions and government agencies by providing customized solutions for teacher certification, English language learning, and

elementary, secondary, and post-secondary education.

This review applies to the Kindle edition. Overall, this was a helpful tool for practicing for the exam. Unfortunately, the Kindle edition had a number of errors in it, which made this less useful as a tool. For example, one of the practice questions states the following - and I quote - "When the normally (1) \_\_\_\_\_ film director was interviewed, it was only the her flow of words. Her (3) on topic of her next movie that (2) \_\_\_\_\_ that subject suggested it was an unwelcome one." Good luck filling in those blanks. In another place, where C was clearly the correct answer, the answer key listed the correct answer as 'B,' but in the explanation it stated that 'A, B, D, and E' can be ruled out. There are two problems with this. First, there really aren't that many questions in this book: every question that is broken takes away from the value of the book. Secondly, if you're trying to practice for the exam, training yourself to second-guess the exam questions ("Is this supposed to say...?") is counter-productive. I got some use out of this, but just a quick review of the Kindle edition by someone at ETS could have made this more useful.

This review book is amazing, since it's made by the test makers of the GRE the questions accurately reflect the questions on the the GRE General Revised Test. Similarly, the test makers explain the scoring of the exam: ranges from 130 to 170 for both the math & verbal, with a score of 1 to 6 for the essay. Anyways, I used this practice book for a GRE prep course in which we used both this book along with the quantitative one by ETS along with Barron's 6 GRE Practice Tests. In the course we practiced timing for each of the sections on the test. Similarly, from the ETS website I downloaded the practice test software to get comfortable taking the practice tests online. The textbook came well within the expected delivery time and as described, as a new book. So if you are someone who wants the best materials for studying for the GRE take advantage of these books: Official GRE Verbal Reasoning Practice Questions & Official GRE Quantitative Reasoning Practice Questions. These books are the best since they are made by the test makers of the GRE, additionally remember one of the verbal reasoning sections (where you identify synonyms) requires two answers however the computer lets you choose more than three without alerting you to this number. This is a must for all those taking the GRE, even if you were part of a prep course I would suggest buying both the verbal and quantitative books to time yourself while taking the practice questions. Definitely use these books for preparation of your own. Anyways, I can't stress the importance of these books enough for those preparing for the GRE, just buy these books for your preparation.

This is absolutely the best resource you can buy for the GRE (along with the quantitative reasoning companion book). The questions are written by the same people as those who write the test so the level is perfect. There are explanations and the format makes it very easy to use. I used these books in conjunction with a few free apps like magoosh vocabulary builder and I did decently well (163 on both). I worked through all questions in both books over a period of 3 weeks or so.

This book is useful for 'practice only' to someone who already understands or has a good hand on arithmetic, geometry, data analysis, and so on. If you haven't applied anything other than basic arithmetic for a long period of time (maybe your previous 'field' or job didn't require extensive math) or are just generally bad with numbers, then the majority of this book is probably going to be confusing for you. The explanations after each question are very cut and dry and not written in a step by step process to teach the reader. Sometimes the answer explanation after a problem makes it seem like the writer pulled a number from thin air to get to the correct answer whereas other study guides explain where that mystery number came from in a more thorough step by step process. Don't get me wrong, the questions are on point to how they appear and are worded on the actual GRE so it is worth looking over but again, it's geared for practice not for learning the actual step by step process to solve math problems.

Rule#1 for preparing for the GRE: Only use official GRE questions written by the GRE test writers. Do not waste your valuable time on substandard questions written by test prep companies. The GRE was revised in the fall of 2011 and so far the only relevant book released by ETS is the The Official Guide to the GRE Revised General Test, 2nd Edition. Other than that the key piece of software is the free Official PowerPrep II software(go to ETS's GRE website) that provides two computer based test. This new guide provides a set of 150 practice questions. The first half of the book has 75 practice questions that are split between the four main topics on the GRE: Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, and Data Analysis. The second set of 75 questions are part of three practice sets. I would recommend doing these tests under timed conditions, 25 questions in 40 minutes. Although, this timing is different from the computer based tests(20 questions in 35 minutes), but the overall correspondence between the two formats is the same. Read page 139 of the book for further details on how the test writers recommend you to use these sets. All in all I highly recommend this book to anyone who is preparing for the revised GRE test. I am in the process of creating the video explanations for all of the 150 questions that will be hosted at [www.grequantum.com](http://www.grequantum.com).

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