

08:00	bb_gmatclub	Again welcome everyone - this is the verbal chat specifically to address any of your verbal concerns and worries
08:00	Marcab	How to tackle inference questions in RC
08:01	roygush	Well, i can help here.
08:01	bb_gmatclub	I believe the inference questions along with a few others in RC are heavily dependent on the scope.
08:02	Marcab	but how can we tackle these questions within time
08:02	roygush	The best thing to do to improve your accuracy in inference questions is to practice CR inference questions.
08:02	roygush	it helped me alot
08:02	souvik101990	Marcab Inference in RC is almost similar to that in CR. My strategy is for inference question you need to be focused on the scope and premises as opposed to strengthen/weaken in which your common sense and pre thinking comes to rescue
08:02	Marcab	but sometimes the information is too scattered
08:02	bb_gmatclub	GMAC loves going outside the scope on the "wrong" answers or not doing any inference at all by restating the question. The best approach (in my opinion) is to study the wrong answer choices in the OG and official material such as GMATPrep
08:02	souvik101990	inference=MUST be true or logically provable from the premises.
08:03	Marcab	I agree souvik. But sometimes when the passage is too detailed, then I find it too difficult to comprehend
08:03	roygush	souvik is right. just stick to the passage
08:03	bb_gmatclub	You need to train your ear to recognize those subtle differences in the wrong answer choices and know why it was right/wrong.
08:03	souvik101990	bb_gmatclub exactly... that is probably the way to approach all things verbal... figure out a pattern which GMAT loves to test
08:03	souvik101990	Marcab
08:03	souvik101990	let me point out something
08:03	souvik101990	I got this from shradhha of e-gmat
08:04	souvik101990	she once pointed this out that complex passages drains a LOT of your energy
08:04	hkshimanshu	Solutions to Inference questions must be true based on the passage, and you should POE the choice which are not logically true
08:04	roygush	So now we are moving to RC strategy? 😊
08:04	souvik101990	and in those cases its really cool to be in a mode "man this is the passage that I was dying to read all my life" convince yourself that the passage is extremely interesting even if its not
08:04	hkshimanshu	In many cases I found POE is the best option to go for inference questions
08:04	bb_gmatclub	The verbal subtleties are very particular and you want to stick as close to the OG and GMATPrep as you can (in my experience other test providers often distort that gray line between right/wrong answer choices)
08:04	souvik101990	this will only help you to immerse yourself in the passage and not stray away
08:04	Marcab	himanshu...the strategy seems perfect for passages under 700 level
08:04	windofchange	I think to figure out a pattern of wrong answer choices in RC inference is quite tough for me - cos it really depends on the passage
08:05	Marcab	once you go beyond that, the passages seem to kill us
08:05	roygush	So your problem is not RC
08:05	roygush	sorry, not inference
08:05	windofchange	to get an inference question right, we need to understand the passage

08:05 souvik101990 Marcab also to note here that RC is not adaptive on the GMAT

08:05 souvik101990 unlike what a lot of people think

08:05 roygush Its how to tackle RC in an efficient way

08:05 Marcab my problem is literally inference.

08:06 roygush listen, practice CR questions.

08:06 souvik101990 marcab

08:06 roygush Inference CR

08:06 Marcab Today I tackled 4 passages and in all the 4 passages, I got 4 Q wrong-all of inference

08:06 souvik101990 tell you what... let me make a nice little hard inference RC/CR set and lets kill it

08:06 souvik101990 what do you say?

08:06 fozzzy have you tried spending a few more mins on a particular question

08:06 Marcab I am set for it

08:06 pashraddha sure souvik.. love your sets

08:06 siris sounds great souvik! 😊

08:06 bb_gmatclub There IS a pattern to the Inference answer choices. There are "common" mistakes. They all obviously use different words but they have similar patterns (slightly outside the scope or no inference). Need to train your ear. Go through the inference questions and spend the time with the wrong answer choices as much as with the right ones.....

