

6-Month Study Schedule for the GMAT

If you have six months to spend on GMAT prep, you're in great shape to get your best possible score. Magoosh has crafted the following 6-month GMAT study schedule to guide you through the lessons, practice tests, and materials you'll need to get the highest possible score on test day. In other words, we've put together the only 6-month GMAT schedule you need!

You should dedicate 1.5–3 hours a day, 4–5 days a week to study over the next six months. Not feeling like 6 months is the right fit for your timeline? Check out Magoosh's [other GMAT study schedule options](#).

This plan contains a tremendous amount of instructional material and hundreds of high quality practice questions! As you follow the schedule, you will be working through a large portion of the questions available to you in the Magoosh product. However, this schedule is not designed for you to complete *all* the questions in the Magoosh GMAT pool. Here's why:

- The schedule already includes enough practice questions for you to be adequately prepared for anything that the GMAT might throw at you on test day.
- There is a finite number of questions available in the product, and we want to be sure that there are enough "new" questions available for full-length practice tests.

But what if you want to do more practice in Magoosh than is assigned each week? That's definitely doable! Just be aware that the fewer "new" questions remaining in the Magoosh pool, the higher the chance

of getting a repeat question on a practice test. And if you exhaust the entire Magoosh pool, then only repeat questions will be available even in Custom Practice. The upside though is that working through questions more than once is a highly effective study strategy.

If you follow this schedule to the letter, after you reach the end of 6-months, you will have the option to continue working through the remaining Magoosh questions.

If you're really keen to do extra work, but don't want to exhaust Magoosh practice questions before you reach the end of the schedule, we recommend using the O.G. question bank for practice beyond each week's assignments.

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Getting Started

Is 6 months enough time to study for the GMAT?

Six months is a great period of time in which to prepare for the GMAT. In fact, we often recommend that students with shorter timeframes consider extending them to six months! It's the Goldilocks of time frames: Short enough that you'll remember what you've learned, long enough for you to learn it!

With that said, it can be overwhelming if you have other time commitments, like a job or family obligations. As mentioned, this six month study plan assumes you have 1.5–3 hours a day, 4-5 days a week to study.

If that doesn't sound like you, don't worry! If you have the hours but not the days, consider distributing the work for the week over the days that you do have.

On the other hand, if you have the days but not the hours, get through as much of the material in the six month GMAT study schedule as you can, but know that you may need to extend this plan by a month or two to get the maximum benefits.

Will This Six-Month Plan Help Me Score over 645?

By studying for six months and giving your brain all that time to learn and assimilate, you are giving yourself a huge advantage! If you follow all parts of this plan diligently, you will encounter all the information you need for an elite score. How well you do will depend on everything you bring: How quickly you learn, how deeply you remember, how well you assimilate and integrate, how astutely you discern connections and patterns, how diligent you are, how conscientious you are, and how dedicated you are.

How to Use This 6 Month GMAT Study Plan

This is a 24-week plan. Six calendar months are typically closer to 26 weeks, so if you actually have six calendar months to prepare, that's great. If you have a wedding or a camping trip or something in the middle, you could just skip a week, and do it later. Alternately, following the plan straight through would leave you more time for the recommended review at the end of the 24 weeks.

Know that you are empowered to rearrange this schedule as best suits your needs. Even though the plan is laid out for you week-by-week, with suggestions for how to break up your days of study, these are just *suggestions!* You can move more work to the weekends to free up some weeknight evenings! You can squeeze everything into a couple long days of work during the week! Feel free to rearrange the week's work in whatever way makes the most sense for you.

Also, as much as possible, get enough sleep during this six-month period. 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 seven hours/night instead of eight hours/night, you are depriving your brain of one of its most powerful systems for learning and remembering.

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

Essential Study Materials

Here are our recommendations for resources that will provide you with test-like practice:

[A Premium subscription to Magoosh](#)

[Magoosh's Complete GMAT Guide](#): This comprehensive web-based guide gives you a quick and useful overview. You'll see how the GMAT is designed and scored, what skills it tests, how to find and use the best GMAT prep, and how to study for each test section.

GMAC's *GMAT Official Guide* (OG)–The newest edition of the e-book and online question bank is here: [OG 2023-2024](#). If you are going to buy a new guide, get that one. Want a paper copy? Check out [this link](#).

Word to the wise: Don't write in the official guide or any prep books. Do all your work on separate paper or on a computer. You will want to keep the books clean, so that later, if you need to look at a problem again, it is still fresh and unmarked.

The [OG Verbal Review 2023-2024](#), the [OG Quantitative Review 2023-2024](#), and the [OG Data Insights Review 2023-2024](#). These links will take you to the e-book and online question banks available from the [Exam Prep](#) section of mba.com. You cannot go wrong if you use materials produced by the folks who write the exam.

[GMAT's additional official practice exams](#), which are now entirely digital.

The [Magoosh GMAT Math Flashcards](#). If you happen to see a deck for plane geometry concepts, remember to skip those since those concepts are no longer tested on the GMAT.

If you've exhausted the OG and Magoosh materials, another credible option is [Manhattan's All the GMAT book set](#). It is an excellent prep source. (Don't write in these books either!)

[An Error Log](#). Not sure what's up with an error log? The link at the beginning of this sentence will walk you through the benefits and provide you with access to a [Free template](#).

NOTE: The GMAT underwent major changes in 2023. So, you might be wondering what to do if you have prep materials that were produced for older versions of the GMAT. Good news! You can absolutely keep and use those older materials; however, there are a few topics and subject areas that you should skip if you do choose to use older materials. Here's what you should leave out:

- Lessons/practice for Sentence Corrections
- Lessons/practice for the Analytical Writing Assessment (AWA)
- Lessons/practice for quantitative questions that test plane geometry concepts

- Lessons/practice that use the Data Sufficiency (DS) question type to test purely algebraic or numeric property concepts. DS questions now all either test verbal reasoning skills or math in a real-world context (aka) word problems based on realistic scenarios.

