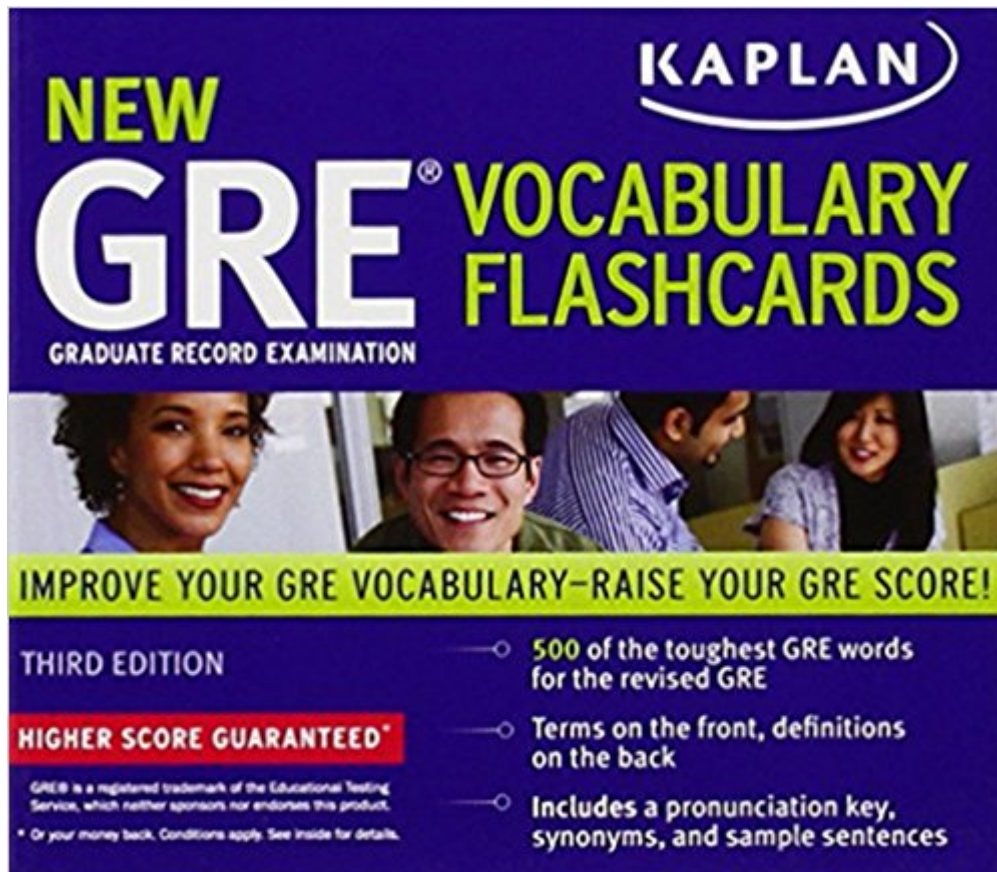




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# Kaplan New GRE Vocabulary Flashcards



## Synopsis

New content for the August 2011 GRE Revised General Test! In August of 2011, the GRE will undergo some big changes. New sections and question types will be in place to test a student's ability to analyze data in a new multi-stage format that allows test takers to move back and forth within a specific section of the exam. These test changes will be used to better predict a student's success in a graduate program and provide meaningful data to educational institutions when selecting candidates. Students know that strong vocabulary skills are crucial in order to earn a high overall score. With this fully updated and revised edition of New GRE Flashcards, students can take advantage of: Flashcards featuring 500 of the toughest and most probable words on the exam, along with their definitions Synonyms and a pronunciation key for every word on every flashcard The magic context: every word is used in a sentence to help with mastery New GRE Vocabulary Flashcards provides students with everything they need to improve their scores "guaranteed. Kaplan's Higher Score guarantee provides security that no other test preparation guide on the market can match. Kaplan has helped more than three million students to prepare for standardized tests. We know that our test-taking techniques and strategies work and our materials are completely up-to-date. New GRE Vocabulary Flashcards is the must-have preparation tool for every student looking to score higher!

