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Get to Know the *GRE*® General Test and Services

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Overview of the *GRE*® General Test

Considering Graduate, Business or Law School?

- The *GRE*® General Test is used **around the world** for:
    - Master's programs
    - Specialized master's in business programs
    - Certificate in law programs
    - MBA programs
    - JD programs
    - Doctoral programs
    - Awarding fellowships
- Scores are good for 5 years!

Flexible

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More than 1,300 Business Schools Accept *GRE*® Scores for Their MBA Programs

- Scores are trusted and accepted at top business schools worldwide.

- Most schools are following Harvard Business School's lead in weighting GRE scores equally with other business school admission tests. As noted on its website, "There is no minimum GMAT® or GRE [score] to apply and we do not have a bias toward one test or the other."

Accepted by Business Schools Worldwide

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A Growing Number of Law Schools Are Now Accepting *GRE*® Scores

- More than 95 law schools are now accepting or are considering accepting GRE General Test scores — saving applicants time and money from taking another admissions test.

- Law schools at the University of Arizona, Harvard University, Northwestern University and Georgetown University are among the first to begin accepting GRE scores for admissions purposes.

- View the most up-to-date list of law schools accepting GRE General Test scores on the GRE website.

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The *GRE*® General Test is Administered in Test Centers Worldwide

- In most regions of the world, the test is available on a continuous basis throughout the year.
  - The test is delivered on a desktop computer with a full-screen monitor, mouse and keyboard.
- The test is normally available at more than 1,000 test centers in more than 160 countries.
- View test center locations and seat availability at **www.ets.org/gre/testcenters**.

You Can Also Take the *GRE*® General Test from Home

- It's available everywhere that the test is normally available, based on the country of your account address.
- Identical in content, format and on-screen experience to the usual testing experience, so that you don't need to change how you study for the test.
- Same test fee and payment options, including vouchers.
- Same score scales, score report and score reporting options.
- Accessible, with extended time, extra breaks, screen magnification, selectable colors and other accommodations available.
- Monitored and recorded <u>online</u> through use of live human proctors and artificial intelligence technology through ProctorU®.

GRE® General Test at Home: System Requirements

Computer Requirements

- Desktop or laptop; you **cannot** use a tablet, Chromebook™ or mobile device
- Approved operating system, which must be licensed. Unlicensed or test-mode versions are not permitted.
  - Windows® OS versions – 10 or 8
    OR
  - macOS® versions - 10.5 or higher (10.13 High Sierra recommended)
- Chrome™ or Firefox® browser
- Multiple monitors or dual screens are not permitted.

Microphone and Speaker Requirements

- Internal or external microphone
- Internal or external speaker
- You **cannot** use a headset or earphones.

Camera Requirements

- A built-in camera in the computer or a separate webcam
- Before the test starts, you will need to show a 360-degree view of the room, including your table top surface.

You will need to perform a system check on your computer before scheduling your test. For the most up-to-date requirements, see www.ets.org/gre/at-home.

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A Closer Look at the Analytical Writing Measure

- Assesses critical thinking and analytical writing skills

- There are two writing tasks:

    - **Analyze an Issue** – Requires you to analyze an issue and develop an argument with reasons and/or examples to support your position

    - **Analyze an Argument** – Requires you to assess the logical soundness of a given argument according to the specific task directions

- Essay responses are typed

    - Basic functions include: insert text, delete text, cut and paste, and undo the previous action

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A Closer Look at the Verbal Reasoning Measure

- Assesses your ability to understand what you read and how you apply your reasoning skills

- Question types include:

  - Reading Comprehension

    - Multiple Choice – select one answer choice

    - Multiple Choice – select one or more answer choices

    - Select-in-Passage

  - Text Completion

  - Sentence Equivalence

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A Closer Look at the Quantitative Reasoning Measure

- Assesses your ability to interpret and analyze quantitative information and solve problems using mathematical models

- Question types include:

  - Quantitative Comparison

  - Multiple Choice, select one answer choice

  - Multiple Choice, select one or more answer choices

  - Numeric Entry

- Focuses on basic mathematical skills and elementary mathematical concepts

  - Arithmetic

  - Algebra

  - Geometry

  - Data analysis

On-screen calculator available

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The *GRE*® General Test

GRE® General Test Structure and Length

ANALYTICAL WRITING	VERBAL REASONING	QUANTITATIVE REASONING
1 SECTION	2 SECTIONS	2 SECTIONS
2 TASKS TOTAL	20 QUESTIONS PER SECTION	20 QUESTIONS PER SECTION
30 MINS PER TASK	30 MINS PER SECTION	35 MINS PER SECTION

The test also includes:

- Either an **unscored** section or a **research** section that does not count toward your scores

  - If you get an unscored section, you will not know which one it is, so try your best on all the sections

  - If you get a research section, it will always be last and will be clearly marked

Approximate total testing time = 3 hours and 45 minutes (plus timed breaks)

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A Closer Look at the Test-taker Friendly Design

- You can move freely within a section.

