



If you're starting more or less from scratch, you may be wondering if 90 day (~3 month) GRE prep is even possible. It is! But there's a key component to preparing for the GRE: you need a strategic <u>GRE study guide</u> to organize yourself before your exam day. Luckily, Magoosh has an expert-written plan than can help you figure out how to start preparing to meet and exceed your GRE goals in the next three months!

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Choosing Your 90 Day GRE Study Schedule

We designed four different versions of the Magoosh 90 Day Study Plan. Start with a little self-diagnosis or this <u>quiz</u> to find the best GRE study plan. Which sounds most like you?

- **90 Day GRE Study Plan for Beginners:** I'm in the right place. Math and verbal both scare the living bejeebers out of me! I need all the help and support I can get!
- <u>90 Day GRE Study Plan (Math Focused)</u>: I have a natural affinity with the verbal, but the math is far less intuitive for me. I would like to focus more there.
- <u>90 Day GRE Study Plan (Verbal Focused)</u>: Me a math nerd. Me think all math easy. Me have big verbal problems. One day, me will talk good.



• <u>90 Day GRE Study Plan for Advanced Students</u>: I actually feel reasonably comfortable with math and verbal. If I took the test today, I'd get around 310-320 combined score. I'm interested in refining my understanding and getting into the 320s region in the next 12 weeks.

FAQ: How do I know whether this is right plan for me?

If you follow choice A, this "beginner" plan, all the information you need for complete <u>GRE exam</u> mastery will pass before your eyes! It's simply a question of whether you can learn, assimilate, and retain it all over the course of your GRE studying. You are not limiting yourself at all by following this plan: the only reason to follow any other plan is if all the review of verbal or math material would be tedious for you, because you know it inside-out already.

If you really can't decide, buy any cheap GRE prep book (earlier editions are cheaper and are fine), and just take a practice GRE cold. Let your performance on that, with essentially no preparation, determine which plan you should follow.

FAQ: How can I make sure I'm getting the most out of this 90 day GRE study schedule?

Before you begin, check out some strategies for <u>making the most of your study</u> <u>schedule</u>. This guide will ensure you use Magoosh GRE plans in a way that works best for you.

FAQ: I'm a working professional/English isn't my first language/I need to adapt this schedule in some way!

Check out this blog post for adjustment tips!

How to Use This GRE Study Schedule

This 90-day plan is designed to have you improve as much as you can in a three-month period. I have designed twelve weeks, assuming 2-3 hours for each of the five weekdays, and one 4-5 stint on the weekend ("Day Six"). If you would prefer to work on both weekend days, and free up some weeknight time, feel free to make those changes.

 Many folks find that each day's assignments take 2-3 hours, although times to complete them will vary for different students.



Essential Materials



- Magoosh GRE Prep
- <u>ETS's Official Guide to the GRE book</u> (any edition is fine) + our free <u>video</u> <u>explanations</u>
- <u>ETS's PowerPrep Online</u>: If you would prefer to take the practice test on paper, you can print out ETS's practice test PDF (<u>with video explanations here</u>). Take note that PowerPrep Online 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 PowerPrep Online if you can, since taking the test on a computer is a better simulation of exam day conditions.

 Magoosh's online <u>GRE Vocabulary Flashcards</u> and <u>GRE Math Flashcards</u>. They're free and you can use them on the web, on your <u>iPhone/iPad</u> or <u>Android</u>.

Daily review of vocab is vital. I wrote this schedule recommending the Magoosh's GRE Flashcards, but DO NOT limit yourself to just these words. As you read and find more words you don't know, look them up, make flashcards (including context), and make your own flashcard decks. You could have one pile for words whose denotation you are trying to master, another containing words for which you know the denotation but not the connotation, and a "done" stack that gets reviewed only rarely.

As you study vocabulary, it's important not only to learn the literal dictionary definition (the denotation), but also to understand the metaphorical use of the word in context (the connotation). For example, the word "opaque" literally means "not transparent", but metaphorically it can mean "hard to understand" or, describing a person, it can mean "thick-headed, stupid." Ultimately, you should strive to learn both the denotation and the connotation of each word.

- Reading material: this may be any <u>non-fiction scholarly book</u>, history and social science preferable. You may also choose one of the <u>recommended</u> <u>sources</u>: *Scientific American*, *Atlantic Monthly*, *The New Yorker*, *National Geographic*, *The Economist*, or *The New York Times* (a Sunday subscription is a great idea!). You are reading (a) to build your reading comprehension skills, (b) to refine your understanding of grammar and usage, and (c) to expand your vocabulary.
- A journal or notebook (yes, a physical hard copy item)
- <u>Magoosh's GRE Complete Guide</u>: This comprehensive, web-based guide to the GRE gives you the quick but very helpful overview you need to understand this test. You'll see how the GRE is designed and scored, what skills it tests, how to find and use the best GRE prep, and how to study for each test section.

Don't write in any of the test prep books, because for any of them, after a period of time you may want to go back and do a problem again that you haven't seen for a while. You can only start it fresh if the page is free of your marks.



Supplemental/Optional Materials

Any of the steps listed in the schedule for the materials below are purely for extra practice, so they are to be done as optional tasks if you have extra time.

- Any of the volumes of the <u>Manhattan GRE books</u>. It's an eight-volume set, so buy as much as you think will help you and as you can afford. This is not absolutely necessary, but it is recommended. You will have to find places in this schedule to "fit in" the extra reading, but it will help you. Nevertheless, we do not recommend the Text Completion and Sentence Equivalence book, because these rely on too much obscure vocabulary.
- <u>McGraw-Hill's</u> Conquering the New GRE Math: This book is for those struggling with the very basics of math—folks who are in sheer panic over almost anything mathematical.
- <u>Manhattan's 6 GRE online practice tests</u>. One test is offered for free, with six additional tests available for purchase.
- <u>A guide to GRE Practice Test Resources</u>: This page includes instructions on where to find good full-length GRE practice tests, and how to take practice tests and incorporate them into your studies. This page also has links to Magoosh's free GRE diagnostic quizzes.
- <u>Quizlet.com</u>: Gives you online access to flashcards, making it easier, say, to quiz yourself on your mobile device
- <u>Vocabulary.com</u>: Provides conversational example sentences and a flood of example sentences
- <u>Word Dynamo (Dictionary.com</u>): Gives you little quizzes and games to add some variety to vocab learning
- Magoosh iPhone/Android app, for mobile practice

90 Day GRE Study Plan: Week One

* Tasks marked with an asterisk indicate that this 90 day GRE study plan resource is only available to Magoosh students—<u>sign up here for a free</u> <u>trial</u>!

• Get enough sleep during this month. REM sleep plays an important role in encoding long term memory, and in an eight hour period of sleep, the last hour



has the most REM. If you are getting 7 hours/night instead of 8 hours/night, you are depriving your brain of one of its most powerful systems for learning and remembering.

Week One, Day One

- Go to <u>ETS.org/gre</u>, and read about the content of the GRE. Click on and read each sub-heading link.
- In the Official Guide,
- o Read Chapter 1, "Introducing the GRE revised General Test"
- Read Chapter 2, "GRE Analytic Writing" (just the descriptions of the question, not all the sample material)
- Read the introductory few pages of Chapter 3, "GRE Verbal Reasoning" (everything up to the sample questions)
- Read the introductory few pages of Chapter 5, "GRE Quantitative Reasoning" (everything up to the sample questions)
- Start reading through the GRE Math Review in the Official Guide, the entire Arithmetic section. Take notes in your journal on whatever is unfamiliar. Do the Arithmetic Exercises and correct your answers.
- Watch the Magoosh lesson videos:
- o Intro General Introduction
- o Intro What's on the GRE?
- o Intro Math Section Breakdown
- o Intro Verbal Section Breakdown
- o Intro Scoring Range
- In the <u>GRE Math Flashcards</u>
- o Take 15 minutes to start studying the cards in the first deck, Algebra.

Week One, Day Two

- Continue reading through the GRE Math Review in the Official Guide, the Algebra section. Take notes in your journal on whatever is unfamiliar. Do the Algebra Exercises and correct your answers.
- Download and start reading the Magoosh <u>GRE eBook.</u> Continue reading whenever you have the time over the course of the next two weeks.
- Watch the Magoosh lesson videos:
- o <u>Intro Computer Adaptive Testing</u>
- o Intro Skipping Questions and Pacing
- o Intro Study Plans and Resources
- o Intro Stress Management
- o Intro Test Day
- In the <u>GRE Math Flashcards</u>
- Take 15 minutes to continue studying the cards in the first deck, Algebra.

Week One, Day Three

- Continue reading through the GRE Math Review: read the Geometry section. Take notes in your journal on whatever is unfamiliar. Do the Geometry Exercises and correct your answers.
- Watch the Magoosh lesson videos:
- o Math Intro to GRE Math
- o <u>Math Mental Math: GRE Estimation*</u>
- o Math Mental Math: Dividing by 5*
- o Math Mental Math: Doubling and Halving*
- Math Mental Math: Squaring Shortcuts*
- In the Magoosh product, do:
- Math 20 Multiple Choice Questions*

Notice you are doing all topics from the get-go, whether you have already studied these or not. This means that you will make some mistakes at the beginning: see this post on a productive attitude toward making mistakes. If, after a week or so of practice, you find that there is simply too much new material for you, then narrow your studies to those topics you're more actively studying plus one or two that you're unfamiliar with. You should be constantly challenged. If you do narrow the topics of study, expand back to as wide a scope as possible, as quickly as possible.

After you submit your answer for each Magoosh problem, the next page will tell you whether you were right or wrong, with a video solution and a text summary. If you got the question right, skim the text summary to verify you got it right for the right reason. If you got the question wrong, watch the video, taking notes in your journal about any concept or any aspect of the question type that was unclear to you.

- Download the Magoosh <u>GRE Math Formula eBook</u>.
- Read carefully the first section, "GRE Math Formulas: How to (Not) Use Them." Right now, just skim the rest of the book, just to get a sense of what topics are covered. As you move through this plan, you will cover all of these. Use this for reinforcement and review: as you cover a particular math topic in the Magoosh lessons, read the corresponding part of this book to verify your understanding. By the end of this plan, you should know every section of this book.
- In the <u>GRE Math Flashcards</u>
- Take 15 minutes to continue studying the cards in the first deck, Algebra. Review any cards you missed earlier.

