SYNONYM AND ANTONYM TREES

Synonym/+connotation vs. Antonym /-connotation

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| * **Tendency, inclination, habit:**   **Proclivity**- inclination  **Proneness**- liability  **Bent**- “hell-bent on smoking”  **Penchant**- habitual fondness  **Fancy**- “mom fancies him (gildroy)”  **Predilection**- bias in favor of something  **Propensity** – inclination | * **Sorrow, Grief, Mourning, dying.**   **Lachrymose –** Mournful, tearful.  **Morose –**  **Dolorous –** showing sorrow (everyone was dolorous when Dolores umbridge became headmaster of hogwarts)  **Doleful –** Mournful, sorrowful  **Lugubrious –** dismal, sad. (Poor Lugo, never stood a chance…) (don’t confuse with lubricious=sexually arousing)  **Moribund** – close to death  **Plaintive –** expressingsorrow |

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| * **Happy, Bubbly, Friendly**   **Effervescent** - bubbly, fizzy, full of life  **Affable** - Friendly  **Amiable** – Friendly, Pleasant (Amy able)  **Benevolent** – generous, charitable  **Cordial** – warm, friendly (cordially invited bitch!)  **Congenial** – Pleasant, suits your interests.  **Convivial** – lively, enjoyable, friendly (con + viva = with life!)  **Gregarious** – sociable (Gregarious Greg at a party!)  **Amity –** cordial/friendly disposition  **Wag** - a witty amusing person who makes jokes | * **Mean, Cranky, Irritable, Rude**   **Irascible**- tendency to be easily angered.  **Cantankerous** – Grumpy old man (Canderous!)  **Surly**- Unfriendly  **Churlish** – Mean in a spirited way  **Petulant** – childishly sulky or bad-tempered.  **Fractious** - irritable and quarrelsome. Unruly  **Dyspeptic** – Indigestion/ the resulting irritability  **Abrasive –** blunt, harsh  **Froward –** difficult to deal with, disposed toward disobedience  **Inimical –** hostile, unfriendly  **Splenetic** – very irritable  **Tetchy –** easily irritated/annoyed |
| * **Full of life, Zest, Passion, Work Ethic**   **Vigor** - vitality  **Fervor** – Intense/passionate energy  **Vehemently** – Display of strong passion/feeling  **Ardor** – enthusiasm/passion (Arduous task =  requires ardor to get done!)  **Indefatigable –** Unflagging vitality  **Rapture** – a feeling of intense bliss/joy  **Relish** – to receive pleasure from  **Zeal** – enthusiasm in pursuing a cause/objective  **Avidity** – Extreme Eagerness  **Exuberance** – Full of energy/cheerfulness  **Ebullience –** Cheerful and full of energy (energetic bull dance!)  **Boisterous –** Noisy, cheerful, rambunctious  **Blithe** – carefree, happy, lighthearted (Happy is Blithe, right Natsu?)  **Jocose** – jocular, playfully humorous (Fred and George are Jocose rulebreakers)  **Sanguine** - confidently optimistic and cheerful | * **Lazy, sluggish, Disinclination to work**   **Slothful -** Lazy  **Lethargic –** Sluggish, Lacking will to move  **Torpor –** mentally/phys. Inactive  **Lackadaisical –** no enthusiasm  **Listlessness –** lethargic, no energy  **Languid –** disinclination for physical activity (languorous)  **Inert** – inactive (law of inertia!)  **Indolent –** lazy  **Lassitude –** phys/mental exhaustion  **Insouciant –** nonchalant, blasé (seen it…)  **Enervate -** exhaust, cause someone to feel drained. Sap.  **Onerous –** troublesome, burdening.  **Static/stasis:** Unmoving  **Malinger** – Calling in sick (avoiding duties/responsibilities by pretending to be ill)  **Maunder** –Ramble/move idly (NPCS!!!) |
| * **Generous, Giving, Charitable**   **Munificent** – generous  **Magnanimous** – generous/forgiving, esp. toward rivals or someone with less power  (magnate = powerful/wealthy)  **Benevolent** – generous and kind  **Philanthropic** – charitable to causes  **Largess** – generous gift giving  **Gratuitous** – gratis! (free)  **Tender –** offer or present for acceptance, pay for something. (legal tender. “Giving shows a tender heart”) | * **GREED, Stingy, Not Generous**   **Avarice** - greed  **Cupidity** – greed for money/things  **Rapacity** – aggressive greed  **Parsimonious** – Frugal, stingy  **Miserly** – Hoarder of Wealth  **Niggardly** – cheap, stingy, scrooge.  **Voracious:** excessively greedy or hungry (voracious appetite. Don’t confuse with Veracious=truthful )  **Aggrandize –** Increase in greatness/power/wealth. Intensify, appear greater. (Grandeur + Galvanize) |
| * **Wealthy, Rich, Abundance, Clean**   **Opulence –** great wealth  **Affluent** – wealthy, prosperous  **Copious** – abundant in supply  **Fulsome** – abundant OR flattery to an excessive degree  **Exuberant –** growing luxuriously/profusely. Usually when referring to vegetation.  **Sumptuous** – Splendid/looking expensive  **Magnate** –Powerful/wealthy (Magnanimous!)  **Pecuniary –** Relating to money. (a cow that farted out money would be a peculiar pecuniary cash cow)  **Myriad –** a large amount  **Plethora –** a cornucopia, overabundance  **Profuse –** exuberantly plentiful, abundant  **Prodigal –** Wasteful, not frugal  **Spendthrift** – “money ain’t shit!” not frugal  **Pristine –** Immaculate, clean, unused  **Amortize –** (mortgage!) pay in payments  **Saturate –** overfill  **Inundate –** Flood/overfill (with work or an actual aquatic flood) | * **Poverty, Scarcity, Lack of, Dirty**   **Penury** –poverty, destitution (don’t confuse with perjury=lying under oath!)  **Destitution –** Poverty, cannot provide for self.  **Mendicant –** beggar (NOT mendacious=liar)  **Indigence-** poverty  **Privation**- a state of extreme poverty  **Squalid –** Dirty, Sordid, Unkempt. Usually due to poverty or neglect.  **Paucity –** insufficient supply, scarcity\  **Dearth-** scarcity, lack of  **Sparce - ^**  **Stint –** supply sparingly, in limited quantity  **Insolvent –**in debt,incapable of meeting financial obligations (Solvent=not in debt, capable of making payments)  **Acarpous –** Infertile, worn out, barren  **Eke –** Make it last by reducing portions (eke a few more days of this pizza)  **Forbearance –** delay in enforcement (ill pay next month! I swear!)  **Maculate –** Dirty, stain, or pollute (immaculate means spotless, clean!) |