- An on-screen calculator

The Review Screen

- Allows you to view the status of the test questions in the section.

- The table contains each question number in the section, whether you have answered the question, and whether you marked the question for review.
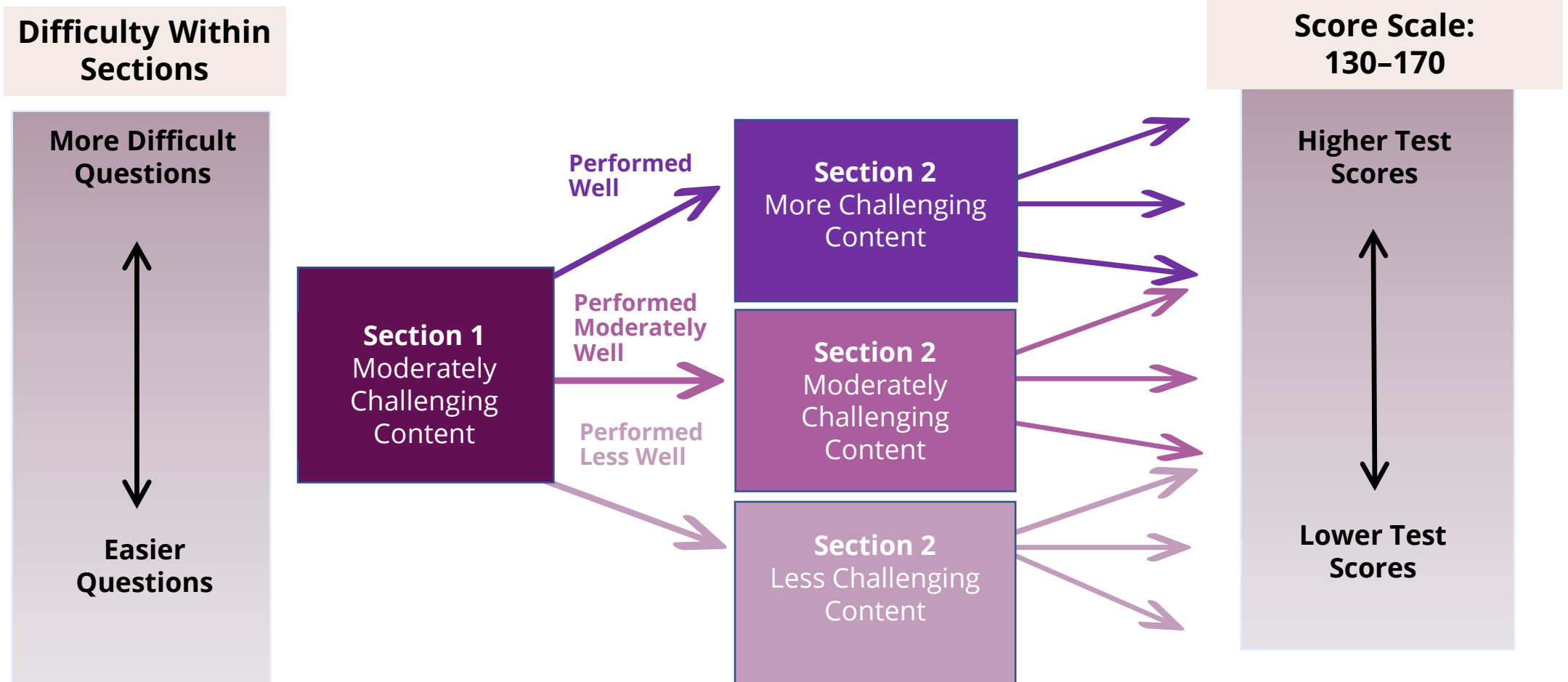
More About the Verbal Reasoning and Quantitative Reasoning Sections

What does section-level adaptive mean?

- The computer selects the second section of a measure based on your performance on the first section.

- Within each section, all questions **contribute equally** to your final score.