Week One, Day Four

- Continue reading through the GRE Math Review: read the first half of the Data Analysis section. Take notes in your journal on whatever is unfamiliar.
- Watch the Magoosh lesson videos:
- o Math The Use and Abuse of Formulas*
- o Math Learn From Your Mistakes*
- o Math Intro to Quantitative Comparison
- o Math QC Strategies Estimation*



- In the Magoosh product, do:
- o Verbal: 20 Text Completion Questions*
- In the <u>GRE Math Flashcards</u>
- Take 15 minutes to continue studying the cards in the first deck, Algebra. Review any cards you missed earlier.

Week One, Day Five

- Continue reading through the GRE Math Review. Finish reading the Data Analysis section (around 20 pages in total). Take notes in your journal on whatever is unfamiliar. Do the Data Analysis Exercises at the end of that section and correct your answers.
- Watch the Magoosh lesson videos:
 - <u>Writing</u>—AWA Overview (Analytical Writing Section)*
 - <u>Writing—Preparing for the AWA*</u>
 - <u>Writing—Writing Tips for the 4 Major Scoring Components I*</u>
 - Writing—Writing Tips for the 4 Major Scoring Components II*
 - <u>Writing—Issue Essay Task Overview</u>*
- In the Magoosh product, do:
- o <u>Math 10 Multiple Choice Questions*</u>
- o Math 10 Quantitative Comparison Questions*
- On the Magoosh blog, read: <u>Complete Guide to GRE Vocabulary: Making Words</u> <u>Stick, Vocabulary in Context</u>
- Download the Magoosh <u>Complete Guide to GRE Vocabulary</u>
- Read carefully the section "Making Words Stick," about learning vocabulary, and the section "Vocabulary in Context: Articles from Magazines and Newspapers." Skim the rest of the book to get a sense of the layout and style. As you build vocab through this plan, periodically go back to this book to verify your understanding and to make connections to other words. The more ways you have of remembering a word, the more likely you are to remember it!
- In the <u>GRE Math Flashcards</u>
- Take 15 minutes to continue studying the cards in the first deck, Algebra. Review any cards you missed earlier.

Week One, Day Six

- Watch the Magoosh lesson videos:
 - <u>Writing—Issue Essay Brainstorming*</u>
 - <u>Writing–Issue Essay Format</u>*
 - Writing-How to Practice*
 - Writing—Intro to Argument Task
 - <u>Writing—Logical Fallacies</u>
 - <u>Writing—Argument Task Brainstorming*</u>



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- <u>Writing—Argument Task Example</u>*
- In the Magoosh product, do:
- o Writing: 1 Issue Task Essay*
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Now that you have this essay, what do you do with it? If you have a friend or mentor who is a gifted writer, ask them to read the essay for you and critique it. If they are willing, you can show them the assessment criteria in the Official Guide, and ask them to follow it. If you can afford it, hire a writing coach or writing tutor: show that tutor the assessment criteria in the OG, and have them give you feedback. If you can't afford a writing tutor and can't convince anyone else to read it, you may try posting it on <u>TheGradCafe</u>, and see whether an expert there will critique your essay. Failing any of these options, you can at least set the essay aside, and re-read it a couple of days later with the Official Guide's rubric beside you. (Notice whatever route worked for you with this essay; you can repeat that with all the essays you write in the practice tests you take as part of this plan.)

• In the GRE Official Guide & McGraw-Hill's *Conquering the New GRE Math*: a) in GRE Official Guide, do the Ch. 4, Verbal Reasoning Practice Sets 1-4

b) in GRE Official Guide, do the Ch. 6, Quantitative Reasoning Practice Sets 1, 2, & 4

c) in McGraw-Hill, do GRE Math Practice Section 1 (optional)

Follow strict time limits, to give you sense of the pace you need to keep on the GRE. Set a timer for the time limits. Here are the time limits to observe:

- Official Guide Verbal Reasoning Set 1 = 12 minutes
- Official Guide Verbal Reasoning Set 2 = 18 minutes
- Official Guide Verbal Reasoning Set 3 = 12 minutes
- Official Guide Verbal Reasoning Set 4 = 18 minutes
- Official Guide Quantitative Reasoning Set 1 = 22 minutes
- o Official Guide Quantitative Reasoning Set 2 = 23 minutes
- o Official Guide Quantitative Reasoning Set 4 = 13 minutes
- McGraw-Hill, GRE Math section = 35 minutes
 After you are done, check all your answers. For any question you got right, skim the explanation to verify that you got it right for the right reason. For any question you got wrong, read the explanation thorough, taking notes in your journal on any concepts you didn't understand and anything about the question format that



psyched you out. You can also watch <u>the Magoosh Video Explanations of the OG</u> <u>practice questions</u>.

If you are doing MUCH better than expected on either Math or Verbal, this might be a good time to consider whether you should switch to another version of the 3-month plan (see explanations of them at the top).

90 Day GRE Study Plan: Week Two

Remember to breathe! Practicing stress-reduction techniques regularly, will get you into excellent shape by test day. Check out <u>Overcome Exam</u> <u>Anxiety: Breathe</u> for tips!

Week Two, Day One

- Watch the Magoosh lesson videos:
- Math QC Strategies Matching Operations*
- o Math Properties of Real Numbers*
- Math Positive and Negative Numbers I*
- o Math Mental Math, Addition, and Subtraction
- o <u>Math Positive and Negative Numbers II*</u>
- In the Magoosh product, do:
- o Verbal: 15 Reading Comprehension Questions*

Some RC questions are stand-alone single questions with a short paragraph, and sometimes a group of two or three come with a longer passage. Make sure you finish all the questions associated with a passage on one sitting. This may mean that you do a couple more than 15 questions one time, and then a couple fewer the next time.

- In McGraw-Hill's Conquering the New GRE Math (optional)
- o Read Chapters 1-2
- In the <u>GRE Vocabulary Flashcards</u>
- o Master at least 20 words from the first deck.
- In the <u>GRE Math Flashcards</u>
- Take 15 minutes to review the cards. Start working with the second deck, Fractions, Ratios, and Percents. Review any cards you missed earlier.
- Read 1-3 articles from your reading source of choice, noting grammatical structures. Look up and write down any words you don't know.

Week Two, Day Two

- o Watch the Magoosh lesson videos:
- o Math Order of Operations*
- o Math Intro to Decimals
- o Math Rounding
- o Math Multiples of 10*
- o Math Intro to Fractions



- In the Magoosh product, do:
- o Math: 20 Multiple-Choice Questions*
- In McGraw-Hill's Conquering the New GRE Math (optional)
- o Read Chapter 3 and do the exercises
- In the <u>GRE Vocabulary Flashcards</u>
- o Master 20 more words (a bit less than half a deck).
- In the <u>GRE Math Flashcards</u>
- Take 15 minutes to review the cards. Continue working with the second deck, Fractions, Ratios, and Percents. Review any cards you missed earlier.
- Read 1-3 articles from your reading source of choice, noting grammatical structures. Look up and write down any words you don't know.

Week Two, Day Three

- Watch the Magoosh lesson videos:
- o Math Conversions: Fractions and Decimals*
- o Math Fraction Properties I
- o Math Comparing Fractions I*
- Math Comparing Fractions II (Advanced)*
- o Math Operations with Fractions*
- In the Magoosh product, do:
- o Verbal: 20 Text Completion Questions*
- In McGraw-Hill's Conquering the New GRE Math (optional)
- o Read Chapter 4 and do the exercises
- In the <u>GRE Vocabulary Flashcards</u>
- Master 20 more words (a bit less than half a deck). Spend 10-30 minutes reviewing previous decks.
- In the <u>GRE Math Flashcards</u>
- Take 15 minutes to review the cards. Continue working with the second deck, Fractions, Ratios, and Percents. Review any cards you missed earlier.
- Read your chosen reading material (one chapter, or a few articles). Look up and write down any words you don't know.

Week Two, Day Four

- Watch the Magoosh lesson videos:
- o <u>Math Fraction Properties II*</u>
- o Math Mixed Numerals and Improper Fractions*
- o Math Operations with Proportions*
- o <u>Math Word Problems with Fractions</u>
- o <u>Math Intro to Percents</u>
- In the Magoosh product, do:
- o Quiz: Arithmetic and Fractions*
- o Math: 10 Quantitative Comparison Questions*
- o Math: 10 Multiple Choice Questions*



- In McGraw-Hill's Conquering the New GRE Math (optional)
- o Read Chapter 5 and do the exercises
- In the <u>GRE Vocabulary Flashcards</u>
- Master 20 more words (a bit less than half a deck). Spend 10-30 minutes reviewing previous decks.
- In the <u>GRE Math Flashcards</u>
- Take 15 minutes to review the cards. Continue working with the second deck, Fractions, Ratios, and Percents. Review any cards you missed earlier.
- Read your chosen reading material (one chapter, or a few articles). Look up and write down any words you don't know.

Week Two, Day Five

- Watch the Magoosh lesson videos:
- o Math Working with Percents*
- o <u>Math Number Sense and Percents</u>
- o <u>Math Percent Increases and Decreases*</u>
- o Math Sequential Percent Changes
- o <u>Math Simple and Compound Interest*</u>
- In the Magoosh product, do:
- o Verbal: 15 Reading Comprehension Questions*
- In McGraw-Hill's Conquering the New GRE Math (optional)
- o Read Chapter 6 and do the exercises
- In the <u>GRE Vocabulary Flashcards</u>
- Master 20 more words (a bit less than half a deck). Spend 10-30 minutes reviewing previous decks.
- In the <u>GRE Math Flashcards</u>
- Take 15 minutes to review the cards. Continue working with the second deck, Fractions, Ratios, and Percents. Review any cards you missed earlier.
- Read your chosen reading material (one chapter, or a few articles). Look up and write down any words you don't know.

Week Two, Day Six

- In the Magoosh product, do:
- o Writing: 1 Argument Task Essay*

Today, you are going to write an Argument essay.

