

## GMAT Idiom List

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a debate over  
a lot  
a responsibility to  
a result of  
a sequence of  
agree with  
as an instance of  
as good as/or better than  
as great as  
as good as...or better than  
as much as  
attend to (someone)  
attribute X to Y/X is attributed to Y  
based on  
believe X to be Y  
both X and Y  
centers on  
concerned with  
conform to  
created with  
defined as  
depends on whether  
depicted as  
different from/differ from  
distinguishes between X and Y  
distinguish from  
doubt that  
either...or  
enable to

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fascinated by  
forbid X to do Y  
identical with  
in contrast to  
independent from  
indifferent towards  
modeled after  
(no) more...than/(no) less...than  
more than ever  
neither...nor  
not only...but also  
not so much...as  
prohibits X from doing Y  
potential to  
range from X to Y  
regard as  
regardless  
responsible for  
resulting in  
retroactive to  
so X as to be Y  
so (adjective) that  
subscribe to  
such...as  
the same to X as to Y  
to contrast X with Y  
to mistake X for Y  
to result in  
to sacrifice X for Y

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<b>A</b> able + infinitive access to as agree on + noun agree on + gerund agree to aid + person/thing allows for appeal to *as...as ask + infinitive ask + person + infinitive *associate with *attribute to	Tom is able to play the guitar with his toes. Steve never has access to his dad's bank account. Tom acts as a scout for GQ here in South America. We agreed on the plan. We agreed on going to town. We agreed to go away. The magnifying glass aided his search. Your schedule does not allow for much time. He wants to appeal to my good sense. She is as tired as I am. He asked to go home. He asked me to go home. We never associate with Steve – he is far too tacky! His tackiness can be attributed to too many comic books as a child.
<b>B</b> *base on begin + infinitive	I think that the movie Star Wars is based on a true story. It soon began to rain.

**boom in**

**built by**

**C**

**care about**

**care for**

**centers on + person/thing**

**choose + infinitive**

**to be + composed of + thing**

**consistent with**

**contend that**

**\*consider + person/thing**

**continue + infinitive**

**contrast A with B**

**convert to**

**\*compare A to B**

**\*compare A with B**

**\*count on + person/thing**

**to credit with**

**give credit for**

**D**

**are in danger of + gerund**

**decide + infinitive**

**decide on + thing/person**

**delighted by**

**depend on**

**\*different from**

**difficult + infinitive**

**disclose to + person/organization**

**\*distinguish between X and Y**

**\*distinguish X from Y**

**draw on (take out)**

**draw + thing**

**to be drawn to + thing/person**

**\*dream of/about**

**dwindle from**

**E**

**easy to**

**elect to**

**elect + person**

**emerges from**

**\*enable + person + infinitive**

**\*encourage + person + infinitive**

**escape from**

**to be + essential to +**

**person/thing**

**except for + person/thing**

**except for + gerund**

**explain to**

**expose to**

**F**

**fail to**

**flee from**

**\*forbid to**

**force + thing/person + infinitive**

**focus on + thing/person**

**G**

**get credit for/give credit for**

**grow from**

**grow out of**

**H**

There was a boom in the sale of yellow polka-dot bikinis as soon as Natalia Paris tried one on.

The Avro Arrow was built by proud Canadians.

Who cares about that?

I don't care for your tone.

The story centers on the struggle for meaning in a chaotic universe.

I do it because I choose to do it.

The atom is composed of various parts.

Your story is not consistent with Joel's story.

Joel contends that you are lying.

I consider you a friend.

If you continue to do that we will not be friends.

If you contrast Bill with you Bob, you find....

The new device will convert matter to energy.

Caliban is compared to a beast in Shakespeare's The Tempest.

(compare to stresses similarities).

Compared with you, I cannot sing well at all.

(compare with stresses differences).

I count on you for the correct answers.

Columbus is credited with discovering the Americas.

I have to give you credit for working so hard.

The robber was in danger of being captured.

We decided to leave the party early.

We decided on the all-meat pizza.

Steve was delighted by the new findings.

Steve depends on Joel for financial support.

Canadians are very different from Americans.

Steve finds it difficult to dance to Latin music.

Joel decided to disclose to the world the truth about Steve's crazy ideas.

I want to distinguish between London and Paris.

If you distinguish London from Paris....

Unlike Felix, Steve can draw on funds from Joel's bank account.

The tattoo artist drew a lovely flower on Joel's left bicep.

Women are drawn to Steve's bulging muscles.

Natalia Paris often dreams about Steve.

Mr. Bolton's bank account dwindled from one thousand dollars to less than half that in less than a week.

It's easy to see why Mark is so popular.

Mark will be elected to the Congress in 2016.

We elected Steve as our office "gopher".

The snail emerges from its shell.

My job enables me to travel.

We encouraged him to paint.

Steve wishes to escape from grinding poverty.

Coffee is essential to me, especially in the morning.

Everyone is here except for the teacher.

Except for being handsome, he wasn't very special.

Juan explained to Steve the difference between salsa and merengue.

Steve is exposed to intense ridicule every day of his life.

We fail to see the humor in these sentences.

Steve fled from their sharp criticisms.

We forbid you to go.

This mishap forces me to plan ahead.

I want to focus on our mutual problem.

I have to give you credit for your good work.

Joel predicts that Test Tutor will grow from a small company to a major multinational within five years.