08:07 fozzzy seconds*

08:07 Marcab make sure it gradually moves from little harder to harder

08:07 souvik101990 I would also love to point out that

08:07 roygush BB, there are also extreme answers - the use of ONLY, EVERYONE etc..

08:07 roygush which are too extreme to be the answer

08:07 windofchange ok guys, i got it 😊

08:07 bb_gmatclub What do you mean fozzzy?

08:07 souvik101990 inference questions on the 700+ level tend to occur in the quantitative/CR area.... for that I have found it useful to draw little figures

08:07 souvik101990 Marcab you want a RC inference set or a CR inference set?

08:08 Marcab RC inference set

08:08 bb_gmatclub Marcab - it is GREAT that you know your weakness. Much simpler to work on that than on everything and not having a plan/idea where to start....

08:08 souvik101990 siris If I ever plan to hire a GMAT tutor you would be my first choice 😊

08:08 fozzzy @bb sometimes if you spend a little more time on a question you can actually improve

08:08 Marcab I can tackle those from CR section

08:08 pashraddha Souvik, I posted my answers for SC set <http://gmatclub.com/forum/gmatclub-verbal-attack-139074-80.html#p1151339>

08:08 pashraddha but never really got answers or missed somehow!

08:09 Marcab yeah bb. but the problem is that I have million of weaknesses in GMAT. Lot of work to do

08:09 Marcab 🤔

08:09 fozzzy the biggest problem in RC is we focus on the time aspect way too much sometimes those additional seconds do help in comprehending the passage better and answer effectively

08:09 souvik101990 pashraddha let me give you the link

08:09 bb_gmatclub @ Marcab LOL. Start with the biggest ones 😊

08:09	roygush	So lets talk about RC strategy instead.
08:09	pashraddha	thanks
08:09	siris	For what it's worth, one thing that helped me a lot on inference question, is on answers that I want to eliminate, to try and figure out specific conditions where they would be wrong
08:10	souvik101990	http://gmatclub.com/forum/meaning-clarity-1-american-heart-association-researchers-143449.html
08:10	souvik101990	here you go pashraddha
08:10	Marcab	Hii fozyy. Regarding this, all that I can suggest is -spend more time on RC. How? By saving time while doing SC questions
08:10	bb_gmatclub	Yes, there are 2 strategies in the RC: (1) Skimming the passage and (2) Reading through it thoroughly. The second strategy does require quite a bit more time but I found it to be much better in terms of accuracy.
08:10	fozzzy	Most of hte passages in OG usually test questions either the first sentence of the para or last sentence not sure how the gmatprep passages are
08:10	hkshimanshu	Marcab... i followed the same stratedy
08:10	fozzzy	the*
08:11	fozzzy	the answers are usually in that particular area
08:11	pashraddha	thanks souvik..
08:11	souvik101990	np pashraddha
08:11	bb_gmatclub	I found that reading books and just training my mind to absorb information helped. That way I did not have to focus and mumble every word I said but rather it was easier to soak it in.
08:11	fozzzy	if you read thoroughly you need to improve your short term memory to save time so that you don't re-read
08:11	hkshimanshu	saving time in SC questions will greatly improve your accuracy in RC as most of the RC questions require more time
08:12	souvik101990	I have always found that skimming helps in the main idea questions but never on inference/detail questions
08:12	Marcab	I second Souvik
08:12	siris	For RC : I was a big fan of the skim strategy, the goal of the skimming for me is to be able to know where the answers are for the questions, basically to figure out the structure of the text. Then when the questions came up, on some I had the answer already, and for the other ones, it was quick to go back and check the answers in the text since I knew where
08:12	siris	the details were
08:12	roygush	@BB, so what should one do if his accuracy in RC is not stable? sometimes i answer everything right and sometimes only 1 out of 4... depends on the passage of course
08:12	souvik101990	SC is where you want your specific timing to click
08:12	Marcab	Here STOP strategy comes handy
08:12	bb_gmatclub	However, what I found most helpful is asking myself the question (after each paragraph or sentence) - why did the author put this in (this sentence, this paragraph, etc).
08:12	souvik101990	STOP is my favourite strategy
08:12	hkshimanshu	I would advise to read and re-read the passage and write down the passage roadmap
08:12	roygush	what is STOP?
08:12	souvik101990	but for some people skimming works GREAT
08:13	Marcab	Absloutely
08:13	hkshimanshu	GMAT is more about comprehension than speed
08:13	souvik101990	Stop is the process of stopping at every paragraph and make small maps

