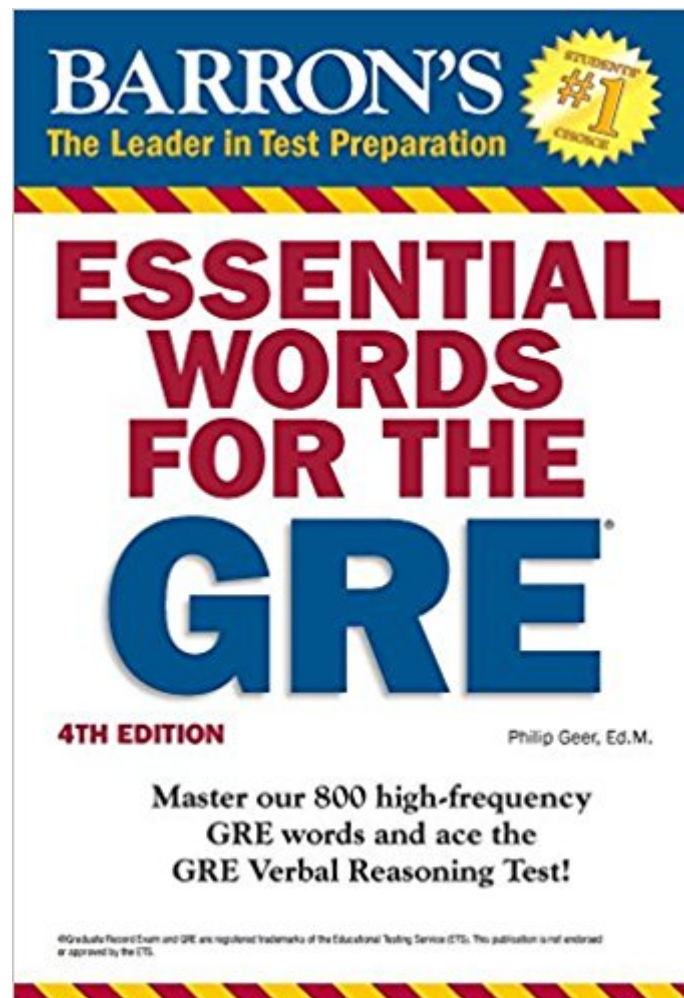




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This book is certainly helpful and well organized. I would strongly suggest that you also get the Princeton Review general GRE book and also learn all of the hit parade words. I systematically cross checked all the words from the PR with this book and while there is some overlap it is definitely worth having both. It is slightly frustrating that Barron's doesn't go into a lot of second meanings for words, which is something you should definitely know for the GRE. I spent 9 weeks with a ton of flashcards working through both word sets and got a 630 V. The verbal section is HARD so practice and be prepared to make plenty of flashcards. Kind of knowing a word is not sufficient. I never got through the latter 2/3rds of the root section, but I can definitely see how that could help give you a high score. I'd say 10 weeks with this book if you plan to realistically ingest and retain all the information.

I bought this book because of its price. I've been holding it for a while. Since I worked through half of the book already, I wanna give some tips to the people who're using this GRE word book. The explanations are NOT very accurate. It seems like they've tried to cut the explanations shorter, and this is what causes the problem. In order to get the precise meaning of the words, READ ITS EXAMPLE SENTENCE. For example for the word "piquant", its actual meaning is appealingly SPICY instead of STIMULATING. You can see the real meaning by reading the example, which has clearly stated "spicy".

This book is a must have if you want a good verbal score. I scored 96th percentile. I am not sure how effective the exercises are in this book, since I did not really do them. The way I learned was by making a million flash cards. Then I would hammer them down by going over them and creating sentences with each word. Then I made piles of words I felt confident about and words I was unsure of. Don't overwhelm yourself if you already know a bunch of words. Create a different pile for those.

The usefulness of this book will depend on your vocabulary level. There are some words in here that I feel like a 10 year old should know the definition of. That being said, there were still plenty of words I was unfamiliar with. Having paid less than 5\$ for the book (used through), the value can't

be beat. This is a true vocabulary book, so there are fill in the blank and matching exercises for every word included- awesome! Doing these kinds of exercises really does improve recall and comprehension- do it! Also help with prefixes and suffixes, which should help you identify words you're unfamiliar with contextually.

I purchased this book, vocabulary flash cards, and the Princeton Review guide for the new GRE. I had two months to prepare and this combo really brought me up to speed on the new test. Background: I've been out of school for 6 years and needed a crash course to prepare for the GRE before my combat deployment to Afghanistan. I took two months to prepare by studying, reviewing, and practicing (Princeton Review online tests that come with the book). Results: With the combo listed above I substantially improved my scores over the last time I took the GRE when I was an undergrad still in school. If you're looking at this book then you're concerned about the verbal portion of the GRE. I place in the 90th percentile and I credit my score to the aforementioned studying/prep combo. Your mileage may vary.

Excellent review material. When I took the official GRE this helped me answer several questions, and I scored in the 98th percentile in the verbal section. Also it contains vocabulary that, although I've heard before, I was never sure of the definition, and is good to know in general.

I personally found this book very helpful in learning new words, especially since I had only two weeks to do it, thus I had to stuff my head with 50 words on average every day. The examples after the definitions and match + fill-in-the-blank exercises in the end of each 10-word unit made learning easy and stress free. I rarely had to consult other sources for additional clarification. Also, the book contains a word roots section in the end, where it teaches you how to recognize and approximate the meaning of unknown words by taking them apart/learning the common roots. Finally, there are two tests/reviews, one after the 800 essential words, and one after the root section, summarizing test for the whole book. Overall, I would say that this is a helpful, simple, yet comprehensive study guide for all the words you will need for GRE, and surely ever AFTER it. If you begin studying early, you will discover that this book is a miracle. Strongly recommend. I think it is one of the best products (also considering its value) in its category on the market.

Do not buy the kindle version of this book. The answer keys are spread across an asinine number of pages. Each answer letter is given its own page, there is no straightforward way to navigate to

the answer key for a particular unit and the answers for the second part testing you on all the words you learned in the previous section is missing.

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