Steve grew out of his overalls just last year.

Music helps me to think.

<b>help + thing/person + infinitive</b>	Studies indicate that people with gray hair are smarter than the majority.
<b>I</b>	Steve's constant worrying over his gray hair indicates to me a serious self-esteem problem.
<b>indicate that</b>	Steve inherits his gray hair from his mother's family.
<b>indicate to + person</b>	Steve should invest in hair dye.
<b>inherit from</b>	Lack of exercise leads to obesity.
<b>invest in</b>	The pain is localized in my left foot.
<b>L</b>	You've managed to screw this up again, Steve.
<b>leads to</b>	Chocolate makes me think of Switzerland.
<b>localized in</b>	I'm sorry. I mistook you for someone else.
<b>M</b>	Penguins are native to the Antarctic.
<b>Manage to</b>	Steve is a native of Canada.
<b>*make + thing/person + verb</b>	Steve needs to think of some better sentences.
<b>(simple form)</b>	It is necessary to be creative.
<b>*mistake + thing/person + for</b>	Liberalism, as we know it, originated in 17th century England.
<b>N</b>	Money permits us to live a comfortable life.
<b>*native to</b>	Stephen is prized as a teacher in Bogota.
<b>*a native of</b>	Stephen is prized for his ability to dance the salsa.
<b>need to</b>	In school, we were prohibited from fighting.
<b>to be + necessary + infinitive</b>	The promise of success drove us to the mountain's peak.
<b>O</b>	I promise to tell the truth more often – I swear.
<b>Originate in</b>	Joel's first novel Love and the GMAT is published by ETS.
<b>P</b>	Steve's first novel will be published in March.
<b>*permit + thing/person + infinitive</b>	His clients range from multinationals to the smallest businesses.
<b>prized as</b>	I wish to refer to the latest work by Foucault....
<b>prized for</b>	She is regarded as an expert.
<b>*prohibit from + gerund</b>	My work requires me to travel.
<b>promise of + thing</b>	Steve resembles a young Charles Atlas.
<b>promise to</b>	Rough play often results in injuries.
<b>published by</b>	Injuries often result from rough play.
<b>published in</b>	The rivalry between Joel and Enrique Iglesias is legendary.
<b>R</b>	The rivals Enrique and Joel quarreled often.
<b>*range from X to Y</b>	Save for that inconvenience, the trip was a success.
<b>refer to</b>	They saved me from another boring party.
<b>*regard as</b>	He seeks to save your soul.
<b>require + thing/person + infinitive</b>	I seek the truth.
<b>resemble + thing/person</b>	You seem to be sleepy today.
<b>results in</b>	I can sleep with whoever I want!
<b>results from</b>	I spoke to my secretary about the report I wanted.
<b>rivalry between X and Y</b>	I spoke with my colleague about the upcoming report.
<b>*the rivals X and Y</b>	Steve loves to take advantage of those around him.
<b>S</b>	She taught Jim to dance.
<b>Save for</b>	She taught Jim the lambada.
<b>save from</b>	She told him that he was a terrible dancer.
<b>seek + infinitive</b>	The rope is tied to the chair.
<b>seek + thing/person</b>	We transmitted the e-mail to him.
<b>seem + infinitive</b>	I use a light to read.
<b>sleep with</b>	Years ago, he used to walk every day to work.
<b>speak to + person</b>	He is used to walking to work.
<b>speak with + person</b>	Fortunately, he was willing to help us.
<b>T</b>	
<b>Take advantage of</b>	
<b>teach + person + infinitive</b>	
<b>teach + person + thing</b>	
<b>tell + person</b>	
<b>tie to</b>	
<b>transmit to</b>	
<b>U</b>	
<b>Use + person/thing + infinitive</b>	
<b>used + infinitive</b>	
<b>to be + used to + gerund</b>	
<b>W</b>	

**to be + willing + infinitive**

The bare minimum that you should do is make sure that you are familiar with all those marked with \*. This page would certainly be worth printing out to have to hand when you are practising GMAT questions. Remember to add any other idiomatic expressions.

**IIa GMAT idioms**

<b>Differ from</b> <b>Regard as(to be regarded as)</b> <b>"Consider" never takes "to be" on the GMAT?</b> <b>dispute whether(not"if")</b> <b>They do not know X or Y(not "nor")</b> <b>Do something at the urging of somebody</b> <b>To be under pressure to</b> <b>Just as,,,,,so</b> <b>Forbid to : prohibit from</b> <b>So,,,,,as to –so large as to equal</b> <b>To have potential to</b> <b>So as not to be hindered by</b> <b>Insist that</b> <b>Capable of</b>	<b>X is related to Y(not X is in realltion to Y)</b> <b>Discourage from</b> <b>Like to be at?</b> <b>Respond to</b> <b>Be encouraged by</b> <b>Require that something be (not "are/is")</b> <b>Request that</b> <b>The body did as he was told(not"like")</b> <b>As far/long as</b> <b>For millenium( not "during" millenium)</b> <b>As much with X as with Y</b> <b>Enough that</b> <b>Need for</b> <b>Which compiled with standards</b>
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**PR Idioms**

Not so much ,,, as Defined as Regard as Modeled after Based on A result of	A debate over A responsibility to Responsible for A consequence of So ,,,, as to be So (adjective)that	As good as, or better than Attribute to Credited with Different from Depicted as To result in
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