

21:38	souvik101990	So it is going to be a verbal focused chat
21:38	souvik101990	and vercules will be the expert!
21:39	SKGupta	sounds great..
21:39	souvik101990	absolutely
21:39	Vercules	Throw in your questions
21:40	Vercules	there is no fixed agenda
21:41	Vercules	we can discuss any questions on strategies/ topics
21:42	SKGupta	Would love to learn any strategy for improving my 'timing' in RC
21:42	souvik101990	Vercules did you do the questions in the gmatprep question pack?
21:42	SKGupta	have completed ig13
21:42	SKGupta	sorry og13
21:42	Vercules	No, I have'nt
21:42	Vercules	@Souvik
21:43	SKGupta	when i take timed tests my accuracy in rc drops..
21:43	Vercules	but as far as I know most of the questions in the question pack are from old gmat prep tests or other previously released sources..
21:43	Vercules	@SK what is your approach
21:44	SKGupta	i normally read the whole paragraph
21:44	SKGupta	go to Qs
21:44	SKGupta	and back to para
21:44	SKGupta	if required
21:44	Vercules	ok
21:45	Vercules	It surely is required to go back to the para in almost every question
21:45	SKGupta	yeah most
21:45	Vercules	Passage map could be a good approach
21:45	SKGupta	??
21:45	Vercules	the thing to keep in mind in RC passages is to get the structure of the passage and the thoughts discussed
21:46	Vercules	Passage map is what you jot down in your scribbling pad about each paragraph
21:46	Mary84	Vercules I also need your professional expertise in the same area i.e. RC
21:46	Vercules	usually the notes are small and mostly contain keywords
21:47	Vercules	In most of the cases the passage discusses view points.
21:47	SKGupta	i tried that. But probably am not doing it the right way. i end up writing a lot and consuming more time
21:47	Vercules	I'll give you one example
21:48	Vercules	say first paragraph tells about what "some scientists say about a theory"
21:48	Vercules	this is one opinion
21:48	Vercules	just make a note of the key point they say
21:49	Vercules	then another paragraph may sat a counter opinion - the theory is still unproven, or more proof is required..
21:49	Vercules	now, here you will mark this second viewpoint
21:49	Vercules	and so on..
21:50	SKGupta	do you first read the para & then do the writing or do it parallel?
21:50	Vercules	that you have to practice and decide, most people aren't comfortable in taking notes
21:51	Vercules	the one with which you feel most comfortable with and answer accurately should be chosen
21:51	SKGupta	then probably 'practice' is the key-word?!
21:52	SKGupta	i take a lot of time but with good accuracy when i take notes
21:52	Vercules	Yup, just add one word "focused"