| * **Integrity, Loyal, Moral, Honor, Innocent**   **Apotheosis –** elevation to godhood, ideal example, paragon of  **Candor** – honest in speech and attitude (candid)  **Probity** – having strong morals/decency  **Rectitude** – morally correct, righteous  **Veracity** – adherence to the truth, truthful (don’t mix up with Voracious=excessive greed/hunger)  **Artlessness** – free from guile  **Fidelity –** quality of being faithful, honest (infidelity = cheating, dishonest!)    **Estimable –** Deserving high respect  **Staunch/Stalwart:** firm, dependable, loyal (Steiner!)  **Exculpate** – Not Guilty  **Exonerate –** Pronounce not guilty  **Impunity –** exemption from punishment/loss (impunity = immunity!)  **Rescind –** Officially Cancel (abolish, quash, annul) Shokugeki!  **Countermand - ^^**  **Rectitude** – righteous, honorable, honest   * **Guilt, regret, etc.**   **Culpability** – state of guilt | * **Sneaky, Lying, Deceit, Disloyal**   **Apostate –** disloyal person, betrays (beliefs, friends, party,etc)  **Sordid** – unethical or dishonest  **Canard** – Lie (intentionally mislead)  **Guile** – sly or cunning intellect  **Abscond** – Sneak away and hide, flee the scene  **Furtive** – sneaky, cautious (“furtive glance”)  **Bilk** – obtain/withhold money via deceit or cheat  **Wily –** skilled at deceitfully gaining advantage  **Purloin-** to steal  **Hortatory –** extort/aiming to extort (Horace the torte who extorts!)  **Disingenuous –** not candid or sincere (playing dumb)  **Belie –** contradict/fail to give impression (her innocent smile belies her abilities)  **Duplicitous –** deceit  **Subterfuge –** Deceit to obtain a goal  **Mendacious –** lying, dishonest  **Perjury –** criminal offense of lying under oath (don’t confuse with penury=poor!)  **Perfidy** – deceit, untrustworthy  **Renege –**breaking a promise/commitment  **Sophistry –** using fallacious arguments, deceive  **Dissemble-** conceal true motives/feelings/beliefs  **Insidious –** subtle, cautiously causing harm  **Surreptitious –** kept secret (lack of approval)  **Clandestine -**  kept secret because illicit  **Artifice –** Clever devices used to deceive (think forgery. “Artificer” = mtg)  **Factitious –** artificially created, counterfeit (not )  **Collusion –** illegal/secret cooperation to deceive/conspire against others  **Cabal –** Secret political group/faction (death-eaters)  **Chicanery –** Political/legal trickery  **Callumny –**Slander  Detraction – Slander  **Spurious –** plausible but fake (Spurious spurs! Cowboy boots with pizza cutting spurs!)  **Ignoble –** not noble in character/purpose  **Vitiate –** take away legal force/render ineffective |
| * **Soothe, Tranquil, Respect, Improve**   **Placate –** appease, soothe, pacify  **Pacify –** quell the anger, agitation, excitement  **Mollify -** make more temperate/acceptable by adding something else, make better (Molly Weasley always makes it better!)  **Propitiate** - to conciliate; to appease  **Temper:** to counterbalance/neutralize. Make less extreme/better by adding to it. (tempered steel 🡪stronger sword)  **Temperate:** not extreme, restrained, comfortable (temperature-wise)  **Ameliorate** – Make something bad better (Amelia FE. Starts bad 🡪 awesome unit)  **Restitution** – restore/recompense for loss/injury. **Remuneration.** (opposite of Destitution – extreme proverty)  **Abate –** reduce intensity, lessen  **Remedial –** intending to improve/rectify  **Attenuate –** reduce the force, effect or value of.  **Palliate –** to make less serious, mitigate  **Mince –** make less severe/harsh (mince words)  **Salve** – anything that soothes or remedies  **Anodyne** – Soothes/calms pain  **Staunched** – Stop the bleeding (steady hands stop the launch to the afterlife)  **Nostrum/Panacea –** Hypothetical cure for all ailments (don’t confuse panacea with panache=stylish)  **Emollient** – Soothing/softening effect, esp skin (NOT immolate=to burn for a sacrifice)  **Sedative –** promoting calm, sleep  **Soporific –** induce sleep/drowsiness | * **Bellicose, Rowdy, Disrespect, Worsen**   **Bellicose –** Eager to Fight  **Belligerent –** ^  **Truculent –** Quick to argue or fight. Sharp  **Pugnacious - ^**  **Obstreperous –** Noisily Defiant (Calvin!)  **Indignation –** righteous fury (Tales!)  **Incensed –** angry at something unjust or wrong  **Choleric-** quick to anger, hot tempered  (Eric becomes Choleric when you bring up his Cholesterol!)  **fractious** - easily irritated or annoyed  **Flippant –** casual disrespect  **Blithe –** improper/callous cheerful indifference  =  **Facetious –** treating serious issues with inappropriate humor, flippant. (my mom has cancer… “ha your mom has…oh shit”)  (don’t mix up with fastidious!=attentive to detail/accuracy/cleanliness)  **Fracas** - noisy quarrel  **Glib –** fluent/voluble but insincere and shallow  **Adulterate** – Make worse by adding something inferior, make impure (adultery = adding infidelity!)  **Alloy -** ^^^ (same thing)  **Exasperate** – Infuriate/irritate  vs  **Exacerbate –** make worse. Compound, Inflame, aggravate  **Appropriate –** Take by force (mine now!) |
