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The Blueprint For LSAT Reading Comprehension



Synopsis

The Blueprint for LSAT Reading Comprehension teaches students how to address the Reading Comprehension section of the LSAT. Readers will learn how to categorize passages based on structure, rather than subject matter, dissect the passages to anticipate questions, and tackle the questions in the most efficient manner possible. Students will learn these methods by working through 33 real LSAT passages, taken from some of the most current Reading Comprehension passages available. Because the LSAT in general and Reading Comprehension in particular have gotten more difficult over the years, it's important that students use the most recent LSAT questions to prepare. The Blueprint for LSAT Reading Comprehension uses the same effective and humorous techniques taught in Blueprint's live and online LSAT prep courses. Each book comes with a free MyBlueprint student account, which allows readers to access Blueprint's website and read PDF explanations for every Reading Comprehension explanation not already in the book. Whether you're studying for the test on your own or you've already taken a course and are looking to improve your score in Reading Comprehension, The Blueprint for LSAT Reading Comprehension is a true Reading Comprehension bible.

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Customer Reviews

For those of you who are looking to improve your Reading comprehension score, and are looking for a compliment or just a stand alone book to give to learn from, don't look any farther you've found the right book. I'll break my review into two parts pedagogy/effectiveness and quality. 1) Pedagogy: Honestly, I knew that I had to find an effective way of increasing my Reading Comprehension score for the exam, but I was really at a loss on how to do this, that is until I found this book. Its pedagogic methods are fantastic. Very light, simple and too the point, that is to say...I enjoyed reading the book! Every moment throughout the book the author would throw in a lighthearted joke that subtly reinforces some of the concepts presented. Comparing this with some other Reading Comp prep books they, this is much more digestible. I truly believe we are moving towards an age of "simple is smart" when it comes to texts and I find that, at least when reading other competitors books they attempt to latch you to definitions and classifications that are dauntingly confusing and tiresome. The LSAT authors don't care to know that the argument is a "what-ever meaningless classification" they're testing you on structure. Blueprints Reading comprehension book preps you for that, no matter the subject matter they teach you core fundamentals to attack every type of text, which is key to scoring consistently on the Reading comprehension section. This book changed my "I guess I'll just drill a whole bunch of these till I figure it out mindset" to seeing this section much like logic games: there is a structure that we must find, dissect, and use to answer the questions.

So I basically finished the book and I figured this would be the best time to post my review, when the content is still fresh in my mind. I'd like to thank Blueprint for giving me a free copy in exchange for an honest, unbiased review. The reading comprehension section of the LSAT, everyone's worst nightmare. This section is by far the hardest to improve, as there are very few, if any mechanical approaches at one's disposal to answer the questions. Prep companies have released RC books that rely on a more intuitive approach to the section, but I found that those strategies are hard to apply in real time. Yes, students need to read carefully and track the different elements in the passage, but HOW can one get to the point where he/she is able to do this effectively and efficiently? The Blueprint RC book is the answer. The Blueprint RC method underscores the importance of attacking a RC passage in the same way one attacks a LG: spend time upfront and you'll be rewarded later when you get to the questions. The book shows that there's a lot of similarity in the structure of RC passages, and so the book spends a ton of time discussing the common, repeated structures that underlie many of the passages you'll see on the LSAT. As one studies these structures, the passages become easy to classify, and consequently, you know which strategies to employ for each type of passage. So, for example, when you know you're reading an

antithesis passage you realize immediately that you must identify both arguments and see which side the author is aligned with. What's great about this approach is that it forces you to read each and every passage ACTIVELY, which is a necessary condition to scoring high on this section. And that's what makes this book absolute gold.

In the interest of full-disclosure, I would like to say that I was given a free copy of this book to try out. I was lamenting my on a message board about my lack of Reading Comprehension progress despite doing so well on the other sections of the LSAT. A representative of Blueprint contacted me to let me know that their new book may be able to help me. Below is my review. As any veteran of LSAT prep will tell you, there are plenty of preparatory materials out there, but, there is a major issue: there is no resource for those looking to become Read Comprehension experts! That is, until now! The first thing I like about this book is that it does not remain adamant that the notation system presented is the only way. In fact, the text mentions that you may grow accustomed to using only bits and pieces of the system (I found this to be my case). The second thing I like about the book is that the aforementioned notation system is actually not the focus of the book. The key aspect of this book is that it teaches you how to group the types of arguments presented in passages and how to see the big picture (structure) above everything else. After having these structures drilled into my memory I am no longer surprised by questions. I can anticipate them as I read the passage, and this is critical for finishing things on time. If you need some quantitative data to back up my claims: Before this book, a Reading Comprehension passage would take me an average of 42 minutes while missing an average of 7 questions. This is the average of 12 sections. After reading this book, my average of 10 passages is the following: Sections take me an average of 31:31 and I only miss an average of 3 questions.

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