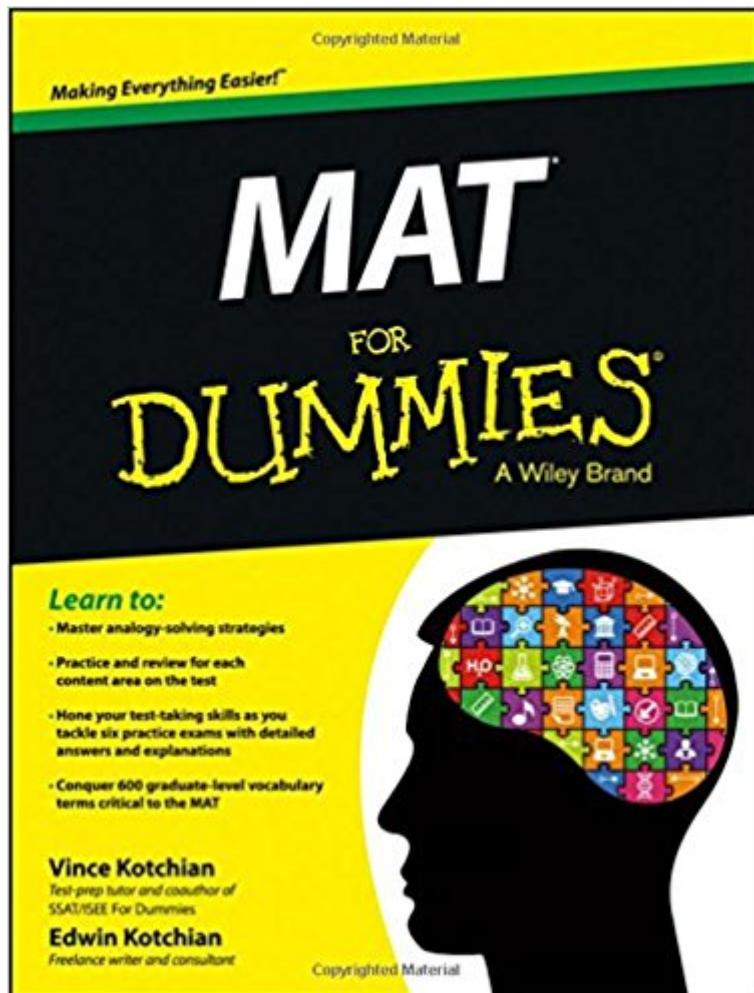


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# MAT For Dummies



## **Synopsis**

Score your highest on the MAT? Easy. The MAT exam is one of the hardest intellectual challenges in the field of standardized testing. Students preparing to take this exam need a chance to practice the analogy skills necessary to score well on this test, which *MAT For Dummies* provides with its six full-length practice tests and plethora of other test preparation suggestions. *MAT For Dummies* includes test-specific analogy strategies, practice and review for each content area, word/terms lists covering the major subject categories, and six practice tests with detailed answer banks. Goes beyond content knowledge and teaches you the test-taking skills you need to maximize your score. Includes six full-length practice tests with complete answer explanations. Helps you score high on MAT exam day. If you're a potential graduate student preparing for the MAT, this hands-on, friendly guide helps you score higher.

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## **Customer Reviews**

*MAT for Dummies* is a very useful guide, and does contain valuable information for the person who is preparing to take the exam. However, much of the information in the guide is also available elsewhere, for free. Most notably, very helpful information on strategies and for understanding the structure of the analogies can be found free online from Pearson, the publishers of the MAT. Just search online for *TheMATStudyGuide.pdf*. It is difficult for me to assess the helpfulness of this guide to the first-time MAT-taker, because I took the MAT twenty years ago, and did quite well on it. But institutions do not accept old scores, and here I am, contemplating taking the test again, and

wondering how much my brain has rusted over the years. The part of this book that many test-takers will probably find extremely helpful is the "Reviewing Vocabulary, Knowledge, and Culture" section and the vocabulary appendices. These sections provide us with samples of the arcane little pieces of information like those found on the MAT. Lots of people know the meaning of terms such as "Biology" or "Archaeology", but fewer are conversant with the terms such as "Eschatology" or accustomed to looking at words for more than their literal face value. For example, the word "Napoleon" in an analogy might refer to the French general, but it also might refer to a pastry. The word "bell" might refer to a device that can be clanged to make a noise, but it also might refer to the prefix that means "war-like," as in "bellicose." To me, the most helpful part of this book is the practice exam section. Practice exams can be purchased from Pearson, but they are on the expensive side. Free online MAT practice tests tend to be very short, perhaps just 10 - 15 questions.

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