

MAGOOSH GRE VOCABULARY PRACTICE TEST (SAMPLE)

STUDY GUIDE



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Introduction

Preparing for a certification exam can feel overwhelming, but with the right tools, it becomes an opportunity to build confidence, sharpen your skills, and move one step closer to your goals. At Examzify, we believe that effective exam preparation isn't just about memorization, it's about understanding the material, identifying knowledge gaps, and building the test-taking strategies that lead to success.

This guide was designed to help you do exactly that.

Whether you're preparing for a licensing exam, professional certification, or entry-level qualification, this book offers structured practice to reinforce key concepts. You'll find a wide range of multiple-choice questions, each followed by clear explanations to help you understand not just the right answer, but why it's correct.

The content in this guide is based on real-world exam objectives and aligned with the types of questions and topics commonly found on official tests. It's ideal for learners who want to:

- Practice answering questions under realistic conditions,
- Improve accuracy and speed,
- Review explanations to strengthen weak areas, and
- Approach the exam with greater confidence.

We recommend using this book not as a stand-alone study tool, but alongside other resources like flashcards, textbooks, or hands-on training. For best results, we recommend working through each question, reflecting on the explanation provided, and revisiting the topics that challenge you most.

Remember: successful test preparation isn't about getting every question right the first time, it's about learning from your mistakes and improving over time. Stay focused, trust the process, and know that every page you turn brings you closer to success.

Let's begin.

How to Use This Guide

This guide is designed to help you study more effectively and approach your exam with confidence. Whether you're reviewing for the first time or doing a final refresh, here's how to get the most out of your Examzify study guide:

1. Start with a Diagnostic Review

Skim through the questions to get a sense of what you know and what you need to focus on. Your goal is to identify knowledge gaps early.

2. Study in Short, Focused Sessions

Break your study time into manageable blocks (e.g. 30 – 45 minutes). Review a handful of questions, reflect on the explanations.

3. Learn from the Explanations

After answering a question, always read the explanation, even if you got it right. It reinforces key points, corrects misunderstandings, and teaches subtle distinctions between similar answers.

4. Track Your Progress

Use bookmarks or notes (if reading digitally) to mark difficult questions. Revisit these regularly and track improvements over time.

5. Simulate the Real Exam

Once you're comfortable, try taking a full set of questions without pausing. Set a timer and simulate test-day conditions to build confidence and time management skills.

6. Repeat and Review

Don't just study once, repetition builds retention. Re-attempt questions after a few days and revisit explanations to reinforce learning. Pair this guide with other Examzify tools like flashcards, and digital practice tests to strengthen your preparation across formats.

There's no single right way to study, but consistent, thoughtful effort always wins. Use this guide flexibly, adapt the tips above to fit your pace and learning style. You've got this!

Questions

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1. Which verb means to hinder or prevent the efforts of?

- A. Foil
- B. Frustrate
- C. Thwart
- D. Scuttle

2. Which word refers to a loud expression of laughter?

- A. Guffaw
- B. Stolid
- C. Transitory
- D. Patronize

3. Perfidy refers to which act?

- A. Loyalty
- B. Courage
- C. Dishonor
- D. Betrayal

4. Which noun refers to someone shirking duty by pretending to be sick?

- A. Desideratum
- B. Conflagration
- C. Malingerer
- D. Impervious

5. Which verb means to make something clearer?

- A. Obscure
- B. Confuse
- C. Baffle
- D. Elucidate

6. Which noun refers to the power of creative imagination?

- A. Bravery
- B. Honesty
- C. Timidity
- D. Ingenuity

- 7. Intrepid most nearly means which of the following?**
- A. Cautious
 - B. Fearless
 - C. Polite
 - D. Uncertain
- 8. Which verb means to serve as a judge in a competition; to arrive at a judgment?**
- A. Countermand
 - B. Adjudicate
 - C. Promulgate
 - D. Graft
- 9. Which adjective refers to someone who is likely to socialize with others?**
- A. Introverted
 - B. Gregarious
 - C. Ambiguous
 - D. Ingenuous
- 10. Which adjective means humorously vulgar?**
- A. Flippant
 - B. Ribald
 - C. Imperious
 - D. Incontrovertible

Answers

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1. B
2. A
3. D
4. C
5. D
6. D
7. B
8. B
9. B
10. B

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Explanations

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1. Which verb means to hinder or prevent the efforts of?

- A. Foil
- B. Frustrate**
- C. Thwart
- D. Scuttle

This question tests finding the verb that most directly means to hinder or prevent someone's efforts. Frustrate fits best because it specifically means to prevent progress toward a goal, often causing plans to be blocked or hopes to be disappointed. For example, weather delays can frustrate a team's efforts to launch a product, capturing the sense of obstructing ongoing work. Other options touch on hindrance too, but with different nuances: foil implies defeating a plan through clever counteraction, thwart emphasizes stopping someone from achieving a specific objective, and scuttle suggests deliberately sabotaging or abandoning a plan. Frustrate is the most general and exact match to the idea of hindering the efforts themselves.

2. Which word refers to a loud expression of laughter?

- A. Guffaw**
- B. Stolid
- C. Transitory
- D. Patronize

Guffaw denotes a loud, boisterous laugh—a hearty burst rather than a quiet chuckle. That exact sense matches “a loud expression of laughter.” The other words describe different ideas: stolid means emotionally unmoved or indifferent; transitory means temporary or short-lived; and patronize can mean to talk down to someone or to be a regular customer. For example, “When the punchline hit, the audience erupted in a guffaw.”