For topics, go to the <u>ETS GRE Argument Essay Pool</u>. Figure out a way to pick topics at random (maybe you print the lists, cut it into slips of paper, and choose some at random). Write the essays in a word processing program. Observe a strict 30 minute time limit.

Now that you have this essay, what do you do with it? If you have a friend or mentor who is a gifted writer, ask them to read the essay for you and critique it. If they are willing, you can show them the assessment criteria in the Official Guide, and ask them to follow it. If you can afford it, hire a writing coach or writing tutor:



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90 Day GRE Study Plan: Week Three

Don't forget to take short breaks during your study sessions to take care of your body. Hydration and stretching are key to avoiding burn-out.

Week Three, Day One

- Watch the Magoosh lesson videos:
- o Math Intro to Ratios
- o Math Combining Ratios*
- o <u>Math Ratios and Rates*</u>
- o Math Divisibility*
- o <u>Math Divisibility Rules</u>
- In the Magoosh product, do:
- o Math: 20 Multiple Choice Questions*
- o Quiz: Percents and Ratios*
- In McGraw-Hill's Conquering the New GRE Math (optional)
- Read the intro to Part Three, and Ch. 7 through the section on Real Numbers; take notes in your journal on anything new or unfamiliar.
- In the GRE Vocabulary Flashcards
- Master 20 more words (a bit less than half a deck). Spend 10-30 minutes reviewing previous decks.
- In the GRE Math Flashcards
- Take 15 minutes to review the cards. Start working with the third deck, Geometry. Review any cards you missed from this or previous decks.
- Read 1-3 articles from your reading source of choice, noting grammatical structures. Look up and write down any words you don't know.

Week Three, Day Two

- Watch the Magoosh lesson videos:
- o <u>Verbal Intro to Text Completion</u>
- o Verbal Elimination Method*
- <u>Verbal Understanding the Sentence*</u>
- o Verbal Difficult Words*



- o <u>Verbal Simplifying Complex Sentences</u>
- In the Magoosh product, do:
- o Verbal: 20 Text Completion Questions*
- In McGraw-Hill's Conquering the New GRE Math (optional)
- Read Chapter 7 up to the first set of "Practice Problems"; do the "Practice Problems" and check your answer; take notes in your journal on anything new or unfamiliar.
- In the <u>GRE Vocabulary Flashcards</u>
- Master 20 more words (a bit less than half a deck). Spend 10-30 minutes reviewing previous decks.
- In the <u>GRE Math Flashcards</u>
- Take 15 minutes to review the cards. Continue working with the third deck, Geometry. Review any cards you missed from this or previous decks.
- Read 1-3 articles from your reading source of choice, noting grammatical structures. Look up and write down any words you don't know.

Week Three, Day Three

- Watch the Magoosh lesson videos:
- o <u>Math Multiples</u>
- o Math Prime Numbers*
- o <u>Math Prime Factorization*</u>
- o Math Counting Factors of Large Numbers*
- o Math Squares of Integers*
- In the Magoosh product, do:
- o Math: 10 Multiple Choice Questions*
- o Math: 10 Data Interpretation Questions*
- (As with some of the Reading Comprehension questions, the Data Interpretation questions come in batches, typically 2 or 3 questions, pertaining to the same graph or chart. Do all the questions in a set at once. This mean you may do a few more than 10 DI questions one time, and then during the next session in which you are doing DI questions, you will do a couple fewer.)
- In McGraw-Hill's *Conquering the New GRE Math* (optional)
- In Ch. 7, read the Ch. 7 section on "Even & Odd Numbers"; take the "Number Properties Test 1", grade yourself, and read the solutions; take notes in your journal on anything new or unfamiliar.
- In the <u>GRE Vocabulary Flashcards</u>
- Master 20 more words (a bit less than half a deck). Spend 10-30 minutes reviewing previous decks.
- In the <u>GRE Math Flashcards</u>
- Take 15 minutes to review the cards. Continue working with the third deck, Geometry. Review any cards you missed from this or previous decks.
- Read your chosen reading material (one chapter, or a few articles). Look up and write down any words you don't know.



Week Three, Day Four

- Watch the Magoosh lesson videos:
- o <u>Verbal Testing the Answer Choices*</u>
- <u>Verbal Intro to No Shift Sentences</u>
- o Verbal Cause and Effect*
- o Verbal Elaboration Sentence*
- o Verbal Apposition
- In the Magoosh product, do:
- o Verbal: 15 Reading Comprehension Questions*
- o <u>Quiz: Text Completion Overview*</u>
- o <u>Quiz: Text Completion No Shifts*</u>
- In McGraw-Hill's Conquering the New GRE Math (optional)
- In Ch. 7, do the "solved GRE Problems" and "GRE Practice Problems" (immediately after "Number Properties Test 1"), grade yourself, and read the solutions; take notes in your journal on anything new or unfamiliar.
- In the <u>GRE Vocabulary Flashcards</u>
- Master 20 more words (a bit less than half a deck). Spend 10-30 minutes reviewing previous decks.
- In the GRE Math Flashcards
- Take 15 minutes to review the cards. Continue working with the third deck, Geometry. Review any cards you missed from this or previous decks.
- Read your chosen reading material (one chapter, or a few articles). Look up and write down any words you don't know.

Week Three, Day Five

- Watch the Magoosh lesson videos:
- o Math Greatest Common Factor
- o <u>Math Least Common Multiple*</u>
- o Math GCD LCM Formula*
- o Math Even and Odd Integers*
- o Math Testing Cases*
- In the Magoosh product, do:
- o Math: 20 Multiple Choice Questions*
- In McGraw-Hill's *Conquering the New GRE Math* (optional)
- o In Ch. 7, read up to and including the section on "Prime Numbers"; take notes in your journal on anything new or unfamiliar.
- In the <u>GRE Vocabulary Flashcards</u>
- Master 20 more words (a bit less than half a deck). Spend 10-30 minutes reviewing previous decks.
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Now that you have this essay, what do you do with it? If you have a friend or mentor who is a gifted writer, ask them to read the essay for you and critique it. If they are willing, you can show them the assessment criteria in the Official Guide, and ask them to follow it. If you can afford it, hire a writing coach or writing tutor: show that tutor the assessment criteria in the OG, and have them give you feedback. If you can't afford a writing tutor and can't convince anyone else to read it, you may try posting it on <u>TheGradCafe</u>, and see whether an expert there will critique your essay. Failing any of these options, you can at least set the essay aside, and re-read it a couple of days later with the Official Guide's rubric beside you. (Notice whatever route worked for you with this essay; you can repeat that with all the essays you write in the practice tests you take as part of this plan.)

90 Day GRE Study Plan: Week Four

Mental preparation is a key component of your GRE prep. Take a look at some of our top tips for reducing stress: <u>Stress and Your Thoughts</u>

Week Four, Day One

- Watch the Magoosh lesson videos:
- o Math Consecutive Integers*
- o Math Remainders*
- Math Integer Properties Strategies*
- o Math Intro to Algebra
- o Math Simplifying Expressions*
- In the Magoosh product, do:
- o Quiz: Integer Properties*
- o Verbal: 20 Text Completion Questions*
- In McGraw-Hill's Conquering the New GRE Math (optional)



- In Ch. 7, read "GCD and LCM Revisited", do the "Practice Problems" immediately following that, grade yourself, and read the solutions; take notes in your journal on anything new or unfamiliar.
- In the <u>GRE Vocabulary Flashcards</u>
- Master 20 more words (a bit less than half a deck). Spend 10-30 minutes reviewing previous decks.
- In the <u>GRE Math Flashcards</u>
- Take 15 minutes to review the cards. Start working with the fourth deck, Number Properties I. Review any cards you missed from this or previous decks.
- Read 1-3 articles from your reading source of choice, noting grammatical structures. Look up and write down any words you don't know.

Week Four, Day Two

- Watch the Magoosh lesson videos:
- o <u>Verbal Intro to Sentence Shifts</u>
- o <u>Verbal More Reversers</u>
- o <u>Verbal Double Shifts</u>
- o <u>Verbal Time Shifts*</u>
- o Verbal Shifts in Perception*
- In the Magoosh product, do:
- o <u>Math: 10 Multiple Choice Questions*</u>
- o Math: 10 Quantitative Comparison Questions*
- In McGraw-Hill's Conquering the New GRE Math (optional)
- o In Ch. 7, take "Number Properties Test 2", grade yourself, and read the solutions; take notes in your journal on anything new or unfamiliar.
- In the <u>GRE Vocabulary Flashcards</u>
- Master 20 more words (a bit less than half a deck). Spend 10-30 minutes reviewing previous decks.
- In the <u>GRE Math Flashcards</u>
- Take 15 minutes to review the cards. Continue working with the fourth deck, Number Properties I. Review any cards you missed from this or previous decks.
- Read 1-3 articles from your reading source of choice, noting grammatical structures. Look up and write down any words you don't know.

Week Four, Day Three

- Watch the Magoosh lesson videos:
- o <u>Math Multiplying Expressions*</u>
- o Math FOIL Method
- o Math Factoring GCF*
- o <u>Math Factoring Difference of Two Squares*</u>
- o <u>Math Factoring Quadratics*</u>
- In the Magoosh product, do:
- Verbal: 10 Sentence Equivalence Questions*
- In McGraw-Hill's Conquering the New GRE Math (optional)



- In Ch. 7, do the "solved GRE Problems" and "GRE Practice Problems" (immediately after "Number Properties Test 2"), grade yourself, and read the solutions; take notes in your journal on anything new or unfamiliar.
- In the GRE Vocabulary Flashcards
- Master 20 more words (a bit less than half a deck). Spend 10-30 minutes reviewing previous decks.
- In the <u>GRE Math Flashcards</u>
- Take 15 minutes to review the cards. Continue working with the fourth deck, Number Properties I. Review any cards you missed from this or previous decks.
- Read your chosen reading material (one chapter, or a few articles). Look up and write down any words you don't know.