Optional Materials

[The Magoosh mobile app for your iPhone or Android](#)

The two online forums:

[GMAT Club](#)

[Beat the GMAT](#)

These are great places to ask questions about anything GMAT related, or simply to check out the discussions and see how others are preparing.

Outside reading material: You may already have a habit of reading. But if you do not, it would be good to make it a regular practice. While you don't need to be an expert in *all* world affairs, it's important for the GMAT to have a general sense of the business world. **If you are a non-native English speaker, it is absolutely crucial that you develop a habit of reading.** For a non-native speaker struggling with the Verbal section, we strongly recommend reading for at least an hour a day every day, an hour over and above any GMAT-specific preparation.

Read the *Wall Street Journal* and/or the business section of respected newspapers such as the *New York Times* and the *Washington Post*.

Force yourself to read articles discussing topics with which you are unfamiliar. Read periodicals, such as the *Economist* and *Bloomberg Businessweek*; the *Economist* is a particularly sophisticated source and it would be good to read this at least a few times a week. These business sources are often also a good place to practice reading graphs.

Of course, if you already are in the habit of doing challenging reading on your own, then by all means, continue reading what you want.

Abbreviations

OG = the GMAC Official Guide

QR = Quantitative Reasoning, the multiple-choice math questions

VR = Verbal Reasoning, which is broken down into the following two question types:

RC = Reading Comprehension verbal question

CR = Critical Reasoning verbal question

DI = Data Insights questions

DS = Data Sufficiency, which is a type of **DI** question

6 Month GMAT Study schedule

*Most of the lessons included in this schedule are only available to Magoosh students—[sign up here for a free trial!](#)

Week One

Day 1: Diagnostic Test and Review

- Take Magoosh’s [Free GMAT Practice Test](#). When you are done, note your score, then check your answers.
- If you haven’t done so already, [build your error log](#) and add questions from the diagnostic you just took. You’ll be using your error log throughout this study plan. Today, you are going to do your first in-depth review. For each question you entered into your log do the following:
 - Try to determine and make note of why you missed the question
 - Read any related text explanations and watch any related video explanations
 - Watch any recommended lesson videos (don’t worry about watching them out of order. You’ll likely be watching the videos a few times, especially those that relate to your weaker areas.)
 - Be aware of any trends that help you identify your strengths and weaknesses.

Day 2: GMAT Basics

Go to [the test-maker's website](#), and read all about the GMAT. Click on each of the Quick Links on the sidebar of that page to explore the exam structure, content, and to check out a few sample questions.

In Magoosh, watch the following videos:

GMAT Focus Introduction: all seven videos in this section

[Gmat Focus Intro: Quantitative Section](#)

[GMAT Focus Intro: Verbal Section](#)

[GMAT Focus Intro: Data Insights Section](#)

[Computer Adaptive Testing](#)

[GMAT Focus Scores](#)

[Pacing, Skipping, and Guessing](#)

[Gmat Focus Intro: Test Day](#)

Day 3: Quantitative Reasoning Basics

NOTE: You might find some of the content in Magoosh videos super easy or very challenging. Some folks will find the verbal information obvious and the math hard-going; other folks will have the reverse experience. If the material is relatively easy for you, feel free to click to the end and simply read the summary. If the material is new to you, take notes on what you are learning, and if possible, watch that video a second time.

Watch the following videos:

In Quantitative Reasoning (QR), watch the following General Math Strategies videos and complete the associated practice quizzes:

[Intro to GMAT Math](#)

[Mental Math: GMAT Estimation](#)

[Quiz: Mental Math Estimation](#)

[Mental Math: Dividing by 5](#)

[Quiz: Mental Math: Dividing by 5](#)

[Mental Math: Doubling and Halving](#)

[Quiz: Mental Math: Doubling and Halving](#)

[Mental Math: Squaring Shortcuts](#)

[Number Sense](#)

[Quiz: Number Sense](#)

[The use and Abuse of Formulas](#)

[Learn From Your Mistakes](#)

NOTE: Whenever a video contains sample questions, make sure to pause and complete the questions thoroughly as the videos instruct.

NOTE II: After most Magoosh questions is a text and/or video explanation. If you got the question right, just skim the text summary of the video to verify you understand it. If you got the question wrong, watch the video explanation right away. If you don't understand a

question after reviewing the text and video explanations, email us at Magoosh.com. Due to a high volume of questions, please allow up to 48-hours for a response.

Getting questions wrong at the beginning may be frustrating, but remember that you are playing a “longer game”: the point is not instant success at the beginning, but building deeper understanding overtime. Remember to add all incorrect questions to your error log!

Day 4-5: Mixed Practice & Review

Let’s talk about using the GMAT’s OG Online Question Bank for practice

If you’ve purchased access to the OG’s online question bank, you’ll also be able to set up custom practice sessions. Although, in its current form, you don't have a ton of options; you can choose the question/section type and level of difficulty etc...

This is what you’ll see:

< Back Customize your Practice Set

Number of Questions

How many questions do you want to practice?

All remaining questions
938 questions out of 938 total

Questions answered incorrectly
0 questions out of 0 taken

Choose number of questions
1

Choose the type, difficulty, and number of questions

Select All Clear All

<input type="checkbox"/> Question Categories	<input type="checkbox"/> Easy	<input type="checkbox"/> Medium	<input type="checkbox"/> Hard
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Data Insights	0 / 0	0 / 0	0 / 0
<input type="checkbox"/> Data Insights : Data Sufficiency	0 / 41	0 / 38	0 / 43
<input type="checkbox"/> Data Insights : Data Sufficiency, Online Exclusive	0 / 1	0 / 7	0 / 2
<input type="checkbox"/> Data Insights : Multi-Source Reasoning, Online Exclusive	0 / 12	0 / 17	0 / 14
<input type="checkbox"/> Data Insights : Table Analysis, Online Exclusive	0 / 10	0 / 11	0 / 8

Feel free to set up these practice sessions in whatever way is most appropriate for your prep. However, we recommend using OG practice to expose you to a random mix of topics within the different test sections. Doing so is based on the philosophy that you want your practice to prepare you for the random mix of topics that you will experience on test day--you want to get used to that!