| * **Speech, Agree, Support, Like**   **Advocate –** argue in favor of  **Fancy –** “mom fancies him”  **Reproach** – mild rebuke  **Sanction –** 1)give permission/authority to 2)mechanism of social control for enforcing societal standards  **Bombast** – pompous/pretentious talk/writing (pompous + ass = Bombast)  **Grandiloquence –** Pompous, bombastic, flashy. (grand + delinquent) | * **Criticize, Verbal Abuse, Rant, Dislike**   **Screed** – abusive rant  **Diatribe** – bitter verbal attack  **Chastise** – criticize/punish  **Tirade –** Angry Speech (“Trump Parade!”)  **Castigate –** reprimand severely  **Derision –** Mock, ridicule  **Lambast** – Criticize (Burnt basted lamb “why didn’t you pay more attention!”)  **Fulminate –** Criticize severely  **Pillory -** criticize harshly or violently  **Vituperate -** criticize  **Vitriol –** harsh/corrosive language (profanity)  **Invective** - abusive or venomous language  **Obloquy** – verbal abuse  **Inveigh** - speak against with hostility (“Your wrong! Albus Dumbledore was the greatest sorcerer..”)  **Aspersion –** Harsh attack on someone’s character (**Asperity** = Harsh tone /rough surface) slander  **Epithet –** abusive/defamatory phrase  **Detraction –** slander  **Callumny –**Slander  **Vociferous** – offensively loud argument (ferocious voice! Also don’t confuse with either veracious=truthful! OR Voracious=excessively greedy/hungry)  **Din –** Loud/harsh sound  **Censure –** formally disapprove of  **Schism** – rift, division into factions  **Discord –** disagreement, lack of harmony  **Anathema –** object of strong dislike (hisss! Get that away from me…maui + the heart)  **Condemn –** officially disapproving of (not to be confused with Condone=make exuses for/allow)  **Excoriate –** strong disapproval  **Philippic –** Denunciation with Harsh language. (Phil unleashed a philippic when you told him he flipped it. No fucking shit Sherlock!) |
| * **Flattery, Reverence, Respect, Able to Manipulated**   **Tractable –** easy to train/control  **Amenable –** easily persuaded, gullible  **Labile** – open to change  **Ancillary** – subordinate, supplementary  **Sycophant –** someone who acts obsequiously toward someone to gain advantage  **Obsequious –** excessively obedient, attentive to a servile degree.  **Adulation –** servile flattery  **Ingratiate** – flatter with gifts  **Reverent** – profound respect for  **Lionize**  **Idolatrous –** blindly/excessively devoted (idol + atrocious = that bowsette body pillow is going too far dude…)  **Superfluous:** more than is needed, wanted, or required  **Gratuitous** – unwanted/unnecessary  **Tout** – advertise in strongly positive terms (a tout trout trying to toutly sell you bait )  **Officious –** eager to offer unwanted services or advice (every office has the “I wouldn’t do it that way..let me help you Officious person”)  **Credulous –** gullible  **Blandish** – coax via flattery  **Cajole –** urge via gentle caressing/flattery  **Hallow –** make sacred, sanctify. Honor greatly (deathly hallows!) (don’t confuse with Harrow=distress/torment) | * **Stubborn, Unruly, Disobedient, Rebel**   **Intractable –** difficult to train/control  **Obstreperous –** Noisily Defiant (Calvin!)  **Cavalier –** Lack of proper concern  **Recalcitrant –** stubbornly disobedient/resisting authority  **Refractory** - stubbornly resistant to authority or control  **Contumacious** -^^ (especially court issued orders) (Connor is so Contumacious it’s giving me a tumor! Tumor malicious)  **Inveterate** – Firmly established, habitual, unlikely to change.  **Incorrigible –** unable to be reformed/improved, even with punishment. (Scott Pilgrim –tod ingram)  **Firebrand** – Passionate about a cause, takes radical action to incite change.  **Demagogue** – leader who appeals to audience’s passions or prejudices rather than solid arguments (rabble-rouser) (“Today we rise! –Galavant!”)  **Incorrigible –** unable to be reformed/improved (Scott Pilgrim –tod ingram)  **Beleaguer –** annoy persistently  **Harrow –** Cause distress/torment (“harrowing gale! tales”) (don’t confuse with Hallow=make sacred/honor!)  **Froward –** difficult to deal with, disposed toward disobedience |
| * **Attentive, Careful, Measuring**   **Assiduous =** Arduously! Careful/attentive to detail.  **Scrupulous –** meticulous (airplane builders must be scrupulous with their placement of screws!)  **Punctilious –** attentive detail/to correct behavior  **Fastiduous –** attentive to detail, accuracy, cleanliness (don’t confuse with facetious=treating serious issues with inappropriate humor/flippant)  **Commensurate –** proportional to, corresponding in size or degree. (Come ensure my measurements are accurate!) (don’t confuse with commiserate=feel sympathy or pity.) | * **Inattentive, Careless**   **Insouciant –** oblivious/nonchalant (crossing the street with headphones while people are honking at you.) |
| * **Clear, Understood, Relevant, Understanding**   **Cogent –** Clear, very persuasive  **Elucidate –** Clarify (Lucid=clear,vivid)  **Patent –** Easily recognizable, obvious  **Pertinent –** Relevant to a particular matter  **Apposite –** ^^  **Apropos** – Concerning/appropriate to a situation  **Germane –** relevant to subject (St.germane is germane to castlevania: curse of darkness)  **Adumbrate –** roughly summarize (adumbrate it for me, won’t ya sparknotes?)  **Recapitulate** – To summarize. (easy to confuse with **capitulate =** surrender under agreed conditions)  **Coda –** summarizes/concludes a musical/literary piece, the final part.  **Pellucid**/**Elucidate** = Clear, understood/Clarify (notice both have Lucid = clear, vivid)  **Limpid –** easily understood or transparent  **Luculent -** easily understood, lucid, clear  **Esoteric –** Understood by few | * **Unclear, Confusing, Irrelevant, Closed-minded**   **Impertinent –** irrelevant  **Nonplussed –** bewildered, unsure how to react.  **Opaque –** not transparent, dense, difficult to understand  **Inaccessible** – difficult to understand or appreciate  **Inscrutable –** Impossible to understand (“Inconceivable!”)  **Bedlam –** State of extreme confusion/disorder  **Prevaricate** – speak/act in an elusive way  **Equivocate –** Ambiguous language to conceal the truth/avoid commitment  **Vacillate –** being indecisive, wavering between opinions/options. = **Dither** (indecisive)  **Waver/Waffle = ^^** (back/forth)  **Parry –** deflect, avoid (questions/issues/duties)  **Maunder** – ramble/move idly (NPC!!)  **Insular** – ignorant of other’s cultures/ideas/ experiences (insulated 🡪isolated)  **Hide-bound -** ^^  **Esoteric –** Understood by few  **Recondite -** difficult to understand; profound |