08:13 roygush well, what i do now is:

08:13 roygush Reading the whole first paragraph and taking notes

08:13 roygush reading the first line of every other paragraph and taking notes

08:13 souvik101990 S=structure T=Tone O=organization P=main point

08:13 fozzzy I think skimming works great for the ones who read regularly, the one's who don't read regularly struggle with skimming

08:14 roygush and reading the last line of the last paragraph

08:14 hkshimanshu Also, be sure to read GMAT like passages regularly

08:14 fozzzy another thing with skimming you must be good at spotting keywords quickly

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08:14 souvik101990 however, will all things said and done... for people who wants to improve verbal by 7-8 points SC is the first place they should be looking at

08:15 bb_gmatclub I could not do skimming well

08:15 hkshimanshu Keywords are a great way to grasp the flow of thought in the passage..

08:15 Marcab absoulutely

08:15 bb_gmatclub I had to go back quite a bit to find answers to specific questions

08:15 Marcab its just like maths

08:16 windofchange @hkshimanshu: how do you read the economist? I feel that there are many new words in an article, so when you are reading, do you usually stop to look the new vocab in a dictionary?

08:16 hkshimanshu Inference questions in particular..

08:16 Marcab well BB you HAD to. Now since you have overdone the GMAT, so just relax

08:16 roygush 😊

08:16 hkshimanshu actually while reading you do not always require a dictionary by your side... try to get the meaning from context

08:16 pashraddha can I ask another question?

08:17 bb_gmatclub For new words, I had a notebook. I would look up all words in the dictionary (well, all words that were meaningful to the passage/story). If i encountered the same word twice, i would write it down in my notebook

08:17 fozzzy I found science daily pretty useful for passages

08:17 souvik101990 pashraddha sure!

08:17 roygush Can someone share thoughts about pre-thinking in assumption questions? sometimes i manage to think about one assumption while the author intends something else

08:17 souvik101990 roygush I did a little research on prethinking

08:17 bb_gmatclub I would usually remember if I had encountered it a few days before (you can also put a mark with a pencil in your dictionary or check your browser history)

08:17 souvik101990 and here is my take

08:17 fozzzy I don't like those wierd archaeological passages or something to do with asteroids lol

08:17 roygush ok lets hear it

08:17 hkshimanshu the goal should be to grasp the thought presented in the sentence.. meanings of most complicated words can be accessed by the context

08:17 souvik101990 1. it is GREAT to do it in strengthen/weaken questions. I can elaborate as to why!

