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Build your 8-week GMAT study timeline

	Objectives 	Tasks 	Materials 	Tips 
WEEK 1	 <b>Become familiar with the GMAT exam</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Learn about the GMAT Exam in the GMAT Official Guide and mba.com</li><li> <b>Go to <a href="https://mba.com">mba.com</a> and download the free GMATPrep® software. Take one of the two free practice tests to set a baseline</b></li></ul>	 <b>GMAT Official Guide</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>GMAT Official Practice Test #1</li></ul>	Don't worry about your score on the first practice test! The goal is to become familiar with the exam and set a baseline for measuring your progress.
WEEK 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Practice and refine your study plan</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Answer the first 1/3 of practice questions in each section of the Official Guide</li><li>Identify strengths and weaknesses and create a detailed two-week study plan</li><li>Continually review answer explanations and refine your approach to questions</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>GMAT Official Guide</li></ul>	Questions in each section of the GMAT Official Guide are ordered based on level of difficulty from easy to hard.
WEEK 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Assess progress</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Create practice sets based on question type and difficulty at <a href="https://gmat.wiley.com">gmat.wiley.com</a></li><li>Take the second of two practice tests on the GMATPrep software at the end of week</li><li>Review the test results in full and adjust the 2-week study plan accordingly</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>GMAT Official Guide</li><li>GMATPrep® free practice test</li></ul>	When taking a practice test, try to simulate a real test experience and minimize the number of distractions that could disrupt your concentration.
WEEK 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Focus on time management</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Use a timer and practice answering questions under time pressure</li><li>Create timed practice sets with the online version of the GMAT Official Guide</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>GMAT Official Guide</li></ul>	Time management is very important on the GMAT exam. Develop a sense of when to work through a question and when to make an educated guess and move on.
WEEK 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Assess progress</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Continue using timed practice tests and focus on specific areas</li><li>Take the first of two practice tests off GMATPrep® Exam Pack 1 at the end of the week</li><li>Review the test in full and adjust the 2-week study plan accordingly</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>GMAT Official Guide</li><li> <b>GMATPrep® Exam Pack 1</b></li></ul>	The online version of the GMAT Official Guide contains 58 IR questions that are not available in the book.
WEEK 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Build confidence</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Review questions you got wrong on practice tests</li><li>Use GMAT Focus® and IR Prep Tools for more targeted practice in quantitative and integrated reasoning</li><li>Use GMAT Official Practice Questions for more targeted practice</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>GMAT Official Guide</li><li> <b>GMAT Focus and IR Prep Tools</b></li></ul>	We suggest spending as much time reviewing questions as answering them.
WEEK 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Assess readiness</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Take the second of two practice tests off GMATPrep Exam Pack 1 at the end of the week</li><li>Pay attention to pacing throughout the practice test</li><li>Review the test in full to assess progress and readiness for Test Day</li><li>Review the GMAT Handbook on <a href="https://mba.com">mba.com</a> for what to bring to the test center and what to expect</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>GMATPrep® Exam Pack 1</li></ul>	Note that because the GMAT exam is a computer-adaptive test, the questions will get harder as you answer them correctly, so it will feel more difficult as the exam progresses.
WEEK 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Prepare for test day</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Review challenging questions and go over answer explanations</li><li>Develop a time management strategy based on your strengths and weaknesses</li><li>Think through logistics for Test Day and be sure to rest up!</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>GMAT Official Guide</li></ul>	Don't try to cram too much in the last week; focus on building confidence and keeping your mind fresh.



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