| * **Talkative, Communicative, Persuasive**   **Loquacious –** Talkative, **Voluable**  **Garrulous –** Talkative  **Elocution –** the art of public speaking (long elocution is a great way to postpone an execution!)  **Rhetoric** – using language effectively to persuade or please. (Rhetorical questions)  **Expatiate** – expand on, talk/write about in detail, move freely.  **Exposition –** comprehensive explanation/description. Sets the intent of writing (expository writing)  **Perorate –** give a speech or sum up a speech  **Harangue –** give a bombastic speech  **Expound –** present and explain an idea in detail  **Expostulate –** reason with (to dissuade). (Never attack a drunk man with a gun do you understand me?! Charlie Bartlett)  **Exegesis** – critical explanation/interpretation (esp. of the bible! Sounds like exe + genesis) | * **Silent, Uncommunicative, Indescribable**   **Laconic –**  **Succinct -**  **Terse -**  **Reticent –** Unwilling to show thoughts and feelings **(**Hamilton! Hesitant 🡪 reticent**)**  **Ineffable –** indescribable, cannot be put to words.  **Prevaricate** – speak/act in an elusive way  **Equivocate –** Ambiguous language to conceal the truth/avoid commitment  **Vacillate –** being indecisive, wavering between opinions/options. = **Dither** (indecisive)  **Waver/Waffle = ^^** (back/forth)  **Parry –** deflect, avoid (questions/issues/duties) |
| * **Widespread, grow, flourish, create**   **Ubiquitous –** found everywhere  **Omnipresent –** present everywhere  **Pervasive** – widespread throughout a group  **Pandemic –** Widespread  **Inundate –** Flood/overfill (with work or an actual aquatic flood)  **Suffuse –** gradually spread through/over  **Imbue –** permeate/inspire with a feeling  **Proliferate –** cause to grow or increase (mtg!)  **Burgeon -** begin to grow or increase rapidly; flourish. (think of a pregnant belly, or a plant growing)  **Pedestrian –** ordinary, unremarkable, on foot  **Engender** – Create, produce | * **Murder, Destroy, Reduce, Harm**   **Eradicate –** destroy completely  **Eviscerate -** disembowel  **Decimate –** kill in large numbers, genocide, reduce numbers significantly  **Extirpate –** destroy completely, down to the roots  **Attrition:** gradual reduction, chip away (war of attrition)  **Divest –** reduce/dispose of (opposite of invest!)  **Pernicious** – exceedingly harmful  **Virulent –** extremely poisonous/injurious  **Noxious –** harmful/poisonous |
| * **Agree, consent, acquiescence**   **Corroborate –** give support to (finding, statement, etc) (corroborate 🡨🡪 collaborate!)  **Espouse** – Adopt/support a cause, belief, lifestyle.  **Condone –** make excuses for, allow. Pardon. (Don’t mix with Condemn=officially disapprove of)  **Acquiescence**- Reluctant acceptance. (Time is of the essence! Galavant!)  **Imprimatur -**formal and explicit approval | * **Disagree, Disapprove, Abjure**   **Repudiate –** refuse to accept or be associated with. (reputation +mediate. “gotta protect my street cred!”)  **Foreswear** – disown a formerly sworn vow/belief  **Abjure –** formally disavow a belief, usually under pressure  **Recant - ^^**  **Condemn –** officially disapproving of (not to be confused with Condone=make excuses for/allow) |
| * **Bravery, Determination, Guts**   **Intrepid –**  **Audacious –**  **Inured –** habituate, toughen to via exposure  (just inure yourself to the facts, you aren’t going to get a job playing LOL!) | * **Fear, anxiety, cowardice, irresolute**   **Diffident-** lacking in self-confidence, timid  **Ignoble –** not noble in character/purpose  **Recreant –** shameless/abject coward |
| * **To Combine**   **Amalgamate –** combine or fuse (undertale!)  **Conflate –** mix together  **Coalesce –** come together, form one whole | * **To Seperate**   **Disparate-** fundamentally distinct or different  **Discrete –** separate into unique categories  it’s best to keep these two **Discreetly** (prudently,wisely**) Discrete**! (seperate)  **Dissolution –** separate into parts/terminate a relationship (oliver&company!) |
| * **Short, Fleeting, Fading, Thin**   **Ephemeral –** short, fleeting  **Ethereal –** Fading, Insubstantial (too pure for the world. “Ethereal Realm”)  **Incipient –** only partly existing (don’t confuse with insipid=bland & boring)  **Evanescent –** Fading, vanishing  **Gossamer** – light or delicate (originally referred to a light/delicate fabric) | * **Long-lasting, Substantial**   **Unremitting –** uninterrupted, indefinite  **Perennial –** Long-lasting, indefinite |
| * **Strict, Careful, Prudent, Stable skilled**   **Prudent –** thinking of the future  **Austere –** Stern/strict. Self Denial/bare necessities (don’t confuse with auspicious=successful/prosperous)  .  **Adroit –** skilled/careful vs. **Maladroit** (unskilled/clumsy) (Mal-bad, a + droid = poorly built droid. C3PO in factory!) | * **Impulsive, Unpredictable, Unstable Unskilled,**   **Capricious –** impulsive, hard to predict (Luffy)  **Mercurial –** prone to sudden mood swings (Menardi-golden sun!)  **Impetuous –** undue haste/lack of planning/forethought  **Maladroit** - unskilled/clumsy vs **Adroit** (skilled, careful) (Mal-bad, a + droid = poorly built droid. C3PO in factory!)  Gawkishness - awkward, clumsy  **Volatile –** unstable (Fullmetal) |
| * **Subtle, quiet, interesting, fashionable**   **Scintillating –** Dazzling, brilliant, captivating.  **Incandescent –** Intensity/ brilliance or ardent emotion.  **Natty –** smartly dressed  **Panache** – Stylish/distinctive elegance (Don’t mix with panacea=cure-all)  **Sartorial** – relating to clothing/tailors | * **Gaudy , Flashy, Noisy, Tawdry**   **Bedizen/Caparison –** Bedazzle! (to adorn or ornately decorate to the point of gaudiness)  **Fulsome –** Unpleasantly suave or ingratiating in manner/speech (full of it but handsome)  **Grandiloquent –**  **Meretricious -** tastelessly showy, flashy |