Week Four, Day Four

- Watch the Magoosh lesson videos:
- o Verbal Multiple Shifts*
- o Verbal False Contrast*
- o <u>Verbal Deviating from the Norm*</u>
- o Verbal Reverse Apposition*
- o Verbal Intro to Double Blank Sentences
- In the Magoosh product, do:
- Quiz: Text Completion Sentence Shifts*
- o Math: 10 Multiple Choice Questions*
- o Math: 10 Data Interpretation Questions*
- In McGraw-Hill's Conquering the New GRE Math (optional)
- Beginning reading Chapter 8, through all the Properties of Operations; do the "Practice Problems" immediately following, grade yourself, and read the solutions; take notes in your journal on anything new or unfamiliar.
- In the <u>GRE Vocabulary Flashcards</u>
- Master 20 more words (a bit less than half a deck). Spend 10-30 minutes reviewing previous decks.
- In the <u>GRE Math Flashcards</u>
- Take 15 minutes to review the cards. Continue working with the fourth deck, Number Properties I. Review any cards you missed from this or previous decks.
- Read your chosen reading material (one chapter, or a few articles). Look up and write down any words you don't know.

Week Four, Day Five

- Watch the Magoosh lesson videos:
- o <u>Math Factoring Combined</u>
- o <u>Math Advanced Numerical Factoring*</u>
- o <u>Math Factoring Rational Expressions*</u>
- Math Basic Equation Solving*
- o <u>Math Eliminating Fractions*</u>
- In the Magoosh product, do:



- o Verbal: 15 Reading Comprehension Questions*
- In McGraw-Hill's *Conquering the New GRE Math* (optional)
- In Ch. 8, read the first part of the "Fractions" section, up to the examples following "Equivalent Fractions"; take notes in your journal on anything new or unfamiliar.
- In the <u>GRE Vocabulary Flashcards</u>
- Master 20 more words (a bit less than half a deck). Spend 10-30 minutes reviewing previous decks.
- In the <u>GRE Math Flashcards</u>
- Take 15 minutes to review the cards. Continue working with the fourth deck, Number Properties I. Review any cards you missed from this or previous decks.
- Read your chosen reading material (one chapter, or a few articles). Look up and write down any words you don't know.

Week Four, Day Six

- In the Magoosh product, do:
- <u>Writing: 1 Argument Task Essay*</u> Today, you are going to write an Argument essay.

For topics, go to the <u>ETS GRE Argument Essay Pool</u>. Figure out a way to pick topics at random (maybe you print the lists, cut it into slips of paper, and choose some at random). Write the essays in a word processing program. Observe a strict 30 minute time limit.

Now that you have this essay, what do you do with it? If you have a friend or mentor who is a gifted writer, ask them to read the essay for you and critique it. If they are willing, you can show them the assessment criteria in the Official Guide, and ask them to follow it. If you can afford it, hire a writing coach or writing tutor: show that tutor the assessment criteria in the OG, and have them give you feedback. If you can't afford a writing tutor and can't convince anyone else to read it, you may try posting it on <u>TheGradCafe</u>, and see whether an expert there will critique your essay. Failing any of these options, you can at least set the essay aside, and re-read it a couple of days later with the Official Guide's rubric beside you. (Notice whatever route worked for you with this essay; you can repeat that with all the essays you write in the practice tests you take as part of this plan.)

90 Day GRE Study Plan: Week Five

Drops in motivation are totally normal—but to keep your spirits up, write down your grad school goals on a notecard or in the front of your notebook to help yourself stay focused when you're flagging.

Week Five, Day One

- Watch the Magoosh lesson videos:
- o Math Quadratic Equations
- o Math Two Equations, Two Unknowns I*
- Math Two Equations, Two Unknowns II*
- o Math System Number of Solutions*
- o Math Three Equations with Three Unknowns*
- In the Magoosh product, do:
- o Math: 10 Multiple Choice Questions*
- o Math: 10 Multiple Answer Questions*
- In McGraw-Hill's Conquering the New GRE Math (optional)
- In Ch. 8, finish reading the "Fractions," section up to the "Practice Problems;" do the "Practice Problems", grade yourself, and read the solutions; take notes in your journal on anything new or unfamiliar.
- In the <u>GRE Vocabulary Flashcards</u>
- Master 20 more words (a bit less than half a deck). Spend 10-30 minutes reviewing previous decks.
- In the <u>GRE Math Flashcards</u>
- Take 15 minutes to review the cards. Start working with the fifth deck, Number Properties II. Review any cards you missed from this or previous decks.
- Read your chosen reading material (one chapter, or a few articles). Look up and write down any words you don't know.

Week Five, Day Two

- Watch the Magoosh lesson videos:
- o Verbal Multiple Sentences
- o Verbal Relationship between Blanks*
- o Verbal Back to Back Blanks*
- <u>Verbal Other Blank is the Clue*</u>,
- o Verbal Advanced Double Blanks*
- In the Magoosh product, do:
- Quiz: Text Completion Double Blanks*
- o Verbal: 20 Text Completion Questions*
- In McGraw-Hill's *Conquering the New GRE Math* (optional)
- In Ch. 8, begin reading the "Operations with Fractions" section, the sections on addition & subtraction of fractions; take notes in your journal on anything new or unfamiliar.
- In the <u>GRE Vocabulary Flashcards</u>



- Master 20 more words (a bit less than half a deck). Spend 10-30 minutes reviewing previous decks.
- In the <u>GRE Math Flashcards</u>
- Take 15 minutes to review the cards. Continue working with the fifth deck, Number Properties II. Review any cards you missed from this or previous decks.
- Read your chosen reading material (one chapter, or a few articles). Look up and write down any words you don't know.

Week Five, Day Three

- Watch the Magoosh lesson videos:
- o Math Absolute Value Equations
- o Math Function Notation*
- o Math Strange Operators*
- o <u>Math Inequalities I*</u>
- o <u>Math Inequalities II*</u>
- In the Magoosh product, do:
- o Math: 10 Multiple Choice Questions*
- o Math: 10 Quantitative Comparison Questions*
- In McGraw-Hill's Conquering the New GRE Math (optional)
- In Ch. 8, finish reading the section on "Operations with Fractions", do the "Practice Problems", grade yourself, and read the solutions; take notes in your journal on anything new or unfamiliar.
- In the <u>GRE Vocabulary Flashcards</u>
- Master 20 more words (a bit less than half a deck). Spend 10-30 minutes reviewing previous decks.
- In the <u>GRE Math Flashcards</u>
- Take 15 minutes to review the cards. Continue working with the fifth deck, Number Properties II. Review any cards you missed from this or previous decks.
- Read your chosen reading material (one chapter, or a few articles). Look up and write down any words you don't know.

Week Five, Day Four

- Watch the Magoosh lesson videos:
- Verbal Intro to Triple Blank Sentences
- o Verbal Long Triple Blank Sentences*
- o Verbal Beware of Counter Intuitive Choices*
- o Verbal One Sentence Triple Blank*
- o <u>Verbal Advanced Triple Blanks*</u>
- In the Magoosh product, do:
- o Verbal: 20 Sentence Equivalence Questions*
- In McGraw-Hill's Conquering the New GRE Math (optional)
- o In Ch. 8, read the section "Decimals," do the "Practice Problems," grade yourself, and read the solutions; take notes in your journal on anything new or unfamiliar.
- In the <u>GRE Vocabulary Flashcards</u>



- Master 20 more words (a bit less than half a deck). Spend 10-30 minutes reviewing previous decks.
- In the <u>GRE Math Flashcards</u>
- Take 15 minutes to review the cards. Continue working with the fifth deck, Number Properties II. Review any cards you missed from this or previous decks.
- Read your chosen reading material (one chapter, or a few articles). Look up and write down any words you don't know.

Week Five, Day Five

- Watch the Magoosh lesson videos:
- o Math Absolute Value Inequalities*
- o Math Simplifying with Substitutions*
- o <u>Math Intro to Word Problems</u>
- o Math Assigning Variables
- o Math Writing Equations*
- In the Magoosh product, do:
- o Quiz: Algebra, Equations, and Inequalities*
- o <u>Math: 10 Numeric Entry Questions*</u>
- o Math: 10 Data Interpretation Questions*
- In McGraw-Hill's Conquering the New GRE Math (optional)
- o In Ch. 8, do the "Arithmetic Computation Test 1," grade yourself, and read the solutions; take notes in your journal on anything new or unfamiliar.
- In the GRE Vocabulary Flashcards
- Master 20 more words (a bit less than half a deck). Spend 10-30 minutes reviewing previous decks.
- In the <u>GRE Math Flashcards</u>
- Take 15 minutes to review the cards. Continue working with the fifth deck, Number Properties II. Review any cards you missed from this or previous decks. Read your chosen reading material (one chapter, or a few articles). Look up and write down any words you don't know.

Week Five, Day Six

• Today, you will take a mock GRE on Magoosh. At the heading at the top inside the Magoosh practice, select "Practice Test," which will lead you to this page. Make sure you have four hours of uninterrupted time set aside, and make sure you have writing implements and plenty of scratch paper.

90 Day GRE Study Plan: Week Six



Caffeine and energy drinks will keep you feeling awake if you don't get enough sleep, but they don't do bupkis to replace the lost opportunity to encode more information into long-term memory.

Week Six, Day One

- Watch the Magoosh lesson videos:
- o <u>Math Number of Variables*</u>
- o Math Age Questions*
- o <u>Math Intro to Motion Questions</u>
- o <u>Math Average Speed*</u>
- o <u>Math Multiple Traveler Questions*</u>
- In the Magoosh product, do:
- Verbal: 15 Reading Comprehension Questions*
- In McGraw-Hill's *Conquering the New GRE Math* (optional)
- In Ch. 8, do the "solved GRE Problems" and "GRE Practice Problems" (immediately following "Arithmetic Computation Test 1"), grade yourself, and read the solutions; take notes in your journal on anything new or unfamiliar.
- In the <u>GRE Vocabulary Flashcards</u>
- Master 20 more words (a bit less than half a deck). Spend 10-30 minutes reviewing previous decks.
- In the <u>GRE Math Flashcards</u>
- Take 15 minutes to review the cards. Start working with the sixth deck, Statistics and Probability. Review any cards you missed from this or previous decks.
- Read your chosen reading material (one chapter, or a few articles). Look up and write down any words you don't know.