- Both sections are important, since the final score on each measure is based on the **total number of correct answers** and the **level of difficulty of the questions**.
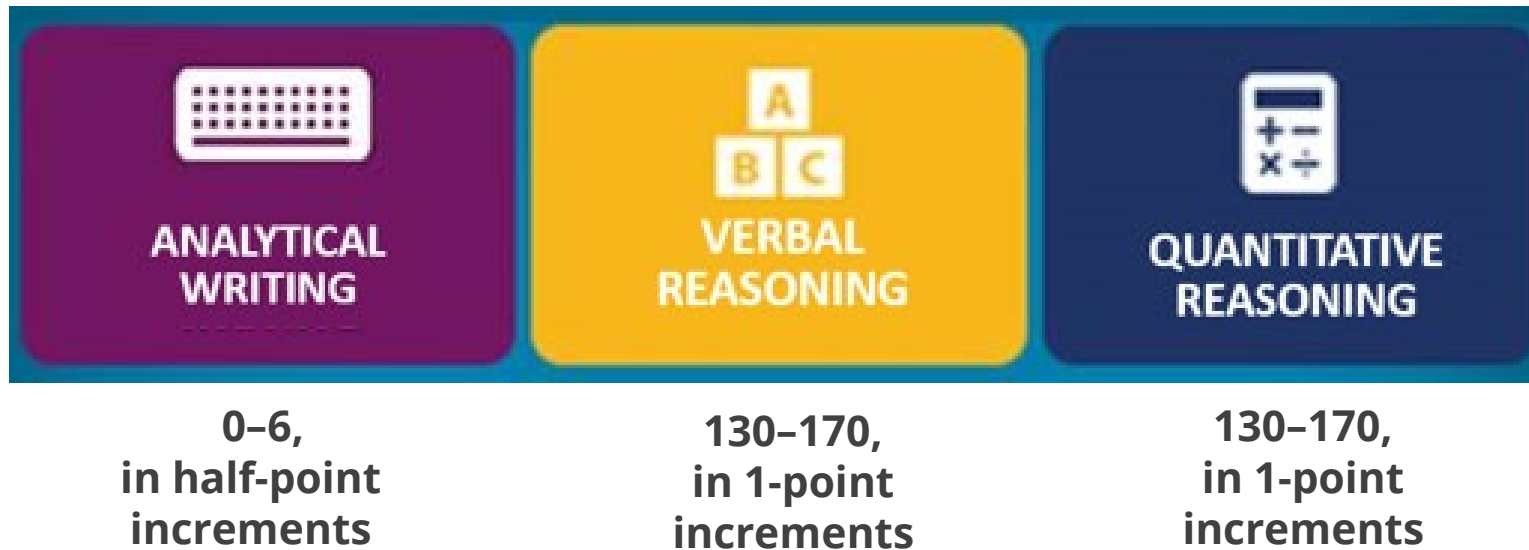
> **Myth buster!**
> Points are not deducted for wrong answers, so it is ALWAYS better to guess than to leave an answer blank.

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How Section-Level Adaptation Works

Difficulty Within Sections

More Difficult Questions

Easier Questions

Section 1 Moderately Challenging Content

Performed Well

Performed Moderately Well

Performed Less Well

Section 2 More Challenging Content

Section 2 Moderately Challenging Content

Section 2 Less Challenging Content

Score Scale: 130–170

Higher Test Scores

Lower Test Scores

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GRE® General Test Scores

Three scores are reported on the following score scales:

ANALYTICAL WRITING	VERBAL REASONING	QUANTITATIVE REASONING
0–6, in half-point increments	130–170, in 1-point increments	130–170, in 1-point increments

Scores are good for five years.

Registration Tips

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Getting Started

Important tip: Register early!

- If you register early, you are more likely to:
  - Get your preferred testing location, date and time.
  - Create a preparation plan focused on your test date timing.
- To register, you will need to create an ETS Account at www.ets.org/mygre
  - You will use your ETS Account to register and view your official scores online when they are available.
  - You can also sign up for the *GRE*® Search Service to help schools find you.
- Prior to registration:
  - You should review the *GRE® Information Bulletin* for ID requirements, policies, etc.
  - If you need accommodations, be sure to request them in your ETS account. Accommodations must be approved prior to test registration.

GRE® Fee Reduction Program

- ETS provides the *GRE*® Fee Reduction Program for individuals who demonstrate financial need, individuals who are unemployed and for programs that work with students from underrepresented groups, first-generation college students, and students with financial need.

- A Fee Reduction Voucher may be used to register for one *GRE*® General Test and/or one Subject Test.

- Voucher users pay 50 percent of the regular test fee.

- All test takers receiving a *GRE*® Fee Reduction voucher for the *GRE*® General Test also receive a FREE voucher for the following GRE test preparation materials, a $100 value:
  - *POWERPREP PLUS*® Online practice test 1 ($40 value)
  - *POWERPREP PLUS*® Online practice test 2 ($40 value)
  - *ScoreItNow!*™ Online Writing Practice ($20 value)

www.ets.org/gre/grefeereduction

ID Documents

When you create your ETS Account and register, have your ID handy.

- Each country has specific official ID requirements for testing.

  - View ID requirements in the *GRE® Information Bulletin* or on the *GRE®* website.

- The name you use when registering **MUST** exactly match your ID documents (excluding accents).

  - Ensure the spellings exactly match.

  - Be sure to provide your entire first (given) name.

    - Do not register using a nickname or with only a first initial.

