

# ENCYCLOPEDIC EXPERT

Your responses: More confident in Verbal, more than 10 hours per week, 3 months or more

You'll need to be: *Thorough, Purposeful, and Dedicated*

By getting an early start on your GRE preparation, you're taking a **thorough** approach, so no section, subject, or question type is out of reach for you. With such an ample timeline between now and test day, you'll need to guard against complacency, and this study plan will keep you **dedicated** to making each week a **purposeful** step toward GRE mastery. Start practicing now so that, by test day, you'll be indomitable.

**How to Use Your Study Plan:** The study plan below is based on your results. Each week, the Recommended items cover the strategies and content that will help you earn the most possible points on the GRE, so be sure to prioritize those items. To make your prep as efficient as possible, choose Optional items that best fit your study needs and schedule. If you fall behind or don't have at least 12 full weeks to study, be sure to prioritize the Recommended items. Happy prepping!



WEEKS 1-2

Format of the GRE

Knowing what to expect on each section of the GRE will give you confidence on test day—and throughout your prep. You'll know exactly what the GRE will ask you to do with the skills you are learning. Take a diagnostic practice test during these weeks; take the time to carefully review your results to get an idea of where you stand on each section of the test. This is also a good time to register for the GRE, if you haven't already done so, at [ets.org/gre](https://ets.org/gre).

During these weeks, you'll:

- Become comfortable with the structure of each section of the GRE
- Learn how to grow your vocabulary for the Verbal sections of the GRE
- Begin your review of the math topics that the GRE tests
- Take a diagnostic practice test

Week 1

Overall Study	Quant	Verbal
<div>Recommended:</div> <div><div><input type="checkbox"/> GRE Mini Tests: Quant and Verbal (online)</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Video: How the GRE Works (online)</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 1: Introduction to the GRE</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 2: Multi-Stage Test Mechanics</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Explore the test maker's website and register for the GRE at <a href="https://ets.org/gre">ets.org/gre</a></div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Get in the habit of trying the Question of the Day (online) every day until Test Day</div></div>	<div>Recommended:</div> <div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 9: Introduction to Quantitative Reasoning</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 10: Math Foundations—Arithmetic and Number Properties Review*</div></div>	<div>Recommended:</div> <div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 3: Introduction to Verbal Reasoning</div></div>

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## Week 2

Overall Study	Quant	Verbal	Analytical Writing
<u>Recommended:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Practice Test 1 (Diagnostic)</b> (online) <input type="checkbox"/> Review <b>Practice Test 1</b>	<u>Recommended:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Chapter 11:</b> Math Foundations—Ratios and Math Formulas Review*	<u>Recommended:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Chapter 4:</b> Verbal Foundations and Content Review	<u>Recommended:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Chapter 20:</b> Introduction to Analytical Writing
		<u>Optional:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Vocab:</b> Use one or more strategies in Chapter 4 to learn 10 new words	

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## WEEKS 3–8

### Question Types and Focused Content Review

Now that you're familiar with the overall structure of the GRE, it's time to dig into learning expert strategies for each question type. You'll also have the opportunity to review the concepts that will appear on the Quantitative and Analytical Writing sections of the GRE.

During these weeks, you'll:

- Learn the Kaplan Methods and strategies for each Quant and Verbal question type
- Review the math and writing concepts that are tested on the GRE
- Master the foundations of strategic reading to boost your skills in Reading Comprehension
- Learn the Kaplan Method for Analytical Writing and strategies for both essay types

#### Week 3

Quant	Verbal	Analytical Writing
<u>Recommended:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Chapter 12:</b> Math Foundations—Algebra Review*	<u>Recommended:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Chapter 5:</b> Text Completion <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Video:</b> Strategy for Text Completion (online)	<u>Recommended:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Chapter 21:</b> Analytical Writing Foundations and Content Review
	<u>Optional:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Practice:</b> 12 Text Completion Questions (online)	