| * **Original, Unique, Inspired, Creative**   **Inimitable -** not capable of being copied or imitated **(**Hamilton! Aaron bur ‘is inimitable, [he] is an original!”**)**  **Scintillating –** Dazzling, brilliant, captivating.  **Incandescent –** Intensity/ brilliance or ardent emotion.  **Piquant –** engaging, stimulating, provocative (piques your curiosity) (pique can also mean feeling indignant/resentful!)  **Pulchritude –** Beauty (usually of a female)  **Rococo** – ornately decorated, baroque | * **Ordinary, Bland, Boring, Rural**   **Quotidian –** occurring daily, ordinary. (a quotidian quarian on the flotilla! ME)  **Prosaic** – Lacking wit/imagination (what a prosaic mosaic.. it’s so boring)  **Diurnal - ^^** (gotta visit the urinal bi-daily)  **Bucolic –** relating to the rural countryside/life  **Humdrum -** ordinary  **Insipid** – vapid, lackluster, bland  **Pedestrian** –  **Trite –** cliché, overused  **Hackneyed -** ^^ overused, unoriginal  **Platitude** – Used too often, cliché  **Banal** – obviously unoriginal, boring  **Axiom –** self-evident general truth  **Maxim –** short, general truth  **Dictum - ^^**  **Adage –** proverb/general truth “out of sight, out of mind”  **Aphorism –** Pithy statement “if it ain’t broke don’t fix it”  **Pithy –** concise yet expressive  **Derivative –** imitative of another’s work. Derived from their work. Spin off. unimaginative |
| * **Government/belief styles: -isms**   **Oligarchy-** ruled by a small group  **Egalitarianism-** all peeps are equal/deserve equal rights & opportunities. Natural rights  **Doctrinaire –** imposing a doctrine without regards to practical considerations  **Dogmatic-** ^^ impose principles of belief as if they are incontrovertibly true. (most religions. Dogma movie!) | * **Counters/Critics of belief (- conn)**   **Iconoclast –** person who attacks commonly held beliefs/institutions. Skeptic, critic.  **Heretic-** belief at odds with what is generally accepted as true. (Space Marines)  **Apostate** – person who renounces a religious/political belief. (The Apostate rejects the apostle! Apostates openly state their opposition!)  **Egoism –** belief that self-interest is the foundation of morality. (ego = self)  **Hedonism –** Pleasure-seeking. Indulgent.  **Libertine –** unrestrained by morality/convention  **Sanctimony -** self-righteousness, hypocritical with false piety |
| * **Foresight, premonitory, Inevitable, Fate**   **Prescience –** knowing before it happens.  **Augury –** an omen, a sign of the what’s to come (just remember fire emblem! Nils!)  **Portent –** omen, a sign that something big is about to happen.  **Ineluctable –** Inevitable, certain.  **Imminent** – about to happen  **Minatory -**foreshadowing evil or tragic events  **Kismet** = fate (“kiss me baby, it’s kismet” “kismet? But we just met!”) | * **Prevent, Stop, Hinder**   **Preclude –** Keep from happening  **Forestall –** Keep from happening (fore + stall)  **Obviate –** Prevent (Obviously we must abate catastrophe from happening) |
| * **Cool under pressure, Confident, Composure**   **Equanimity –** calm, refusing to panic  **Sangfroid** – Calm under dangerous/stressful conditions (Todoroki)  **Aplomb –** self-confidence in a demanding situation (Bakugo)  **Poise** – composed and elegant, ready | * **Whiny, Complain, unconfident**   **Grouse –** Complain  **Rail –** complainbitterly, criticize against |
| * **Praise**   **Encomium –** formal praise  **Accolade –** award  **Extol –** praise, glorify  **Laud –** praise  **Eulogy –** praise/honoring (usually the dead) (don’t confuse with elegy=poem for the dead/damned)  **Panegyric / Paean –**formal expression of praise | * **Condemn/shun**   **Pariah –** outcast, shunned from society/home  **Philistine** – one who is indifferent/hostile to culture and the arts (hater of culture)  **Proscribe** = Forbid, banish, outlaw, prohibit. (NOT prescribe=recommend/authorize) |
| * **Good, love, moral**   **Rectitude –** righteous, honorable, Honest (opposite of urpitude)  **Halcyon** – (of a time period) idyllic, peaceful, calm.  **Redoubtable –** inspiring fear, formidable..but Worthy of Honor! This is an important distinction (Daunting, fearsome) | * **Evil, Hate, amoral, corrupt, Terrifying**   **Turpitude –** corrupt or depraved (opposite of Rectitude)  **Enormity** – act of extreme wickedness (NOT enormous-giant/large)  **Libertine –** unrestrained by morality/convention  **Profligate - ^^**  **Salacious –** moral looseness |
| * **Wise, Scholarly, Intelligent**   **Gnostic –** having esoteric spiritual knowledge (guru)  **Esoteric** – understood by few  **Arcane -** ^^  **Sagacity** – wise  **Prudent** –  **Wizened** – shriveled or wrinkled with age (DOESN’T mean wise! But implies it.) | * **Immature, Novice, inexperienced, New**   **Jejune/Puerile** – childish  **Nascent** - coming into existence. Incipient, budding.  **Tyro** – beginner  **Neophyte –** a new participant  **Parvenu/arriviste –** Upstart, recently/suddenly became wealthy/famous. |
| * **Strengthen, Harden, structures, Military lingo**   **Guy –** rope/cable used to brace (usually a tent)  **Buttress**  **Bolster**  **Rampart -** an embankment built around a space for defensive purposes (think castles/fortresses)  **Petrous** - like a rock, hard (“Petrificus totalus!”)  **Levee –** built to contain a river’s flow. “drove my Chevy to the levee by the levee was dry ” (don’t confuse with levity = lightness of manner)  **Untenable** – impossible to defend/hold | * **Impede, stop, etc**   **Stymie –** prevent/hinder the progress of (Misty’s damn starmie is stymieing me from progressing in pokemon!) |
