

## Verbal Question Type: SENTENCE CORRECTION

Number of Sentence Correction Questions  
About 16 (out of 41 total Verbal questions)

Recommended Time per Question  
1 minute

### Here's an Example of a GMAT Sentence Correction Question:

Under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, a psychiatrist is prohibited both from disclosing any information about a patient to law enforcement officials without a warrant unless that patient threatens to do harm to himself or to another person and from revealing any identifying characteristics of that patient to anyone outside a clinical setting.

- (A) from revealing any identifying characteristics
- (B) to reveal any identifying characteristics
- (C) against revealing any identifying characteristics
- (D) against revealing any identifying characteristics whatsoever
- (E) from revealing characteristics that may serve to identify

### And Here's How a Kaplan-Trained GMAT Test Taker Would Answer This Question:

**Step 1—Read the Original Sentence Carefully, Looking for Errors:** GMAT Sentence Correction questions present you with a sentence that is partially (or sometimes even completely) underlined. The correct answer will be the choice that, when substituted for the underlined portion of the original sentence, makes the entire sentence correct. If there's an error in a Sentence Correction question, it will be found only in the underlined portion. When we see the first underlined word, "from," we need to identify what this word ties to in the sentence. Earlier in the sentence, we see the phrase "prohibited both from ...." The two phrases introduced by "prohibited both from ... and ..." must have parallel grammatical structure; that is, they must both start with "from" and must use the same parts of speech.

**Step 2—Scan and Group the Answer Choices:** Having noticed this pattern, we can eliminate answer choices (B), (C), and (D) without reading more than the first word, since they don't begin with "from."

**Step 3—Eliminate Choices Until Only One Remains:** To choose between remaining answer choices (A) and (E), we will remember that the GMAT rewards concise language; if an answer choice conveys the same concept in fewer words, that's the right direction to take. Answer choice (A) is both concise and correct. [Also note: For Sentence Correction questions, choice (A) is always the same as the original underlined portion. This is the choice to select if there is no error in the given sentence.]

### Key Takeaway:

Grouping and eliminating answer choices quickly is key to success on GMAT Sentence Correction. Don't waste time rereading the sentence with each answer choice substituted for the underlined portion. Know how to spot common errors to save time.