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I felt it was a nice refresher but I could not tell how much it actually would help~~~~ Pros ~~~~~ Nice Pop Quiz questions to spot-test your comfort level (there are 19 of them)- Advanced Tips are highlighted in a box- There is coverage of Gerund!- The answers to Drill questions (these are not exercises or GMAT style questions) are posted on the same or next page which helps to keep the momentum when you are working through the chapter and also "makes" you read through some of the explanations to the questions you answered correctly and this is recommended for topics you have little comfort with- Self-evaluation box at the end of each section that asks about your comfort level. I love this dumb and simple thing - I see so many people moving on past sections they have no clue about (but they have read them and therefore "covered"). You do not want to move past a section until you are very comfortable with it. If you find the provided material insufficient to give you an in-depth review, google or find a more detailed grammar book. I found this to be unique to this book.- Idioms and Vocabulary coverage international students will benefit from (though GMAC claims there is no added value in studying GRE-level words, so do not get too carried away). There are 70 pages (25% of the book is devoted to Idioms)- Very interesting section in the Appendix: Helpful Hints for Indian speakers of English. It is only 5 pages but covers things such as Progressive, Subjunctive, Adverbs, and usage issue related to GMAT Math (actual math language)~~~~ Cons ~~~~~ The biggest weakness is the lack of practice questions. Many people need a series of examples and exercises to apply the material to and as with most MGMAT books, there are very few GMAT-like questions. Since the 8-book series, which rely on the Official Guide for practice questions, cover the entire Official Guide, there is nothing left for this supplement.- Makes the main guides a bit redundant - there is some overlap in material (more or less naturally)...- Answers to pop quizzes are on page 120 whereas drills are covered right there (?)- Handwritten notes, though they do give an idea how an actual person takes notes and keeps records, etc, they take a bit getting used to (see image I uploaded). Not sure if this is a real Con... the value here is to learn how to take notes and do your work on a scratch pad. Perhaps this is because I disagree about the need to diagram the arguments in the CR but this may be your golden strategy. If you are having a tough time with CR's definitely try it- If your English is weak, this book is probably not going to really help you. It does not have a list of irregular verbs, or coverage of articles, or other marginal review- It does NOT come with access to the MGMAT Tests (none of the supplements do, only the Guides have this feature)I would recommend that in addition to the Official Guide 12, you get the Princeton Review 1,012 questions book - the questions are not perfect but it does a great job at categorizing questions properly and providing very specific target practice.If you care, here is a full list of topics covered (beyond just the Table of Contents)Chapter 2- Nouns- Ways to spot nouns- Categories of nouns- Singular and plural- Pronouns- Categories of pronouns- Antecedents- Pronoun "one"- Making flashcards- Adjectives- Categories of adjectives- Pronoun Errors related to adjectives- Absolute AdjectivesChapter 3- Verbs- Categories of verbs- Gerunds- Infinitives- Subject-verb agreement- Has/Have verbs- Had verbs- Adverbs- Adverbs modifying adjectives and other adverbs- Adverbs errors on the GMAT- Adverbial phrasesChapter 4- Prepositions- Prepositional phrases- Prepositions separating subjects and verbs- Ending a sentence with a preposition- Conjunction- Coordinating conjunctions- Correlative conjunctions- Subordinating conjunctionsChapter 5- How sentences are constructed- Subjects and predicates- Sentence fragments- Punctuation- The colon- The semicolon- DashesChapter 6- Modifiers- Introductory modifiers- That, who, when, and where- Parallelism and comparisons- Phrases beginning with that and whenChapter 7- Idioms- Common idioms- The subjunctiveChapter 8- Valid arguments vs sound arguments- The structure of arguments- Getting rid of extrasChapter 9- How GMAT critical reasoning is Unlike- Real world decision-making- Identifying patterns in arguments- Logical flaws on the GMAT- Gaps in critical reasoning- Gaps related to conclusionsChapter 10- Argument diagramming- Decoding the question stemChapter 11- Putting it all together- Looking at the first 5 questions in the Official Guide (Interesting)Chapter 12- Why GMAT RC is hard- Kill the "gist"- The phrases of reading comprehension- Practicing the four phases of reading comprehensionChapter 13- What is the main idea?- Organizing difficult informationChapter 14- Inference Questions- Improving your reading in general- How to study from the official guideChapter 15- Why

learn vocabulary for the GMAT- How to learn vocabulary for the GMAT- Vocabulary list- RC idiomsAppendix- Helpful hints for Indian speakers of EnglishBest Regards, BB, Founder of GMAT ClubGMAT 750(q49, v42)P.S. Let me know if any questions about this book - i reply to comments!0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Poorly writtenBy snow0160Considering that this book is a verbal review of American English, it should have been written with clearer structure and smoother transitions. There are also numerous typos in this book but that is pretty much expected with almost all the Manhattan books. Overall, the book is a good review for basic verbal concepts but I highly recommend rereading certain sections.5 of 6 people found the following review helpful. A very nice way to go through the basicsBy SumerYou are supposed to consider this book in the beginning and later graduate to the 8 book series.I went the other way round. I first completed the 4th edition of the SC guide but then realized that my grasp on the subject is weak. I found out that my basic understanding of grammatical terms is pretty rustic now (after 8 years of high school). I was a bit skeptical about purchasing this book just for SC basics, as I am pretty strong in CR and RC, however I just ordered this book not knowing whether it will be any worth for my money or not.I am sooooo glad I did, all the missing pieces in my understanding of SC are falling right into the place. I am halfway through the SC part and now considering going through the entire book.I will highly recommend this book, especially to non native English Speakers. Kudos to Manhattan.Cheers!!

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