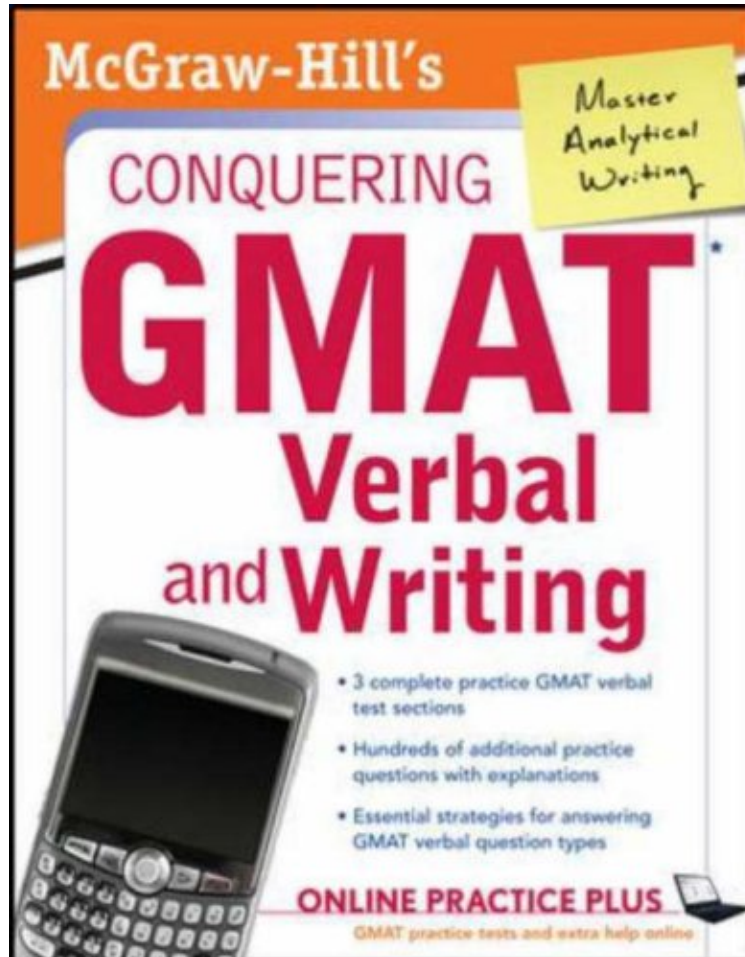


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Good, not the bestBy Alejandro HardziejI bought this book hoping it would cover all aspects of my preparation for the verbal review of the GMAT. The content is good and overall I'm satisfied with what you get for what you pay. Here are some pros and cons:PROS- The concepts and knowledge you need for the test are well covered. Other guides only focus on the strategies.- For each verbal section, the book clearly explains where most test-takers fail and why (which I found very useful)- Good structure. It first covers "what" you need and then "how" to apply it. Other guides mix content with strategies, making it confusing.CONNS- Content can sometimes be too obvious- Strategies are better covered in other guides- The format of the Kindle version of this book is horrible. If you are planning to buy this book, I would suggest a printed copy.Conclusion: buy it if you are just starting, since it would give you a good general base. If you already know English grammar, rules and concepts, and

want to focus solely on strategies to improve your efficiency, then go for another guide (Kaplan is a good choice). Good luck!

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Solid practice for GMAT Verbal

By Scapple8

Douglas Pierce wrote a wonderful workbook for potential business school candidates called 'Conquering GMAT Verbal Writing.' Students can increase their test scores on the verbal section by following three steps: 1) Learn the content, 2) Standardize your approach, and 3) Understand the Test. There are seventy-five minutes to complete the 41 verbal questions on the exam, so pacing and time management are important components of taking a successful test. Such strategies are particularly important when you run across difficult reading comprehension passages, or a difficult Critical Reasoning question. One strategy is to complete Sentence Correction questions in under a minute, but even here, you can get some very long sentences to analyze. GMAT can lay some elegant time traps for the unsuspecting test-taker - and a book such as this one can help you navigate through them. It does pay to review grammar before practicing sentence correction questions. The thirty page review of the Grammar Basics is adequate, though I really would recommend Kaplan's 'GMAT Verbal Foundations' as your primary source in this regard. Use this book after studying grammar concepts to perfect your Sentence Correction skills. Reading Comprehension Questions requires you to read passages critically before answering 3-4 detailed questions concerning the passage. What seems like an easy task can be compounded by the complexity of the passage. This was a skill that I found required constant attention, because it is so easy to become glazed over by some of the passages that the GMAT can throw at you. Critical Reasoning Questions become complicated because it is not easy to pick out the Conclusion, Premises, and Assumptions of an argument. Assumptions are particularly difficult because they are unstated by the author. It seemed to me that different GMAT preparation books made different assumptions on relatively similar problems. All of the three Verbal question types require practice to improve your performance, and this 300-page workbook by McGraw-Hill is a useful study companion for those reasons. The changes to the GMAT on June 6, 2012, will have some effect on this book. Since the Analysis of an Issue prompt will be replaced with Integrated Reasoning questions, it will not be necessary to practice the former types of questions. The 41-question Verbal section of the Exam will still contain the three types of questions analyzed here (SC, RC, and CR). Even with the change to the test, I would still recommend this book as it does give you immense help for the Verbal section of the exam.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good for verbal and writing

By Monika

This is a great book if you want to increase your verbal score on the GMAT. I am not sure why this book is not as popular as some of the other books but it sure has some good content. Although AWA is not considered to be an important part of the score, it should not be neglected as most top business schools do look at the AWA scores. This book will surely help you write well organized essays. Other verbal sections are also nicely covered in this book. Highly recommended!

An intensive review for those times when your verbal skills need polishing, McGraw-Hill's Conquering GMAT Verbal and Writing includes full-length sample tests, skill-building exercises, and strategies students need for higher scores.

About the Author

Doug Pierce is a tutor and GMAT testing expert. In addition to classroom and one-on-one teaching, Pierce has also written several test preparation books.