08:17	Marcab	well pre-thinking/prephasing is the best technique to tackle CR, IMO
08:18	souvik101990	2. It is still good to do it in assumption. But please make sure you are not wasting time.
08:18	roygush	i need to improve it, how can i do that?
08:18	souvik101990	I am saying this because
08:18	yenpham9	hi Souvik
08:18	souvik101990	We are habituated to strengthen and weaken arguments since we were little
08:18	pashraddha	After writing 1 test from GMAT prep software, in the second test are there chances to see repeat questions? I'm running out of time badly in Verbal. Almost missing last 3 questions, thus asking this question..
08:18	roygush	true
08:18	souvik101990	for example "son how could you break the glass pane of the window"
08:19	souvik101990	son: it wasnt me it was the other guy
08:19	pashraddha	asking*
08:19	yenpham9	I would like to have more Weaken/assumption set that you did for Strengthen part.
08:19	souvik101990	the son just weakened the dad s argument
08:19	roygush	true
08:19	bb_gmatclub	pashraddha - no, the second test would not have the same questions.
08:19	souvik101990	but for assumption its a little tricky because we are not used to that kind of thing
08:19	hkshimanshu	pashardda.. you should pace yourself in verbal..
08:19		+++ ChanServ has given op to hunter
08:19	souvik101990	so its a little hard to pre think. and might take longer times (looking at the answer to see which one readily fits might come in handy)
08:20	souvik101990	what i am trying to say is that being flexible is a very cool strategy on the GMAT
08:20	pashraddha	and what if I reset the question pool? After resetting I'll get to see repeats, right?
08:20	souvik101990	getting fixated on a particular way of doing things might make it harder for you
08:20	siris	For assumption, one thing that might come in handy is taking/reading some basic logic (as in math logic) you tend to see the same structures
08:20	roygush	ok, most of the times im POEing the wrong ones and then im down to 2 last answers and trying the NEGATION technique and still cant tell which one is better...
08:21	bb_gmatclub	I did the "answer the CR questions before you see the answer choices" and it worked great for me. You are correct - sometimes there are situations when the author's answer is completely off (or mine that is in this case) but that was only in about 25% of cases
08:21	Marcab	well pre thinking has worked great for me, but you have to do a hell lot of practice. I finished almost all the questions from CR directory
08:21	bb_gmatclub	I found I was able to answer the questions faster with pre-thinking/pre-answering
08:21	Marcab	after doing those, I increased my efficiency to a great extent
08:21	roygush	@BB, answering in your own words is good but there are alot of answers to each question...
08:21	Marcab	I second BB
08:22	souvik101990	I third him
08:22	souvik101990	😊
08:22	sianissimo	Can I ask another question? How do we solve questions with sections in bold in CR?
08:22	bb_gmatclub	Well, if it is an assumption and you have only 2 sentences, there are at most 2 assumptions you could have... well, 3 sometimes but in 75% of cases, only one that's practical.....
08:22	hkshimanshu	rogush prethinking is done to understand the CR passage, do not spend more time doing so
08:23	bb_gmatclub	it is easy to practice assumptions - find a bunch of CR questions or articles you read or

		anything and start practicing by stating what the author's assumption is.
08:23	pashraddha	and what if I reset the question pool? After resetting I'll get to see repeats, right? Am asking about repeats because it 'll artificially increase my score and decrease total time taken..
08:23	bb_gmatclub	Almost every statement has an assumption (dumb or a good one)
08:23	roygush	hkshimanshu - i am not. im reading the stem, understanding it and going to the answers and starting the POE process
08:23	Marcab	well any strategies for method of reasoning questions.
08:23	Marcab	they consume a lot of time. how to reduce it
08:23	hkshimanshu	roygush.. great
08:24	bb_gmatclub	pashraddha yes, you will most likely see repeats. GMAT Prep actually has quite a few questions (over 300 for each section I believe but there are still repeats that will appear)
08:24	pashraddha	thanks BB
08:24	souvik101990	sianissimo for boldface you need to identify what the boldface statements are before even looking at the options. Are they conclusions/assumptions/opinions/statement etc...
08:25	hkshimanshu	pashraddha you will find the repeats, but it is a good idea to re-do the test to get the 700+ questions
08:25	souvik101990	once you have that clear you will be able to knock off a couple of answer choices.
08:25	sianissimo	I always get those wrong
08:25	roygush	these are the hardest ones
08:25	souvik101990	I find bold face and inference questions to be similar in the sense that scope and premises data is extremely important and you need to figure out the relationship
08:25	roygush	700+
08:25	sianissimo	I just can't seem to get what these sections are in bold for 🤔
08:26	souvik101990	these are bold because the question wants to test if you know the role played by a particular statement in an argument
08:26	souvik101990	if its concluding something or supporting some theory or is just a simple opinion
08:26	souvik101990	its reasoning!
08:26	Marcab	I personally feel that the best technique to do boldface questions is by understanding the purpose of each boldface
08:26	hkshimanshu	sianissimo.. bold face questions test your understanding of argument structure, keywords play a key role here
08:27	roygush	sianissimo - ask yourself, is this a premise? conclusion? evidence? belief?
08:27	hkshimanshu	in boldface questions try to identify the bold faced portions as facts or judgements
08:27	pashraddha	right, that's what I do.. Before seeing options
08:27	Marcab	well anything for method of reasoning ones
08:27	hkshimanshu	this will eliminate at least 2 of the answer choices
08:28	hkshimanshu	pashraddha.. good..
08:28	sianissimo	any key words in the text that would hint whether it's an evidence etc?
08:28	sianissimo	something to help me solve the question faster
08:28	roygush	people eat = fact
08:28	delta7	any strategies to help remember grammar rules...I am struggling to remember them & implement in the exam...in the real thing it just appears to get messed up
08:29	roygush	the author will say it is a fact
08:29	hkshimanshu	"a study showed" "given that"
08:29	roygush	if its not, he will state, "the common belief is that..."