Week Six, Day Two

- Watch the Magoosh lesson videos:
- o Verbal Hidden Clues*
- o <u>Verbal Multiple Word Answers*</u>
- o Verbal Working Backwards*
- o Verbal Intro to Sentence Equivalence
- o <u>Verbal Synonymous Sentences I*</u>
- In the Magoosh product, do:
- o Quiz: Text Completion Triple Blanks
- o Math: 20 Multiple Choice Questions*
- In McGraw-Hill's Conquering the New GRE Math (optional)
- In Ch. 8, read the short "Word Problem" section, do the Practice Problems (Word Problems), grade yourself, and read the solutions; take notes in your journal on anything new or unfamiliar.
- In the <u>GRE Vocabulary Flashcards</u>
- Master 20 more words (a bit less than half a deck). Spend 10-30 minutes reviewing previous decks.
- In the <u>GRE Math Flashcards</u>



- Take 15 minutes to review the cards. Continue working with the sixth deck, Statistics and Probability. Review any cards you missed from this or previous decks.
- Read your chosen reading material (one chapter, or a few articles). Look up and write down any words you don't know.

Week Six, Day Three

- Watch the Magoosh lesson videos:
- o <u>Math Shrinking and Expanding Gaps*</u>
- o Math Work Questions*
- o Math Growth and Decay*
- o Math Mixture Questions*
- o Math Intro to Sets and Venn Diagrams
- In the Magoosh product, do:
- o Verbal: 20 Text Completion Questions*
- In McGraw-Hill's Conquering the New GRE Math (optional)
- o In Ch. 8, read a little more than half the section on "Ratios and Proportions"; take notes in your journal on anything new or unfamiliar.
- In the <u>GRE Vocabulary Flashcards</u>
- Master 20 more words (a bit less than half a deck). Spend 10-30 minutes reviewing previous decks.
- In the <u>GRE Math Flashcards</u>
- Take 15 minutes to review the cards. Continue working with the sixth deck, Statistics and Probability. Review any cards you missed from this or previous decks.
- Read your chosen reading material (one chapter, or a few articles). Look up and write down any words you don't know.

Week Six, Day Four

- Watch the Magoosh lesson videos:
- <u>Verbal Synonymous Sentences II*</u>
- o <u>Verbal Read Carefully I</u>
- o Verbal Read Carefully II*
- o Verbal Difficult Words in Sentence Equivalence*
- o Verbal Intro to Vocabulary*
- In the Magoosh product, do:
- o Quiz: Sentence Equivalence*
- o Math: 10 Multiple Choice Questions*
- o Math: 10 Quantitative Comparison Questions*
- In McGraw-Hill's Conquering the New GRE Math (optional)
- In Ch. 8, finish reading the section "Ratios and Proportions", do the "Practice Problems", grade yourself, and read the solutions; take notes in your journal on anything new or unfamiliar.
- In the <u>GRE Vocabulary Flashcards</u>



- Master 20 more words (a bit less than half a deck). Spend 10-30 minutes reviewing previous decks.
- In the <u>GRE Math Flashcards</u>
- Take 15 minutes to review the cards. Continue working with the sixth deck, Statistics and Probability. Review any cards you missed from this or previous decks.
- Read your chosen reading material (one chapter, or a few articles). Look up and write down any words you don't know.

Week Six, Day Five

- Watch the Magoosh lesson videos:
- o Math Double Matrix Method
- o Math Three Criteria Venn Diagrams*
- o <u>Math Intro to Sequences</u>
- o <u>Math Arithmetic Sequences*</u>
- o <u>Math Recursive Sequences*</u>
- In the Magoosh product, do:
- o Verbal: 20 Sentence Equivalence Questions*
- In McGraw-Hill's Conquering the New GRE Math (optional)
- In Ch. 8, read the "Motion and Work Problems" section, do the "Practice Problems," grade yourself, and read the solutions; take notes in your journal on anything new or unfamiliar.
- In the <u>GRE Vocabulary Flashcards</u>
- Master 20 more words (a bit less than half a deck). Spend 10-30 minutes reviewing previous decks.
- In the <u>GRE Math Flashcards</u>
- Take 15 minutes to review the cards. Continue working with the sixth deck, Statistics and Probability. Review any cards you missed from this or previous decks.
- Read your chosen reading material (one chapter, or a few articles). Look up and write down any words you don't know.

Week Six, Day Six

 Review wrong answers from last week's practice test. Check all your answers. For any question you got right, skim the explanation to verify that you got it right for the right reason. For any question you got wrong, read the explanation thorough, taking notes in your journal on any concepts you didn't understand and anything about the question format that psyched you out.



90 Day GRE Study Plan: Week Seven

If you're struggling with test stress, you're not alone. But thinking about <u>Stress and Your Stories</u> can help you see the bigger picture and feel better about all the great work you're doing!

Week Seven, Day One

- Watch the Magoosh lesson videos:
- o Math Inclusive Counting
- o Math Sums of Sequences*
- o Math Backsolving*
- o <u>Math Picking Numbers*</u>
- In the Magoosh product, do:
- o Math: 20 Multiple Choice Questions*
- In McGraw-Hill's Conquering the New GRE Math (Optional)
- In Ch. 8, read the short sections "Percentage" and "Percentage Word Problems," do both "Practice Problems" sets (one at the end of each section), grade yourself, and read the solutions; take notes in your journal on anything new or unfamiliar.
- In the <u>GRE Vocabulary Flashcards</u>
- Master 20 more words (a bit less than half a deck). Spend 10-30 minutes reviewing previous decks.
- In the GRE Math Flashcards
- Take 15 minutes to review the cards. Start working with the seventh deck, Mixed Practice I. Review any cards you missed from this or previous decks.
- Read your chosen reading material (one chapter, or a few articles). Look up and write down any words you don't know.

Week Seven, Day Two

- Watch the Magoosh lesson videos:
- o <u>Verbal Flashcards</u>
- o Verbal Word Roots
- o Verbal Mnemonics
- o Verbal Reading in Context*
- o <u>Verbal Active Usage*</u>
- In the Magoosh product, do:
- o Verbal: 15 Reading Comprehension Questions*
- In McGraw-Hill's *Conquering the New GRE Math* (optional)
- In Ch. 8, read the section "Types of Average," do the "Practice Problems," grade yourself, and read the solutions; take notes in your journal on anything new or unfamiliar.
- In the GRE Vocabulary Flashcards



- Master 20 more words (a bit less than half a deck). Spend 10-30 minutes reviewing previous decks.
- In the GRE Math Flashcards
- Take 15 minutes to review the cards. Continue working with the seventh deck, Mixed Practice I. Review any cards you missed from this or previous decks.
- Read your chosen reading material (one chapter, or a few articles). Look up and write down any words you don't know.

Week Seven, Day Three

- Watch the Magoosh lesson videos:
- o <u>Math Intro to Exponents</u>
- o Math Exponential Growth*
- o <u>Math Law of Exponents I*</u>
- o <u>Math Negative Exponents*</u>
- In the Magoosh product, do:
- o Quiz: Word Problems
- o Math: 10 Multiple Choice Questions*
- o Math: 10 Multiple Answer Questions*
- In McGraw-Hill's Conquering the New GRE Math (optional)
- o In Ch. 8, read the section "Powers and Roots"; take notes in your journal on anything new or unfamiliar.
- In the <u>GRE Vocabulary Flashcards</u>
- Master 20 more words (a bit less than half a deck). Spend 10-30 minutes reviewing previous decks.
- In the <u>GRE Math Flashcards</u>
- Take 15 minutes to review the cards. Continue working with the seventh deck, Mixed Practice I. Review any cards you missed from this or previous decks.
- Read your chosen reading material (one chapter, or a few articles). Look up and write down any words you don't know.

Week Seven, Day Four

- Watch the Magoosh lesson videos:
- o Verbal Vocabulary Games*
- o Verbal The Thesaurus*
- o Verbal Vocabulary in Questions*
- o <u>Verbal Obscure Vocabulary*</u>
- o Verbal Improving Verbal Score*
- In the Magoosh product, do:
- o Verbal: 20 Text Completion Questions*
- In McGraw-Hill's Conquering the New GRE Math (optional)
- In Ch. 8, read the short "Standard Deviation" section, do the "Practice Problems," grade yourself, and read the solutions; then read "Simple Probability" section, do the "Practice Problems," grade yourself, and read the solutions; take notes in your journal on anything new or unfamiliar.



- In the <u>GRE Vocabulary Flashcards</u>
- Master 20 more words (a bit less than half a deck). Spend 10-30 minutes reviewing previous decks.
- In the GRE Math Flashcards
- Take 15 minutes to review the cards. Continue working with the seventh deck, Mixed Practice I. Review any cards you missed from this or previous decks.
- Read your chosen reading material (one chapter, or a few articles). Look up and write down any words you don't know.

Week Seven, Day Five

- Watch the Magoosh lesson videos:
- o Math Law of Exponents II
- Math Units Digit Questions*
- o <u>Math Square Roots*</u>
- o <u>Math Other Roots*</u>
- o <u>Math Properties of Roots*</u>
- In the Magoosh product, do:
- o Math: 10 Quantitative Comparison Questions*
- o Math: 10 Data Interpretation Questions*
- In McGraw-Hill's Conquering the New GRE Math (optional)
- o In Ch. 8, do the "Arithmetic Computation Test 2," grade yourself, and read the solutions; take notes in your journal on anything new or unfamiliar.
- In the <u>GRE Vocabulary Flashcards</u>
- Master 20 more words (a bit less than half a deck). Spend 10-30 minutes reviewing previous decks.
- In the <u>GRE Math Flashcards</u>
- Take 15 minutes to review the cards. Continue working with the seventh deck, Mixed Practice I. Review any cards you missed from this or previous decks.
- Read your chosen reading material (one chapter, or a few articles). Look up and write down any words you don't know.

Week Seven, Day Six

 Today, you will take a mock GRE on Magoosh. At the heading at the top inside the Magoosh practice, select "Practice Test," which will lead you to <u>this page</u>. Make sure you have four hours of uninterrupted time set aside, and make sure you have writing implements and plenty of scratch paper.