21:52	Vercules	focused practice
21:52	Vercules	knowing what works best
21:53	Vercules	moreover, if you are good at CR then it is very likely that you will also do well in RC
21:53	Vercules	GMAT RC is more or less similar to the CR questions
21:53	Vercules	specifically the inference type questions
21:54	SKGupta	for me RC is literally opposite to CR 😊
21:54	Vercules	so if someone finds it really difficult to answer RC, then he/ she should first practice inference based CR questions
21:54	SKGupta	i think the long passages throw me off guard
21:55	Vercules	yeah, that could be the reason
21:55	Vercules	many times in long passages we are distracted by the unimportant information..
21:56	SKGupta	as i said earlier, 3+ minutes per Q and I do very well in RC.. but in race with time I loose each time
21:56	SKGupta	was thinking if reading Q first wud a better idea
21:56	SKGupta	at least i could focus what to read in the passage
21:57	Vercules	In my opinion reading the Q first will not be a good idea
21:57	Vercules	because you see only one question
21:57	Vercules	at a time
21:57	SKGupta	what i meant was reading passage as the Qs appear..
21:58	Vercules	you can try but that, but you may loose the comprehension
21:58	Vercules	and the main idea and the global questions could be hard to answer
21:58	SKGupta	good point - and that may lead to wrong answers for tricky Qs
21:59	Vercules	yeah
21:59	SKGupta	Thanks Vercules
21:59	Vercules	best approach is to read and understand the full passage; you may take around 4 or 5 minutes
22:00	SKGupta	Will try again with this approach
22:00	Vercules	sure do that, and if it works for you practice it more
22:01	Vercules	if you understand the passage then answering becomes easier, you will still have to visit the passage for every question, but that wont take much time as you know what to look for
22:02	SKGupta	do you recommend similar strategy for CR too?
22:02	SKGupta	or just read and attack the question - thats what i normally do..
22:03	Vercules	read and attack..
22:05	Vercules	how about SC
22:05	Vercules	how is it going
22:05	SKGupta	😊 at times i'm doing very well
22:06	SKGupta	I went through the manhattan guide - though didn't have patience to read completely
22:07	Vercules	that is an awesome book, a little difficult to read and assimilate, but the best book available on SC
22:08	SKGupta	needs a lot of patience.. its difficult to unlearn the wrong usage
22:08	Vercules	yup, takes a lot of practice and deliberate efforts
22:08	SKGupta	i felt as though i need to start as if i dont know the language.
22:09	SKGupta	often i tend to answer based on what 'sounds' right..
22:09	Vercules	😊
22:09	Vercules	it happens; you have to learn GMAT way
22:10	Vercules	best thing will be to do the OG thoroughly
22:10	SKGupta	what is the GMAT way?
22:11	Vercules	the way GMAT tests in sentence correction
22:11	SKGupta	Could you please elaborate more?

22:12	Vercules	for example the error patterns
22:13	Vercules	for one thing the use of "being" will mostly be incorrect(90%) in GMAT questions
22:14	SKGupta	interesting!!!
22:14	Vercules	you will get to know these if you study every question from the OG properly
22:17	SKGupta	@Vercules - I was looged-out for a moment and maybe missed your last message
22:17	Vercules	nothing much
22:17	Vercules	you will get to know these if you study every question from the OG properly
22:17	Mary84	Thanks Vercules for explaining the rules of the game for RC and CR approaches
22:18	Vercules	you are welcome
22:19	Mary84	Can you please give your expert opinion about dealing with IR as well?
22:20	Vercules	If you look at IR questions, they contain a lot of junk information
22:20	Mary84	yeah, and this confuses a lot at times.
22:20	Vercules	browsing through the IR passage and skimming through the information will be a good option
22:21	Vercules	questions are generally easy, if you are able to find what information it is asking for...
22:22	Mary84	so focusing on the required information is enough, right
22:22	Vercules	yes, and that the challenge in IR
22:23	Vercules	*thats
22:23	Mary84	perfect , I will follow this rule and hope it will be an easy task now
22:24	SKGupta	Many thanks and Kudos to you Vercules
22:25	Vercules	thanks
22:25	Vercules	If you have any other questions then let me know
22:26	Vercules	I will also post the transcript of this chat in the announcement post
22:26	SKGupta	is there any reference for 'idioms'
22:26	Mary84	Thanks a lot and Kudos to you Vercules, this chat session was really very helpful for me and answer various queries I had with regards to IR, CR and RC. Highly appreciated indeed.
22:26	Vercules	http://gmatclub.com/forum/verbal-chat-this-thursday-march-14th-9-a-m-pdt-149034.html#p1194285
22:27	Vercules	Thank you
22:27	Vercules	I will post the link to the idioms reference along with the transcript
22:27	SKGupta	Thanks again.
22:28	SKGupta	will make sure that your post receives the max kudos 🙏
22:28	Mary84	From my end too.
22:28	Vercules	thank you..
22:28	Vercules	😊
22:28	Vercules	calling it off.. all the best!!
22:28	Vercules	bye
22:30	Mary84	bye