08:29	sianissimo	that's also a fact?
08:29	roygush	"people believe that..."
08:29	roygush	no - thats a belief
08:29	roygush	something that might happen in the future
08:29	roygush	and might not
08:29	roygush	hence, not a fact
08:30	souvik101990	sianissimo you must figure out how many facets a statement can have
08:30	bb_gmatclub	delta7 - not sure what to suggest really... some things may have to be memorized. When you say you don't remember grammar rules, what specifically do you mean? Having issues with SC's or AWA or ?
08:30	souvik101990	what stuffs it can be
08:30	souvik101990	before going for boldface questions
08:30	souvik101990	I believe e-gmat offers a free bold face video
08:30	delta7	@bb--sc
08:30	souvik101990	I also found Ron Purewals session pretty good
08:30	souvik101990	gimme a minute i ll post them up
08:31	sianissimo	thanks!
08:31	pashraddha	Ron 's sessions?
08:31	hkshimanshu	delta7, if you have time then you can go through the gmatclub grammar book
08:31	roygush	Ron is using what method to solve Rc's?
08:31	roygush	Delta7 - either GMAT club's grammer book or SC grail
08:31	bb_gmatclub	on SC, you have a few options (1) Memorize grammar rules - very good option (2) train your ear by reading books to recognize mistakes/errors on the spot (will increase your speed in answering SC's but will not solve all of them)
08:32	bb_gmatclub	We do have the gmat club grammar book http://gmatclub.com/grammar
08:32	hkshimanshu	delta7, don't try to remember the grammar rules, try to find the applications of the rules.. and keep the questions for your reference
08:32	Sonny	What is a good source of 700+ RC questions?
08:32	souvik101990	GMATClub grammar book is ideal if you really want to nail SC
08:32	bb_gmatclub	it is free and has the most common gmat-related grammar. MGMAT also has the MGMAT Verbal Foundations
08:32	delta7	yes going thru the gmat club grammar book now...
08:33	souvik101990	it has almost everything from misplaced modifiers to conditional verbs in customizable detail.
08:33	hkshimanshu	delta7.. great!
08:33	souvik101990	so you can study what you want
08:33	roygush	also alot of practice in the book
08:33	akhilright	hi all/... 😊
08:33	bb_gmatclub	hi - welcome to the verbal chat
08:33	Marcab	souvik can you post some really good meaning based questions?
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08:33	bb_gmatclub	Welcome to the Verbal Chat - We are passing the half hour mark
08:34	souvik101990	Marcab you mean post in the chat?
08:34	roygush	lets talk about time strategy