| * **Motivate, encourage, urge**   **Innervate –** Stimulate to action (tell the nerves it’s time to MOVE!) don’t confuse with Enervate = to feel weakened or drained of vitality  **Enjoin –** encourage to do something (enjoin me, and together we can rule the…)  **Wheedle** – influence by gentle urging, caressing or flattery | * **Flat, stoic, apathy**   **Phlegmatic –** showing little emotion  **Stoic** – indifference to emotions  **Unflappable**  **Imperturbable**  **Stolid** – showing little emotion but dependable, calm. |
| * **Charming** | * **Disreputable, Punk, etc**   **Raffish –** Disreputable, cheaply vulgar in appearance. **(Rakish**, **Bohemian**, **Jaunty)** slightly disreputable but often attractive/sexy. Bad boy/playgirl image  **Ribald –** referring to sexual matters in a rude/irreverent way (risqué) |
| * **Truth**   **Verisimilitude –** the appearance of truth (veritaserum = “truth serum” Veracity = truthful) | * **d** |

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| **Words with different meanings** than in colloquial speech  Nice = Fastidious/easily disgusted, fussy  Prize = Force/move to get something open (Pry it open to claim your prize!) |
| **\*\*\* Easily confused words \*\*\***  **Proscribe** (forbid) vs **Prescribe** (authorize/recommend)  **Discreet** vs **Discrete**: (Discreetly Discrete!)  always keep these two words **Discreetly** (wisely, prudently) **Discrete** (separate, distinct)  **Imagery association**  Recumbent Bicycle: Recumbent: (someone in office)  Image result for recumbent Image result for incumbent |

**Colloquial**, **Vernacular =** Everyday speech/casual speech

PREP SCHOLAR’S 37 BEST GRE VOCAB LIST

**The 357 Best GRE Vocab Words**

Without further ado, I present the 357 best GRE vocabulary words, in alphabetical order. Definitions begin with part of speech. Additional definitions go on a second line.

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| **Word** | **Definition** |
| abate | v. to diminish in intensity  v. to cause to diminish in intensity |
| aberrant | adj. diverging from the standard type |
| abjure | v. to reject or renounce |
| abscond | v. to leave secretly, evading detection |
| abstain | v. to voluntarily refrain from doing something |
| acumen | n. keen judgment and perception |
| admonish | v. scold or to advise firmly |
| adulterate | v. to contaminate or make impure by introducing inferior elements |
| advocate | v. to recommend, support, or advise  n. one who advocates |
| aesthetic | adj. concerned with the nature of beauty and art |
| affectation | n. fake or artificial behavior, often meant to impress or conceal the truth |
| aggrandize | v. enlarge or increase, esp. wealth, power, reputation |
| alacrity | n. promptness and eagerness |
| alleviate | v. to relieve a problem or ease a burden |
| amalgamate | v. to combine to or mix together |
| ambiguous | adj. unclear  adj. open to multiple interpretations |
| ambivalent | adj. having mixed or contradictory feelings about someone or something |
| ameliorate | v. to improve or mitigate a situation |
| amenable | adj. easily convinced or persuaded |
| anachronism | n. something old-fashioned  n. something appearing in a time period where it does not belong |
| analogous | n. comparable  n. appropriate for analogy |
| anoint | v. to choose for a particular office or position  v. to use oil on a person in a religious ceremony |
| anomaly | n. an exception or unusual case |
| antipathy | n. strong dislike or hatred |
| antithetical | adj. contrary to the very nature of |
| apathy | n. state of total disinterest or unenthusiasm |
| appease | v. to placate  v. to satisfy (an appetite, a need) |
| arbitrary | adj. seemingly chosen or designated without reason or purpose |
| arcane | adj. secret or known only to a select group |
| archaic | adj. old-fashioned  adj. no longer in the common usage |
| arduous | adj. difficult, taxing, requiring considerable effort |
| articulate | adj. exhibiting considerable communication skills, well-spoken |
| artless | adj. without artifice  adj. natural, untrained |
| ascetic | adj. austere or self-denying |
| assuage | v. to provide relief from an unpleasant feeling  v. to satisfy a need or appetite |
| astonishment | n. total surprise, shock |
| audacious | adj. very bold or presumptuous |
| austere | adj. severe, unadorned |
| avarice | n. greed |
| aver | v. to assert or allege |
| banal | adj. boring, cliché |
| belie | v. give a false impression (intentional or unintentional) in word, appearance, or deed |
| benign | adj. gentle, harmless |
| biased | adj. prejudiced, displaying partiality |
| bolster | v. to shore up or support |
| bombastic | adj. overblown, theatrical |
| brazen | adj. bold or open to the point of shocking  adj. shameless |
| bucolic | adj. pastoral, rustic, countryfied |
| burgeon | v. flourish, bloom, expand or increase quickly |
| cacophony | n. loud and chaotic noise |
| calumny | n. lie or slander |
| candid | adj. honest, open |
| canon | n. accepted rules and tenets of a discipline  n. sacred works/scripture; in this sense it is also used to refer to notable literary and artistic works of a culture or discipline |
| capacity | n. the capability to perform a particular action or fulfill a given function  n. the total amount a container can hold  n. a particular position or role (i.e. “she served in an advisory capacity”) |
| capricious | adj. mercurial, unpredictable, whimsical |
| castigate | v. to scold or berate strongly |
| catalyst | n. something that speeds up a process or causes action |
| caustic | adj. corrosive  adj. bitterly sarcastic |
| censure | v. to express intense condemnation |
| chauvinist | n. someone who believes prejudicially that their own group is the superior one |
| chicanery | n. trickery or deception |
| chronological | adj. ordered by time |
| coalesce | v. to come together, esp. from disparate parts |
| cogent | adj. clearly laid out and persuasive |
| commensurate | adj. in accordance with, proportional |
| compelling | adj. captivating  adj. very persuasive |
| comprehensive | adj. complete and thorough |