  - You must supply your entire last (family/surname) name.

    - If you have a two-part last name, you need to be sure to supply your complete last name as it appears on your ID documents (excluding accents).

Let's Look at an Example

- For example, the last name Fernandez de Córdova should be entered as Fernandez de Cordova

* First/Given Name	Jose
Middle Initial	
* Last/Family Name	Fernandez de Cordova

Create Your ETS Account at www.ets.org/mygre

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After You Create an ETS Account You Can Register

Registration Process for the At Home Test

Register in your ETS Account:

- Log in and select Register.

- On the Find Test Centers and Dates Page, select **Test at Home**.

- Verify your email address, then continue.

- Next, confirm your time zone. Then, choose a test date and time.

- Confirm appointment details.

- Continue your registration and pay for the test.

- Keep this email safe, it contains the link to start your test on test day!

What to Expect On Test Day: At Home Test

At Home Test:
What You Need to Bring

- You must have acceptable and valid ID with your name, signature and photograph. ID requirements are strictly enforced.

- A mirror or mobile phone, to show the proctor your screen during check-in.

- Note-taking materials, which can be:
  - A whiteboard with an erasable marker
  - One blank piece of paper inside a transparent sheet protector with an erasable marker

Small Whiteboard   **Transparent Sheet Protector**

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At Home Test:
Before the Start of the Test

- Run a final ProctorU systems check and fix any issues before you attempt to check in for your test. All issues must be resolved before your appointment time.

- Close all browsers and applications not needed for the test to help prevent bandwidth issues while you test.

- Make sure any other devices in your home that use internet are not running.

- When it's time for your test, log in using the Start Your Test link in your confirmation email, or the At Home Check-in link in your ETS account.

  - If you are more than 12 minutes late, your test will be cancelled.

At Home Test:
Before the Start of the Test (continued)

- The proctor will ask you to:

  - Show your ID

  - Show your computer screen using a small mirror or your mobile phone

  - Show a 360-degree view of your room using your computer camera

- Your entire session will be recorded by ProctorU and monitored by a human proctor, and your photo will be taken.

At Home Test:
During the Test

- Make sure you can always be seen on camera by the proctor.

- Avoid doing anything that may look suspicious, like talking out loud or looking away from the screen.

- There is an optional 10-minute break after the third section and one-minute breaks between the remaining sections of the test. These break times cannot be exceeded.

  - You are allowed to leave your seat during the 10-minute break. You must return on time.

  - You are required to remain in your seat for the one-minute breaks.

  - Unscheduled breaks during the at home test are not allowed.

- Artificial intelligence technology will verify your ID throughout the test, and when you return after your break.

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At Home Test:
During the Test (continued)

- If you need to contact the proctor during your test, speak to get their attention and/or use the LogMeIn chat. It may take 30–60 seconds for the proctor to reply.

- If the proctor is attempting to chat with you, the blue owl will bounce up and down.

- Before the end of the session, you will be asked to erase any notes in view of the proctor.

- If you experience technical issues during the test, you should speak with the proctor or contact ProctorU® at **+1-855-772-8678**.

What to Expect On Test Day: At a Test Center

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At the Test Center:
What You Need to Bring

Note: All test centers are following prevention steps to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19. Be sure to check with your local test center for a complete list of health and safety procedures.

- You must have acceptable and valid ID with your name, signature and photograph.

  - ID requirements are strictly enforced.

  - Your official ID documents must exactly match your registration or you may not be able to test.

- Follow the policies and procedures explained on the *GRE®* website and in the *GRE® Information Bulletin* about what is allowed.

  - Personal items other than ID documents are not allowed in the testing room and cannot be accessed during the break, except for food, beverages or medication. This includes any phones; tablets; all wearable technology; all watches; and any other electronic, recording, listening, scanning or photographic devices.

  - You may not access your phone during the test or during breaks to check messages or to check the time.

For more information, visit www.ets.org/gre.

At the Test Center:
Before the Start of the Test

- Your photograph will be taken.

- A sample of your handwriting will be collected.

- You may be asked to empty your pockets, raise your pant legs above your ankles, pull up your sleeves above your wrists for visual inspection, and you may be scanned with a handheld metal detector wand. You may also be required to remove your eyeglasses for close visual inspection. Additional visual inspections of clothing, footwear, and ID documents may also be conducted. Such inspections are conducted during check-in and upon return from breaks.

- You will receive a writing utensil and a supply of scratch paper.

    - You will be able to replenish your supply of scratch paper, as necessary, throughout the entire test administration.

    - You will not be allowed to take scratch paper from the test center.

- The testing room will have proctors and electronic surveillance.

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At the Test Center:
During the Test

- The test uses a standard English-language (QWERTY) computer keyboard. It takes its name from the first 6 letters in the third row of the keyboard.