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## Week 4

Quant	Verbal	Analytical Writing
<u>Recommended:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Chapter 16:</b> Quantitative Comparison <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Video:</b> Strategy for Quantitative Comparison (online) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Qbank:</b> Create, complete, and review an untimed 10-question quiz of Quantitative Comparison questions	<u>Recommended:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Guided Practice:</b> Text Completion Challenge (online) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Practice:</b> 12 More Text Completion Questions (online)	<u>Recommended:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Chapter 22:</b> The Issue Essay
<u>Optional:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Guided Practice:</b> Quantitative Comparison Basics (online)	<u>Optional:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Vocab:</b> Learn 10 new words <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Qbank:</b> Create, complete, and review an untimed 10-question quiz of Text Completion questions	



## Week 5

Quant	Verbal	Analytical Writing
<u>Recommended:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Chapter 13:</b> Math Foundations—Statistics Review*	<u>Recommended:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Chapter 7:</b> Reading Comprehension <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Video:</b> Strategy for Reading Comprehension (online)	<u>Recommended:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Chapter 23:</b> The Argument Essay
<u>Optional:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Guided Practice:</b> Quantitative Comparison Intermediate (online) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Practice:</b> 8 Quantitative Comparison Questions (online)	<u>Optional:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Vocab:</b> Learn 10 new words <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Guided Practice:</b> Reading Comprehension: Strategic Reading (online) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Qbank:</b> Create, complete, and review a timed 10-question quiz of Text Completion questions	

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## Week 6

Quant	Verbal	Analytical Writing
<u>Recommended:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Chapter 14:</b> Math Foundations—Counting Methods and Probability Review*	<u>Recommended:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Guided Practice:</b> Reading Comprehension Challenge (online) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Practice:</b> 10 Reading Comprehension Questions (online)	<u>Recommended:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Chapter 24:</b> Analytical Writing Practice Set 1
<u>Optional:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Guided Practice:</b> Quantitative Comparison Challenge (online) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Practice:</b> 8 More Quantitative Comparison Questions (online)	<u>Optional:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Vocab:</b> Learn 10 new words <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Practice:</b> 10 More Reading Comprehension Questions (online)	

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## Week 7

Overall Study	Quant	Verbal
	<u>Recommended:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Chapter 17:</b> Problem Solving <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Video:</b> Strategy for Problem Solving (online) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Qbank:</b> Create, complete, and review an untimed 10-question quiz of Problem Solving questions	<u>Recommended:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Chapter 6:</b> Sentence Equivalence <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Video:</b> Strategy for Sentence Equivalence (online)
<u>Optional:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Chapter 27:</b> Take Control of the Test	<u>Optional:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Guided Practice:</b> Problem Solving Basics (online)	<u>Optional:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Vocab:</b> Learn 10 new words <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Qbank:</b> Create, complete, and review an untimed 10-question quiz of Reading Comp questions





## Week 8

Quant	Verbal	Analytical Writing
<u>Recommended:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Chapter 15:</b> Math Foundations—Geometry Review*	<u>Recommended:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Guided Practice:</b> Sentence Equivalence Challenge (online) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Practice:</b> 8 Sentence Equivalence Questions (online)	<u>Recommended:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Chapter 24:</b> Analytical Writing Practice Set 2
<u>Optional:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Guided Practice:</b> Problem Solving Intermediate (online) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Practice Set:</b> 9 Problem Solving Questions (online)	<u>Optional:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Qbank:</b> Create, complete, and review timed 10-question quizzes	

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## **WEEK 9**

### **Practice Test**

You've worked hard and learned a lot over the previous weeks! Now, put that study to work on some authentic practice. Taking a practice test under test-like conditions is the best way to solidify what you've learned and to practice test-taking strategies. Plus, your results will help you make a plan for your remaining weeks until test day.

#### **Tips for Taking Practice Tests:**

Make the practice test count! Time yourself and try to make the practice test experience as much like the real thing as possible. Set aside several hours and find a place where you'll have no interruptions or distractions. Practice using the Kaplan Methods on every question—even if doing so takes more time now, practicing will improve your speed so the Methods are second nature on the real test day.

After finishing the practice test, it is vital that you *review your results*. Dig into each question—think not only about why you got a question correct or incorrect but also about whether you approached the question strategically. For each question, ask: What can I learn about this type of question? After reviewing, use your test results to help you plan what to study until test day.