| condone | v. to approve or allow |
| confound | v. to confuse or astonish |
| connoisseur | n. an expert in a particular subject matter area, usually relating to the fine arts or cultural pursuits |
| consequential | adj. as a result of  adj. significant or memorable |
| construe | v. to interpret |
| consumption | n. utilization (esp. of a resource) |
| contend | v. assert or claim  v. grapple with |
| contentious | adj. controversial  adj. involving conflict |
| contrite | adj. remorseful |
| convoluted | adj. roundabout, not straightforward |
| copious | adj. plentiful or abundant |
| cosmopolitan | adj. of or relating to a city or urban area  adj. sophisticated |
| covet | v. to desire something that does not belong to you |
| craft | n. cunning  n. skill |
| craven | adj. cowardly to the point of being shameful |
| credence | n. belief or trust |
| credulous | adj. gullible, naïve |
| decorum | n. appropriate behavior or good manners |
| deference | n. respect or polite submission |
| deflect | v. divert or cause to ricochet |
| deftness | adj. skill, acumen  adj. manual dexterity |
| delineate | v. to describe very accurately  v. to clearly demarcate a boundary  v. to render an outline |
| demur | v. to object or raise concerns |
| denigrate | v. say negative things about, particularly in a defamatory way |
| deride | v. to mock or ridicule |
| derivative | adj. imitates another work in a way that is unoriginal or uninspiring |
| desiccate | v. to dry out completely  v. to suck out the vitality and passion |
| desultory | adj. halfhearted  adj. inconsistent or random |
| detachment | n. objectivity or aloofness |
| determinant | n. a strong factor in an outcome |
| diatribe | n. a rant or angry speech denouncing someone or something |
| didactic | adj. educational or with an instructive purpose; often includes an element of moralizing |
| diffident | adj. shy, timid, or reserved due to a lack of confidence |
| dilettante | n. someone with an amateur, nonserious interest in something |
| dirge | n. funeral or mourning lament  n. any sad, slow song |
| disabuse | v. to dispel someone’s illusions or false impressions about something |
| discern | v. to perceive |
| discrepancy | n. inconsistency |
| disinterested | adj. objective, unbiased  adj. not invested in the outcome |
| disparage | v. to belittle |
| disparate | adj. dissimilar to such a degree that comparison is not possible |
| dispassionate | adj. impartial or cool |
| disregard | v. to ignore or pay no attention to |
| dissemble | v. to mislead or conceal the truth, esp. with respect to one’s motives |
| disseminate | v. to spread widely (esp. information) |
| dissonance | n. a clash between two elements that don’t blend well |
| diverge | v. to split apart, esp. a road or path |
| dogma | n. the official beliefs or tenets of particular sect or group |
| dupe | v. to deceive or fool |
| ebullient | adj. cheerful, enthusiastic, excited |
| eccentric | adj. quirky or unusual |
| eclectic | adj. composed of a variety of styles, themes, motifs, etc. |
| efficacy | n. effectiveness |
| elegy | n. sad poem or song, often in remembrance of someone deceased |
| elicit | v. to provoke a response |
| eloquence | adj. persuasive and articulate speech |
| eminent | adj. well-known, respected, distinguished |
| empirical | adj. based on evidence |
| emulate | v. to imitate or attempt to equal in accomplishment |
| enervate | v. to exhaust or drain of energy |
| engender | v. to cause or give rise to |
| enhance | v. intensify, increase, augment |
| entitlement | n. belief that one deserves things one has not earned  n. the rights one is afforded under the law |
| ephemeral | adj. short-lived or transient |
| equable | adj. even-tempered  adj. not given to much change or variation |
| equivocate | v. to use ambiguous language in order to mislead or deceive |
| erroneous | adj. incorrect |
| erudite | adj. learned |
| eschew | v. avoid or abstain from |
| esoteric | adj. obscure, arcane |
| estimable | adj. deserving respect, esteem, and admiration |
| eulogy | n. memorial speech for one who has passed, normally given at a funeral |
| exacerbate | v. to make worse |
| exacting | adj. challenging, demanding, grueling |
| exculpate | v. to exonerate or vindicate |
| exigent | adj. urgent or pressing |
| exonerate | v. to clear of charges of wrongdoing |
| expatiate | v. to elaborate on something in great detail |
| explicate | v. to explain in detail |
| exposition | n. a thorough explanation  n. a public show or fair |
| extraneous | adj. irrelevant or superfluous |
| extrapolate | v. to estimate or conjecture about the future based on presently available information or facts |
| facetious | adj. glib or flippant |
| facilitate | v. to make something easier or simpler |
| fallacious | adj. relying on a fallacy and thus incorrect/misinformed |
| fastidious | adj. meticulous  adj. invested in cleanliness |
| fluctuate | v. to shift without apparent pattern |
| foment | v. to foster unrest or discontent |
| forestall | v. to hold off or try to prevent |
| fortuitous | adj. fortunate and lucky |
| frugal | adj. economical, thrifty |
| gainsay | v. deny or oppose |
| galvanize | v. to prod someone into action |
| garrulous | adj. talkative |
| gauche | adj. socially inept, inappropriate, or awkward |
| germane | adj. relevant to the matter at hand |
| glib | adj. talking volubly, but carelessly or insincerely |
| gregarious | adj. sociable, genial |
| guile | n. craftiness and cunning |
| hackneyed | adj. cliché, trite, banal |
| harangue | n. diatribe or rant |
| hedonism | n. the pursuit of pleasure |
| hierarchical | adj. arranged in rank order or hierarchy |
| homogenous | adj. uniform, identical |
| hyperbole | n. obvious exaggeration for effect |
| iconoclast | n. a person who attacks traditional religious and cultural institutions |
| ideological | adj. relating to a particular belief system or theory |