08:34	roygush	how to manage the time in Verbal
08:34	Marcab	hahaha....nopes man. On forum
08:34	souvik101990	BTW here is the LINK for Bold Face by MGMAT Ron Purewal http://vimeo.com/12238635
08:34	Jene	yes I have a real problem with time management
08:34	sianissimo	thanks!
08:35	Marcab	strategy is-nail the SC section. Time saved here in SC is the the extra time for Rc and CR
08:35	bb_gmatclub	Thank you Roygush - you are doing a great job with topics!
08:35	bb_gmatclub	Yep, that's also what I did
08:35	bb_gmatclub	45 secs per SC, 1.5 mins per CR, and the rest was sunk into RC
08:36	roygush	but CR takes longer than that sometimes
08:36	roygush	SC also
08:36	Marcab	right!!
08:36	sianissimo	thanks! I would def have a look
08:36	roygush	it takes 15 seconds to read the sentence
08:36	bb_gmatclub	Have I not been able to do SC's in 45 seconds on average (means some took 30 secs and others took 1 min or longer), I would not be able to deal with RC as well....
08:36	Marcab	That works the best
08:36	roygush	analyze mistakes
08:36	souvik101990	This is EGMAT strategy for boldface, verb ING modifiers and meaning
08:36	souvik101990	http://gmatclub.com/forum/up-to-595-off-e-gmat-discount-code-250-bonus-122704.html
08:37	bb_gmatclub	Your job with SC's is to spot the problem ASAP
08:37	hkshimanshu	guys i had a chart prepared while I prepared for SC..
08:37	bb_gmatclub	Great!
08:37	bb_gmatclub	If you are not able to spot the problem - then maybe (A) is correct or you are not seeing the problem. In that case (not seeing) you need some kind of a check list to run through to make sure you are not missing something. That check list will consist of your problem areas (what you miss most often)
08:38	bb_gmatclub	So at that point, you are basically saying, I screw up with parallel structure a lot - does this sentence any of that? (No, oK, move on to next... and so forth)
08:38	bb_gmatclub	I hated "A" questions for that
08:38	bb_gmatclub	took longer and made me paranoid 😊
08:38	roygush	😊
08:38	yenpham9	can u advise more on Inference strategy?
08:38	souvik101990	Yes its totally useful to have a set of 5-6 things that the GMAT tests and whenever you see one in a sentence you should be on high alert
08:39	souvik101990	my spots are meaning/modifiers/pronoun/verb tense
08:39	souvik101990	in that order
08:39	yenpham9	it takes me so much time to tackle with Inference question in RC and RC
08:39	Marcab	BB--If you write a book on strategies for verbal, it will make you one of the richest people alive
08:39	bb_gmatclub	LOL
08:41	roygush	Do you guys sometimes guess a question if you are behind schedule?
08:41	yenpham9	yes
08:41	yenpham9	I used POE
08:42	Marcab	If we don't then we will just ruin the test