By the way, purchasing a paper copy of the OG will still grant you access to the online question bank.

OG Mixed Practice:

- 5 QR questions
- 5 VR questions
- 5 DI questions

NOTE: As soon as you do a batch of OG questions, correct them right away and review any available explanations. If you got the question right, you need only skim the explanation to verify that you got it right for the right reason. If you got the question wrong, read the explanation and take notes in your error log on what concepts or what aspect of the question you need to understand better.

In Magoosh GMAT Math Flashcards:

Review the cards in the Algebra deck. Spend about 5-10 minutes a day each day with these cards.

Review:

If you have not done so as you worked through the questions, be sure you review all the practice questions you've attempted this week.

Remember to add any that you missed to your error log. Be sure to note why you missed the question: misread it, careless error, didn't know the content, etc...

6 Month GMAT Study Plan: Week Two

Week Two

Day 1: Quantitative Reasoning

Watch the following videos:

In QR, watch the following 12 videos under Arithmetic and Fractions and complete the associated practice quizzes:

[Properties of Real Numbers](#)

[Positive and Negative Numbers](#)

[Quiz: Positive and Negative Numbers](#)

[Mental Math: Addition and Subtraction](#)

[Positive and Negative Numbers II](#)

[Order of Operations](#)

[Quiz: Order of Operations](#)

[Intro to Decimals](#)

[Quiz: Intro to Decimals](#)

[Multiples of 10](#)

[More on Scientific Notation](#)

[Quiz: More on Scientific Notation](#)

Day 2: Verbal Reasoning

Watch the following videos:

In Verbal Reasoning (VR), watch the following 6 videos under Reading Comprehension

[Intro to Reading Comprehension](#)

[Approaching the Passage](#)

[Understanding Structure](#)

[Dissecting the Passage](#)

[Approaching the Questions](#)

[Answer Choice Traps](#)

Magoosh Custom Practice:

- 3 VR reading comprehension passages and associated questions

Day 3: Quantitative Reasoning

In QR, watch the following nine videos under Arithmetic and Fractions and complete the associated practice quizzes:

[Intro to Fractions](#)

[Conversions with Fractions and Decimals](#)

[Fraction Properties I](#)

[Quiz: Fraction Properties I](#)

[Comparing Fractions I](#)

[Comparing Fractions II \(Advanced\)](#)

[Operations with Fractions](#)

[Fraction Properties II](#)

[Quiz: Fraction Properties II](#)

Day 4-5: Mixed Practice & Review

OG Mixed Practice:

- 10 QR questions
- 10 VR questions
- 10 DI questions

Review:

If you have not done so as you worked through the questions, be sure you review all the practice questions you've attempted this week.

Remember to add any that you missed to your error log. Be sure to note why you missed the question: misread it, careless error, didn't know the content, etc...

In Magoosh GMAT Math Flashcards:

Review the cards in the Fraction, Ratios, and Percents deck. Spend about 5-10 minutes a day each day with the cards from this deck and the previous deck (Algebra).

As a reminder, be sure to incorporate Outside Reading:

Do half an hour of sophisticated reading of your own choosing each day. Keep in mind the recommendations made above. If you are a non-native English speaker who is considerably weaker in Verbal, we strongly suggest reading for an hour each day.

6 Month GMAT Study Plan: Week Three

Week Three

Day 1: Verbal Reasoning

In VR, watch the following four videos under Critical Reasoning:

[Intro to Critical Reasoning](#)

[Dissecting an Argument](#)

[Common Argument Types](#)

[General CR Strategy](#)

Magoosh Custom Practice:

- 10 VR Critical Reasoning questions

Day 2: Data Insights (DI)

In DI, watch the following five videos under Integrated Reasoning:

[General IR Strategies](#)

[The IR Calculator](#)

[Multi-Source Reasoning](#)

[Bradley Metal Works 1](#)

[Bradley Metal Works 2](#)

NOTE: Prior to November 2023, there was no Data Insights section. There was an Integrated Reasoning section that was scored separately from the Quantitative and Verbal sections. So, when you see Integrated Reasoning in this schedule, it is to reference the old IR question types. All those old Integrated Reasoning questions have been combined with Data Sufficiency questions (which used to be in the Quant section) to form the Data Insights Section. The Data Insight section is on equal footing with Quant and Verbal and counts for $\frac{1}{3}$ of your total GMAT score.

Magoosh Custom Practice:

- 1 DI Multi-Source Reasoning with its three associated questions

Day 3: Quantitative Reasoning

In QR, watch the following following videos under Arithmetic and under Fractions and Percents and complete the associated quizzes:

[Mixed Numbers and Improper Fractions](#)

[Operations with Proportions](#)

[Word Problems with Fractions](#)

[Quiz: Arithmetic and Fractions](#)

[Intro to Percents](#)

[Working with Percents](#)

[Quiz: Working with Percents](#)

[Number Sense and Percents](#)

[Percent Increases and Decreases](#)

[Quiz: Percent Increases and Decreases](#)

Magoosh Custom Practice:

- 10 QR Arithmetic and Fractions questions

Day 4-5: Mixed Practice & Review

OG Mixed Practice:

- 10 QR questions
- 10 VR questions
- 10 DI questions

Review:

If you have not done so as you worked through the questions, be sure you review all the practice questions you've attempted this week.

Remember to add any that you missed to your error log. Be sure to note why you missed the question: misread it, careless error, didn't know the content, etc...

In Magoosh GMAT Math Flashcards:

Continue reviewing cards in the Fraction, Ratios, and Percents deck. Spend about 5-10 minutes a day each day with the cards from this deck and the previous deck.

