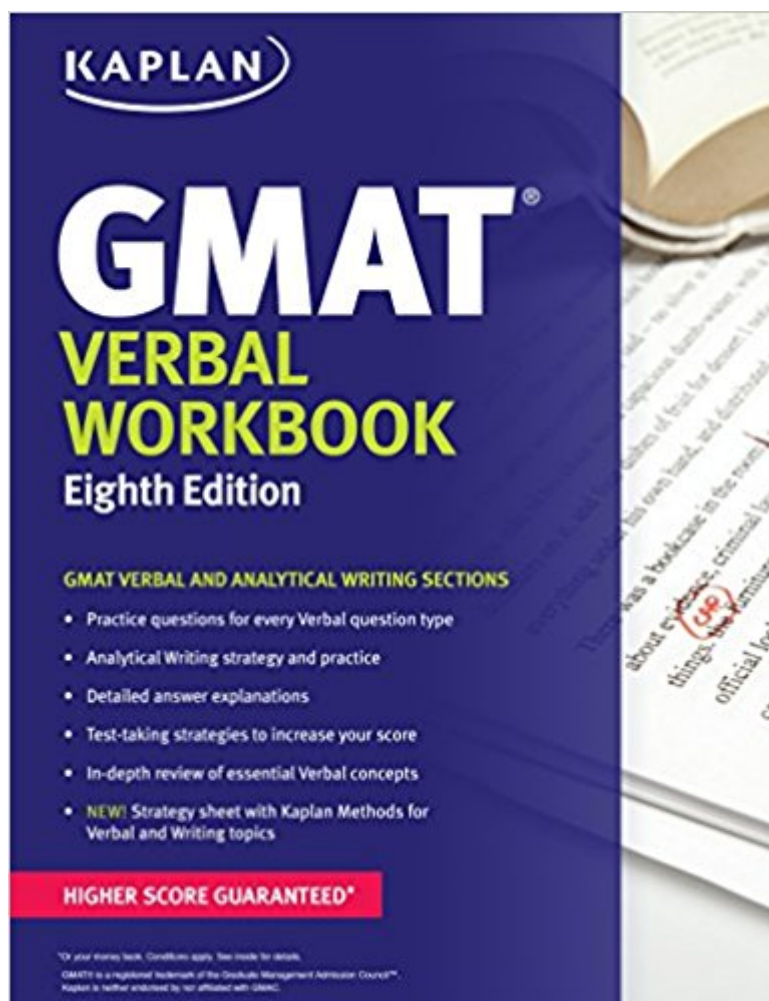


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# Kaplan GMAT Verbal Workbook (Kaplan Test Prep)



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Kaplan's GMAT Verbal Workbook is designed to help you build a strong foundation in the essential verbal and writing skills you'll need for the GMAT. Focused review, practice questions, and test-taking strategies will help you master the material and face the test with confidence. Kaplan is so certain that GMAT Verbal Workbook offers all the review you need to excel on the test that we guarantee it: After studying with this book, you'll score higher on the Verbal section of the GMAT or you'll get your money back.

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Hundreds of practice questions for every question type, with detailed answer explanations  
Proven test-taking strategies to help you tackle the exam efficiently  
Sample essays and scoring guides for the Analytical Writing Assessment (AWA)  
Ten practice essay prompts to help you get comfortable with the AWA format and timing  
Reference sections for grammar, usage and style, and common idioms to help sharpen your skills  
**Expert Guidance** We know the test: The Kaplan team has spent years studying every GMAT-related document available. Kaplan's expert psychometricians ensure our practice questions and study materials are true to the test. We invented test prep.

Kaplan (www.kaptest.com) has been helping students for almost 80 years. Our proven strategies have helped legions of students achieve their dreams.

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~~~~~ STRENGTHS ~~~~~ No tricks, just straightforward strategies to every section (3-4 steps). Easy to remember and simple to use- Was just the right length for me (covered it in 3 weeks)- Good number of exercise questions; both 220 GMAT-like (220) and exercises in the chapters; the questions are on the harder side- Style/Usage guide and list of idioms (you must know all of these)- Sets the right expectations (GMAT-style reading is very different from casual reading). You must forget what you know and re-learn reading to succeed- The CR approach to answer the question before reading answer choices works like a charm- The RC section is what really shines in this book~~~~~ WEAKNESSES ~~~~~ I felt the SC section was a little weak (5 pages plus a grammar section in the back). If you are a non-native speaker, you should definitely plan on getting a dedicated grammar book. Kaplan’s Verbal Foundations is not bad- One of the question sets/banks overlaps with the online exercises in the Kaplan Premier book- The CR questions are slightly different from the official "flavor", which is typical for third-party questions. Keep this in mind and make sure you train your ear on the Official Guide or GMAT Prep before the test~~~~~ BOTTOM LINE: Though not as detailed as some of the dedicated RC, CR, SC books, it provides a good balance of useful strategies/instruction and time required to cover them. Good number of practice questions and also a grammar/style usage guide at the end. There is a total of 250 verbal questions (no new ones in the 7th edition)SC: 96RC: 82CR: 72There has been no changes besides some minor typo corrections from the last edition, so if you can get the seventh edition cheaper - get it. 7th and 8th edition books are the same.~~~~~ SOME TIPS ~~~~~Here is a list of both tips and mistakes I have seen people make through my years at GMAT Club:- Whenever you practice, do so

in a timed environment (give yourself an average of 2 mins). If you don't, you are really wasting your time and setting unrealistic expectations- Follow the strategies to the "T". If you are not getting a good score, it is probably because you are not following the strategies exactly and cutting corners. It is very important to read the CR passages twice, and to read the RC completely- Leverage your strengths and perfect the timing. Strike a balance between the question types. Reading was the hardest for me and I peaked at about 2.5 mins per RC question. (I noticed that if I spent only 2 mins on average, my success rate went down from 90% to about 60-70%) That was not good enough but instead of trying to break through that wall, I worked on answering SC questions in 1 min average and CR's in 1.5 mins average. That gave me enough time to approach RC properly- Have a problem with keeping attention through the long or intense GMAT passages - try to be passionate about the passage. Imagine that it is the most interesting/revolting/provocative/unbelievable stories. Care about it!- Optional suggestion (which I think is very helpful by the way) - read quality fiction books in your spare time. Our minds are not prepared to read the GMAT-level passages (length or intensity or timing wise). You need to train your mind to be open to these and to know how to deal with them. I would recommend getting some quality fiction books - it will help not only with RC but also with SC as your grammar ear will be much more trained. This is how I managed to crack SC's in 1 minute or less.- If you are a non-native speaker, make sure your English is OK before you start on the verbal section. Knowing strategies is valuable only when you understand what you reading. I know this sounds obvious but so many people ignore this- On the test, draw a grid and use it to eliminate answer choices. By the time you reach the verbal section, you are 3 hours into the test and your mind will not be able to hold anything. A grid (which you can draw during a break or as you are reading the instructions) will help eliminate/track answer choices on hard questions- You don't need to take dozens of practice tests. Don't use practice tests to learn material; instead, know it ahead of time and use practice tests to hone your strategies and timing. It should be enough to take 5-10 tests total.Good Luck on your GMAT and let me know if any questions - I Reply to Comments!BB, Founder of GMAT Club750 (q49, v42)

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