- If at any time during the test you have a problem with your computer, or for any reason need the administrator, raise your hand.

- Testing premises are subject to video recording.

- There is an optional 10-minute break after the third section and one-minute breaks between the remaining sections of the test. These break times cannot be exceeded. You are required to remain in the test center building or in the immediate area. You are not permitted to go outside the test center building unless it is to use the restroom during the test administration, including breaks.

- If you need to leave your seat at any time other than the break, raise your hand; timing of the section will not stop.

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Tips and Strategies

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General Tips and Strategies

- Become familiar with question formats and directions beforehand.

- Be aware of time.

- Make sure you understand what each question is asking by reading each question thoroughly and reading all answer choices before answering. There is no credit for partially correct answers.

- Answer every question, even if you have to make a best guess.

- Use knowledge you have to figure out answers to unfamiliar questions.

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General Tips and Strategies (continued)

- Do not waste time on questions you find extremely difficult, since no question carries greater weight than any other.

- Do not spend too much time on the review screen, as this will take away from the time you have to spend on the test questions.

- Check the review screen before finishing a section to ensure you have answered all questions.

Analytical Writing Tips and Strategies

- Review the scoring guides for each task to gain a deeper understanding of how readers evaluate essays and the elements they are looking for in an essay.

- Practice writing under timed conditions.

- Pay close attention to the specific task directions, and make sure that your essay response addresses the specific instructions.

- Organize your thoughts and prepare an outline.

Analytical Writing Tips and Strategies (continued)

- On the Issue task, you should support your position on the issue with reasons and examples drawn from your reading, experience, observations and/or academic studies.

- Leave a few minutes at the end of each task to read what you have written and make any revisions that you think are necessary and to check for obvious errors.

- Avoid excessive irony or humor in your essay responses because it may be misinterpreted by readers.

Verbal Reasoning Tips and Strategies

- Read passages to get an overall sense of them before answering questions that pertain to them.

- Answer strictly on the basis of what a passage says — do not rely on outside knowledge.

- After choosing answer choices for a question that contains blanks, reread the whole passage to be sure it makes sense.

- Try to fill in blanks with your own words and find answer choices that match.

- Identify words or phrases that seem particularly significant.

Where Can I Find *GRE*® Level Reading Materials?

- *GRE*® Reading Comprehension questions assess a test taker's ability to

  - identify a passage's purpose and main idea

  - recognize specific points made in a passage

  - recognize assumptions underlying a passage's argument

  - draw inferences and conclusions based on a passage

  - evaluate a passage's logic and rhetoric

- In order to support questions that assess these skills, a GRE Reading Comprehension passage has to be logically and rhetorically complex; it cannot merely be a collection of facts or assertions.

Where Can I Find *GRE*® Level Reading Materials?
(continued)

- Look for material that presents an argument supported by reasoning and/or evidence. Such material can be found in a variety of places:

  - Specialized academic journals

  - Feature articles in newspapers and periodicals such as *The New York Times*, *The Economist, Scientific American* or *London Review of Books*

  - Trade books by experts and journalists for general audiences

- Textbooks and popular periodicals generally do not demonstrate the kind of complexity that is found in *GRE*® Reading passages.

Quantitative Reasoning Tips and Strategies

- Geometric figures may not be drawn to scale, so avoid estimating sizes by sight or by measurement on such figures.

- If applicable, draw your own diagram or figure, or make a list to help sort out what the question is asking.

- When appropriate, avoid lengthy calculations by rounding numbers before computing an estimate, by looking for comparisons, and by recognizing and continuing numerical patterns.

- Evaluate your progress and switch to a different strategy if you get stuck or if a solution seems to require an inordinate amount of time.

- After arriving at an answer, reread the question to make sure your answer is reasonable, given what was asked.

