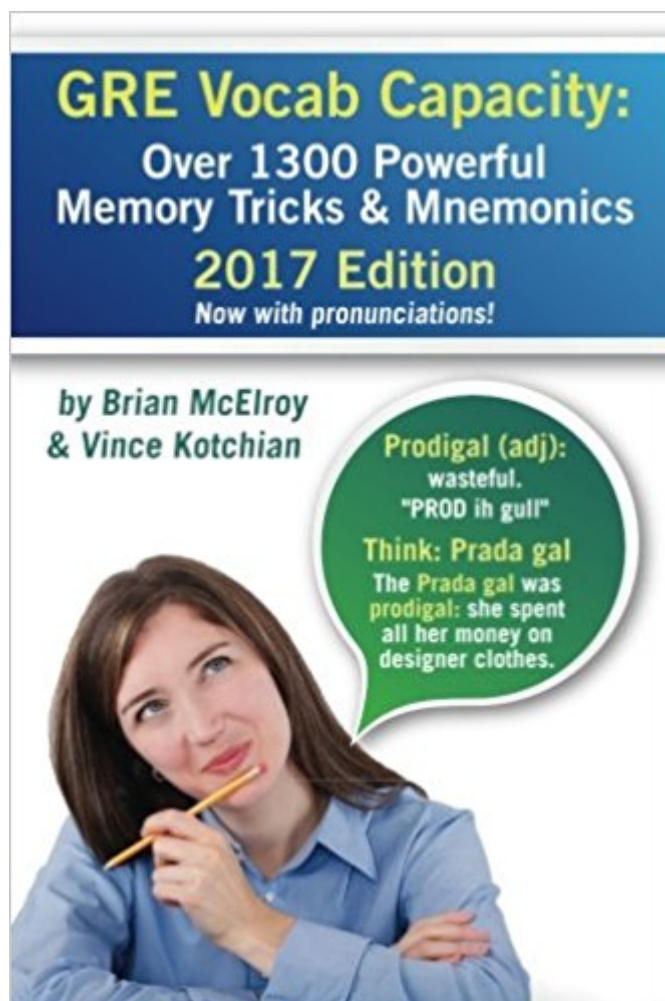


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GRE Vocab Capacity: 2017 Edition – Over 1300 Powerful Memory Tricks And Mnemonics



Synopsis

2017 version published on 9/27/16. Need a good way to remember that the word "prodigal" means "wasteful"? Just think of "prada gal" - a girl who spends all of her money on designer clothes.

Welcome to GRE Vocab Capacity - a better way to learn GRE vocabulary! Why This Book Is Different There are tons of books, apps, and websites designed to help you learn GRE words. However, if you've tried typical vocabulary study methods, then they might not have worked very well for you. The problem with most vocabulary products is that the sentences in the books are boring! Your brain might not naturally form connections to the meanings of words if they're not presented to you in a memorable, creative way. GRE Vocab Capacity is different. We've not only clearly defined the words but we've also created sentences designed to help you remember the words through a variety of unusual associations - using mnemonics.

Mnemonic Examples A mnemonic is just a memory device. It works by creating a link in your brain to something else, so that recall of one thing helps recall of the other. This can be done in many ways but the strongest links are through senses, emotions, rhymes, and patterns. Consider this example: Quash (verb): to completely stop from happening. Think: squash. The best way to quash an invasion of ants in your kitchen is simple: squash them. Now your brain has a link from the word quash (which it may not have known) to the word squash (which it probably knows). Both words sound and look the same, so it's easy to create a visual and aural link. If you picture someone squashing ants (and maybe get grossed out), you also have another visual link and an emotional link. Here's another example: Eschew (verb): to avoid. Think: ah-choo! Eschew people who say "ah-choo!" unless you want to catch their colds. The word eschew sounds similar to a sneeze (ah-choo!), so your brain will now link the two sounds. If you picture yourself avoiding someone who is about to sneeze in your face, even better! Again, the more connections you make in your brain to the new word, the easier it will be for you to recall it.

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Customer Reviews

Mr. McElroy (Harvard '02) and Mr. Kotchian (Boston College '97) are full-time test-prep tutors. Combined, they have been helping prepare students for the GRE for over 20 years.