6 Month GMAT Study Plan: Week Four

Week Four

Day 1: Verbal Reasoning

In VR, watch the following 10 RC videos and complete the associated practice quiz:

[Primary Purpose](#)

[Detail Questions](#)

[Inference Questions](#)

[Miscellaneous RC Tips](#)

[RC Example, Passage 1, Path Dependence](#)

[RC Example, Passage 1, Q1](#)

[RC Example, Passage 1, Q2](#)

[RC Example, Passage 2, Office Organization](#)

[RC Example, Passage 2, Q1](#)

[RC Example, Passage 2, Q2](#)

[Quiz: Reading Comprehension](#)

Magoosh Custom Practice:

- 3 VR reading comprehension passages and associated questions

Day 2: Data Insights

In DI, watch the following four videos:

[Fundamentals of Data Sufficiency](#)

[DS Elimination Method](#)

[Avoiding Common DS Mistakes](#)

[Introductory DS Strategies](#)

Magoosh Custom Practice:

- 10 DI Data Sufficiency Questions

Day 3: Quantitative Reasoning

In QR, watch the following videos under Percents and Ratios and complete the associated practice quizzes:

[Sequential Percent Changes](#)

[Simple and Compound Interest](#)

[Intro to Ratios](#)

[Combining Ratios](#)

[Ratios and Rates](#)

[Quiz: Ratios and Rates](#)

[Ratios and Percents](#)

[Quiz: Ratios and Percents](#)

Magoosh Custom Practice:

- 10 QR Ratios and Percents Questions

Day 4-5: Mixed Practice & Review

OG Mixed Practice:

- 10 QR questions
- 10 VR questions
- 10 DI questions

Review:

If you have not done so as you worked through the questions, be sure you review all the practice questions you've attempted this week.

Remember to add any that you missed to your error log. Be sure to note why you missed the question: misread it, careless error, didn't know the content, etc...

In [Magoosh GMAT Math Flashcards](#):

Review the cards in the Number Properties I deck. Spend about 10 minutes a day each day reviewing these cards and cards from the previous decks that you haven't mastered.

Another Reminder: Don't forget Outside Reading!

At least ½ hour each day and more if you feel you are weaker in Verbal Reasoning.

6 Month GMAT Study Plan: Week Five

Week Five

Day 1: Verbal Reasoning

In verbal, the following five videos under Critical Reasoning:

[Weakening the Argument](#)

[Strengthening the Argument](#)

[Assumption Questions](#)

[Trap Answers](#)

[Conclusion and Inference](#)

Magoosh Custom Practice:

- 10 VR Critical Reasoning questions

Day 2: Quantitative Reasoning

In QR, watch the following videos under Integer Properties and complete the associated practice quizzes:

[Divisibility](#)

[Divisibility Rules](#)

[Quiz: Divisibility Rules](#)

[Multiples](#)

[Prime Numbers](#)

[Prime Factorization](#)

[Quiz: Prime Factorization](#)

Day 3: Quantitative Reasoning

In QR, watch the following videos under Integer Properties and complete the associated practice quizzes:

[Counting Factors of Large Numbers](#)

[Squares of Integers](#)

[Quiz: Squares of Integers](#)

[Greatest Common Factor](#)

[Least Common Multiple](#)

[GCD LCM Formula](#)

[Even and Odd Integers](#)

[Testing Cases](#)

[Quiz: Testing Cases](#)

Day 4-5: Mixed Practice & Review

Magoosh Custom Practice:

- 10 QR Integer Properties Questions

OG Mixed Practice:

- 10 QR questions
- 10 VR questions
- 10 DI questions

Review:

If you have not done so as you worked through the questions, be sure you review all the practice questions you've attempted this week.

Remember to add any that you missed to your error log. Be sure to note why you missed the question: misread it, careless error, didn't know the content, etc...

In Magoosh GMAT Math Flashcards:

Review the cards in the Number Properties II deck. Spend about 10 minutes a day each day reviewing cards from this deck and cards that you haven't mastered from this deck and the previous decks.

6 Month GMAT Study Plan: Week Six

Week Six

Day 1: Data Insights

In DI, watch the following six videos under Data Sufficiency

[Word Problems, summarizing info](#)

[Quiz: Word Problems](#)

[DS with Integer Constraints](#)

[Tautological Statements](#)

[Quiz: Tautological Statements](#)

[Quiz: Data Sufficiency](#)

Day 2: Quantitative Reasoning

In QR, watch the following videos under Integer Properties and complete the associated practice quizzes:

[Remainders](#)

[Integer Properties Strategies](#)

[Quiz: Integer Properties Strategies](#)

[Quiz: Integer Properties](#)

Magoosh Custom Practice:

- 5 QR Integer Properties Questions

Day 3: Quantitative Reasoning

In QR, watch the following videos under Algebra, Equations, and Inequalities and complete the associated practice quizzes:

[Intro to Algebra](#)

[Simplifying Expressions](#)

[Quiz: Simplifying Expressions](#)

[Multiplying Expressions](#)

[FOIL Method](#)

[Quiz: FOIL Method](#)

Day 4-5: Mixed Practice & Review

OG Mixed Practice:

- 10 QR questions
- 10 VR questions
- 10 DI questions

Review:

If you have not done so as you worked through the questions, be sure you review all the practice questions you've attempted this week.

Remember to add any that you missed to your error log. Be sure to note why you missed the question: misread it, careless error, didn't know the content, etc...

In Magoosh GMAT Math Flashcards:

Review the cards in all the decks you've worked through so far. Spend about 10 minutes a day reviewing cards that you haven't mastered.

As yet a another reminder, be sure to incorporate Outside Reading:

Do half an hour of sophisticated reading of your own choosing each day. Keep in mind the recommendations made above. If you are a non-native English speaker who is considerably weaker in Verbal, we strongly suggest reading for an hour each day.

