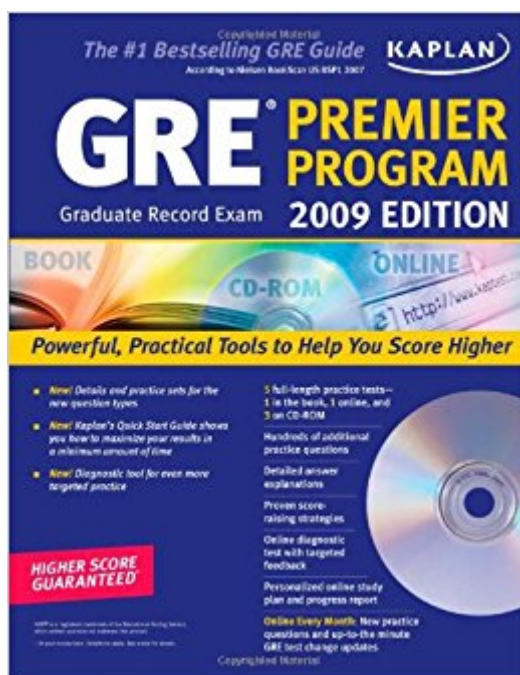


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I got this GRE guide as well as "Cracking the GRE" by the Princeton Review... and preferred the latter. Not that this isn't a good study book; you'd probably do fine on the GRE with either one. I found the PR book more easy to follow with print that's easy to read and even some tongue-in-cheek humor (studying doesn't have to be boring?). What it basically comes down to is that Kaplan is content based whereas PR is more technique based, walking you through how to solve problems easily. The "Hit Parade" vocab lists in the PR was also super helpful--Kaplan has nothing near the number of need-to-know vocabulary words. Bottom Line: at least check out the Princeton Review's "Cracking the GRE" before you buy this.

I got this CD book in the expectation that the book would be similar to the actual computerized GRE. I use it primarily for its practice tests. Unfortunately, the CD is a HUGE disappointment. It does not appear to adjust the questions based on performance like the actual test. It does not scale to your monitor, so if you have a widescreen monitor, it is hard to read. However, what is much more disappointing is that the questions, particularly the quantitative questions, are of poor quality and often incorrect. For example: The drawings are horrendous. Some questions assume that things are drawn to scale without stating it, while others say that an answer must be "not enough information" because the drawing does not say it is drawn to scale. On Q Test 4, one diagram was a closed shape according to the answer explanation, but it was clearly open in the drawing so a number of degrees could be fit inside. One of the chart questions on test 5 has two charts but both are labeled "sales" - one is supposed to be net profits. If you are getting this to teach you how to take the GRE or for the paper tests, it may be a fine buy, but the software is horrendous and riddled with errors.

I've used Kaplan to study for my GRE and MCAT (scored above average in all sections of each test), and they provide the best studying techniques for me. First, I appreciate how they break down the exam for you from how the exam is formatted to exactly what you will be tested. Second, they provide mini assessments for practice and explain the right and wrong answers. Additionally, they put tips in the margins to help you remember materials. It has been over 5 years since I read through this book, but I always remember how much simpler the exam was because of this book. When people tell me they are studying for a big exam like this, I always recommend Kaplan first.

Pros: It's a book. If you get cold you can burn it for heat. Cons: CD does NOT work with VISTA. This is a known issue that they don't give a \*\*\*\* about and have no intention of fixing. They have a canned message when you email their support. Over half the practice tests are on the CD and they

have NO intention of patching it or even trying to make it work with Vista. From their customer support: "Thank you for contacting Kaplan's Books and Software division. The CD's are not fully compatible with Windows Vista 32-bit. It is not compatible with Windows Vista 64-bit." If it doesn't work with Vista god help you if you try to make it work with Windows 7. You have to email their support. They do not have a phoneline. They will not answer the phones. If you try to call a different section they will tell you to email that department and they can not help you. **DO NOT BUY THIS PRODUCT.** Kaplan has lost all respect for their customers and resorted to cheap tricks to try and sell their courses. They do not care at all about their books. The latest editions are riddled with errors. Kaplan does NOT care about their books, only getting you into their thousand dollar courses. I say they need to learn to treat their customers with respect.

This one is a good choice for GRE prep. Verbal - I am particularly happy with this part. Instead of Baron's approach of going through endless word list, Kaplan focuses on the idea that to ace GRE, you need not necessarily know each meaning, but you should be able to club them with other synonyms or antonyms. The book has an entire section to that effect. I highly recommend using this book for math portion. Quants - It is okay okay! In the actual exams, I got much tougher problems than is mentioned anywhere in this book. I would recommend if you are looking at 750+ scores, then this book is not the best choice for quants. I have heard Princeton is good with quants, but would not swear for this statement. Overall, I managed 780 in Quants and 630 in verbal, so if someone buys only one book, then I will recommend buying the KAPLAN.

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