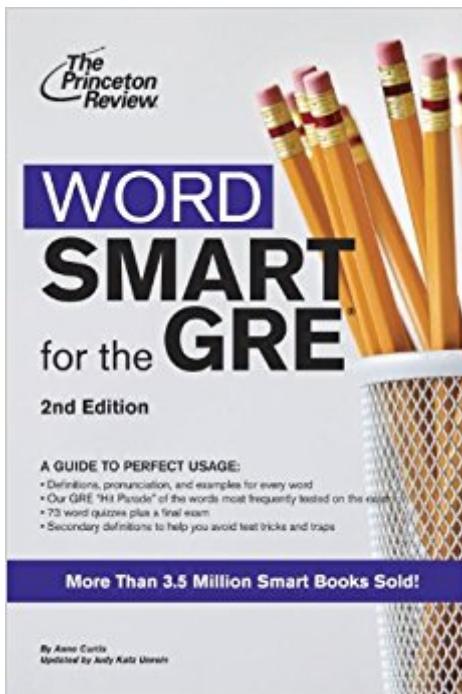


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# Word Smart For The GRE: A Guide To Perfect Usage



## Synopsis

Word Smart for the GRE will help you build your vocabulary and boost your GRE verbal scores. It provides you with successful strategies for learning new words as well as proven techniques for scoring higher on the GRE Verbal exam. It also includesÂ The GRE Hit Parade: the words most frequently tested on the examÂ Quick quizzes and a final examÂ Secondary definitions to help you avoid tricks and traps on the GRE

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I bought this book last year, but only took the exam this year. Anyway, I took a practice test before studying and got a 590 Verbal and a 640 Quantitative...then used this book combined with "Cracking the GRE with DVD, 2008 Edition (Graduate Test Prep)." Since the math is the same level as the SAT, verbal practice is the only real way to up your score. I personally made flash cards of all the words in the word bank and skimmed the back section on prefixes, stems, and suffixes. I'd say my strategy worked pretty well; my GRE score was 670 Verbal and 740 quantitative. You'll need about 2-3 months to really learn all the words in this book if you try to learn 10-20 words a day. It's worth it though. Combine that with practice tests you get from registering "Cracking the GRE" and you should be well-prepared. In fact, a few questions on my actual GRE were ones I'd seen in practice tests. Overall, I think this is an excellent way to improve your functional vocabulary, with definitions, secondary definitions, and usage in context.

There are many different products out there for improving your GRE vocabulary: flash cards, text books, mp3s for your ipod, etc. This book is ideal if you're a person like me -- a person who never leaves home without some sort of reading material. Whether you commute everyday on a train, or you walk to the grocery store to buy your groceries, this book is the perfect size and weight. I know most people like Barron's High Frequency GRE Words List, but I feel that the list is too short. Barron's books are also too big and clunky to carry around with you. And Barron's complete vocabulary list is a little too much -- I don't think it's realistic for most people. I thought this book was the perfect length. It doesn't have too few or too many words. I also like the format of the book. The words are broken up into small sections of 10 or 12 words, and there's a short quiz at the end of each section. This allows you to learn a few words at a time, and the quizzes help you review the words you've learned previously. I carried this book around with me on my daily walks to the grocery store, the library, the local cafe... everywhere, really. After a few months, I had internalized every word in the book. I finally took the GRE (for the first time) and I scored a 780 in verbal -- a surprise since I was only expecting a score in the 600s. And, yes, I did see many of the same words in the actual GRE exam. This book isn't for everyone. For instance, if you drive or ride your bike everywhere, you may prefer using flash cards (although, its light weight makes it a pretty good choice for cyclists too). But for people like me, I think this is the best product available.

I just have a high school diploma and learned many of these words when I was in high school and through independent reading of books over the years. Can't say whether this is a good book or not. Seems sort of average vocabulary.

I highly recommend this book as an additional guide to the "Cracking the GRE" book, for improving GRE vocabulary. The book has many words frequently used in the GRE. The strength of the book is that each word is put in a couple of sentences to make clear its exact meanings which I found very helpful especially for the secondary less intuitive meanings which they like to use on the GRE. There are also helpful tips throughout, such as which words are likely to get confused. Also, some words' roots are explained which more than being interesting uses as a very effective mnemonic. Would definitely recommend to non native speakers who need to learn as many words as possible...good luck!

I used this book and scored in the top 10 percentile in the vocabulary portion of the book. They do

well for explaining word structure and usage.

This book was a lot of fun to read. The sample sentences are hilarious and the tests are pretty helpful. I went through it about ten times and made multiple lists and flash cards of the words. I highly recommend it to anyone who is prepping for the GRE or looking to expand his or her vocabulary. I would, however, not use this as my only guide for the GRE verbal. It would be best to get a complete test guide or another one that talks more about strategy.

This book is a great vocabulary for a second language speaker. I recommend it to everybody who wants to build his/her vocabulary.

This book goes that extra mile that I needed. I used this book as a supplement to a Princeton Review GRE prep and found it at times better than the text book from my course. This book uses the words in context which is helpful in memorizing.

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