

## GRE

### SELF-STUDY WEBSITE RESOURCES

#### General Resources

[ETS](#) – the Educational Testing Service, is the official company that writes and administers the GRE. On this site you can register for the test, [download POWERPREP](#), free software with GRE practice questions, and download the [GRE paper-based PDF file](#) that contains many practice tests and explanations, as well as general test information. On the [preparation page](#), you will find sample questions and instructions for each section of the GRE.

At [GRE Downloads](#) you can download many GRE study books. Though most books are not the current edition, they are free to download. They represent wonderful practice resources for the GRE Test, however, know that they may not have data interpretation questions or verbal questions on the revised test.

#### Test Taking Strategies, Sample Problems and Practice Exams

[My-GRE](#) contains specific test-taking strategies for each section of the test, including new math and verbal question types. Free without registration.

The [Grockit Blog](#) has many test-taking strategies for the GRE, written by their expert staff, as does [Magoosh](#) that has many free GRE [strategy videos here](#).

[Kaplan](#), a test-preparation company and author of a book, provides test-taking strategies, articles about the new GRE, and practice questions. Look at their [GRE blog](#) with useful test strategies. Registration on their website is required for most materials, but these are free. Also, take a look at their [free, online video](#) to introduce the revised GRE test.

The [Major Tests website](#) has many GRE practice questions, vocabulary lists, and free practice tests.

[Ultimate Guide to the GRE](#) is an older site (2009), however, the many links to verbal and quantitative GRE problems, test strategies, and word list practice, are current.

Manhattan GRE Prep is another test-preparation company. With free registration, they offer a [free online GRE test](#), reflecting the recent changes to the test.

#### Math/Quantitative

Khan Academy provides many [quantitative math problems](#), solved through Youtube videos. Though these problems are for the GMAT test preparation, these are exactly the same type of problems you will see on the GRE. The explanations are really useful, as you can look at the problem, solve it yourself, then play the video to see if you got it correct. You can also find practice and explanation videos on specific problems in [Algebra](#) and [Geometry](#).

### **Vocabulary Building**

[Wordnik](#) will define and give many meaningful sentences using GRE words. They also have GRE word lists for review.

[This site](#) lists 10 podcasts for building English vocabulary.

Quizlet is a site that provides review and instruction on possible [GRE words](#). They have free flashcards with definitions, but also have a great Scatter review game to practice your knowledge quickly, as well as quizzes. Some additional [flashcards](#) are useful for [math problem solving](#). Use the AMIDEAST cards by typing in "KAMC Roots".

Quizlet also provides a list of 2,000 of the [most common words in English with Arabic translation](#) you can use for review. You can also practice [common GRE adjectives](#).

Soundkeepers is another [interactive website](#) where you can review and learn new potential GRE words.

[RSA Animate](#) combines Youtube drawings with interesting lectures. Good practice for both listening, reading, and learning new words.

A great way to practice vocabulary words in context is found at [Lextutor](#). Choose "AWL" on the drop bar. Then "10". Finally, hit the first yellow button, Concordancer. The computer will generate sentences for you to improve your reading through a cloze test. Sentences in context are taken from academic readings.

To find your current English vocabulary level, up to 14,000 word levels, you can take a useful test [here](#).

Note: There are many websites selling products claiming to have a definitive list of GRE words to know. However, no one company can provide you with a complete list. The best approach is to avoid buying a 'list of GRE words', and focusing instead in practicing with free word cards.

### **Reading Comprehension**

Below are some highly recommended sites for improving your reading. The keys are to find something that is interesting to you and that is not too easy or too difficult to understand. It is best when you have a text where about every 20<sup>th</sup> word you may not know, so that the surrounding context will give you clues.

When you read, focus on four points in preparation for GRE questions:

- 1) What is the main idea of the writer? (not always in the title!)
- 2) What is the scope of the text? (the scope is the specific focus)
- 3) What assumptions does the writer make that are not written?

What is the writer's tone? (ex. to give information, to argue or persuade, to report, to teach by showing how something is done)

Additionally, you can read editorials/opinion articles on many of these sites, and view them as similar to the types of argument pieces you might receive in the GRE analytical writing section. Some high-quality English reading sites include:

[Scientific American](#)

[Nature](#)

[The Atlantic](#)

[The New Yorker](#)

[The New York Times](#)

[Arab News](#) or [The Saudi Gazette](#) (both are well written English sites)

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