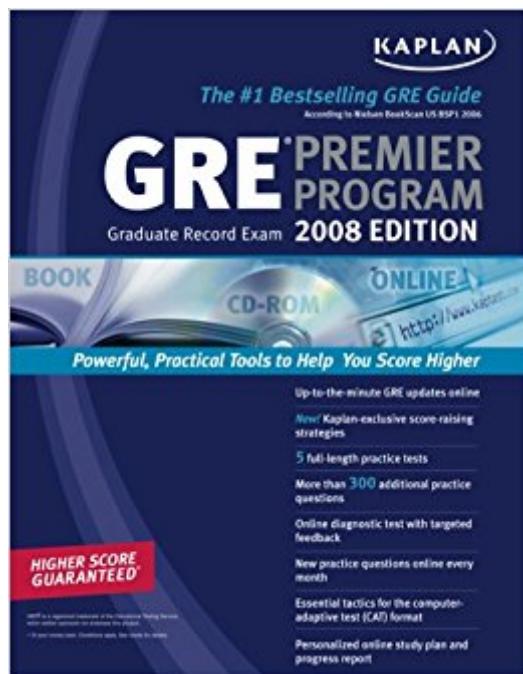


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I bought this book here at earlier this month. Today I installed the software from the CD-ROM that comes with the book. That's how I have learned that it is not compatible with Windows Vista. My inquiry to Kaplan's online tech support resulted in a prompt and courteous email which said, "Unfortunately the CD is not compatible with the Windows Vista Operating system. You will need to install the CD on a Windows XP or Windows 2000. We do apologize for the inconvenience you have experienced." I hope that the book sans software turns out to be helpful and worth the purchase price. I also hope that will update its product information to include the important disclosures that the CD-ROM will be nothing more than an expensive coaster for customers using Macs or Vista-equipped PCs.

This is a great review book, but should not be used in isolation. It would also be worth your while to supplement it with a Princeton Review book, as many of the tips differ, and it's good to find which ones suit your style. The CD is invaluable practice, and I found that the scores I received on the

practice tests were slightly lower, but within reason of what I actually received on the test. Most importantly, the timed practice tests teach you how to pace yourself.

I recently took the GRE after about a month of study. I have a B.S. in Zoology, so I was not looking forward to the Math and English heavy GRE. I studied approximately 20 hours total, and scored a 780 on the Quant and a 700 on the Verbal (I'm still waiting on my percentile scores and essays). The most beneficial sections for me were the vocabulary sections and the essay writing tips. I spent about 15 hours actually studying from the book. The real gold in this package is the practice tests and practice sections. Both the book and the CD have several different opportunities to see sample questions. There are full timed tests available on the CD, and taking them definitely helped me hammer out the timing issue. Additionally, it comes with online support that includes study sessions, study time-lines, and a diagnostic test to help you figure out where the majority of your study time should be devoted. For the price (a bit over \$20 brand new), this study guide is a find. Granted, it does require a self-motivated learner willing to put in uninterrupted practice time. However, the results were definitely worth it for me.

I bought this book after trying Princeton Review's GRE book. I went to a free Kaplan event and really liked how they presented their material, so I decided to get the book. The book does a good job of showing different techniques to solve mathematical problems as well as offer a wide range of techniques to help with the verbal and analytical writing sections. The practice sets on the CD were clutch. They set it up so that the practice sessions have more problems with less time so that you get better with timing and identifying problems quickly. If you're shooting to get an 800, I'd recommend some supplementary materials, because the book does not get too into probability, combinations, permutations and other advanced topics. I'd say it's a great buy because you get 6 practice sets and 3 full length practice tests on the CD. I'd pay the same price for just the CD. Cheers!

This was a very useful resource for me in preparing for the GRE. The tips and tricks, as well as the explanation of the test itself, came in very handy, and the practice questions were very useful. In addition, the "Common words" and "Kaplan's Math Hints" sections really helped me review the archaic or obscure sorts of things tested in the GRE. The website based test was pretty decent too, and gave me a better idea what to expect from the test per-se. However, there's one major caveat: The software included is not remotely Mac compatible. Although the website works fine, the CD is

basically a coaster for OS X users. You've still got the in-book practice tests and the one online one, but if you're really looking for practice tests, know that you might not have all of them that you're expecting. So, if you're a PC user, I'd recommend picking up a copy. Mac users need to weigh the pro's and con's here. Regardless, as the guide says, the GRE is a game, and this book very nicely prepared me to jump through their hoops.

Shame on (but I can't leave a bad review for them) for not mentioning that the online component isn't available for premier package 2008 users until 1 June. I realize there are only a few days to go but that information would've been helpful last month when I ordered the book. The book has a lot of test taking strategy but I won't know how effective it is until I take the GRE. I guess it's alright if you can get past the abundant self-promotion from Kaplan. Every other sentence is promoting Kaplan or advertising some other Kaplan product you can spend money on.

This book helped me a lot. The info about the test was worth the price of the book and the practice tests on the CD were exactly like the real thing. Many of the vocab words in the book actually appeared on the test as well. With only a month to prepare, I would've been in big trouble without this. This book will help you score higher.

Have used several testing prep products in the past, and have even taken a Kaplan course for a different test. Using this tool as a quick prep (less than 3 weeks) to take the test for a return to school from the working community, I did not find it as useful as others out there (i.e., Barron's prep book). I actually used it in conjunction with another test guide, and it turns out that I only referenced the Kaplan book occasionally. It does not offer as many prep questions, tutorials, etc. as do some of the other books. The Kaplan book provides mostly tricks and strategies to approach the questions. However, I did not use the CD that comes with it, so some may find that to be more useful.

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