

Good luck on the GRE! If you have any feedback, please leave us a comment on the Magoosh GRE Blog [2-3 Month GRE Study Guide \(Weekly Schedule\)](#) post. 😊

From my experience, the majority of students spend between two and three months preparing for the GRE. Given we all struggle to sustain our attention and concentration for more than this long, such a duration makes perfect sense. After all, life's inevitable "bumps" and distractions are far more likely to derail you during a six months studying for the GRE that you are better off giving it your all over a period of 2 to 3 months. Here is the perfect plan for those who can commit both the time and the cognitive resources necessary for a few months.

This schedule is different from the 3-month schedule provided within a premium Magoosh GRE account. We recently added those schedules within Magoosh; they're modified to use only Magoosh material and have a slightly different order of assignments. If you have Magoosh already, you can simply use the schedule on your Dashboard to study—don't worry about the version of the schedule detailed here! But if you started your GRE prep with a schedule on our blog (like this one!), that's okay too. Both the schedule on the Magoosh dashboard and this blog schedule will get you through everything you need to know on the GRE.

Unlike my other two weekly study guides – the [one week](#) and [one month](#) – this study guide has a range of two to three months. This wiggle room allows those who have unpredictable schedules – or who simply cannot allocate enough hours each week – to choose the three-month plan. For those who have the time and/or simply want to be more aggressive, the study plan below can be shortened to two months. For the layout below, however, I will use 8 weeks. You can slow down or speed up accordingly.

This study guide gives general goals by week and requires about 2 to 3 hours of studying per day– if you'd prefer a more specific version, with daily instructions, I'd recommend one of these other 3 month schedules instead:

- [90 Day Daily Study Plan for Beginners](#)
- [90 Day Daily Study Plan \(Math Focused\)](#)
- [90 Day Daily Study Plan \(Verbal Focused\)](#)
- [90 Day Daily Study Plan for Advanced Students](#)

Finally, if English is not your first language, and you are struggling to learn vocabulary—while trying to wrap your head around academic prose—you may want to consider [my six-month plan](#).

The bottom line is that you will need a competitive score. Those students – at least those who posted their scores on the blog – will want to reconsider the 2-3 month plan if their verbal score is still in the 140-range or below. You should do your best to at least get into the mid-150s in verbal. Of course, achieving this feat will require the six month plan.

Essential Materials:

- [Magoosh GRE Prep– Lessons and Practice Problems](#)
- ETS's [Official Guide to the GRE](#), 2nd. edition
- [ETS's PowerPrep Software](#)
 - If you would prefer to take the practice test on paper, you can print out [ETS's practice test PDF](#). Take note that the Powerprep software and the paper-based test have overlapping material, so it won't be of much help to do both, unless you space them out far enough so that you won't recognize the questions and answers! I recommend using the Powerprep software if you can, since taking the test on a computer is a better simulation of test day conditions. Also, PowerPrep 2.0 comes with two tests. The PDF is only one test, which overlaps with Test 2 from the PowerPrep 2.0 Software.
- Magoosh's online [GRE Flashcards](#) and [GRE Vocabulary Builder](#). They're free and you can use them on the web, on your [iPhone/iPad](#) or [Android!](#)
- [Vocabulary.com](#)
- Index Cards ([Quizlet.com](#))
- Stopwatch or Timer

Strongly Recommended Materials:

- ETS's [Official GRE Quantitative Reasoning Practice Questions](#) (These questions are tough – great practice for 160+ math scorers)
- ETS's [Official GRE Verbal Reasoning Practice Questions](#)

Supplemental/Optional Materials:

Note: These materials are not extensively broken down within the schedule, as they are optional.

- [McGraw Hill Conquering the GRE Math](#) (for those who need additional work on math fundamentals)
- [Manhattan GRE](#) (including 1 free online practice test, with 5 additional online tests available for purchase)
- [LSAT 10 Actual Tests](#) (Only for 160+ verbal scorers)

A Note on Materials:

Magoosh contains all the information you need for wild success on the exam and many students have achieved spectacular results using nothing but Magoosh. Nevertheless, this plan

recommends that you buy additional materials and use them, in addition to the Magoosh materials.

Here's why: These plans were structured with far-reaching pedagogical principles in mind, and a deep consideration for how the human brain learns. Most people cannot hear or read something just once and, from that single hearing, remember it completely and understand it fully.

At Magoosh, we are very ambitious for our students; we want them to learn as thoroughly and as masterfully as possible. We recommend using these additional resources to provide additional practice, alternative explanations, and extra review. Not every student will need or want additional materials, but for those who do, the books we recommend are the best for the overall goal of doing very well on the exam.