- Review additional problem-solving strategies available at www.ets.org/gre/quantstrategies.
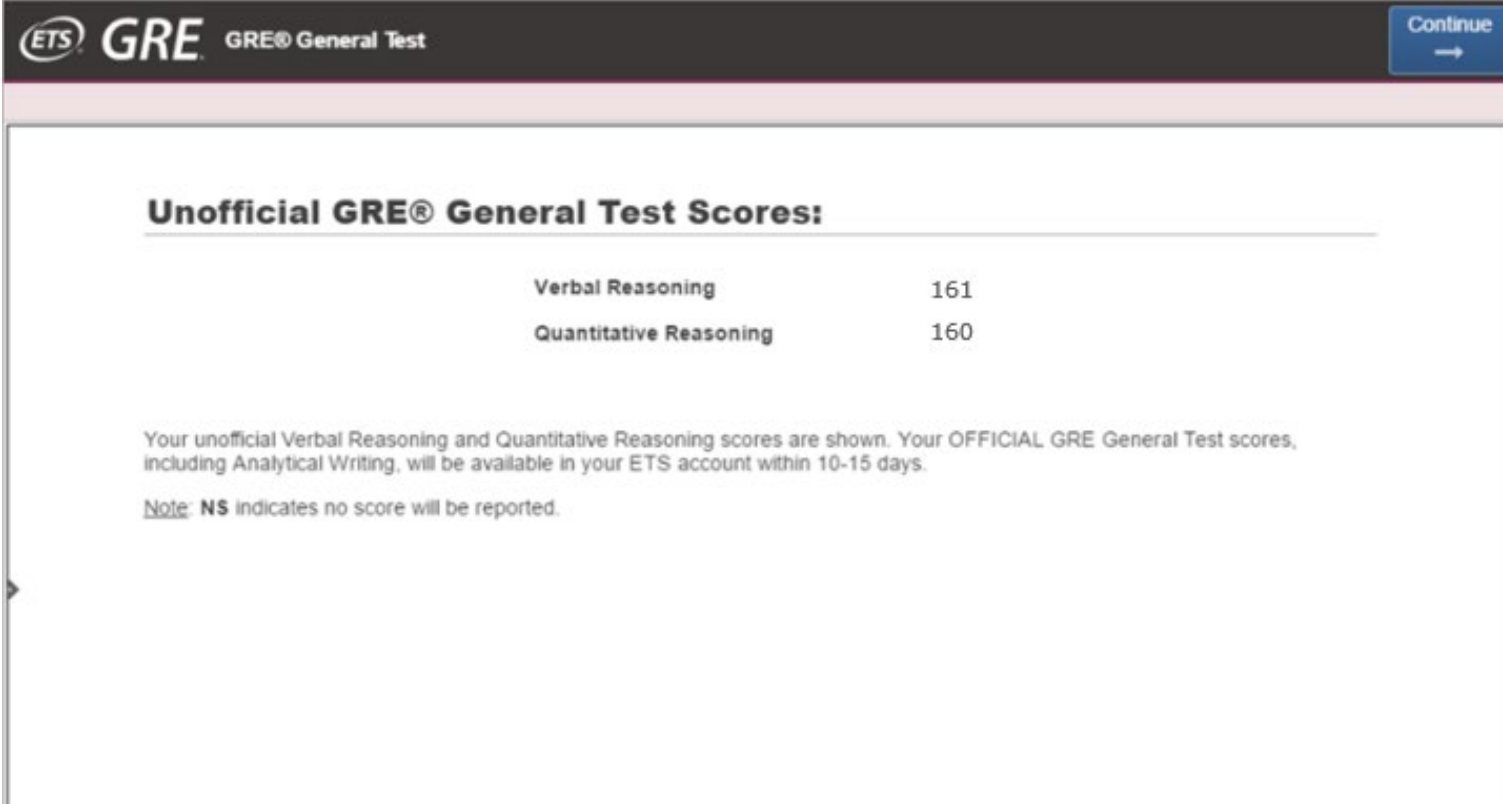
Getting and Sending Your Scores

Getting Your Unofficial Scores at the End of the Test

- After you have completed the test, you will have the option to:

    - Cancel your scores permanently (Not recommended)

    - Report (view) your unofficial scores

- If you choose to report your scores, you will see your scores for both the Verbal Reasoning and the Quantitative Reasoning measures

    - Your score on the Analytical Writing measure will not be available at this time due to the essay scoring process.

Viewing Your Unofficial Scores

If you choose to report your scores, you will see your unofficial scores on the screen.

Designating Institutions to Receive Your Scores

- After viewing your unofficial Verbal Reasoning and Quantitative Reasoning scores, you will be asked to designate up to four score recipients you want to receive your official *GRE*® General Test scores.

  - These score reports are part of your test fee.

  - You can decide to use your 4 free score reports at the end of your test OR decide not to send any scores *at that time*

- After you exit the test administration and after test day, you can send additional score reports for a fee.

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Put Your Best Scores Forward with the *ScoreSelect®* Option

On Test Day

You can view your scores at the end of your test.

Use your 4 FREE score reports

- **Most Recent** option – Send scores from most recent test

- **All** option – Send scores from all tests in the last 5 years

After Test Day

You can view your scores via your ETS Account.

Use Additional Score Reports

- **Most Recent** option – Send scores from most recent test

- **All** option – Send scores from all tests in the last 5 years

- **Any** option – Send scores from one OR many tests in the last 5 years

Note: Some schools want to see applicants' scores from all GRE tests they have taken. We advise you to check with the schools to which you are applying for their requirements.

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Choosing Where to Send Your Scores On Test Day

Enter A Country and Select the Institution from a Drop-down List

Next Enter the Department Name and Select the *ScoreSelect*® Option

Your Official *GRE*® Scores

- **Your GRE official scores are reported about 10–15 days after test day.**

- Your scores are available for you to view online in your ETS Account.

