

Revised GRE – Verbal

Understanding
the role of '**Indicators**' in Sentences



Recap of Indicators

Indicators often appear in complex sentences and connect two ideas presented in the sentence.

Example: I like Tom as he is brave

Idea 1	Indicator	Idea 2
I like Tom	as	Tom is brave



Recap of Indicators

Example: If Julia becomes anxious, she may not do well in the test.

Idea 1	Indicator	Idea 2
Julia might become anxious	If	She may not do well in the test



Why are indicators important ?

Quite a few statements in a Text completion question in GRE, contain two ideas linked by an indicator

In the GRE Question, the statement is presented as:

(Idea 1) (indicator) (incomplete Idea2)

You need to do the following to solve the question:

- Locate and Understand (Idea 1) in the question
- Locate the (indicator) in the question
- Using these, predict what the (incomplete idea2) would be
- Choose the right word that completes the (incomplete Idea2)

Your accuracy in the question will depend on how accurately you are able to predict (Idea2).

Let's see some examples ...





Examples 1

Statement 1:

My flight was delayed because of the heavy fog.

Statement 2:

My flight was on schedule inspite of the heavy fog.



Analysis

Idea 1	Indicator	Idea 2
My flight was delayed	because	There was heavy fog
My flight was on schedule	Inspite of	There was heavy fog

Note: Though Idea2 remains the same, Idea 1 differs on account of the indicator.

If these statements were to appear as an incomplete sentences with choices, the option you choose would depend on the Indicator as shown on the next slide.



A Text Completion Question

My flight was _____ because of the heavy fog.

- Delayed
- On schedule

My flight was _____ in spite of the heavy fog.

- Delayed
- On schedule

Do you agree that the indicator influences the word to be selected for the blank ?



It helps you to be familiar with the indicators.

As seen from the previous example, '**indicators**' determine the '**structure**' of the sentence.

Hence, they serve as '**structural clues**'

If you can detect them correctly and understand the role they play in the sentence, you will be able to accurately predict the words to be used in the blanks given.



INDICATORS

Types Of Indicators



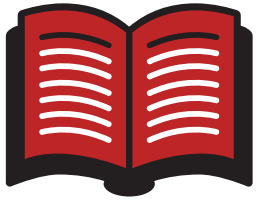
Causal Indicators

These indicators capture 'cause' and 'effect' relationship or put simply

(Something happened) **because** (of something else)

For Example:

- I was late **because** of the unexpected rain
- **Since** she was feeling sleepy in the class, she could not focus on the lecture.



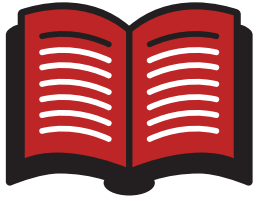
Indicators of Contrast

These indicators link contrasting ideas. Simply put:

(Something happened) **though** (it was unlikely that it would happen)

For Example:

- **Though** his job as a commando was risky, he liked it.
- **Though** he has a strong reservation about the recommendation given by the researcher, he finds that the methodology the researcher used is effective.



Indicators of Comparison

These indicators compare two ideas.

For Example:

- Lt. Smith is sturdy **as** you would expect a soldier to be.
- Bill Gates is philanthropic **like** many American industry leaders have been.



Indicators of Condition

These indicators link conditional ideas. Simply put:

(Something will happen) **only if** (some condition is satisfied)

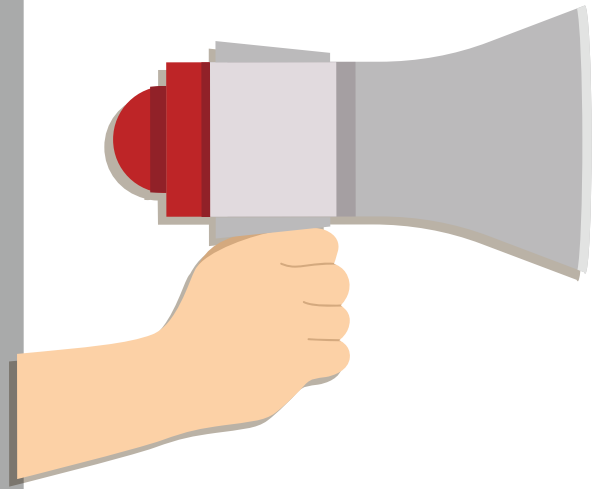
For Example:

- **Unless** you prepare well, you may not do well in the test.
- A settlement can be reached **only if** the two agree to compromise on some of their demands.



Do you need to know all the Indicators ?

- No, you do not need to know all the indicators.
- You will not be required to identify or select indicators in GRE.
- As we have demonstrated earlier, the indicator and Idea 1, help you to predict (idea 2). This in turn is necessary to solve Text Completion and Sentence Equivalence Questions correctly.
- Hence, a good knowledge of the indicators helps you analyze complex sentence structures easily.



Hope by now, you must have got a clear idea on indicators.

Now, it's time for you to get familiar with indicators.

A PDF containing a list of indicators and the exercise sheet attached with this tutorial which will help you increase your familiarity with indicators.

Are You Ready?



Thanks !!

- Hope you enjoyed this tutorial.
- Solve more Questions from the exercise sent to you by your SFA.
- We would like to hear from you. If you have comments or suggestions on this tutorial, email them to your Verbal SFA at support@GREedge.com.