Week 1-2

Primary Goals:

- Work your way through as many of [Magoosh's Math and Verbal Video Lessons](#) as possible (Aim for more than half!). An effective learning strategy is to follow up a video by practicing questions that relate to the concept discussed in the video. Don't simply watch hours of lesson videos without doing questions. You will quickly forget what you learn, unless you do practice questions to back up those concepts. For instance, if you watch a few lesson videos on exponents, make sure you complete the quiz that accompanies each module. (Using the McGraw Hill book will give you even more practice with the fundamentals).
- Where necessary, work through practice problems in the ETS Official Guide or the two ETS practice question guides, if you need to reinforce a given concept. It is okay to skip around in these books looking for relevant questions.
- Complete 100 Magoosh practice questions each from [Verbal and Math](#) (this can include quiz questions that come after the lesson videos).
- Determine which of the Manhattan GRE guides will help address your weaknesses (the math guides tend to be better than the verbal ones).

Secondary Goals:

- Read two articles from [The New Yorker/Atlantic Monthly/Economist/ALDaily](#). Find fifty words you do not know. Reference in Vocabulary.com (articles should be 4 – 15 pages).
- Write a quick summary/review of one of the two articles you wrote, threading GRE words you've learned these two weeks (can come from any of the sources, e.g. lesson, questions, etc), and apply them where necessary.
- Make your way through 10 words a day from Magoosh GRE Flashcards. The goal should be 150 words after 15 days. For further context on how the words you are learning are used consult Vocabulary.com.

- Use quizlet.com to quiz yourself on 200 vocabulary words from articles and continue to quiz yourself with Magoosh GRE Flashcards.

Week 3-4

Primary Goals:

- Finish watching [all video lessons](#) within Magoosh
- Take the Powerprep 2.0 Test 1 to assess your level.
- Check your answers to review mistakes. Watch explanation videos in Magoosh forums.
- Use the test to identify areas in which you need more practice.
- Practice 75 more questions for Verbal and 75 Math within Magoosh.
- Work through the beginning of the ETS Official Guide 2nd. edition, and cover the easy and medium sections at the beginning of the book for both math and verbal.

Secondary Goals:

- Continue working through vocabulary from Magoosh GRE Flashcards, five a day, quizzing yourself on all the words you have learned up to this point. Don't forget to use the Vocabulary Builder!
- Up your reading to two articles a week
- Solidify fundamentals using Magoosh and any Manhattan GRE guide
- Pick fifty words each week from the two articles (a total of four articles for each week)
- Make sure you continue practicing problems from the McGraw-Hill Math if you are struggling with any fundamentals (fractions, exponents, etc.)
- If you are strong with math concepts, then move directly to the ETS Official Quantitative guide, working through specific problem types contained towards the beginning of the book.
- For the high scorers, take a practice Manhattan GRE test, reviewing all your mistakes once you are done.
- Instead of the MGRE tests (or in addition to), work through the practice sets in the Official Verbal and Quantitative question guides.

Week 5-6

Primary Goals:

- Practice 175 more questions for Verbal and 175 Math within Magoosh.
- Work through the rest of the ETS Official Guide 2nd. edition questions up to the practice tests at the back of the book.
- Return to any Magoosh lesson videos in which you need a refresher

Secondary Goals:

- Continue practicing vocabulary in the same manner described above.
- Work through much of The Official GRE question guides (verbal and quantitative). Work on specific sections and do at least one practice set for each.
- Depending on your level, complete all the math problems from the Official GRE Quantitative Questions Guide (the higher the number, the harder the problem). You may also want to pick and choose based on your perceived areas of weakness.
- If lower level math, focus more on Manhattan GRE math and easy-level Magoosh questions.
- Just for advanced verbal learners, do some reading passages and paragraph assumptions (Logical Reasoning in the LSAT guides). Do one timed test, not including “games” section.

Week 7-8

Primary Goals:

- Customize practice sessions within Magoosh product to target weaknesses. You should complete all of the verbal and all of the math questions.
- Take both tests at the back of the Official Guide, including the AWA section.
- Take the Powerprep 2.0 Test 2.
- Make sure you are doing as many timed sections as possible from various sources. If you can't work through an entire section, always have a stopwatch whenever you work through questions.

Secondary Goals:

- Continue learning vocabulary as before. You should know at least 800 words by now, and should probably know even more from working with the GRE Official Guide and Magoosh product
- Take a Manhattan GRE practice test. (Review mistakes.)
- **For advanced Verbal students:**
 - Do a timed verbal LSAT Reading Section each day and 5 Critical Reasoning questions. Try to determine why answers are wrong on your own.
 - Take no fewer than two Manhattan GRE online practice tests.
- **For advanced Math students:**
 - Finish two Manhattan GRE online tests (focusing just on the math sections).

Good luck!

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