6 Month GMAT Study Plan: Week Seven

Week Seven

Day 1: Quantitative Reasoning

In QR, watch the following videos under Algebra, Equations, and Inequalities and complete the associated quizzes:

[Factoring -GCF](#)

[Factoring - Difference of Squares](#)

[Factoring - Quadratics](#)

[Quiz: Factoring Quadratics](#)

[Factoring - Combined](#)

[Advanced Numerical Factoring](#)

[Factoring- Rational Expressions](#)

[Quiz: Factoring- Rational Expressions](#)

Day 2: Quantitative Reasoning and Data Insights

In QR, watch the following videos under Algebra, Equations, and Inequalities and complete associated quizzes:

[Basic Equation Solving](#)

[Eliminating Fractions](#)

[Quiz: Eliminating Fractions](#)

[Quadratic Equations](#)

[Quiz: Quadratic Equations](#)

In DI, watch the following two videos:

[Table Analysis](#)

[High School Exams \(Practice\)](#)

Magoosh Custom Practice:

- 1 DI Table Analysis question

Day 3: Quantitative Reasoning

In QR, watch the following videos under Algebra, Equations, and Inequalities:

[Two Equations, Two Unknowns 1](#)

[Two Equations, Two Unknowns 2](#)

[System --Number of Solutions](#)

[Three Equations, Three Unknowns](#)

[Quiz: Three Equations, Three Unknowns](#)

[Absolute Value Equations](#)

[Function Notation](#)

[Quiz: Function Notation](#)

[Strange Operators](#)

[Quiz: Strange Operators](#)

Day 4-5: Mixed Practice & Review

OG Mixed Practice:

- 10 QR questions
- 10 VR questions
- 10 DI questions

Review:

If you have not done so as you worked through the questions, be sure you review all the practice questions you've attempted this week.

Remember to add any that you missed to your error log. Be sure to note why you missed the question: misread it, careless error, didn't know the content, etc...

In [Magoosh GMAT Math Flashcards](#):

Continue reviewing the cards in all the decks you've worked through so far. Spend about 10 minutes a day reviewing cards that you haven't mastered.

6 Month GMAT Study Plan: Week Eight

Week Eight

Day 1: OG Practice

If you haven't already done so, in the OG online question bank, navigate to Practice Exams on the sidebar. Take all three diagnostic practice exams.

Practice Exams	Tag Breakdown	Reports		
Practice Exam Name	Practice Exam Length	Practice Exam Time	% Correct	Status
Data Insights Review Diagnostic Practice Exam	15 Questions	Unlimited		
Quantitative Review Diagnostic Practice Exam	18 Questions	Unlimited		
Verbal Review Diagnostic Practice Exam	24 Questions	Unlimited		

Go through the answers after you are done, taking notes on anything you got wrong.

At this early stage of practice, it is not as important to mimic the real GMAT conditions. Pay attention to how well you maintain focus within each section. Note your energy level during different sections, and how this affects your concentration.

Day 2: Verbal Reasoning

In VR, watch the following eight videos under Critical Reasoning and complete the associated quiz.

[Bold-faced Questions](#)

[Flawed Argument Questions](#)

[Paradox Questions](#)

[Evaluating the Conclusion](#)

[Miscellaneous CR Tips](#)

[CR Example 1](#)

[CR Example 2](#)

[Quiz: Critical Reasoning](#)

Day 3: Quantitative Reasoning

In QR, watch the following videos under Algebra, Equations, and Inequalities and complete the associated quizzes:

[Inequalities 1](#)

[Inequalities 2](#)

[Quiz: Inequalities](#)

[Absolute Value Inequalities](#)

[Simplifying with Substitutions](#)

[Quiz: Simplifying with Substitutions](#)

[Quiz: Algebra, Equations, and Inequalities](#)

Day 4-5: Flex Day(s)

Rest, Review, Practice or Catch-up: Already you have likely done a lot of work! And because all that work requires time for absorption and review, you're going to start seeing Flex Days built into the schedule. Use this time in whatever capacity best suits where you are in your prep journey. Consider these options:

- If you're feeling pretty good about where you're at (both in the schedule and in your overall progress), take a break! You deserve one! But, if you are raring to keep going check out the following options for:
 - Spend some quality time with your error log. Revisit (maybe redo a few) missed questions and review their associated lessons.
 - Do more practice and review in the OG online question bank
 - If you are feeling a bit behind schedule, use this as an opportunity to get caught up or closer to caught up.

6 Month GMAT Study Plan: Week Nine

Week Nine

REST WEEK

You earned it! Spend the time you would have spent studying for the GMAT doing something enjoyable! Or if you can't help yourself, spend some time reviewing your error log.

6 Month GMAT Study Plan: Week Ten

Week Ten

Day 1: Quantitative Reasoning

In QR, watch the following Word Problem videos and complete the associated quizzes:

[Intro to Word Problems](#)

[Assigning Variables](#)

[Quiz: Assigning Variables](#)

[Writing Equations](#)

[Number of Variables](#)

[Quiz: Number of Variables](#)

[Age Questions](#)

[Quiz: Age Questions](#)

Day 2: Data Insights

In DI, watch the following videos:

[Graphics Interpretation](#)

[Types of Graphics](#)

[Venn Diagrams](#)

[Scatterplots](#)

[More on Scatterplots](#)

[Three Companies \(Practice\)](#)

[Numerical Flowchart \(Practice\)](#)

Magoosh Custom Practice:

- 3 DI Graphics Interpretation questions

Day 3: Quantitative Reasoning

In QR, watch the following Word Problem videos and complete the associated quizzes:

[Intro to motion questions](#)

[Average Speed](#)

[Quiz: Average Speed](#)

[Multiple Traveler Questions](#)

[Shrinking and Expanding Gaps](#)

[Work Questions](#)

[Quiz: Work Questions](#)

[Growth and Decay](#)

[Mixture Questions](#)

[Quiz: Mixture Questions](#)

Day 4-5: Mixed Practice & Review

Magoosh Custom Practice:

- 5 QR Word Problem questions

OG Mixed Practice:

- 10 QR questions
- 10 VR questions
- 10 DI questions

Review:

If you have not done so as you worked through the questions, be sure you review all the practice questions you've attempted this week.

