

GRE Verbal Pacing Checkpoint Card

Place next to your screen during practice tests

CHECKPOINT 1 - AFTER QUESTION 5

Check clock: Should have 23-24 minutes remaining

ON PACE 23-24 min	BEHIND < 22 min	TOO SLOW 25+ min
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CHECKPOINT 2 - AFTER QUESTION 10 (HALFWAY)

Check clock: Should have 15-16 minutes remaining

ON PACE 15-16 min	BEHIND < 14 min	TOO SLOW 17+ min
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CHECKPOINT 3 - AFTER QUESTION 15

Check clock: Should have 7-8 minutes remaining

ON PACE 7-8 min	BEHIND < 6 min	TOO SLOW 9+ min
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FINAL 5 QUESTIONS (Q16-20)

Average target: 90 seconds per question

Strategy: Use time buffer from faster questions to protect accuracy on harder items.

QUESTION TYPE TIME TARGETS

Question type	Target time
Text Completion	60-75 sec
Sentence Equivalence	45-60 sec
RC Detail	30-45 sec
RC Inference	60-90 sec
RC Main Idea	45-60 sec