

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](https://www.ets.org/holisticadmissions.org).