90 Day GRE Study Plan: Week Eight

Don't forget to take time for stress reduction. Check out <u>Zen Boot Camp for</u> <u>Test-taking</u> for tips!



Week Eight, Day One

- Watch the Magoosh lesson videos:
- o Math Simplifying Roots
- o Math Operations with Roots*
- o Math Equations with Square Roots*
- o Math Fractional Exponents*
- Math Exponential Equations*
- In the Magoosh product, do:
- o Verbal: 20 Sentence Equivalence Questions*
- In McGraw-Hill's *Conquering the New GRE Math* (optional)
- In Ch. 8, do the "solved GRE Problems" and "GRE Practice Problems" (immediately following "Arithmetic Computation Test 2"), grade yourself, and read the solutions; take notes in your journal on anything new or unfamiliar.
- In the GRE Vocabulary Flashcards
- Master 20 more words (a bit less than half a deck). Spend 10-30 minutes reviewing previous decks.
- In the <u>GRE Math Flashcards</u>
- Take 15 minutes to review the cards. Start working with the eighth deck, Mixed Practice II. Review any cards you missed from this or previous decks.
- Read your chosen reading material (one chapter, or a few articles). Look up and write down any words you don't know.

Week Eight, Day Two

- Watch the Magoosh lesson videos:
- o <u>Verbal Intro to Reading Comprehension</u>
- o Verbal The Short Passage*
- <u>Verbal Active Reading*</u>
- Verbal How to Answer a GRE Question*
- o <u>Verbal Answer Traps*</u>
- In the Magoosh product, do:
- o Math: 10 Multiple Choice Questions*
- o Math: 10 Numeric Entry Questions*
- In McGraw-Hill's Conquering the New GRE Math (optional)
- Begin Chapter 9. Read the first sections, do the first "Practice Problems," grade yourself, and read the solutions; then, read the "Tables of Powers and Roots" and the section "Radical Expressions," do the "Practice Problems," grade yourself, and read the solutions; take notes in your journal on anything new or unfamiliar.
- In the <u>GRE Vocabulary Flashcards</u>
- Master 20 more words (a bit less than half a deck). Spend 10-30 minutes reviewing previous decks.
- In the <u>GRE Math Flashcards</u>
- Take 15 minutes to review the cards. Continue working with the eighth deck, Mixed Practice II. Review any cards you missed from this or previous decks.



• Read your chosen reading material (one chapter, or a few articles). Look up and write down any words you don't know.

Week Eight, Day Three

- Watch the Magoosh lesson videos:
- o Math Rationalizing
- o Math Working with Formulas*
- Math Lines and Angles*
- o Math Triangles Part I*
- o <u>Math Assumptions & Estimation*</u>
- In the Magoosh product, do:
- o Quiz: Powers and Roots*
- Verbal: 15 Reading Comprehension Questions*
- In McGraw-Hill's Conquering the New GRE Math (optional)
- In Ch. 9, read the section "Operations with Radicals," do the "Practice Problems" and then "Algebra Test I," grade yourself, and read the solutions; take notes in your journal on anything new or unfamiliar.
- In the <u>GRE Vocabulary Flashcards</u>
- Master 20 more words (a bit less than half a deck). Spend 10-30 minutes reviewing previous decks.
- In the <u>GRE Math Flashcards</u>
- Take 15 minutes to review the cards. Continue working with the eighth deck, Mixed Practice II. Review any cards you missed from this or previous decks.
- Read your chosen reading material (one chapter, or a few articles). Look up and write down any words you don't know.

Week Eight, Day Four

- Watch the Magoosh lesson videos:
- o <u>Verbal Primary Purpose</u>
- <u>Verbal Inference Questions*</u>
- o Verbal Detail Questions*
- o Verbal Vocabulary-In-Context*
- o Verbal Select the Sentence*
- In the Magoosh product, do:
- o Math: 20 Multiple Choice Questions*
- In McGraw-Hill's Conquering the New GRE Math (optional)
- In Ch. 8, do the "solved GRE Problems" and "GRE Practice Problems" (immediately following "Algebra Test I"), grade yourself, and read the solutions; take notes in your journal on anything new or unfamiliar.
- In the <u>GRE Vocabulary Flashcards</u>
- Master 20 more words (a bit less than half a deck). Spend 10-30 minutes reviewing previous decks.
- In the <u>GRE Math Flashcards</u>



- Take 15 minutes to review the cards. Continue working with the eighth deck, Mixed Practice II. Review any cards you missed from this or previous decks.
- Read your chosen reading material (one chapter, or a few articles). Look up and write down any words you don't know.

Week Eight, Day Five

- Watch the Magoosh lesson videos:
- o Math Geometry Strategies Part I
- o <u>Math Triangles Part II*</u>
- o <u>Math Right Triangles*</u>
- o <u>Math Similar Triangles*</u>
- o Math Special Right Triangles*
- In the Magoosh product, do:
- o Verbal: 20 Text Completion Questions*
- In McGraw-Hill's Conquering the New GRE Math (optional)
- In Chapter 9, read all the short sections from "Translating Verbal Expressions into Algebraic Expressions" to "Division of Algebraic Expressions," do the two sets of "Practice Problems," grade yourself, and read the solutions; take notes in your journal on anything new or unfamiliar.
- In the <u>GRE Vocabulary Flashcards</u>
- Master 20 more words (a bit less than half a deck). Spend 10-30 minutes reviewing previous decks.
- In the <u>GRE Math Flashcards</u>
- Take 15 minutes to review the cards. Continue working with the eighth deck, Mixed Practice II. Review any cards you missed from this or previous decks.
- Read your chosen reading material (one chapter, or a few articles). Look up and write down any words you don't know.

Week Eight, Day Six

Review wrong answers from last week's practice test. Check all your answers.
 For any question you got right, skim the explanation to verify that you got it right for the right reason. For any question you got wrong, read the explanation thorough, taking notes in your journal on any concepts you didn't understand and anything about the question format that psyched you out.

90 Day GRE Study Plan: Week Nine

Stay calm and cool with tips from other GRE test-takers!

Week Nine, Day One

• Watch the Magoosh lesson videos:



- o <u>Math Quadrilaterals</u>
- o <u>Math Area of Quadrilaterals*</u>
- o <u>Math Polygons*</u>
- o Math Regular Polygons*
- o <u>Math Circles*</u>
- In the Magoosh product, do:
- o Math: 10 Multiple Choice Questions*
- o Math: 10 Data Interpretation Questions*
- In McGraw-Hill's Conquering the New GRE Math (optional)
- In Ch. 9, read the sections "Algebraic Fractions" and "Factoring Algebraic Expression," do the "Practice Problems," grade yourself, and read the solutions; then, read the section "Operations with Algebraic Fractions," do the "Practice Problems," grade yourself, and read the solutions; take notes in your journal on anything new or unfamiliar.
- In the <u>GRE Vocabulary Flashcards</u>
- Master 20 more words (a bit less than half a deck). Spend 10-30 minutes reviewing previous decks.
- In the <u>GRE Math Flashcards</u>
- Take 15 minutes to review the cards. Start working with the ninth deck, Mixed Practice III. Review any cards you missed from this or previous decks.
- Read your chosen reading material (one chapter, or a few articles). Look up and write down any words you don't know.

Week Nine, Day Two

- Watch the Magoosh lesson videos:
- o Verbal Multiple Answer Questions*
- Verbal Multiple Answer Questions Inference*
- o Verbal Structure Questions*
- o Verbal Advanced Question Types*
- o <u>Verbal Elements of the Argument</u>
- In the Magoosh product, do:
- o Quiz: Reading Comprehension*
- o Verbal: 15 Reading Comprehension Questions*
- In McGraw-Hill's Conquering the New GRE Math (optional)
- o In Ch. 9, do the "Algebra Test 2," grade yourself, and read the solutions; take notes in your journal on anything new or unfamiliar.
- In the <u>GRE Vocabulary Flashcards</u>
- Master 20 more words (a bit less than half a deck). Spend 10-30 minutes reviewing previous decks.
- In the <u>GRE Math Flashcards</u>
- Take 15 minutes to review the cards. Continue working with the ninth deck, Mixed Practice III. Review any cards you missed from this or previous decks.
- Read your chosen reading material (one chapter, or a few articles). Look up and write down any words you don't know.



Week Nine, Day Three

- Watch the Magoosh lesson videos:
- o <u>Math Circle Properties</u>
- o Math Circles, Arcs, and Sectors*
- o <u>Math Volume and Surface Area*</u>
- o <u>Math Units of Measurement*</u>
- o <u>Math Geometry Strategies Part II*</u>
- In the Magoosh product, do:
- o Math: 20 Multiple Choice Questions*
- In McGraw-Hill's Conquering the New GRE Math (optional)
- In Ch. 9, do the "solved GRE Problems" and "GRE Practice Problems" (immediately following "Algebra Test 2"), grade yourself, and read the solutions; take notes in your journal on anything new or unfamiliar.
- In the GRE Vocabulary Flashcards
- Master 20 more words (a bit less than half a deck). Spend 10-30 minutes reviewing previous decks.
- In the <u>GRE Math Flashcards</u>
- Take 15 minutes to review the cards. Continue working with the ninth deck, Mixed Practice III. Review any cards you missed from this or previous decks.
- Read your chosen reading material (one chapter, or a few articles). Look up and write down any words you don't know.

Week Nine, Day Four

- Watch the Magoosh lesson videos:
- Verbal Weakening the Argument
- o Verbal Strengthening the Argument*
- o Verbal Assumption Questions*
- o Verbal Wrong Answer Choices*
- o Verbal The Paradox Argument*
- In the Magoosh product, do:
- o Verbal: 20 Text Completion Questions*
- In McGraw-Hill's *Conquering the New GRE Math* (optional)
- In Ch. 9, read the five little sections from "Linear Equations" to "Equations with Radicals," do the "Practice Problems," grade yourself, and read the solutions; take notes in your journal on anything new or unfamiliar.
- In the <u>GRE Vocabulary Flashcards</u>
- Master 20 more words (a bit less than half a deck). Spend 10-30 minutes reviewing previous decks.
- In the <u>GRE Math Flashcards</u>
- Take 15 minutes to review the cards. Continue working with the ninth deck, Mixed Practice III. Review any cards you missed from this or previous decks.
- Read your chosen reading material (one chapter, or a few articles). Look up and write down any words you don't know.