08:42	hkshimanshu	I want to share on of the most important strategy in both quant and verbal sections..
08:42	sianissimo	what is a good schedule, btw? which question should you be on at let's say the 25th minute?
08:43	souvik101990	roygush i believe at some points on the gmat you have to make an educated guess on a couple of questions
08:43	hkshimanshu	during the test be prepared to guess on 2 to 3 question which you feel will take more time than usual...
08:43	souvik101990	i think its part of what they test
08:43	roygush	yea when i started to realize that, i scored better
08:43	souvik101990	you can use a quick poe or a scope search whichever educates your guess more
08:44	souvik101990	😊
08:44	roygush	i rather guess RC or CR
08:44	bb_gmatclub	I think I have some verbal timing strategies saved here: http://gmatclub.com/forum/timing-strategies-on-the-gmat-80176.html
08:44	roygush	SC should be a sure thing
08:44	hkshimanshu	during my verbal in the GMAT I guessed on 3-4 questions in the middle
08:44	sianissimo	and is it really true we need to spend most time on the first 10 questions cos they are the most important?
08:45	sianissimo	score wise
08:45	roygush	i think so
08:45	souvik101990	i think RC is the best region for well timed educated guesswork.
08:45	sianissimo	how much time would you say?
08:45	roygush	how much time what?
08:45	souvik101990	it depends on the question really
08:45	hkshimanshu	if you feel a question will take more than 2 minutes than leave it
08:46	sianissimo	and is it really true we need to spend most time on the first 10 questions cos they are the most important? score wise 18:45 roygush i think so
08:46	mib_9efcpj	how many should I get right if I need a score of 44 in verbal?
08:46	souvik101990	some questions are meant to push beyond 2 minutes
08:46	souvik101990	but you should totally know your limit
08:46	hkshimanshu	sianissmo, no it is not true
08:46	souvik101990	and set some time benchmarks so that you dont lag behind
08:46	delta7	do u guys think that an increase of 14-15 points is possible in gmat verbal--need that to reach 38-39(80 Percentile)..has anybody here done so(non native english speakers)
08:46	sianissimo	no?
08:46	mib_9efcpj	I know it is dependent on various other factors, but still an app value would help
08:46	roygush	delta. give it your all and you will succeed
08:47	pashraddha	thanks guys.
08:47	delta7	hmm
08:47	sianissimo	I knew that the first 10 questions of verbal and quant set your level and basically your score..
08:48	sianissimo	so you need to make sure you get them right
08:48	hkshimanshu	sainissimo. again it is a myth
08:48	windofchange	may I ask how do you know that? did you try it yourself? I have never tried it before, so Im very curious 😊
08:48	sharmila79	How many questions should I get right to score a 44 in verbal?

08:48	souvik101990	sianissimo its debatable
08:48	roygush	it is a myth BUT, most people/tutors agree with it
08:48	souvik101990	I will tell you why
08:48	sianissimo	we were told that in our course
08:49	carcass	hi to everyone
08:49	carcass	😊
08:49	souvik101990	1. we do not know when the experimental questions will show up and they are freaking useless and might be a significant part of the first 10
08:49	sianissimo	that we reallllly need to make sure we don't do any mistakes on the first 10 questions
08:49	Marcab	carcass.....welcome
08:49	hkshimanshu	every question counts.. i would say the initial questions are easier and you should solve them quickly(but accurately)
08:49	roygush	did they explain the charts sianissimo?
08:49	roygush	i mean, there is a graph they show..
08:49	souvik101990	2. the test tries to guess which score are you at. so the overall structure is important. not just the first 10 questions
08:49	sianissimo	what charts?
08:50	sianissimo	maybe it depends on where you have done a GMAT prep course
08:50	souvik101990	GMAC made it clear that the first 10 questions do not matter
08:50	sianissimo	I remember no charts on mine
08:50	hkshimanshu	sian** what questions you got wrong determines your score and not the number
08:50	roygush	never mind. make sure you dont get more than 2 straight mistakes
08:50	roygush	the grade drops with a series of mistakes
08:50	sianissimo	I see
08:51	souvik101990	but then they also say a couple of confusing things! so if you do not want to take their word there is a nice video presentation (2-3 minutes) by Rhyme (a GMATClub legend) as a part of the 1 million post promotion
08:51	souvik101990	where he talks about why the first 10 questions do not decide anything about your score and are the same as any other questions
08:51	roygush	i saw that and he explains everything well

08:51	souvik101990	
08:51	souvik101990	here is the video
08:52	sianissimo	cheers!
08:52	hkshimanshu	good one
08:52	Marcab	hey thats mohater
08:52	souvik101990	Yep we have mohater, nonyankee, rhyme and siris
08:52	souvik101990	siris is also in the chat
08:52	souvik101990	when the video was made he was interviewed in stanford
08:52	souvik101990	a couple of weeks after that he got an admit
08:52	souvik101990	😊
08:53	Marcab	I wish I could say that too]
08:53	hkshimanshu	cool, congrats to siris
08:53	siris	hello everyone! 😊
08:53	Marcab	hii siris
08:53	carcass	hello siris
08:53	Marcab	congrats on behalf of all the members
08:54	roygush	siris help us 😊
08:54	sianissimo	wow! that's just wow! well I'm not aiming that high 🎁 I'd like to study in Europe, yet I'd like to give my best shot.. cos I on;y have one
08:54	siris	that's what i'm here for roygush
08:55	Marcab	We appreciate that siris
08:55	hamm0	lol siris
08:55	hkshimanshu	sianissmo.. European schools have the avg GMAT range of the order 640 - 680
08:55	sianissimo	oh, I just remembered I wanted to ask something... questions I always get wrong are the