  - Your score report includes all scores in your reportable history (past 5 years).

  - You can print a personal copy of your score report.

  - You can order Additional Score Reports after test day in your ETS Account.

    - You can watch a short video on how to send Additional Score Reports at www.ets.org/gre/asr.

- Your scores are reported to the institutions you designated on or after test day.

  - Your photograph and Analytical Writing essay responses are also available to institutions to review.

If You Want to Take the Test Again, You Can!

- You always have the option to take the test again.

- You can take the *GRE*® General Test once every 21 days, up to five times within any continuous rolling 12-month period.

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Get Additional Feedback on Your Performance with the FREE *GRE*® Diagnostic Service

- Provides insight into your performance on the test questions in the Verbal Reasoning and Quantitative Reasoning sections of the GRE General Test.

- Includes a description of the types of questions you answered right and wrong, the difficulty level of each question and the time you spent on each question.

- You can access this service in your ETS Account approximately 15 days after you take the computer-delivered test and for 6 months following your test administration.

GRE® Diagnostic Service: Sample Verbal Reasoning Section
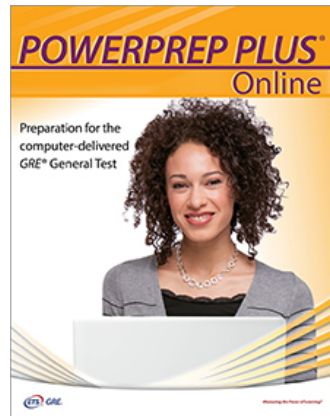
Tools To Help You Prepare

FREE *GRE*® Test Preparation

- **Section overviews for each measure** are available on the GRE website. They include general advice, sample questions with explanations, scoring guides and tips for answering question types.

- *POWERPREP*® **Test Preview Tool**: Helps familiarize test takers with the question types, test features and help tools that are available during the actual test.

- *POWERPREP*® **Online Practice Tests**: Two timed practice tests that simulate the actual test and provide scores on the Verbal Reasoning and Quantitative Reasoning measures.

- *GRE*® **Math Review:** This 100-page math refresher includes definitions, properties, examples and a set of exercises with answers at the end of each section. Also includes links to additional help in the Khan Academy®.

- *GRE*® **Math Conventions:** Mathematical notations, symbols, terminology and guidelines are included for interpreting information in the *t*est.

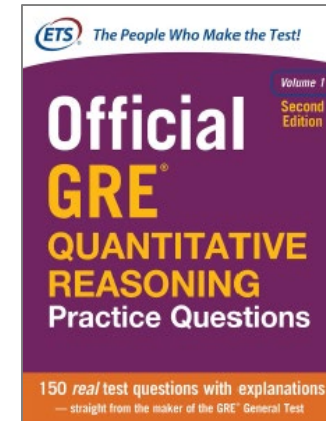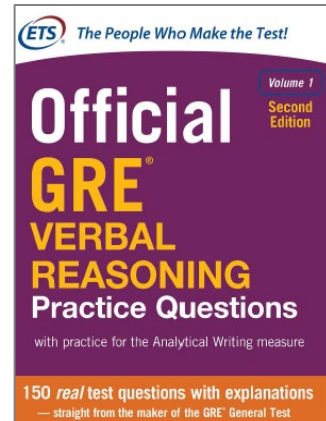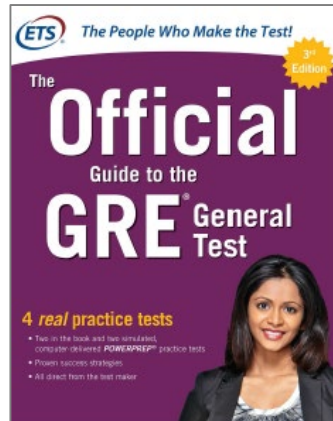- **Practice materials in accessible formats** are available.
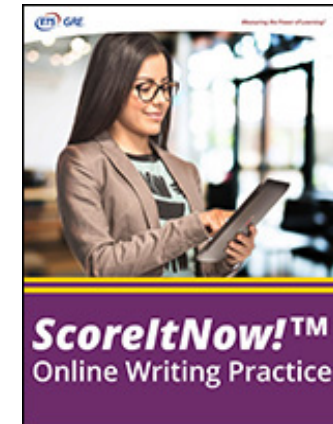
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Online**

GRE® Practice Books

**GRE® Analytical
Writing Practice**

Visit **www.ets.org/gre/prepare**.

Tools to Help You Stand Out

Help Make Your Application Even Stronger by Taking a *GRE*® Subject Test

- Demonstrate achievement in particular fields of study.

- Each test assumes an undergraduate major or extensive background in the discipline.

- Paper-delivered tests administered in September, October and April.