Week Nine, Day Five

- Watch the Magoosh lesson videos:
- o <u>Math The Coordinate Plane</u>
- o <u>Math Graphing Lines*</u>
- o Math Vertical and Horizontal Lines*
- o Math Slope*
- o <u>Math Intercepts*</u>
- In the Magoosh product, do:
- o Quiz: Geometry*
- o Math: 10 Multiple Choice Questions*
- o Math: 10 Quantitative Comparison Questions*
- In McGraw-Hill's Conquering the New GRE Math (optional)
- In Ch. 9, read the section "Systems of Linear Equations," do the "Practice Problems," grade yourself, and read the solutions; then, read the tiny section "Linear Inequalities," do the "Practice Problems," grade yourself, and read the solutions; take notes in your journal on anything new or unfamiliar.
- In the <u>GRE Vocabulary Flashcards</u>
- Master 20 more words (a bit less than half a deck). Spend 10-30 minutes reviewing previous decks.
- In the <u>GRE Math Flashcards</u>
- Take 15 minutes to review the cards. Continue working with the ninth deck, Mixed Practice III. Review any cards you missed from this or previous decks.
- Read your chosen reading material (one chapter, or a few articles). Look up and write down any words you don't know.

Week Nine, Day Six

 Today, you are going to take the <u>GRE Official PowerPrep Test 1</u>. As much as possible, try to mimic the GRE conditions. Give yourself relatively short breaks in between sections. Only eat the kinds of snacks that you are planning to bring to the real GRE. Note how your sleep the night before affects your work. Note how what you had for dinner the previous night and what you had to eat earlier that day affects your energy level and concentration. Write any observations in your journal.

90 Day GRE Study Plan: Week Ten

Worried about missing a day or two (or more) of studying? No need for anxiety—time to <u>get back on the horse</u>!

Week Ten, Day One



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- Watch the Magoosh lesson videos:
- o <u>Math Slope-Intercept Form</u>
- Math Writing Equations of Lines*
- o <u>Math Distance Between Two Points*</u>
- o <u>Math Reflections in the x-y Plane*</u>
- o Math Graphs of Quadratics*
- In the Magoosh product, do:
- o <u>Quiz: Coordinate Geometry*</u>
- o Math: 20 Questions*

At this point, you should be finished with most of the Magoosh questions. Over the subsequent days, do 20 questions a day for practice. First of all, finish any remaining unanswered questions, Math or Verbal. Once you are done with unanswered questions, then select "incorrect" as your pool, and do the questions you got wrong again, to see how well you learned from your mistakes. Once your pool of incorrect questions gets relatively small, reset your question stats, and continue to do 20 questions a day. Vary Math and Verbal as needed.

- In McGraw-Hill's *Conquering the New GRE Math* (optional)
- In Ch. 9, read the section "Quadratic Equations and Inequalities," do the "Practice Problems," grade yourself, and read the solutions; take notes in your journal on anything new or unfamiliar.
- In the <u>GRE Vocabulary Flashcards</u>
- Master 20 more words (a bit less than half a deck). Spend 10-30 minutes reviewing previous decks.
- In the <u>GRE Math Flashcards</u>
- Take 15 minutes to review the cards. Start working with the tenth deck, Mixed Practice IV. Review any cards you missed from this or previous decks.
- Read your chosen reading material (one chapter, or a few articles). Look up and write down any words you don't know.

Week Ten, Day Two

- Watch the Magoosh lesson videos:
- o <u>Verbal Bold-faced Arguments</u>
- <u>Verbal Don't Forget the Conclusion*</u>
- o Verbal Eliminating All the Answers*
- o Verbal Numbers vs. Percents*
- In the Magoosh product, do:
- o Quiz: Paragraph Argument*
- o Verbal: 20 Questions*
- In McGraw-Hill's Conquering the New GRE Math (optional)
- In Ch. 9, read the section "Functions," do the "Practice Problems," grade yourself, and read the solutions; then, read a little more than half the section "Algebraic Word Problems," take notes in your journal on anything new or unfamiliar.
- In the <u>GRE Vocabulary Flashcards</u>



- Master 20 more words (a bit less than half a deck). Spend 10-30 minutes reviewing previous decks.
- In the <u>GRE Math Flashcards</u>
- Take 15 minutes to review the cards. Continue working with the tenth deck, Mixed Practice IV. Review any cards you missed from this or previous decks.
- Read your chosen reading material (one chapter, or a few articles). Look up and write down any words you don't know.

Week Ten, Day Three

- Watch the Magoosh lesson videos:
- o Math Mean, Median, Mode
- o Math More on Mean and Median*
- o <u>Math Weighted Averages I*</u>
- Math Weighted Averages II (Advanced)*
- o <u>Math Range and Standard Deviation*</u>
- In the Magoosh product, do:
- o Math: 20 Questions*
- In McGraw-Hill's Conquering the New GRE Math (optional)
- o In *Ch. 9,* finish reading the section "Algebraic Word Problems," do the "Practice Problems," grade yourself, and read the solutions; take notes in your journal on anything new or unfamiliar.
- In the <u>GRE Vocabulary Flashcards</u>
- Master 20 more words (a bit less than half a deck). Spend 10-30 minutes reviewing previous decks.
- In the <u>GRE Math Flashcards</u>
- Take 15 minutes to review the cards. Continue working with the tenth deck, Mixed Practice IV. Review any cards you missed from this or previous decks.
- Read your chosen reading material (one chapter, or a few articles). Look up and write down any words you don't know.

Week Ten, Day Four

- In the Magoosh product, do:
- o Verbal: 20 Questions*
- In McGraw-Hill's *Conquering the New GRE Math* (optional)
- o In Ch. 9, do the "Algebra Test 3," grade yourself, and read the solutions; take notes in your journal on anything new or unfamiliar.
- In the <u>GRE Vocabulary Flashcards</u>
- Master 20 more words (a bit less than half a deck). Spend 10-30 minutes reviewing previous decks.
- In the GRE Math Flashcards
- Take 15 minutes to review the cards. Continue working with the tenth deck, Mixed Practice IV. Review any cards you missed from this or previous decks.



• Read your chosen reading material (one chapter, or a few articles). Look up and write down any words you don't know.

Week Ten, Day Five

- Watch the Magoosh lesson videos:
- o <u>Math More Standard Deviation</u>
- o <u>Math Normal Distribution*</u>
- o Math Quartiles and Boxplots*
- o <u>Math More on Boxplots*</u>
- o <u>Math Percentiles*</u>
- In the Magoosh product, do:
- o Quiz: Statistics*
- o Math: 20 Questions*
- In McGraw-Hill's *Conquering the New GRE Math* (optional)
- In Ch. 9, do the "solved GRE Problems" and "GRE Practice Problems" (immediately following "Algebra Test 3"), grade yourself, and read the solutions; take notes in your journal on anything new or unfamiliar.
- In the GRE Vocabulary Flashcards
- Master 20 more words (a bit less than half a deck). Spend 10-30 minutes reviewing previous decks.
- In the <u>GRE Math Flashcards</u>
- Take 15 minutes to review the cards. Continue working with the tenth deck, Mixed Practice IV. Review any cards you missed from this or previous decks.
- Read your chosen reading material (one chapter, or a few articles). Look up and write down any words you don't know.

Week Ten, Day Six

 Review wrong answers from last week's practice test. Check all your answers. For any question you got right, skim the explanation to verify that you got it right for the right reason. For any question you got wrong, read the explanation thorough, taking notes in your journal on any concepts you didn't understand and anything about the question format that psyched you out.

90 Day GRE Study Plan: Week Eleven

Anxious about test day? Time to start practicing some <u>test-day mantras</u> so you have them under your belt when you need them most!

Week Eleven, Day One

- Watch the Magoosh lesson videos:
- o <u>Math Introduction to Counting</u>



- o <u>Math Fundamental Counting Principle*</u>
- o <u>Math FCP with Restrictions*</u>
- o <u>Math Factorial Notation*</u>
- o <u>Math Counting What You Don't Want*</u>
- In the Magoosh product, do:
- o Verbal: 20 Questions*
- In McGraw-Hill's Conquering the New GRE Math (optional)
- Begin Chapter 10. Read the section "Points, Lines, Angles," do the "Practice Problems," grade yourself, and read the solutions; then read the section "Polygons," do the "Practice Problems," grade yourself, and read the solutions; take notes in your journal on anything new or unfamiliar.
- In the <u>GRE Vocabulary Flashcards</u>
- Master 20 more words (a bit less than half a deck). Spend 10-30 minutes reviewing previous decks.
- In the <u>GRE Math Flashcards</u>
- Take 15 minutes to review the cards. Start working with the eleventh deck, Mixed Practice V. Review any cards you missed from this or previous decks.
- Read your chosen reading material (one chapter, or a few articles). Look up and write down any words you don't know.

Week Eleven, Day Two

- Watch the Magoosh lesson videos:
- o Math Counting with Identical Items
- o <u>Math Eliminating Repetition*</u>
- o <u>Math Combinations*</u>
- o Math When to Use Combinations*
- o Math Calculating Combinations*
- In the Magoosh product, do:
- o Math: 20 Questions*
- In McGraw-Hill's *Conquering the New GRE Math* (optional)
- In Ch. 10, read the section "Triangles," do the "Practice Problems," grade yourself, and read the solutions; read the section "Quadrilaterals," do the "Practice Problems," grade yourself, and read the solutions; take notes in your journal on anything new or unfamiliar.
- In the GRE Vocabulary Flashcards
- Master 20 more words (a bit less than half a deck). Spend 10-30 minutes reviewing previous decks.
- In the GRE Math Flashcards
- Take 15 minutes to review the cards. Continue working with the eleventh deck, Mixed Practice V. Review any cards you missed from this or previous decks.
- Read your chosen reading material (one chapter, or a few articles). Look up and write down any words you don't know.

