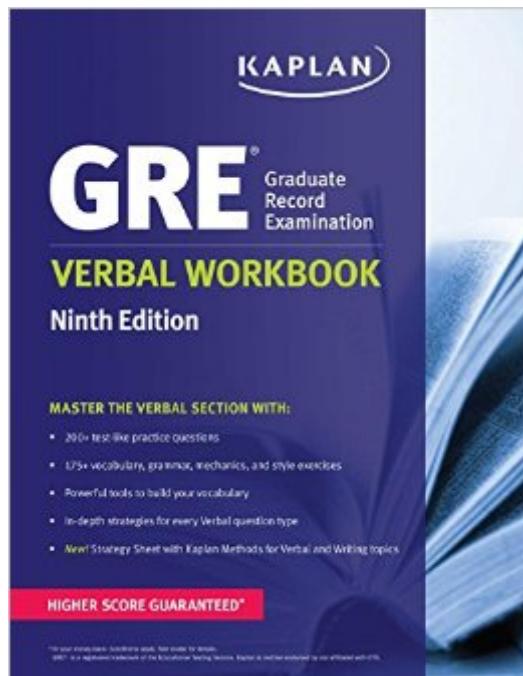


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I got this book for two reasons. My fifth grade granddaughter is a wonderful writer and just recently was offered a place on the spelling team so I wanted something to help her become an even better writer and of course something to help with spelling. My second reason is that I'm thinking about going back for another Masters and the program I'm interested in requires another GRE test as my

previous ones are way too old. :( Badly in need of a refresher. It is always nice to have a study buddy even one that is ten! She makes me think about the verbal sections more than the book does! The book is a very good refresher for the the types of questions you are going to get, but I am pretty sure the GRE verbal sections that I took were much much tougher than the questions/examples this book supplies. It does have, if you are studying for a spelling bee, a great selection of tough words to master. The book does approach the GRE's via the Kaplan method. I have never used a Kaplan study book before, but the method is fairly easy to master. The chapters have a highlighted box with the method's techniques listed for easy referral. The instructions, examples and explanations are written simply and understandably. I know way back when I took the GRE's I used several books and I would still recommend this technique if you are doing a self-study for the GRE rather than taking a course. Each author/presenter has a slightly different take and well, you can never be too prepared.

The GRE is a daunting test, but workbooks can make you feel less nervous about it if you know what to expect. For a true replicate of what the GRE test is like, I would have to recommend purchasing the official tests from ETS because they are the official test writers and would provide the most accurate representation of the test. Other workbooks are great too, but the Kaplan verbal workbook falls a bit behind the competition. The exercises are much easier than the actual test and the questions found in the ETS official book, so it makes this Kaplan workbook almost worthless. There are some good sections, like the root words and vocab, but you can find GRE vocab on quizlet. I wouldn't use this book myself for prepping for the GRE, but it is not absolutely useless since it does represents all the easier questions on the GRE.

Kaplan is one of the main players in all things standardized test prep. That being said, this is not their best effort. It appears to simplify things a bit too much for my tastes. Some of that may be due to the fact that the verbal section of the Graduate Record Examination is by its nature a bit diffuse (unlike the mathematical section which is conceptually well bounded). If you're in your 20's and looking to apply to graduate school, this book won't magically increase your vocabulary nor will it make you better at critical analysis of prose passages. But it will help. This is definitely a book with which to start (notice how I didn't end this sentence with a preposition?). It will also give you a good feel for the format of the verbal section of the GRE. Bottom line: this is good, but not great.

For the most part Kaplan puts out good test prep books. I've come to expect a certain formula layout

with them -- discussion of the test, what to expect, basic questions, LOTS of practice, and some sort of check list or things to lookout for on the test. You get all of that and more in this book. For me, I appreciate all of the practice tests. I would definitely recommend this book if you're looking for a place to start with preparing for the GRE math section. Always good to supplement, and there's plenty of test taking apps for your phone and tablet that I find useful.

Prior to receiving this volume, I had recently ordered the overall Kaplan GRE book as a way to familiarize my test and, hopefully, boost my score. Luckily, this book and the GRE Premier book I ordered don't have a lot overlap. The Premier book contains more of a broad overview of the test before thrusting you into sample exercises and quizzes. This book contains a lot more in the way of study materials for the verbal section, including word groupings that can easily take the place of flash cards and lots of sample Q&A material and sample essays showing you good work. I think if you feel the verbal area of the test could be an issue for you this volume could be a good investment. Likewise, the math one if you feel that way about it. Personally, I've opted for more math aides because, while my major is in accounting, I have left behind a lot of my algebraic principles for more straight-line calculations

I've had success with Kaplan study guides in the past and this latest offering seems like a good way to prepare for the verbal part of the GRE. I think it would be of best use to anyone who struggles with tests on verbal skills and wants some extra practice. The guide is broken down into sections: Introduction to the test, Text Completion, Sentence Equivalence, Reading Comprehension, Verbal Reasoning Practice, Vocabulary, The Issue Essay, The Argument Essay, Writing Foundations, and GRE Resources. Most of the sections are formatted as an overview of that area of the test and practice questions with an explanation of the solutions. I think this study aid covers a lot of material and in clearly explained, thorough manner. It should certainly help anyone preparing to take the GRE.

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