What’s the Word on

Verbal Reasoning?

Understanding the value of each GRE® General Test section in holistic admissions.

The GRE® General Test consists of three sections that provide admissions decision makers with valuable evidence of critical thinking skills: Verbal Reasoning, Quantitative Reasoning and Analytical Writing.

Understanding Verbal Reasoning

The Verbal Reasoning assessment measures an individual’s ability to comprehend and synthesize written material, including the ability to:

- Analyze and draw conclusions from discourse; reason from incomplete data
- Identify the author’s assumptions and/or perspective
- Summarize text and distinguish major from minor points
- Comprehend literal and figurative meanings
- Understand the meaning of words, sentences and entire texts
- Understand relationships among words and concepts

Gain a Clearer Picture of an Applicant’s Potential

By receiving a distinct Verbal Reasoning score, you have the flexibility to weight the measurement within your admissions decision-making process based on your program’s mission and enrollment goals. Combining this data with other applicant information provides a clearer picture of an individual’s potential for graduate program success.

Learn more about the value of using GRE scores within a holistic admissions process at holisticadmissions.org.

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