Week Eleven, Day Three



- Watch the Magoosh lesson videos:
- Math Permutations and Combinations*
- o <u>Math Counting Strategies*</u>
- o <u>Math Intro to Probability</u>
- o Math Complementary Events and Simple Rules*
- o <u>Math Mutually Exclusive Events*</u>
- In the Magoosh product, do:
- o Quiz: Counting*
- o <u>Verbal: 20 Questions*</u>
- In McGraw-Hill's *Conquering the New GRE Math* (optional)
- In Ch. 10, read the section "Perimeter and Area," do the "Practice Problems," grade yourself, and read the solutions; read the section "Circles," do the "Practice Problems," grade yourself, and read the solutions; take notes in your journal on anything new or unfamiliar.
- In the <u>GRE Vocabulary Flashcards</u>
- Master 20 more words (a bit less than half a deck). Spend 10-30 minutes reviewing previous decks.
- In the <u>GRE Math Flashcards</u>
- Take 15 minutes to review the cards. Continue working with the eleventh deck, Mixed Practice V. Review any cards you missed from this or previous decks.
- Read your chosen reading material (one chapter, or a few articles). Look up and write down any words you don't know.

Week Eleven, Day Four

- Watch the Magoosh lesson videos:
- o <u>Math Probability of Event A OR Event B</u>
- o Math Examples of the OR Rule*
- o <u>Math Independent Events*</u>
- o Math Examples of the AND Rule*
- o Math Generalized AND Rule*
- In the Magoosh product, do:
- o Math: 20 Questions*
- In McGraw-Hill's *Conquering the New GRE Math* (optional)
- In Ch. 10, read the section "Solid Geometry," do the "Practice Problem," grade yourself, and read the solutions; read the section "Coordinate Geometry," do the "Practice Problems," grade yourself, and read the solutions; take notes in your journal on anything new or unfamiliar.
- In the <u>GRE Vocabulary Flashcards</u>
- Master 20 more words (a bit less than half a deck). Spend 10-30 minutes reviewing previous decks.
- In the GRE Math Flashcards
- Take 15 minutes to review the cards. Continue working with the eleventh deck, Mixed Practice V. Review any cards you missed from this or previous decks.



• Read your chosen reading material (one chapter, or a few articles). Look up and write down any words you don't know.

Week Eleven, Day Five

- Watch the Magoosh lesson videos:
- o Math Examples of Generalized AND Rule
- o Math Binomial Situation*
- o Math The "At Least" Scenario*
- o <u>Math Analyzing Questions*</u>
- o <u>Math Using Counting Techniques*</u>
- In the Magoosh product, do:
- o Verbal: 20 Questions*
- In McGraw-Hill's *Conquering the New GRE Math* (optional)
- o In Ch. 10, do the "Geometry Test," grade yourself, and read the solutions; take notes in your journal on anything new or unfamiliar.
- In the <u>GRE Vocabulary Flashcards</u>
- Master 20 more words (a bit less than half a deck). Spend 10-30 minutes reviewing previous decks.
- In the <u>GRE Math Flashcards</u>
- Take 15 minutes to review the cards. Continue working with the eleventh deck, Mixed Practice V. Review any cards you missed from this or previous decks.
- Read your chosen reading material (one chapter, or a few articles). Look up and write down any words you don't know.

Week Eleven, Day Six

• Today, you are going to take the <u>GRE Official PowerPrep Test 2</u>.

As much as possible, try to mimic the GRE conditions. Give yourself relatively short breaks in between sections. Only eat the kinds of snacks that you are planning to bring to the real GRE. Note how your sleep the night before affects your work. Note how what you had for dinner the previous night and what you had to eat earlier that day affects your energy level and concentration. Write any observations in your journal.

90 Day GRE Study Plan: Week Twelve



The last week of prep can feel overwhelming, but it doesn't have to be. Check out <u>Last Minute GRE Tips</u> for advice on getting through this week most productively!

Week Twelve, Day One

- Watch the Magoosh lesson videos:
- o <u>Math Listing vs Counting vs Probability Rules</u>
- <u>Math General Probability Strategies*</u>
- o <u>Math Guessing Strategies*</u>
- o <u>Math Intro to Data Interpretation*</u>
- o Math Data Interpretation Strategy*
- In the Magoosh product, do:
- o Quiz: Probability*
- o Math: 20 Questions*
- In McGraw-Hill's Conquering the New GRE Math (optional)
- At the end of Ch. 10, do the "solved GRE Problems" and "GRE Practice Problems," grade yourself, and read the solutions; take notes in your journal on anything new or unfamiliar.
- In the <u>GRE Vocabulary Flashcards</u>
- Master 20 more words (a bit less than half a deck). Spend 10-30 minutes reviewing previous decks.
- In the <u>GRE Math Flashcards</u>
- Take 15 minutes to review the cards. Start working with the twelfth deck, Mixed Practice VI. Review any cards you missed from this or previous decks.
- Read your chosen reading material (one chapter, or a few articles). Look up and write down any words you don't know.

Week Twelve, Day Two

- Watch the Magoosh lesson videos:
- o <u>Math Types of DI Graphics*</u>
- o Math Scatter Plots*
- o Math Unconventional Graphs*
- o Math QC Questions & Inequalities*
- o Math QC Strategies Picking Numbers
- In the Magoosh product, do:
- o Quiz: Data Interpretation*
- o Verbal: 20 Questions*
- In McGraw-Hill's *Conquering the New GRE Math* (optional)
- In a 35 minute sitting, take GRE Math Practice Section 2; grade it right after, but you don't have to check all the solutions tonight.
- In the <u>GRE Vocabulary Flashcards</u>
- Master 20 more words (a bit less than half a deck). Spend 10-30 minutes reviewing previous decks.



- In the <u>GRE Math Flashcards</u>
- Take 15 minutes to review the cards. Continue working with the twelfth deck, Mixed Practice VI. Review any cards you missed from this or previous decks.
- Read your chosen reading material (one chapter, or a few articles). Look up and write down any words you don't know.

Week Twelve, Day Three

- Watch the Magoosh lesson videos:
- o Math QC Questions & Algebra
- o Math QC Questions & Geometry*
- o Math QC Questions & Integer Properties*
- o Math Summary of QC Strategies*
- In the Magoosh product, do:
- o Quiz: Advanced QC Strategies*
- o Math: 20 Questions*
- In McGraw-Hill's *Conquering the New GRE Math* (optional)
- Go over the solutions to GRE Math Practice Section 2. For questions you got right, skim the explanation, simply to verify that you got it right for the right reason, and that there's nothing further about that topic you need to know. For questions you got wrong, read the explanation carefully, writing in your journal anything new you learn or anything you need to remember.
- In the <u>GRE Vocabulary Flashcards</u>
- o Spend 30 minutes reviewing mastered decks.
- In the <u>GRE Math Flashcards</u>
- Take 15 minutes to review the cards. Continue working with the twelfth deck, Mixed Practice VI. Review any cards you missed from this or previous decks.
- Read your chosen reading material (one chapter, or a few articles). Look up and write down any words you don't know.

Week Twelve, Day Four

- In Magoosh, watch any 5 videos for a second time. Then, complete 20 Verbal questions.
- In McGraw-Hill's *Conquering the New GRE Math* (optional)
- In a 35 minute sitting, take GRE Math Practice Section 3; grade it right after, but you don't have to check all the solutions tonight.
- In the <u>GRE Vocabulary Flashcards</u>
- o Spend 30 minutes reviewing mastered decks.
- In the <u>GRE Math Flashcards</u>
- Take 15 minutes to review the cards. Continue working with the twelfth deck, Mixed Practice VI. Review any cards you missed from this or previous decks.
- Read your chosen reading material (one chapter, or a few articles). Look up and write down any words you don't know.



Week Twelve, Day Five

- In Magoosh, watch any 5 videos for a second time. Then, complete 20 Math questions.
- In McGraw-Hill's Conquering the New GRE Math (optional)
- Go over the solutions to GRE Math Practice Section 3. For questions you got right, skim the explanation, simply to verify that you got it right for the right reason, and that there's nothing further about that topic you need to know. For questions you got wrong, read the explanation carefully, writing in your journal anything new you learn or anything you need to remember.
- In the <u>GRE Vocabulary Flashcards</u>
- o Spend 30 minutes reviewing mastered decks.
- In the <u>GRE Math Flashcards</u>
- Take 15 minutes to review the cards. Continue working with the twelfth deck, Mixed Practice VI. Review any cards you missed from this or previous decks.
- Read your chosen reading material (one chapter, or a few articles). Look up and write down any words you don't know.

Week Twelve, Day Six

Review wrong answers from last week's practice test. Check all your answers.
 For any question you got right, skim the explanation to verify that you got it right for the right reason. For any question you got wrong, read the explanation thorough, taking notes in your journal on any concepts you didn't understand and anything about the question format that psyched you out.

After Week 12: Concentrated Review

At this point, if you have been following the schedule, you should have done every question in Magoosh at least once. For whatever days remain before the test, keep up work on GRE math and verbal. Some suggestions for what to do:

- By selecting question type and difficulty on the "Dashboard," do Magoosh problems over again, and see how you do a second time.
- Keep watching 5 Magoosh lesson videos a day, on whatever topics you feel you need to review.
- Keep reading your challenging material, to build vocabulary and acclimate your ear to eloquent style.
- Keep drilling your vocab flashcards and your math flashcards.
- Re-read any topics in the McGraw-Hill's *Conquering the New GRE Math*—any topics where you feel you would benefit from further review.
- If you have time for more practice tests, you can use the optional Manhattan GRE practice tests.



Day before the test

- No GRE preparation all day
- Eat a large, healthy, leisurely dinner-no alcohol
- Go to bed earlier than usual

Day of test

- ABSOLUTELY NO LAST MINUTE GRE PREPARATION!
- Eat a large breakfast, full of protein
- Do relaxing, fun activities to pass time until the test

Bring to the test

- A liter of water
- Healthy energy-packed snacks (nuts, protein bar, etc.)
- On breaks, make sure to get up, move, and stretch—moving and stretching the large muscles of the body (legs and torso) will get oxygen flowing throughout, which will help keep you awake and keep you thinking clearly.

Good luck!

