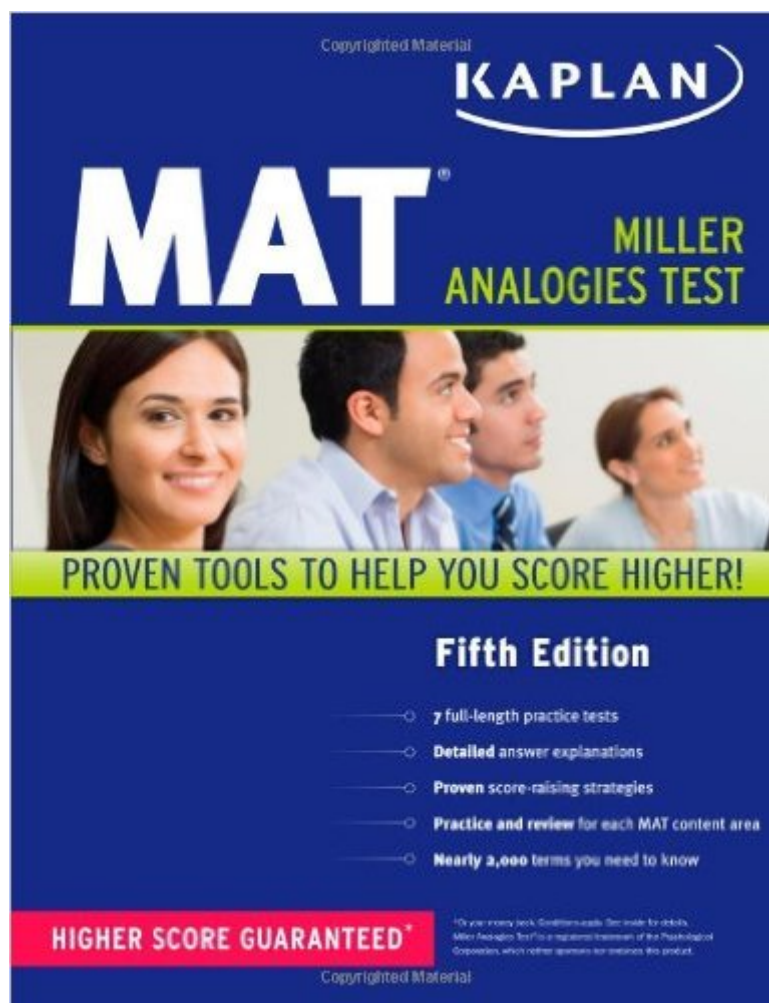


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Customer Reviews

The Kaplan MAT study guide is an amazing tool. It provided me with all of the best MAT test taking strategies in an easy to understand format. Unlike others that I also purchased, the practice tests in this study guide are in the same format as the real exam (120 questions in 60 minutes), which is critical because part of the goal here is to learn how to pace yourself properly to be able to answer

all of the questions in the allotted time frame on the day of the test. The study content included in this guide was right on target and many of the vocabulary words and concepts that I studied thanks to Kaplan, appeared on my actual test. I typically suffer from test anxiety but as they say in this book, "familiarity breeds success". My score on the diagnostic test and the early practice tests wasn't so great but after studying all of the content in the study guide and taking several practice tests per week, they improved drastically! On the real exam I am proud to say that I scored in the 91st percentile thanks to hard work and the aid of this book. I highly recommend it.

I was pretty apprehensive about this exam. I finished my undergraduate degree over a decade ago and it's been a while since I've had to do any "studying" for a test. That said, I'm glad I chose this book as my study guide. The lists are so helpful, the practice tests are true-to-life, and the tips are great, too. When I first took the diagnostic test at the beginning of the book, having not studied at all, I scored in the 60th percentile. By the time I was taking the final practice tests after studying, I had improved to the 90th and 95th percentiles. I'm happy to report that I took the exam today and scored 438 which is the 93rd Percentile. I know I would never have been this successful without having used this book. One note I'd like to add is that when you take the practice exams, you answer 120 questions, just as you do on the real thing. When you look up your score in the book, the chart only goes up to 100. That really confused me. I had to ask a fellow reviewer for clarification. I did know that 20 of the questions will be deemed experimental and will not be calculated in your actual score, but I wasn't sure how this affected the practice exams. Simply stated, if you get 52 questions wrong, your score will be 68/120. Just look on the chart for your score next to the 68. That is an accurate conversion for your percentile ranking. I would definitely recommend this book to anyone hoping to score well on the MAT. Happy studying, and good luck!

I found this book to be the most helpful of the 3 main prep books. I studied Kaplan, Barron's, and McGraw-Hill's. (Definitely overkill, don't do the same thing unless you just think the questions are fun.) Barron's comes in at a very close second, and I'm honestly sorry I wasted my money on the McGraw-Hill's. This Kaplan book has a nice section that tells you what your percentile ranking is as far as the practice tests go, and it was a fair indicator of how I did on the actual exam. The exam, however, is very, very different than the book, so as you are going through the practice tests, keep in mind that your focus should be on the technique of taking the test, NOT the content. There are several helpful guides in the book for reviewing the different categories you'll find on the MAT. I would recommend spending time with these reviews. There is a review on root words, and I would

recommend focusing on those rather than the vocabulary section - if you come across an unfamiliar term on the actual test, at least you will be able to work out the meaning by knowing the roots. Practicing the technique was very helpful to me. I was able to go on "autopilot" while taking the actual exam, even though the analogies were quite different. Good luck on the MAT and in your future studies!

This book was thorough and there were even exact same questions from the study guide on the test. I wasn't taken by surprise on most of the test because of the preparation the book afforded me. I highly recommend...doesn't take a lot of your time to really "get" the MAT.

I only had a few days to study for my MAT exam and this guide really did help me practice and prepare for this test. It gives a great break-down on the types of analogies on the test and has some great practice questions. I walked away scoring in the 93 percentile within my major, so I was very pleased with how much this guide helped me.

I ordered KAPLAN, BARRON's and MAT for Dummies. Kaplan and Barron's were most helpful to prepare for the MAT. It is best to take the quizzes repeatedly. There are six practice tests in KAPLAN. I studied for 2 months and my number of correct answers went up from 30/40 to 60/70. I am 53 years old and have not been in school for over 25 years. MAT average score is 400 and I made a 424. Using these books was critical to my success. The last couple of weeks I began making flashcards for questions that I kept getting wrong. I found that math was my weakest subject so the day of the test I just skipped them. Humanities and history were also weak for me but this is where the flashcards came in handy. I took a computerized version of the MAT at a local college. I answered questions quickly and skipped the ones that I had to ponder over. The test took me back to those "skipped" questions and then I answered as many as possible....mostly guessing. Good Luck!

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