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You might be able to use this for review, if you already know your math. But, I found it impossible to learn from this book. Specifically, I had not done this type of math in a long time and I found it impossible to get what I needed from this publication. I had much more success with another book called "a systematic approach" which covers math concepts only and not verbal questions.

Good content but having it on the e reader is dreadful. Didn’t want to have to screw around as much as I did.

I only needed the Analytical writing portion of the GRE, so that’s the only section I looked at. I also had a masters degree prior to taking the GRE, so my experience writing may have influenced my scores, but I found that this book was a great refresher. It provided great insight into what was expected of the Analytical Writing portion of the test, and I believe it helped me because it clearly stated ways in which to word sentences and format responses for the writing part. I felt it was such a good refresher, I loaned it to a friend for her second attempt at the Analytical writing portion. Another great study aid that really helped me with the GRE isÃ Â Neutropix ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â œ Support

Brain Function, Memory, Attention Span, Concentration & ClarityÃ Â it is an amazing supplement that enhances your memory, focus and cognition, great for studying.

Though I can't speak for how much this improves your score, seeing as I bought it before ever taking a test, I did feel it made me more aware of my weakpoints, to the point where a bought a vocabulary app for my iPhone, and used it to focus my weak vocab score.

Considering how negative this test is, this prep book is ideal. It has easy step-by-step explanations and makes this test seem a little less scary! I recommend this in conjunction with apps and flash cards! Good luck :)

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