		general RC.. what is the purpose of the passage etc
08:55	hkshimanshu	I have a couple of friends in Euro B-Schools
08:56	roygush	sianissimo - thats main point questions
08:56	roygush	sianissimo - should be the easiest among RC's
08:56	siris	sianissimo IMO euro schools are not the same as the US-style schools
08:56	sianissimo	I know!
08:56	sianissimo	yet I always get them wrong for some reason
08:56	souvik101990	roygush its totally cool that you find main point questions easiest
08:56	roygush	sianissimo - you can tell the answer by reading the first paragraph
08:56	sianissimo	I can do the harder ones, but these I always mess up
08:56	souvik101990	because its almost certain that you will get a lot of those on the test
08:57	siris	for what you want to get out of them, I think they are better if you are a bit older, not so good for career changers (no summer internship to "try out something new"). I would think it would be good for someone who likes the track they are on and just wants to accelerate it a lot
08:57	sianissimo	exactly! I really need to make sure I get these right
08:57	roygush	souvik101990 - i know. im aiming to have 75% accuracy in RC but i always miss something and its not main point 😊
08:58	sianissimo	any strategy? do I only look at the first paragraph to find the answer
08:58	sianissimo	for main point questions, I mean
08:58	roygush	you need to understand the passage as a whole
08:58	Marcab	Siris.....what was your background
08:58	roygush	create a roadmap
08:58	siris	Marcab : Engineer / Construction industry
08:59	roygush	siris - and what are you majoring in?
08:59	roygush	i mean, what track?
08:59	sianissimo	I saw a video, that explains quite well how to skim and so on.. http://www.gmatpill.com/practicequestions/RC-Passage-Genetic-Mutations/RC-Passage-Genetic-Mutations.html
08:59	hkshimanshu	sianissimo, i would recommend to read the entire passage to answer such question
08:59	hamm0	engineer + construction siris 😊 way to be
08:59	sianissimo	what I wonder is can we underline and make bold and etc on the actual exam?
09:00	Marcab	What do you think you had in your profile that impressed the committee, apart from a juggernaut score
09:00	roygush	no
09:00	sianissimo	I've never taken it before, so I wonder
09:00	siris	Nothing 😊 I studied in France, here an "engineer" is studies a bit of everything (no real major) and does a bit of business.
09:00	hkshimanshu	unfortunately we can
09:00	hkshimanshu	i mean we cant to
09:00	souvik101990	sianissimo the GMAT is EXACTLY like the one you see in GMATPrep
09:00	siris	I did some of everything from quantum physics to materials science 😊
09:00	hkshimanshu	the inter face is exactly the same
09:01	carcass	skim passage is a weak strategy on the long run
09:01	hkshimanshu	but the questions are different (but similar)



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09:01	hamm0	phi = TL/JG right siris?
09:01	hkshimanshu	I agree with carcass
09:01	sianissimo	I see.
09:01	siris	What impressed the committee... I have a lot of international experience, and speak three languages fluently, so I played the "diversity/international" angle heavily. That was a good selling point i think
09:01	carcass	without A 😊
09:01	akhilright	i liked the gmat-pill technique..its great
09:01	roygush	siris, what do you think about Army background?
09:02	akhilright	personally improved from two three wrong per passage to almost nill
09:02	roygush	i served in the army 3 years
09:02	sianissimo	I don't think I could do it. I have a month till my exam and I only think I would get myself even more confused if I try to apply it
09:02	souvik101990	Well our official time os over!
09:02	roygush	🙄