3. Perfidy refers to which act?

- A. Loyalty
- B. Courage
- C. Dishonor
- D. Betrayal**

Perfidy is all about betraying trust. It names a deliberate act of treachery—being faithless or breaking an oath or promise in a way that harms others. That makes it a precise fit for betrayal, since betrayal is the act of turning against someone who trusted you. So this word points to betrayal rather than loyalty or courage, and while dishonor can accompany treachery, perfidy zeroes in on the faithless, treacherous act itself. A sentence might be: “The spy’s perfidy lay in betraying his country to the enemy.”

4. Which noun refers to someone shirking duty by pretending to be sick?

- A. Desideratum
- B. Conflagration
- C. Malingerer
- D. Impervious

The main idea here is recognizing a word for someone who fakes illness to avoid work or duty. That word is *malingerer*. A *malingerer* is a person who pretends to be sick to shirk responsibilities, so this term directly names the behavior and the person involved. *Desideratum* means something that is desired or wished for, not a person or behavior. *Conflagration* refers to a large, destructive fire. *Impervious* describes something that cannot be affected or penetrated and is an adjective, not a noun for a person.

5. Which verb means to make something clearer?

- A. Obscure
- B. Confuse
- C. Baffle
- D. Elucidate

Clarifying something by explaining it is what this verb is about. *Elucidate* means to explain or make something clearer, often by providing details or reasoning that illuminate the idea. Its sense is like bringing light to a topic, helping someone see it more clearly. For example, a teacher elucidates a complicated formula by breaking it down step by step. The other options point in different directions: *obscure* would hide or blur, while *confuse* and *baffle* imply puzzling or thwarting understanding. So *elucidate* is the best fit because it directly expresses the act of making something clear.

6. Which noun refers to the power of creative imagination?

- A. Bravery
- B. Honesty
- C. Timidity
- D. Ingenuity

The key idea here is identifying a noun that captures the power of using imagination to create or invent. *Ingenuity* is exactly that—it denotes cleverness and creativity in devising new ideas or solutions, often in inventive or resourceful ways. That creative-imagination sense is what the question is asking for. *Bravery* refers to courage in the face of danger, *honesty* to truthfulness, and *timidity* to shyness or lack of courage. None of those convey imaginative invention the way *ingenuity* does, which is why *ingenuity* is the best fit. For example, her *ingenuity* allowed her to craft an effective solution from simple, everyday materials.

7. Intrepid most nearly means which of the following?

- A. Cautious
- B. Fearless**
- C. Polite
- D. Uncertain

Recognizing synonyms for a word that describes boldness in the face of danger. Intrepid means fearless or dauntless, especially when facing challenging or risky situations. The closest match is fearless, since it directly conveys not being afraid to take on danger or pursue difficult tasks. For example, an intrepid climber pushes ahead despite fierce winds, illustrating that fearless quality. The other options don't fit: cautious implies avoiding risk, polite is about manners, and uncertain suggests doubt.

8. Which verb means to serve as a judge in a competition; to arrive at a judgment?

- A. Countermand
- B. Adjudicate**
- C. Promulgate
- D. Graft

Adjudicate means to act as a judge or arbiter and to render a judgment after evaluating evidence or performances. In a competition, someone who adjudicates reviews the entries, weighs the performances, and decides the winners or rankings. That sense captures both sides of the prompt: serving as a judge and arriving at a judgment. Countermand means to revoke a previous order, so it doesn't fit the idea of judging or deciding outcomes. Promulgate means to officially publish or proclaim a law or decree, not to judge. Graft, in its common uses, refers to corruption or to grafting plants, neither of which involves judging or ruling on a competition.

9. Which adjective refers to someone who is likely to socialize with others?

- A. Introverted
- B. Gregarious**
- C. Ambiguous
- D. Ingenuous

Recognizing adjectives that describe someone's tendency to be around other people is what this item tests. A person who is likely to socialize is described as gregarious, meaning outgoing, sociable, and fond of the company of others. Introverted describes someone who tends to be reserved and energized by solitude; ambiguous means unclear; ingenuous means innocent or naïve. Because gregarious directly signals enjoying social interaction, it best fits the prompt.

10. Which adjective means humorously vulgar?

- A. Flippant
- B. Ribald**
- C. Imperious
- D. Incontrovertible

Humor that is humorously vulgar is described by ribald. Ribald signals coarse, indecent, and often sexual humor presented in a playful or bawdy way. That sense of crude amusement is exactly what "humorously vulgar" conveys, so it's the best fit. Flippant just means lightly treating serious matters or being dismissive, not necessarily vulgar. Imperious describes someone arrogant and demanding, and incontrovertible means indisputable. For example, a ribald joke at a party illustrates the idea of humor that's vulgar in a humorous, crude way.

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Next Steps

Congratulations on reaching the final section of this guide. You've taken a meaningful step toward passing your certification exam and advancing your career.

As you continue preparing, remember that consistent practice, review, and self-reflection are key to success. Make time to revisit difficult topics, simulate exam conditions, and track your progress along the way.

If you need help, have suggestions, or want to share feedback, we'd love to hear from you. Reach out to our team at hello@examzify.com.

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We wish you the very best on your exam journey. You've got this!

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