Remember to add any that you missed to your error log. Be sure to note why you missed the question: misread it, careless error, didn't know the content, etc...

In [Magoosh GMAT Math Flashcards](#):

Review the cards in the Statistics and Probability deck. Spend about 10 minutes a day reviewing these cards and any from previous decks that you haven't mastered.

As a another reminder, be sure to incorporate Outside Reading:

Do half an hour of sophisticated reading of your own choosing each day. Keep in mind the recommendations made above. If you are a non-native English speaker who is considerably weaker in Verbal, we strongly suggest reading for an hour each day.

6 Month GMAT Study Plan: Week Eleven

Week Eleven

Day 1: Quantitative Reasoning

In QR, watch the following Word Problem videos and complete all quizzes:

[Intro to sets and venn diagrams](#)

[Double Matrix Method](#)

[Quiz: Double Matrix Method](#)

[Three Criteria Venn Diagrams](#)

[Quiz: Three Criteria Venn Diagrams](#)

[Intro to Sequences](#)

[Recursive Sequences](#)

[Quiz: Recursive Sequence](#)

[Inclusive Counting](#)

[Arithmetic Sequences](#)

[Quiz: Arithmetic Sequences](#)

Day 2: Quantitative Reasoning

In QR, watch the following Word Problem videos and complete all quizzes:

[Sums of Sequences](#)

[Quiz: Sums of Sequences](#)

[Consecutive Integers](#)

[Quiz: Consecutive Integers](#)

[Backsolving](#)

[Quiz: Backsolving](#)

[Intro to VICs](#)

[VICs- Algebraic Approach](#)

[VICs- Picking Numbers](#)

[Quiz: VICs-Picking Numbers](#)

[Quiz: Word Problems](#)

Day 3: Data Insights

In DI, watch the following Two-Part Analysis videos and complete all quizzes:

[Intro to Two-Part Analysis](#)

[Verbal Two-Part Analysis](#)

[Math Two-Part Analysis](#)

[Highway to Hillsborough \(Practice\)](#)

[Algebraic Sequence \(Practice\)](#)

Magoosh Custom Practice:

- 3 DI Two-Part Analysis questions

Day 4-5: Mixed Practice & Review

OG Mixed Practice:

- 10 QR questions
- 10 VR questions
- 10 DI questions

Review

If not already done, break out your error log to analyze any questions you've missed during this week's practice.

In [Magoosh GMAT Math Flashcards](#):

Review the cards in the Mixed Practice I deck. Spend about 10 minutes a day reviewing these cards and cards from previous decks that you haven't mastered.

6 Month GMAT Study Plan: Week Twelve

Week Twelve

Day 1: Quantitative Reasoning

In QR, watch the following Problem and Roots videos and complete all quizzes:

[Intro to Exponents](#)

[Exponential Growth](#)

[Quiz: Exponential Growth](#)

[Laws of Exponents 1](#)

[Negative Exponents](#)

[Units Digit Questions](#)

[Quiz: Units Digit Questions](#)

[Laws of Exponents 2](#)

[Quiz: Laws of Exponents 2](#)

Day 2: Quantitative Reasoning

In QR, watch the following Problem and Roots videos and complete all quizzes:

[Square Roots](#)

[Other Roots](#)

[Properties of Roots](#)

[Quiz: Properties of Roots](#)

[Simplifying Roots](#)

[Operations with Roots](#)

[Equations with Square Roots](#)

[Quiz: Equations with Square Roots](#)

Day 3: Quantitative Reasoning

In QR, watch the following Problem and Roots videos and complete all quizzes:

[Fractional Exponents](#)

[Exponential Equations](#)

[Quiz: Exponential Equations](#)

[Rationalizing](#)

[Working with Formulas](#)

[Quiz: Working with Formulas](#)

[Quiz: Powers and Roots](#)

Day 4-5: Mixed Practice & Review

OG Mixed Practice:

- 10 QR questions
- 10 VR questions
- 10 DI questions

Review

If not already done, break out your error log to analyze any questions you've missed during this week's practice.

In [Magoosh GMAT Math Flashcards](#):

Review the cards in the Mixed Practice II deck. Spend about 10 minutes a day reviewing these cards and any that you haven't mastered from previous decks.

6 Month GMAT Study Plan: Week Thirteen

Week Thirteen

Day 1: Practice Test

In Magoosh, take a full-length practice test!

In your dashboard, navigate to Practice → Practice Test, choose the order in which you want to take the sections, and then start your practice test.

This will be your first experience of sitting for a full formal GMAT. As much as possible, try to mimic the GMAT conditions. 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. You can review your test immediately after completion or save it for tomorrow since that is the focus of this week's day two.

Day 2: Practice Test Review

Open your error log for a deep-dive review of yesterday's practice test. During this session with your error log, spend time to reflect on your pacing strategy.

As you review your test, determine which question types you are currently struggling with the most in regards to timing. If running out of time is not an issue for you, review your error log to find the

questions where you should have spent MORE time. Can you find any patterns? Where do you make careless mistakes? Figure out where you should slow down when testing.

Day 3: Quantitative Reasoning

In QR, watch the following Statistics videos and complete all quizzes:

[Mean, Median, and Mode](#)

[More on Mean and Median](#)

[Weighted Averages 1](#)

[Weighted Averages 2](#)

[Quiz: Weighted Averages 2](#)

[Range and Standard Deviation](#)

[More on Standard Deviation](#)

[Quiz: More on Standard Deviation](#)

[The Normal Distribution](#)

[Quiz: The Normal Distribution](#)

[Quiz: Statistics](#)

Day 4-5: Flex Day(s)

Rest, Review, Practice or Catch-up: Use this time in whatever capacity best suits where you are in your prep journey. Consider these options:

- If you're feeling pretty good about where you're at (both in the schedule and in your overall progress), take a break! You deserve one! But, if you are raring to keep going check out the following options for:
 - Spend some quality time with your error log. Revisit (maybe redo a few) missed questions and review their associated lessons.
 - Do more practice and review in the OG online question bank
 - If you are feeling a bit behind schedule, use this as an opportunity to get caught up or closer to caught up.

