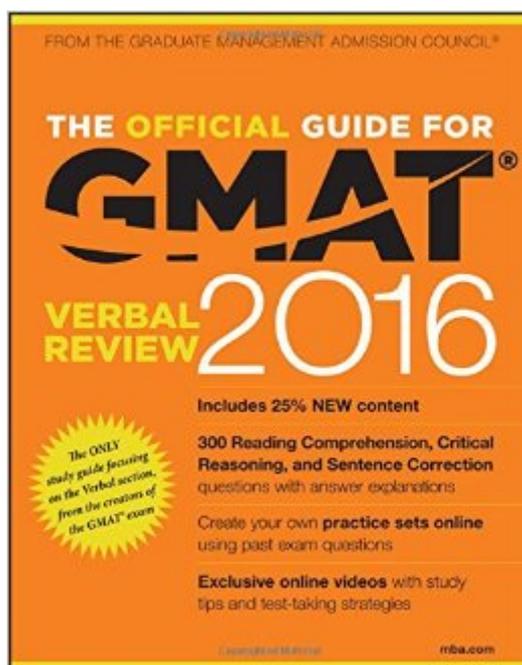


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# The Official Guide For GMAT Verbal Review 2016 With Online Question Bank And Exclusive Video



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Ace the GMAT® with the only official study guides from the creators of the exam. With 25% brand new content, The Official Guide for the GMAT Verbal Review 2016 is the only official study guide focusing on the verbal portion of the GMAT® exam. It delivers more than 300 retired questions from the GMAT®, complete with answer explanations to help focus your test preparation efforts. Also includes exclusive online resources: Build your own practice tests with exclusive online access to 300 reading comprehension, critical reasoning, and sentence correction questions from official GMAT® exams. Exclusive access to videos with insight and tips on GMAT preparation from previous test-takers and from the officials who create the test.

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Note that questions in this book are on average somewhat easier than ones found in The OG 2015. If you are looking for 700+ Verbal practice - look elsewhere. Also, this book is identical to the previous edition (2nd) and has the same questions. The only difference is the quiz engine (which as a lot left to be desired - more on that below)BUY THIS BOOK IF:1. You are studying using Manhattan GMAT books (there are only a few practice questions in the books and for additional practice,they refer to questions in the OG 2015 and this book)2. You need more practice with average and low difficulty verbal questionsDO NOT BUY THIS BOOK IF:- You have OG 10 (there is quite a bit of overlap)- You have used or were planning to use power prep (previous version of the

GMAT prep software has quite a bit of overlap too)- You have purchased paper GMAT tests from GMAC (overlap again)- You have not gone through OG 2015 yet Yes, this book is a cheap source of Real retired GMAT questions; (first being the Free GMATPrep software, second, The Official Guide), but the questions are easy and quite a bit dated. Bet the Main Official Guide first, go through 900 questions, and then decided if you really need more questions - most people don't. Also, it's not practicing thousands of questions that get your high score, rather it is a strong knowledge of basics, strategies, and control of the test. The quiz system is too simplistic and cumbersome. For example I have no idea how to start working on question 10. I have to restart from the beginning every single time and it seems it is not even tracking what questions I have attempted??? Very odd... perhaps I have been spoiled with good GMAT Prep and other CAT Test interfaces. I am struggling here.

Top 6 Mistakes People Make on the GMAT:

- 1: Rushing to take tests before learning basics
- 2: Starting with the Official Guide instead of a guidebook/textbook
- 3: Giving GMAT the worst quality time of the day - studying after a long day
- 4: Skipping basics and rushing to advanced topics
- 5: Starting to prepare with poor English proficiency
- 6: Not following strategies exactly or cutting corners

BB - Founder of GMAT Club  
GMAT Score 750 (49, 42)  
Let me know if you have any questions about GMAT books - I have read and reviewed all of them.

They're the official questions, Kindle version is good value, probably no better practice material is available (GMAC does not release official questions through any other channel so the stuff used by Manhattan Prep, etc is made up by their authors to be as similar as possible, but are NOT official questions). That said, I'd like to cut through some of the marketing BS and point out some flaws:-

When I purchased this and read "more than 300 practice questions, plus access to online question bank", I got the impression that the book contained 300 questions, and then there would be MORE old questions online. This is not the case. There are exactly 301 questions in the book, so their "more than 300" claim is accurate, but the online question bank contains the EXACT same questions. You are paying for 301 practice questions, period.- The online software is nice since it keeps track of your time and progress. However, one BIG flaw is that it will give you old questions that you have already seen before, with the tendency that the first few questions you see will be the exact questions that you got WRONG in your last session. Then, every once in a while you will see older questions that you got wrong. There is NO way to ask the software for fresh questions only, so usually if I want a practice set of say, 20 fresh questions, I will ask the software to give me 25-30 questions (depending on how many I got wrong in the last set) so that after the initial set of stale questions, I get new ones. This is silly, but you can work around it. Otherwise, great value, and the

only official set of practice questions out there besides the 2 practice exams that you get when you sign up for the GMAT.

