

STRATEGIC SOLVER

Your responses: More confident in Math, more than 10 hours per week, about 2 months

You'll need to be: *Committed*, *Persistent*, and *Strategic*.

The substantial amount of time you can **commit** to GRE prep each week will give you a decided advantage in being well-prepared for test day. Through **persistent** effort, you can reach far beyond your already strong foundational math skills and grasp more advanced concepts. Your study plan will help you **strategically** target the most frequently tested verbal concepts to maximize your score potential.

How to Use Your Study Plan: The study plan below is based on your answers to the survey. 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 8 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.

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	Verbal	Quant	Analytical Writing
<u>Recommended:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> GRE Mini Tests: Quant and Verbal (online) <input type="checkbox"/> Video: How the GRE Works (online) <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 1: Introduction to the GRE <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 2: Multi-Stage Test Mechanics <input type="checkbox"/> Explore the test maker's website and register for the GRE at ets.org/gre <input type="checkbox"/> Get in the habit of trying the Question of the Day (online) every day until Test Day	<u>Recommended:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 3: Introduction to Verbal Reasoning	<u>Recommended:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 9: Introduction to Quantitative Reasoning	<u>Recommended:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 20: Introduction to Analytical Writing



Week 2

Overall Study	Verbal	Quant	Analytical Writing
<u>Recommended:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Practice Test 1 (Diagnostic) (online) <input type="checkbox"/> Review Practice Test 1	<u>Recommended:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 4: Verbal Foundations and Content Review		<u>Recommended:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 21: Analytical Writing Foundations and Content Review
		<u>Optional:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 10: Math Foundations—Arithmetic and Number Properties Review*	

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WEEKS 3–5

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 begin reviewing 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 Verbal and Quant question type
- Master the foundations of strategic reading to boost your skills in Reading Comprehension
- Begin reviewing the math and writing concepts that are tested on the GRE
- Learn strategies for both essay types

Week 3

Verbal	Quant	Analytical Writing
<u>Recommended:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 5: Text Completion <input type="checkbox"/> Video: Strategy for Text Completion (online) <input type="checkbox"/> Guided Practice: Text Completion Basics (online) <input type="checkbox"/> Practice: 12 Text Completion Questions (online)		<u>Recommended:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 22: The Issue Essay
<u>Optional:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Vocab: Learn 10 new words	<u>Optional:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 11: Math Foundations—Ratios and Math Formulas Review* <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 12: Math Foundations—Algebra Review*	

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Week 4

Verbal	Quant	Analytical Writing
<u>Recommended:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 7: Reading Comprehension <input type="checkbox"/> Video: Strategy for Reading Comprehension (online) <input type="checkbox"/> Guided Practice: Reading Comprehension: Strategic Reading (online) <input type="checkbox"/> Guided Practice: Text Completion Basics (online) <input type="checkbox"/> Practice: 10 Reading Comprehension Questions (online)	<u>Recommended:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 16: Quantitative Comparison <input type="checkbox"/> Video: Strategy for Quantitative Comparison (online) <input type="checkbox"/> Practice: 8 Quantitative Comparison Questions (online)	<u>Recommended:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 23: The Argument Essay
<u>Optional:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Guided Practice: Text Completion Challenge (online) <input type="checkbox"/> Practice: 12 More Text Completion Questions (online) <input type="checkbox"/> Vocab: Learn 10 new words <input type="checkbox"/> Qbank: Create, complete, and review an untimed 10-question quiz of Text Completion questions	<u>Optional:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 13: Math Foundations— Statistics Review* <input type="checkbox"/> Guided Practice: Quantitative Comparison Intermediate (online)	

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Week 5

Overall Study	Verbal	Quant	Analytical Writing
	<u>Recommended:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 6: Sentence Equivalence <input type="checkbox"/> Video: Strategy for Sentence Equivalence (online) <input type="checkbox"/> Guided Practice: Sentence Equivalence Basics (online) <input type="checkbox"/> Practice: 8 Sentence Equivalence Questions (online)	<u>Recommended:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 17: Problem Solving <input type="checkbox"/> Video: Strategy for Problem Solving (online) <input type="checkbox"/> Practice: 9 Problem Solving Questions (online)	<u>Recommended:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 24: Analytical Writing Practice Set 1
<u>Optional:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 27: Take Control of the Test <input type="checkbox"/> If you'll have more than 8 weeks or just want more resources, check out what's available in More Free Prep (online)	<u>Optional:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Guided Practice: Reading Comprehension Challenge (online) <input type="checkbox"/> Practice: 10 More Reading Comp Questions (online) <input type="checkbox"/> Vocab: Learn 10 new words <input type="checkbox"/> Qbank: Create, complete, and review an untimed 10-question quiz of Reading Comp questions	<u>Optional:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 14: Math Foundations—Counting Methods and Probability Review* <input type="checkbox"/> Guided Practice: Problem Solving Intermediate (online) <input type="checkbox"/> Qbank: Create, complete, and review an untimed 10-question quiz of Quant Comparison questions	

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WEEKS 6–7

Practice Test and Focused Practice and Review

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 which chapters and online content to review until test day 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 these weeks, you'll:

- Take a practice test
- Review the practice test
- Finish your review of math content and study of Quant question types
- 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 6

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



Week 7

Overall Study	Verbal	Quant	Analytical Writing
<u>Recommended:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 27: Take Control of the Test (review if you read this in week 5)	<u>Recommended:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Review chapter(s) based on practice test results <input type="checkbox"/> Qbank: Create, complete, and review timed 10-question quizzes of Verbal questions	<u>Recommended:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Review chapter(s) based on practice test results <input type="checkbox"/> Guided Practice: Quantitative Comparison Challenge (online) <input type="checkbox"/> Guided Practice: Problem Solving Challenge (online)	<u>Recommended:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 24: Analytical Writing Practice Set 2
	<u>Optional:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 8: Verbal Reasoning Practice Set 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Vocab: Learn 10 new words	<u>Optional:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 15: Math Foundations—Geometry Review* <input type="checkbox"/> Practice: 8 More Quantitative Comparison Questions (online) <input type="checkbox"/> Practice: 9 More Problem Solving Questions (online) <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 19: Quantitative Reasoning Practice Set 1	<u>Optional:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Practice: Analytical Writing Practice Set 1 (online)

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WEEK 8

Final Practice Test and Strengths Focus

You've worked so hard! Only one week 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 this week, 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 8

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

Congratulations! You've put in the **committed, persistent** effort to complete your **strategic** review of the GRE, following the way of the **Strategic Solver**. Feel confident in your expert preparation!