During this week, you'll:

- Take a practice test
- Review the practice test
- Finish your study of Quant question types



## Week 9

Overall Study	Quant	Verbal
<u>Recommended:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Practice Test 2</b> (online) <input type="checkbox"/> Review <b>Practice Test 2</b>	<u>Recommended:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Chapter 18:</b> Data Interpretation <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Video:</b> Strategy for Data Interpretation (online)	<u>Recommended:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Qbank:</b> Create, complete, and review timed 10-question quizzes
	<u>Optional:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Practice:</b> 6 Data Interpretation Questions (online) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Guided Practice:</b> Problem Solving Challenge (online) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Practice:</b> 9 More Problem Solving Questions (online)	<u>Optional:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Vocab:</b> Learn 10 new words <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Chapter 8:</b> Verbal Reasoning Practice Set 1



## WEEK 10

### Focused Practice and Review

Congratulations! Here's the payoff for the time you spent taking and reviewing your practice test in Week 9. Use those results to choose chapters and online content to review. Focus your practice by completing (and thoughtfully reviewing) the recommended practice sets and create Qbank quizzes based on your individual study needs. You now know all the strategies and Kaplan Methods—it's time to solidify your skills by persistent practice.

During this week, you'll:

- Study your areas of opportunity as identified by your practice test results
- Practice, practice, practice questions of each type to continue solidifying your test-taking skills and content knowledge

#### Week 10

Overall Study	Quant	Verbal	Analytical Writing
<u>Recommended:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Chapter 27:</b> Take Control of the Test (review if you read this in week 7)	<u>Recommended:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Review chapter(s) based on practice test results <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Chapter 19:</b> Quantitative Reasoning Practice Set 1	<u>Recommended:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Review chapter(s) based on practice test results <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Chapter 8:</b> Verbal Reasoning Practice Set 2	<u>Recommended:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Practice:</b> Analytical Writing Practice Set 1 (online)
<u>Optional:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> If you'll have more than 12 weeks or just want more resources, check out what's available in <b>More Free Prep</b> (online)	<u>Optional:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Qbank:</b> Create, complete, and review a timed 10-question quiz of Quant questions	<u>Optional:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Vocab:</b> Learn 10 new words <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Qbank:</b> Create, complete, and review a timed 10-question quiz of Verbal questions	



## **WEEKS 11-12**

### **Final Practice Test and Strengths Focus**

You've worked so hard! A few weeks left, but you are well situated for success. Now things get kind of fun: take those topics you're awesome at and get more awesome at them before test day! Celebrate your successes and use this opportunity to get even better. You'll also take one last practice test about a week before your test date. As usual, take the time to dig into your results. Finally, do some light practice leading up to the big day.

During these weeks, you'll:

- Focus on your strongest topics to build confidence for test day
- Take a practice test, about a week before your scheduled test day
- Do light practice until test day

#### **Week 11**

<b>Overall Study</b>	<b>Quant</b>	<b>Verbal</b>
<u>Recommended:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Practice Test 3</b> (online) <input type="checkbox"/> Review <b>Practice Test 3</b>	<u>Recommended:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Review chapter(s) based on practice test results	<u>Recommended:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Review chapter(s) based on practice test results



## Week 12

Overall Study	Quant	Verbal	Analytical Writing
<u>Recommended:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> If possible, visit and get familiar with your test center before test day.	<u>Recommended:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Review <b>strengths</b> chapter(s) based on practice test results <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Chapter 19:</b> Quant Reasoning Practice Set 2	<u>Recommended:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Review <b>strengths</b> chapter(s) based on practice test results <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Chapter 8:</b> Verbal Reasoning Practice Set 3	<u>Recommended:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Review chapter(s) based on practice test results <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Practice:</b> Analytical Writing Practice Set 2 (online)
	<u>Optional:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Chapter 19:</b> Quant Reasoning Practice Set 3 <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Qbank:</b> Review the quizzes you completed earlier in your practice	<u>Optional:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Qbank:</b> Review the quizzes you completed earlier in your practice	

Congratulations! You've put in the **purposeful, dedicated** effort to complete your **thorough** review of the GRE, following the way of the **Encyclopedic Expert**. Feel confident in your expert preparation!