I'm a GMAT tutor with over ten years of experience and founder of Atlantic GMAT (100% GMAT 0% BS!). Here is my analysis of the Official Guide for GMAT Verbal Review 2016 along with a complete breakdown of the new questions. Although it would have been nice to have more questions in the higher difficulty levels, the Verbal Review 2016 is a solid update especially if you look at the book as a skill builder. In this role it will be useful to most GMAT students - even those seeking 700+ GMAT scores.

**READING COMPREHENSION** 26 new questions / 24.7%  
Page 22/23 (short)-Questions 1-4  
Page 26/27 (medium)-Questions 11-17  
Page 30/31 (short)-Questions 23-26  
Page 38/39 (long)-Questions 39-42  
Page 58/59 (medium)-Questions 99-105  
It is nice to have some new passages though for many people the first three easy/easy-ish ones are not going to be very helpful. On the bright side you have some fodder for the beginning of your preparation so you don't have to waste hard passages while you are still learning the basics.

**CRITICAL REASONING** 25 new questions / 30.1%  
3, 7, 16, 21, 25, 28, 33, 35, 38, 43, 46, 50, 52, 53, 55, 60, 62, 64, 67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 78, 83  
**ASSUMPTION** - 18-Strengthen 7, 38, 67, 78-Weaken 21, 25 (best criticism), 68, 72, 83-**Assumption** 75-**Flaw** 62-Evaluate 46 (wordy prompt), 52-**Fill in the Blank**/Strengthen 3, 28, 43, 50, 71  
**CONTENT** - 7-**Boldface** 60, 64 (long)-**Inference** 16, 53 (two person)-**Paradox** 33 (wordy prompt), 35, 55  
Fill in the blank questions got a substantial boost considering they only represented 8% of the verbal review 2nd edition but represented 20% of this update. The number of flaw questions has doubled! But that only brings the number of them from a lonely one to a lovely couple:) We have only been treated to one new assumption question - so unfortunately we're left mostly with old ones in that category. Everything else seems to have gotten the proportional treatment that you would expect. On the difficulty level the news is good - the update focused much more medium and hard questions and seems to have loaded the critical reason with some tougher, wordier arguments including a boldface that looks like a mini reading comprehension.

**SENTENCE CORRECTION** 25 new questions / 22.1%  
2, 3, 8, 11, 14, 19, 23, 26, 30, 33, 37, 38, 42, 43, 47, 48, 50, 55, 63, 65, 73, 80, 92, 99, 103-**Agreement/Verbs/Pronouns** 11, 19 (past perfect), 30 (tenses), 43, 48, 80 (tense), 103 (tense)-**Parallelism** 2, 23 (list), 33 (list), 38 (comparison), 55 (comparison), 65 (list), 92 (comparison, modifier)-**Modifier** 3 (like vs as), 8, 14, 37 (list), 47, 50, 63 (comparison), 73 (comparison), 99-**Other** 26, 42  
Most of the SC questions fall into the easy/medium range. I would have liked more difficult questions as you see on the actual GMAT exam. It is unfortunate that we are not being treated to any of those beasts! In terms of content: No

surprises with parallelism clearly dominating. Is this SC update still helpful even though the new questions aren't all that tough? Yes. You are still getting an additional 25 official GMAT sentence correction questions which you can use to build up your sentence correction skills. That's a good thing considering there aren't that many of these to practice on. I would certainly still use the Verbal review 2nd edition in addition to this book so that you have a whole bunch of verbal practice especially considering you can probably pick up a cheap used copy of the second edition. CONCLUSION: The critical reasoning is the best part of this update. Lots of quality there. Consider the new RC and SC an added bonus. I've already reviewed the online component in the GMAT Official Guide 2016 review so I'll spare you my complaints. Needless to say that I find the online components underwhelming. Just a quick tip to spare you some frustration: your access code for the GMAT Online Question bank is in a pouch attached to the back cover of the book. The website for the GMAT online question bank is GMAT.Wiley.com. Comment with any questions that you have - Happy Studies! BTW - if you need any GMAT study tips, GMAT Questions of the Day, Inspiration, or Study Schedules have a look at AtlanticGMAT.com.

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