I like this book for what it is overall. The mnemonics are helpful but I do not care for some of their topic matter. It definitely seems geared toward the young college student. Some of the examples are silly and the sentence examples are not great, but they do help with memory. The suggested flashcard that you would make has the word and pronunciation on the front. And on the back the word again with its definition, a think word or phrase that often relates to how the word is spelled and/or pronounced, and a sentence that uses the vocab word and the think word/ phrase. I have combined making the flashcards as suggested in the book accompanied by with the spaced repetition method mentioned by College Info Geek, Thomas Frank, on Youtube (The Most Powerful Way to Remember What You Study). This method helps with reviewing the words to make sure that they are memorized. There is also a suggested method listed in the book.

I owe a lot to this book! This was almost my exclusive vocab preparation for the GRE, and I scored in the 80th percentile on the GRE Verbal section. I was hesitant to use these memory tricks to learn vocab because I thought that they wouldn't stick (and a lot of websites out there say that they won't), but I honestly don't know a lot of complex vocab, so I needed a way to learn it fast. I prepared using this book for about 4 weeks. I learned one to three letters a day (somewhere between 30 and 70 words a day). I would recommend using it early, because this felt like a lot of new words to absorb each day. The words in this book are nearly the same as those in the Manhattan Prep Advanced Flashcards (I unfortunately bought both). I used the Quizlet app to enter each day's words and study them. I can't say enough about this book. If you want to prepare yourself for the GRE in the best way possible, buy this book now! HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

I have come to the realization that the only real way to study for the Verbal Sections of the GRE is to

memorize vocabulary words and to read as much as possible. This book along with Vince's vocab study schedule (available online for free) has helped me immensely in memorizing words. Because of the ridiculous, but effective memorization techniques I can still remember the definitions of most the words I studied prior to the GRE. Many GRE resources recommend attaching an emotion or memory to the word to assist in memorizing--- that can take time doing this on your own. This book takes all the guess work out and gives you sentences to help remember the words. Thank Brian and Vince!

This is the best book I have come across for GRE and general vocabulary review. So many vocab review books simply provide definitions--if my students could memorize vocab by only reviewing definitions, they could just use a dictionary. This book actually works for students because it provides memorable mnemonic devices--for example, as any road trip veteran can attest, "ennui there yet?" is a very clever way to remember the definition for ennui. The authors manage to make a review of over 1200 words as efficient and fun as possible. One extra feature I especially liked was the word root appendix at the back; students who have limited time to review for the GRE will love this. An excellent supplement to the official GRE practice materials, which provide nothing in the way of focused vocabulary review.

For its functionality, this book is great. It's effective if you study it. There are many words the book includes that are in the GRE. Of course there are plenty of words in the GRE that are not in this book, but what this book does is it not only reduces the number of words that you won't know on the GRE, it also helps give you practice on how to create mnemonics to study more words on your own. Even if you get unlucky and find that none of the words you learned from this book appear on the actual GRE when you take it, at least you will have a better understanding of advanced vocabulary which may help you to figure out the meaning of a new unknown word by comparing its roots/similarities to a different word that you once learned. Your larger vocabulary will also help you to absorb more information as you read/study/watch TV so that will open your brain to be more receptive to other words you may have selectively tuned out due to not having understood the previous word in the same sentence that you would learn in this book. Mnemonics are vital for solid learning/memorization- we do it all the time without even knowing it. If we meet some person at a friend's house and all of a sudden there's a crash of thunder and someone screams, you will most likely remember that person much more vividly from then on, whereas you would have forgotten them completely had something out of the ordinary not happened that minute to heighten your

senses and activate your frontal cortex. Anyway, this book really does have some great mnemonics in it that I would never have thought up. There are also some words whose mnemonics are 'meh' or hard to remember/easy to forget; but mostly this book is very well put together. I find it strange that there is no publisher information, no ISBN information, no index for quick reference- besides the pages of words and their mnemonics, the book is quite literally bare. There are actually a bunch of empty pages as well, I'm assuming as a place to write new words or practice, but it is a strange feeling to have such an anonymous-like book.

Well, I thought it is targeted to the global audience. It turned out that many sentences to remember words are designed for people having lived in the American context quite a while. It might be useful for Americans but not for the rest of the people preparing for GRE. I do not know the brands or names mentioned in the book because I am from Russia and have lived here since I was born. This book is advertised across the Globe, why it is not designed for the Globe? The authors are linguists, I have no idea why they did not take into account culture.

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