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Barron's GRE Flash Cards, 3rd Edition: 500 Flash Cards To Help You Achieve A Higher Score



Synopsis

This updated set of flash cards prepares students for the current GRE. The cards test students' verbal and math skills and help them to focus on areas that require additional study. The set consists of: 250 verbal cards, including definitions and sentence-completion practice; 250 math cards, including 75 math facts, 25 math strategies, 65 multiple-choice questions, and 65 quantitative-comparison questions, 10 multiple-answer questions, and 10 numeric-entry questions. Cards have a corner punch hole to accommodate a metal sorting ring enclosed with the set. Students can use the ring to arrange cards in any sequence that suits their study needs.

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Customer Reviews

When I set out to practice for the GRE General, I bought 3 items from different testing groups: a 500 vocab set from Kaplan, Princeton Review Book, and these Flash Cards.*** Long story short, for Vocab, you WILL acquire the words from the Barron's Flash cards than the Kaplan set. They're far better presented. For Math, I personally found the majority of the problems on these flash cards more encompassing than the problems I found on ETS's Powerprep software... but DO practice with PowerPrep! ***As for details... the box itself is real sturdy, the cards are pretty durable, and you get a convenient ring to grab a few cards on the go. The stock cards are far more durable than the flimsy Kaplan set, which are paper-thin sheets more so than cards. The cards themselves are split as follows: 250 Vocabulary words, 25 Math Strategy Cards, 75 Math Facts, 75 Quantitative Comparison, and 75 Multiple Choice Math problems. The presentation for ALL the cards is really

well done, in my opinion. The 250 Verbal cards are set up as follows: Front: Word, Context Clue, and a space for putting your own personal clue. Back: Definition (and synonyms), Antonyms, fill-in sentence, and Analogy sample (with explanation of the relationship). All in all, there's plenty of material on each card, and I found myself learning the words on these cards far better than those on the Kaplan set. My only quip for the cards were that they did not come with pronunciations, not a major deal I suppose... unless you legitimately want to improve your vocabulary permanently. The Problems for the Math card sets were well constructed as well, minus the grievous typos I found. All Math cards came with a sample setup matching what you'd see on a GRE screen for Quant Comparison and Multi-Choice. In the back, you will find at least one explanation for WHY the answer choice is correct. In many cases, they give you an Algebraic explanation... but they realize in some cases, plugging in works well, and you can use Process-of-Elimination to finish the problem as well. They also give references to see certain Math Strategy or Fact card #s when applicable to help explain the answer choices. Overall the package is a pretty good deal. **NOTE**¹⁾ You *should* look into other sources for additional GRE vocabulary words. 250 words are not enough, especially when considering that there are so many random words that ETS can pick for the test. By comparison to the Kaplan Vocab Card set, *most* of these words were also found in their set, however.²⁾ DO THE POWERPREP Software from ETS. Simply put, there's no better way to prepare for the Computer Adaptive Test than by taking a Computer Adaptive Test. IT IS FREE to download... and WILL help you time yourself. For those who have purchased the cards, here's a couple corrections for two of the Math cards: MC 12 claims the answer is C, but the explanation and work prove the answer is D. MC 36 *should* say $(7^a)(7^b)$ and NOT $(7a)(7b)$, otherwise the problem would require logarithms to solve, which are NOT on the GRE.

A great starting point to help those lacking in the vocabulary department. I would also recommend the Manhattan Prep flash cards and the magoosh vocab section. Take it from a Math major who wrote less than 5 essays in his college career and with the help of these flashcards got a 94% score. You can do it, just dedicate the time.

These were the best study aid I bought for the GRE, by far. While the Kaplan Vocab Flash Cards features trickier words, I saw more of the Baron's words on the actual test. The layout and form of these cards is also nicer. The front of the vocab ones has the word in boldface, followed by its part of speech, a context clue, and a space for you to add your own clue (which I didn't use). The back has the definition (usually list of synonyms and similar phrases), antonyms (which were VERY

helpful for the actual test), a complete sentence, an example analogy, and a little hint. If I had to take the exam again, I'd buy these. In fact, I lent my cards to a friend who took hers and she raved about these cards after her test (i.e. the words appeared on her test, etc.) The math cards are also good review. It basically takes the Barrons book (which is also one of my preferred study aids) and puts it into card form. There are 3-4 different types of math questions testing quantitative ability, basic knowledge, multiple choice, etc. This is definitely a good investment. Best of luck! The cards are also made of a better cardstock than the kaplan paper ones and come pre-hole punched with a ring to keep them together.

I am still working with them, but I am going to admit that they are helping immensely. The GRE is a bit of a nightmare for me (I haven't done math like this in 20 years). I would not recommend ONLY getting this for GRE prep. There are video courses, books and apps that all help too. But ready-made flash cards are really fantastically helpful.

Cards were all shuffled and out of order and don't appear to be from the same GRE card set. It seems like they assembled them from several that had spilled out on a table or something. Cards are good but the shuffled condition of the cards makes it difficult to focus on one subject at a time.

This has turned out to be a surprising superior product. It includes 250 vocabulary words most frequented on the GRE and not only does it give the word and definition to memorize, it includes hints on one side with the word and on the flip side it includes the definition with antonym words (because you will see antonym questions on the GRE) as well as a analogy example! I have found that with the analogy example it secretly teaches you new words so in essence you are really learning 300+ words instead of the 250 on each card. I vowed to learn 10 new words a day thus giving me 25 days worth of material to memorize so not to push myself too hard too quickly but due to the setup of these cards I average 50 vocab words per day with about a 90% complete retention. For the very low price this is, buy it! I will be using these cards for years to come as a casual thesaurus and dictionary and as a quick refresher to my 7,8 and 9th grade math foundation.

Great product

These are probably fine GRE flashcards in terms of content, but I had to return them. The text, especially with variables, fractions, exponents, etc., was so tiny it was a strain to try to read them.

There was plenty of space on the cards to make the text bigger, Barron just didn't. I recommend Manhattan Prep's various flash card boxes instead (500 Essential Words got me from an 88th Percentile to 97th in Verbal, and that's without the Advanced Words set. They have a math set, too). So, if you like your text consistently above a 5 pt. font, I recommend a different set of flash cards. If you don't care, go for it.

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