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# GRE Reading Comprehension & Essays (Manhattan Prep GRE Strategy Guides)



## Synopsis

Manhattan Prep<sup>™</sup>'s 4th Edition GRE Strategy Guides have been redesigned with the student in mind. With updated content and new practice problems, they are the richest, most content-driven GRE materials on the market. Written by Manhattan Prep's high-caliber GRE instructors, the Reading Comprehension & Essays GRE Strategy Guide provides a comprehensive approach to Reading Comprehension passages and questions on the GRE. It contains practical techniques for perceiving passage structures rapidly and for grasping difficult, unfamiliar content. This Guide teaches you how to attack questions through effective classification and analysis, following a clear process for answering both general and specific questions and avoiding common traps along the way. Furthermore, you will learn how to master dynamic outlining and writing techniques for tackling the essays. Each chapter provides comprehensive coverage of the subject matter using rules, strategies, and in-depth examples to help you build confidence and content mastery. In addition, the Guide contains complete problem sets, with detailed answer explanations written by top-scorers, and numerous exercises that you can use to train yourself in reading and writing more efficiently. Purchase of this book includes one year of access to 6 Manhattan Prep online section-adaptive GRE exams.

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## Customer Reviews

I can't praise these books enough! Can I give a 6th star? They are so easy to read and the

techniques are very easy to pick up and use. I bought three of the Manhattan Prep books in preparation for the GRE, but I primarily used this one because I struggled the most with verbal passages. In fact, I struggled a fair amount with the English section in general, but with the use of this book and a couple other resources (GRE Vocab Capacity, Manhattan Prep Advanced Words Flashcards), I got in the 80th percentile on the GRE Verbal section. These books had the right strategies for me, and I highly recommend them to boost your GRE score. HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

I'm halfway done with reading this book to study for the general GRE exam. The explanations for the correct answers for the short and long passages are clear. However, I like the overall strategies presented in "GRE for Dummies" better than this book. I think you'll be best served by having multiple study sources than only having one book.

With the GRE selections being presented only on a screen, this volume very effectively guides you to break down passages and quickly address the questions. I only took the GRE once. The tips in this book helped me get a 166 on the verbal section. I highly recommend this.

I am a quarter of the way through this book. I so appreciate its overall organization, the exceptionally clear examples and explanations, and the realistic suggestions that encourage active reading rather than "techniques" that try to cut corners. I've been practicing with both Barron's and Princeton's reading comprehension techniques and find that I am still making errors (mostly because they encourage you to read too quickly or not at all by first reading the questions and then going on a goose chase for the answers). In addition, I find Manhattan's suggestion to never skip around the sections [and make educated guesses before moving on] a great counter-argument to Princeton and Barron's technique of spending time on easier problems. I found that this technique means that I have run out of time with several questions unanswered! Two minor advantages and one peccadillo: 1.) The paper is heavy and higher quality than other books. This means that the paper isn't difficult to write on or ripping. 2.) The book has well structured practice sets that teach you to read more actively and analytically, increasing your comprehension. I might suggest this to some of my undergrads who are struggling with reading prolix academic writing. 3.) I have found two errors already (pg. 45 and pg. 55-6), but these were obvious and did not hinder my learning. Because I like this book so much, I will order the Manhattan Text Completion/Sentence Equivalency guide as well as the 5 lbs. book of practice problems.

If you think you're going to get some sort of novel strategy for acing the reading comprehension sections, think again. It's very common-sensical stuff any vaguely intelligent person could work out. Manhattan Prep doesn't have a "gimmick" for this like Princeton Review's "plugging in" strategy in the Quantitative Reasoning section. You are better off taking a speed-reading course, and in fact Manhattan Prep would do better to devise one in book form. This is mostly a waste. Unfortunately it's one of the only books out there that specifically focuses on reading comprehension, so if it's part of a package deal where you get it free with one of the other books, you might as well buy it.

Helped me a lot. I tried Barron's online video series, I just couldn't figure out what strategy to use! I was even more confused than before. Then I purchased this book 3 weeks before the actual test. Then everything was clear for me! Long passages vs short passages and argument structure passages, good examples, etc. Many verbal prep materials recommend to avoid reading entirely or to skim through passages, but manhattan prep had the right strategy. I end up with a 155 in verbal, from 144 last year. I also purchased the 500 advanced words flash cards from manhattan prep, a good selection of words. Moreover, albeit rather short, the essay strategy section of the book provides an overall good picture of what to focus on when it comes to attack the Essay section. I would definitely recommend this book for both beginner and confirmed students. Finally, you get a free access to 6 full practice test! I scored exactly as the practice test predicted (verbal section).

The Manhattan Prep series goes over the fundamentals of the GRE, but it does not have the same level of difficulty as the real test. I was really happy with my results while studying these books but got frustrated doing the genuine sample tests...

It is a very helpful textbook to understand how problems are solved in GRE. For me, all the Manhattan Prep books for GRE became my bible. There are a lot of exercises for you to do and a very detailed explanation for each of them.

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