

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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A 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 B *base on begin + infinitive	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. I think that the movie Star Wars is based on a true story. It soon began to rain.
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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.

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

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

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