Tests Available:

- Chemistry

- Mathematics

- Physics

- Psychology

For more information about the GRE Subject Tests, including test dates and registration deadlines, visit www.ets.org/gre/subject.

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GRE® Search Service

- You can list a free profile about yourself to help graduate, business and law schools, fellowship granting organizations, and other organizations that participate in the Search Service to find you.

- If you match the recruitment profile of a participating institution, you may be sent information about graduate, business or law programs, admissions, scholarships, fellowships and other opportunities.

- You can sign up when you register for a GRE test, or you can register for the service in your ETS account at any time.

Help schools find you!

Sign up for the FREE *GRE*® Search Service so recruiters around the world can find you.

Learn more

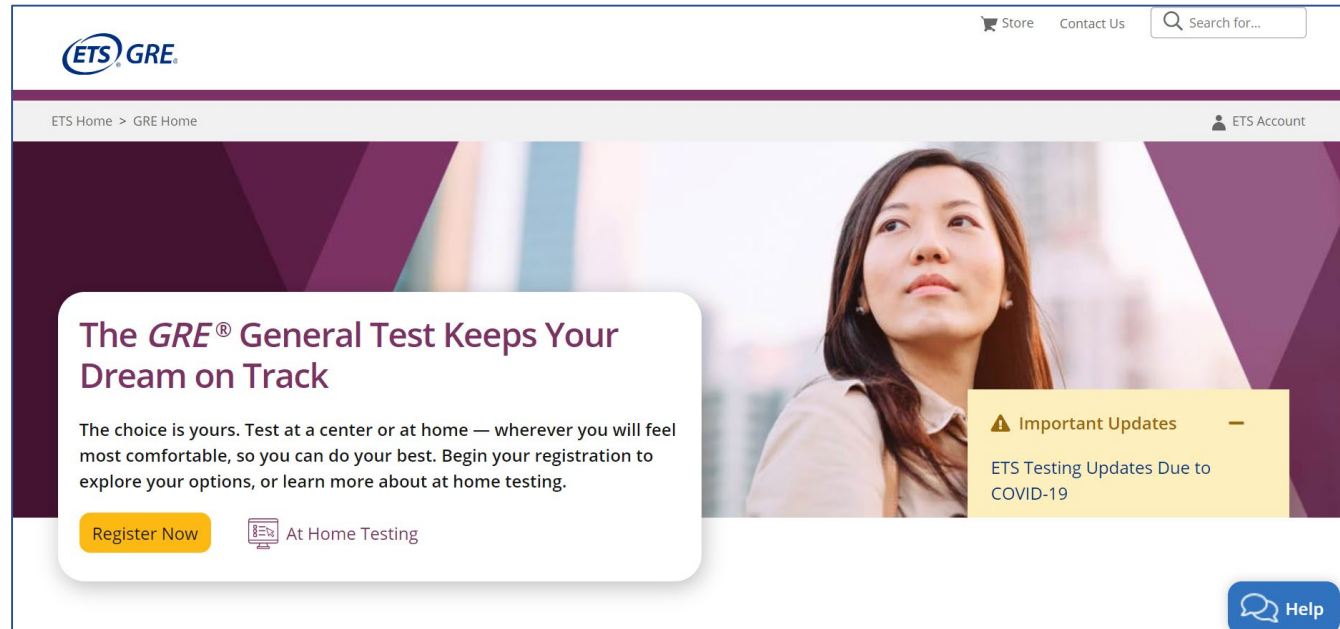Visit **www.ets.org/gre/stusearch**

GRE® Resources

GRE® Test Taker Resources

- *GRE*® *Information Bulletin* (PDF)
- *GRE*® *Bulletin Supplement for Test Takers with Disabilities or Health-related Needs* (PDF)
- Institutions and fellowship sponsors approved to receive GRE scores
- Business schools that accept GRE scores for MBA programs
- Law schools that accept GRE scores for JD programs

Available at www.ets.org/gre

The Official *GRE*® Website

- Provides in-depth explanations of the test, policy information, test dates and locations, and more.

Visit **www.ets.org/gre**.

Hear What Other Test Takers Are Saying

- Connect, engage and hear from others who are planning to take the *GRE*® General Test for graduate, business or law school
  - Official *GRE*® General Test pages on Facebook®, Instagram, and LinkedIn®
  - Taking the GRE General Test for business school on LinkedIn®
  - GRE videos on YouTube®
  - Official GRE General Test page on Sina Weibo®
  - GRE official page on WeChat®
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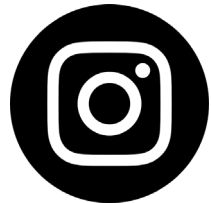
To Get More Information

- *GRE*® Tests and Services

  - **www.ets.org/gre** and **www.ets.org/gre/at-home**

- If you have questions:

  - GRE Services: **gre-info@ets.org**

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