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500 Advanced Words: GRE Vocabulary Flash Cards (Manhattan Prep GRE Strategy Guides)



Synopsis

Manhattan Prep and its top-notch GRE instructors release the most comprehensive set of GRE flash cards on the market. *500 Advanced Words* is the second in a 2-volume set of flash cards. Manhattan Prep's GRE Vocabulary Flash Cards go above and beyond other GRE flash cards on the market. Designed help the student develop a lasting understanding of the word in a GRE-relevant context, the backs of all cards contain a word "network" with definitions, usage, synonyms, and more! 500 Advanced Words is the second in a 2-volume set of GRE flash cards that start with essential words and graduate to advanced vocabulary. Together, the sets comprise the most comprehensive vocabulary study tool on the market.

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Customer Reviews

In 2000, Teach for America alumnus and Yale graduate Zeke Vanderhoek had a radical idea: students learn better from better teachers. His vision of what test prep could be if written and taught by great educators led him to start Manhattan Prep. Since we began, Manhattan Prep has grown from a boutique tutoring company to one of the world's leading test prep providers, offering GMAT, GRE, LSAT, ACT, and SAT courses and tutoring worldwide. We believe test prep should be real education. From our instructors to our materials, we work to teach you the skills you'll need to succeed on the test, in school, and beyond.

I teach standardized tests full time and recommend these vocabulary flash cards to my students over all others. They're well put-together, both in terms of their physical qualities and durability, and the content therein. Coupled with the 500 Essential Words box set, it's one of the best investments to make for GRE studies. My only contention with the list is that, every so often, Manhattan seems to get a bit lazy with etymologies. I remember a few words that begin with "de-" where the prefix "de-" emphasizes a definition rather than giving its opposite. An example is the word "delimit", which means "to set boundaries." Rather than explaining that the "de-" is a root from Latinate languages, they just shrug it off and say "this prefix doesn't seem to do much", but it's a very common trait in English phrasings, as in the words "definite", "demarcate", "delineate", and so on, where the "de-" prefix is actually reinforcing an idea.

These were very helpful to study prior to the GRE. I studied this set of flashcards for a good 2 weeks before my exam and scored in the 98th percentile. Not all of the words on my exam came from this set, but a good handful did. It's also handy that they come hole-punched, with a ring to keep them together. I could throw the ring in my bag and not have to bother with lugging the whole box around, or trying to keep the cards together with a rubber band. I also purchased the 500 Essential Words: GRE Vocabulary Flash Cards (Manhattan Prep GRE Strategy Guides). I would say, if you're an English major, or someone who reads a lot of English Lit, it wouldn't hurt to get both, but focus more on this set, as they'll definitely be more of a challenge. You'll probably know most of the Essential words already.

Amazing. I went through the essential flash cards first, which weren't as challenging but did fill in some gaps in my vocabulary. If you want the easiest strategy to boost your verbal (and writing) scores, these cards are it. I memorized 10-15 cards a day, and reviewed all of them every week. It just takes a lot of diligence to memorize all of them and revisit them until the day of the test. Like I said, it's the easiest way to boost your verbal score since all you have to do is memorize, and you have complete control of how many vocab words you want to learn/memorize before the test. Not only that, including the vocab in this deck in your analytical writing essays will also help you increase your writing score. The cards also have similar words/synonyms that you can push yourself to memorize and group together as well. I'd like to say they were made with quality...the paper was thick and a little glossy, the text was easy to read. The little key ring that you can put in the perforation in the cards is extremely helpful...if I was on the go I'd take the cards everywhere with me...at a coffee shop, at the gym, etc. The key ring makes the cards mobile and accessible and

keeps them from becoming a mess. I'd highly recommend if you're looking to increase both your verbal and writing scores.

I have to say that I was hesitant about purchasing these cards at first because I thought it would just be words on the front and definitions on the back. But it's much more than that. Yes, on the front is the word, part of speech, and pronunciation. On the back of the card is the definition, example sentences, synonyms, and interesting facts about the words. Many of the sentences are pretty funny--the author seems to have a great sense of humor. It actually makes learning these cards much more fun and interesting. I also love the little factoids that are included with each word. Overall, I would highly recommend this set of flash cards.

These cards are well worth their price. They are very well made and have plenty of supplementary information that is perfect for helping to learn these words. An O-ring also comes with the set, and all of the cards are hole-punched on the bottom left side meaning you can keep the ones you are studying with together without hassle. My set did have cards out of order, but that doesn't bother me at all.

Helpful, but some of the words had extreme or ambiguous definitions. Also, certain words weren't provided with much content so it was difficult to apply them appropriately.

The cards are extremely helpful- they have pronunciations on the front following by the definition, sentence usage and synonyms on the back. The synonyms are particularly helpful because it means while you're learning the vocab word on the flash card, you're also being exposed to 2-3 extra words. Also, the cards are made of a good material. The content is similar to the Kaplan cards, but the Manhattan cards are much more durable (which, if you're an undergrad student like me running around studying in your free time when you're not in class or lab, durability is a good thing). Finally, they shipped quickly. I received the cards probably 3-4 days after ordering. I would definitely recommend this cards!

Very Useful! Almost all the words that are used on the test can be found in the Manhattan sets if you are taking GRE I would recommend buying these. I am not a native speaker and they helped me a copious amount. Native English speakers would know most of the words but these cards give different meanings and usage of the words.

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