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## Customer Reviews

I bought these Kaplan AND the Manhattan GRE flashcards. The Manhattan are better than these,

and here is why: Basically they are both the same in content. These have a nice pronunciation guide that the Manhattan cards do not. However, these are very cheap. They are printed on thin paper, and they are physically pretty small. Also I wish the printing on the back were upside-down from how it is now (both brands are like this). The Manhattan cards are bigger, printed on card stock but still reasonably thin, and come with a nice key-ring that fits through holes. With the Manhattan cards you load up the key ring, and blast through about 50, maybe stash them in a large pocket and get to them later, or throw them in the backpack. These Kaplan cards you are forced to try and keep the tiny cards together in stacks. The Manhattan you will use more because they are not a pain. These you will use less because they are just harder to work with, mechanically.

I am taking the revised GRE in September and purchased the McGraw Hill flashcards for vocabulary (not revised) and then realized I should probably have the "new" ones. After having and comparing both-I see little to no variation in the words. If they are cheaper-don't bother with the "new" version.

I just took the GRE revised, and I will tell you this, the flash cards I used to study were definitely worth the effort. I used the unrevised edition of flashcards, but it doesn't really seem to make a difference. Vocabulary is vocabulary, no matter the test format. I studied with a friend who was also taking the test, and we had one primary method we used with them. That method was to have one person read the sample sentence on the back of the card out loud, but to put "blank" in the place of the word, and then put four random cards onto the desk and let the other person try to figure out which word went into the sentence. After that person answered we then went through the definitions of the other words, and why they wouldn't fit the sentence. It kinda simulated what the test might be like, and put the words into more context than just reading the card. The other method I used was to carry them around with me and pull random people into guessing or quizzing me. It's a surprisingly entertaining pastime, people can get really competitive about guessing or really clever at defining things creatively, and it helps prepare you. The most important thing is to try not to make using them a chore. The Kaplan flash cards in particular were really helpful, because they had that sentence on the back, and synonyms.

Taking diagnostic GRE tests, I quickly realized the only way for me to improve my verbal score was to pile on my vocabulary. As a philosophy student during undergrad I have honed my reading comprehension and consistently received perfect scores on all the reading comp questions. My

consistency in correctly answering vocab questions in the verbal section was, however, dismal. I began studying for the gre with approximately 155/170 or about 550. Hardly a competitive score. I started with these flash cards and worked through a good portion of other books as well, such as Barrons Words for the GRE and Princeton Reviews Word Smart for the GRE. I didn't totally finish those two books completely but did quickly learn all of these kaplan words through normal flashcard study skills. I wouldn't bet my entire test on these, but in addition to other resources, I improved my score ten points. I just took the new GRE and scored a 164/170 in verbal. Sure, I wish I could have done better. And if I don't make it into the grad schools I want to attend, I will definitely work harder on my vocab. But learning every word in this flashcard set no doubt helped me increase my score by a wide margin, and I find myself using some of them throughout the day in normal conversation. In addition to making your own flashcards, get these, sit down for 3-4 hours a night for a few nights and study them. You CAN memorize every word in 3-5 days if you work hard and concentrate. make a pile of words you do and don't know, keep going through the pile you don't know until it's gone. Then retest yourself every couple days for a little while. You'll be glad you did.

The flashcards in the third edition are identical to the cards in the second edition. Save some money and just purchase the second edition.

The quality of these cards leaves much to be desired. They are printed on rather thin paper for around 10 bucks you can't really go wrong with ordering these due to the sheer number of words they contain. I wish they were at least punched so that I could put them on a metal ring. Punching them is a rather tedious task due to their size and the quality of the paper. Either way I still recommend them because once you do have them punched and on a ring they are fun and convenient to use anywhere, anytime!

I'll start with the worst part. About 1/3 of the cards in the box that I received are duplicates. I didn't realize this at first because I would just pull out random words to quiz myself, but at one point I decided to take out the words I already knew and just keep the words that I had trouble with in the box. This is when I started to find the duplicates and I was amazed how many of them there were. I guess it's too late now to send them back, the GRE exam is pretty close so I'll just keep them, but that was very disappointing. Other than that I thought the cards are OK, some people complained about their thickness or size, but I think they are fine. I can't compare them to other flashcards because this is the only box I bought.

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