Review

If not already done, break out your error log to analyze any questions you've missed during this week's practice.

In [Magoosh GMAT Math Flashcards](#):

Review the cards in the Mixed Practice III deck. Spend about 10 minutes a day reviewing these cards and any from previous decks that you haven't mastered.

6 Month GMAT Study Plan: Week Fourteen

Week Fourteen

Day 1: Quantitative Reasoning

In QR, watch the following Counting videos and complete all quizzes:

[Introduction to Counting](#)

[Fundamental Counting Principle](#)

[Quiz: Fundamental Counting Principle](#)

[FCP with Restrictions](#)

[Quiz: FCP with Restrictions](#)

[Factorial Notation](#)

[Quiz: Factorial Notation](#)

[Counting what you don't want](#)

[Counting Identical items](#)

[Quiz: Counting with identical items](#)

[Eliminating Repetition](#)

[Quiz: Eliminating Repetition](#)

Day 2: Quantitative Reasoning

In QR, watch the following Counting videos and complete all quizzes:

[Combinations](#)

[Quiz: Combinations](#)

[When to use combinations](#)

[Quiz: When to use combinations](#)

[Calculating combinations](#)

[Quiz: Calculating Combinations](#)

[Permutations and combinations](#)

[Quiz: Permutations and combinations](#)

[Case Counting](#)

[Counting Strategies](#)

[Quiz: Counting Strategies](#)

[Quiz: Counting](#)

Day 3-5: Continue Working on the Above

There were quite a few Quantitative Reasoning quizzes this week. Devote whatever time you have left in your study week to completing all those lesson quizzes.

OG Mixed Practice:

- 5 VR questions
- 5 DI questions

Review

If not already done, break out your error log to analyze any questions you've missed during this week's practice.

In Magoosh GMAT Math Flashcards:

Review the cards in the Mixed Practice IV deck. Spend about 10 minutes a day reviewing these cards and any from previous decks that you haven't mastered.

6 Month GMAT Study Plan: Week Fifteen

Week Fifteen

Day 1: Quantitative Reasoning

In QR, watch the following Probability videos and complete all quizzes:

[Intro to probability](#)

[Independent Events](#)

[Complementary event and simple rules](#)

[Quiz: Complementary event and simple rules](#)

[Mutually exclusive events](#)

[Quiz: Mutually exclusive events](#)

[Probability of Event A or B](#)

[Examples of the Or rule](#)

[Quiz: Examples of the Or rule](#)

[Examples of the And Rule](#)

[Quiz: Examples of the And rule](#)

[Generalized And Rule](#)

[Quiz: Examples of generalized And rule](#)

[Examples of generalized And rule](#)

[Binomial Situation](#)

[Quiz: Binomial Situation](#)

Day 2: Finish Quantitative Reasoning

In QR, watch the following Probability videos and complete all quizzes:

[The "At least" Scenario](#)

[Quiz: The "At least" Scenario](#)

[Analyzing Questions](#)

[Quiz: Analyzing Questions](#)

[Using Counting Techniques](#)

[Quiz: Using Counting Techniques](#)

[Listing vs. Counting vs. Probability Rules](#)

[Quiz: Listing vs. Counting vs. Probability Rules](#)

[General Probability Strategies](#)

[Quiz: General Probability Strategies](#)

[Guessing Strategies](#)

[Quiz: Probability](#)

Congratulations! 🎉 At this point, you should have seen all of the Magoosh lessons at least once. Now the focus is going to be on a whole lot of practice and applying everything that you've learned from the lesson videos. But! You aren't done with the lesson videos.

They are a resource you should return to, maybe even multiple times. For example, if there are areas in which you are still weak, you should rewatch those videos. When you miss questions during practice, you should rewatch the video(s) that covers that topic and any related videos that are recommended on the question review screen. Remember that full comprehension comes in several stages: always push yourself to reach a deeper understanding with each and every topic.

Day 3-5: Continue Working on the Above

Like last week, there were quite a few Quantitative Reasoning quizzes this week. Devote whatever time you have left in your study week to completing all those lesson quizzes.

OG Mixed Practice:

- 5 VR questions
- 5 DI questions

Review

If not already done, break out your error log to analyze any questions you've missed during this week's practice.

[In Magoosh GMAT Math Flashcards:](#)

Review the cards in the Mixed Practice VI deck. Spend about 10 minutes a day reviewing these cards and any from previous decks that you haven't mastered.

Don't Forget Outside Reading:

You should still do half an hour of sophisticated reading each day, especially if you are a non-native English speaker who is considerably weaker in Verbal.

6 Month GMAT Study Plan: Week Sixteen

Week Sixteen

Magoosh Custom Practice:

- 20 QR questions
- 5 DI questions
- 20 VR questions

OG Mixed Practice:

- 10 QR questions
- 10 VR questions
- 10 DI questions

Review

If not already done, break out your error log to analyze any questions you've missed during this week's practice. Be sure to make note of and go back and review the lessons associated with the questions you are missing.

In Magoosh GMAT Math Flashcards:

Review the cards in Mixed Practice deck VI. Spend about 10 minutes a day reviewing these cards and any cards that you haven't yet mastered from the previous decks.

6 Month GMAT Study Plan: Week Seventeen

Week Seventeen

Magoosh Custom Practice:

- 20 QR questions
- 5 DI questions
- 20 VR questions

OG Mixed Practice:

- 10 QR questions
- 10 VR questions
- 10 DI questions

Review

If not already done, break out your error log to analyze any questions you've missed during this week's practice. Be sure to make note of and go back and review the lessons associated with the questions you are missing.

In [Magoosh GMAT Math Flashcards](#):

You have now seen all the decks, but you should still spend about 10 minutes a day reviewing cards that you haven't mastered.

6 Month GMAT Study Plan: Week Eighteen

Week Eighteen

REST WEEK

You earned it! Spend the time you would have spent studying for the GMAT doing something enjoyable! Or if you can't help yourself, spend some time reviewing your error log.

6 Month GMAT Study Plan: Week Nineteen

Week Nineteen

Day 1: Practice Test

Navigate to your GMAC account and take one of the first free full-length Focus practice tests!

You can access them [here](#).

Remember to do your best to mimic the GMAT conditions. Note how your sleep the night before affects your work. Again, 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. Review your test immediately after completion or save it for tomorrow since that is the focus of this week's day two.

Day 2: Practice Test Review

Open your error log for a deep-dive review of yesterday's practice test. During this session with your error log, spend time to reflect on your pacing strategy. Determine which question types you are currently struggling with the most in regards to pacing. If running out of time is not an issue for you, review your error log to find the questions where you should have spent MORE time. Can you find any patterns? Where do you make careless mistakes? Figure out where you should slow down when testing.

Day 4-5: Mixed Practice & Review

Magoosh Custom Practice:

- 5 QR questions
- 5 DI questions
- 5 VR questions

6 Month GMAT Study Plan: Week Twenty

Week Twenty

Magoosh Custom Practice:

- 20 QR questions
- 5 DI questions
- 20 VR questions

OG Mixed Practice:

- 10 QR questions
- 10 VR questions
- 10 DI questions

Review

If not already done, break out your error log to analyze any questions you've missed during this week's practice. Be sure to make note of and go back and review the lessons associated with the questions you are missing.

In Magoosh GMAT Math Flashcards:

You have now seen all the decks, but you should still spend about 10 minutes a day reviewing cards that you haven't mastered.

6 Month GMAT Study Plan: Week Twenty-one

Week Twenty-One

Magoosh Custom Practice:

- 20 QR questions
- 5 DI questions
- 20 VR questions

OG Mixed Practice:

- 10 QR questions
- 10 VR questions
- 10 DI questions

Review

If not already done, break out your error log to analyze any questions you've missed during this week's practice. Be sure to make note of and go back and review the lessons associated with the questions you are missing.

In [Magoosh GMAT Math Flashcards](#):

You have now seen all the decks, but you should still spend about 10 minutes a day reviewing cards that you haven't mastered.

6 Month GMAT Study Plan: Week Twenty-Two

Week Twenty-Two

Magoosh Custom Practice:

- 20 QR questions
- 5 DI questions
- 20 VR questions

OG Mixed Practice:

- 10 QR questions
- 10 VR questions
- 10 DI questions

Review

If not already done, break out your error log to analyze any questions you've missed during this week's practice. Be sure to make note of and go back and review the lessons associated with the questions you are missing.

In [Magoosh GMAT Math Flashcards](#):

Continue spending about 10 minutes a day reviewing cards until you feel you have fully mastered the concepts.

6 Month GMAT Study Plan: Week Twenty-Three

Week Twenty-Three

Magoosh Custom Practice:

- 20 QR questions
- 5 DI questions
- 20 VR questions

OG Mixed Practice:

- 10 QR questions
- 10 VR questions
- 10 DI questions

Review

If not already done, break out your error log to analyze any questions you've missed during this week's practice. Be sure to make note of and go back and review the lessons associated with the questions you are missing.

In [Magoosh GMAT Math Flashcards](#):

Continue spending about 10 minutes a day reviewing cards until you feel you have fully mastered the concepts.

6 Month GMAT Study Plan: Week Twenty-Four

Week Twenty-Four

Day 1: Practice Test

Navigate to your GMAC account and take the other free full-length Focus practice test!

You can access them [here](#).

Remember to do your best to mimic the GMAT conditions. Note how your sleep the night before affects your work. Again, 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. Review your test immediately after completion or save it for tomorrow since that is the focus of this week's day two.

Day 2: Practice Test Review

Open your error log for a deep-dive review of yesterday's practice test. For each question you entered into your log do the following:

- Determine and make note of why you missed the question
- Return to the Magoosh lessons and watch any that relate to the questions you missed in this O.G. practice.
- Be aware of any trends that help you identify your strengths and weaknesses.

After Week 24: Prepare for GMAT Test Day

In the Magoosh questions:

At this point, if you have been following the schedule, you have done A LOT of work, an incredible number of questions! Excellent job! For the remaining days until the test, keep practicing.

Your first priority should be to finish any remaining unanswered questions; your second priority should be to re-answer any questions you got “incorrect.” If, when answering previous incorrect questions, you get the vast majority of them correct on the second try, then the supply of “incorrect” questions will dwindle. When you have run out of (or almost out of) incorrect questions in each question format, math, verbal, and data insights, you have the option to reset your statistics, and start re-answering questions in an adaptive format. Many students have found that seeing questions more than once really deepens their understanding.

Some suggestions for what to do with additional prep time:

Through selecting question type & difficulty on the “Dashboard”, do Magoosh problems over again, and see how you do a second or third time.

Keep up the outside reading.

Keep working on the questions in the OG online question bank.

Keep watching Magoosh lesson videos on whatever topics you feel you need to review.

Keep studying cards that you haven't mastered from the [Magoosh GMAT Math Flashcards](#).

Go to the online forums, looking for challenging questions that folks are asking.

If you have time before the real GMAT, you could buy access to more GMATPrep tests by purchasing [official exams from mba.com](#).

COUNTDOWN TO THE EXAM:

Day Before the Test

No GMAT preparation all day!

Eat a large, healthy, leisurely dinner – no alcohol!

Go to bed earlier than usual.

Day of Test

ABSOLUTELY NO LAST-MINUTE GMAT 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.)

Take the optional break and be sure to get up, move & stretch – moving & stretching the large muscles of the body (legs & torso) will get oxygen flowing throughout, which will help keep you awake and keep you thinking clearly.

Good luck!