| imminent | adj. about to happen |
| immutable | adj. unchangeable |
| impair | v. to hinder or weaken someone or something |
| impediment | n. barrier, hindrance, or obstruction |
| imperturbable | adj. remaining calm under any circumstance |
| implacable | adj. unforgiving  adj. relentless |
| implicit | adj. implied or insinuated without being directly stated |
| imprudence | n. bad judgment |
| impudent | adj. disrespectful |
| inadvertent | adj. by accident or unintentional |
| Inchoate | adj. rudimentary, in the beginning stages |
| inconclusive | adj. indeterminate or unresolved |
| indebted | adj. owing money  adj. owing gratitude to someone or something |
| indefatigable | adj. cannot be made tired |
| indolent | adj. lazy  adj. idle |
| infer | v. to conclude from implicit evidence (as opposed to explicit facts) |
| ingenuous | adj. naïve or innocent |
| inimical | adj. harmful or hostile |
| Innocuous | adj. harmless |
| inscrutable | adj. enigmatic, incomprehensible |
| insipid | adj. bland, uninspired, inane |
| insular | adj. tight-knit and isolated; uninterested in matters outside one’s immediate sphere |
| intensive | adj. concentrated and in-depth |
| intermediary | n. a go-between |
| intimate | adj. close (as in a relationship)  adj. particularly private  v. to imply |
| intractable | adj. unmanageable  adj. stubborn or obstinate |
| intransigent | adj. uncompromising, obstinate |
| intrepid | adj. bold and adventurous |
| inveterate | adj. ingrained, habitual |
| invulnerable | adj. indestructible, impervious to harm |
| irascible | adj. irritable, testy, touchy |
| irresolute | adj. wishy-washy, hesitant |
| laconic | adj. taciturn, reserved, succinct |
| laud | v. to praise |
| laudable | adj. praiseworthy |
| litigation | n. legal proceedings |
| loquacious | adj. talkative |
| lucid | adj. clear and coherent |
| luminous | adj. full of light |
| magnanimity | n. generosity and nobility of spirit |
| maladroit | adj. clumsy, awkward, inept |
| malign | adj. evil or harmful  v. to speak negatively about someone or something |
| malleable | adj. pliant or pliable  adj. easily influenced |
| maverick | n. an unorthodox person or rebel |
| mendacity | n. untruthfulness, dishonesty |
| mercurial | adj. easily changeable, fickle |
| meticulous | adj. paying close attention to detail |
| misanthrope | n. person who hates humanity |
| mitigate | v. to  improve a painful, unpleasant, or negative situation |
| modest | adj. not boastful  adj. not overly showy |
| mollify | v. placate |
| monotony | n. boredom and repetition |
| mundane | adj. everyday, boring |
| munificent | adj. very generous |
| naïve | adj. inexperienced or gullible |
| nascent | adj. just beginning or in the early stages |
| neglect | v. to abandon or leave uncared-for |
| nonplussed | adj. confused and baffled |
| notoriety | n. fame for doing something negative or criminal |
| nuance | n. subtle shades of difference |
| obdurate | adj. stubborn, obstinate |
| obscure | adj. mysterious or not well-known  v. to cover something up or make it more difficult to perceive |
| obsequious | adj. overly fawning and helpful in a way that is disingenuous |
| obstinate | adj. stubborn, uncompromising |
| obviate | v. to forestall the need for something  v. to prevent |
| occlude | v. to block or obstruct |
| occult | n. the mystical and supernatural |
| offset | v. to counterbalance or counteract |
| olfactory | adj. relating to smell or the sense of smell |
| omniscience | n. the quality or state of being all-knowing |
| onerous | adj. difficult or burdensome |
| opaque | adj. not see-through; blocking light |
| opportunism | n. the practice of taking advantage of opportunities as they arise without particular concern for morality or ethics |
| opprobrium | n. criticism or condemnation |
| oscillate | v. to swing back and forth between two points, poles, or positions |
| ostentatious | adj. overly showy in a way that is gaudy or vulgar |
| outstrip | v. to overtake or outrun |
| overshadow | v. to literally cast a shadow over  v. to appear more notable than |
| painstaking | adj. attentive to detail, meticulous |
| partial | adj. incomplete |
| partisan | n. a devoted supporter of a group, cause, or person |
| patent | adj. blatant, obvious |
| paucity | n. scarcity, poverty |
| pedantic | adj. overly concerned with irrelevant detail, fussy |
| pedestrian | adj. boring, monotonous, run-of-the-mill |
| perfidy | n. treachery or deceit |
| perfunctory | adj. done without much effort, care, or thought |
| peripheral | adj. on the edge or periphery; not centrally important |
| permeate | v. to pervade or penetrate throughout |
| perseverance | n. persistence in the face of obstacles |
| peruse | v. to read something carefully and closely  v. to read something informally or quickly  (context is critical for this word!) |
| pervasive | adj. found everywhere, widespread; often has a negative connotation |
| phenomena | n. things that happen |
| phlegmatic | adj. cool and unruffled |
| pith | n. the essential substance of something |
| placate | v. to calm, esp. an angry or upset person |
| plastic | adj. easily shaped or molded  adj. made of plastic |
| platitude | n. a trite or cliché statement |
| plausible | adj. believable, reasonable |
| plethora | n. a surplus or overabundance of something |
| plummet | v. to fall quickly and far |
| polarize | v. to cause a sharp division between two groups |
| polemical | adj. angry, hostile, harshly critical |
| pragmatic | adj. practical |
| precarious | adj. uncertain or unstable |
| preceded | adj. went before |
| precipitate | v. to cause  adj. hastily and not well-considered  n. particulate matter formed within a solution |
| precursor | n. a forerunner |
| prescient | adj. knowing things before they happen, prophetic |
| presumptuous | adj. overly familiar; invades social boundaries |
| prevail | v. to succeed, esp. with respect to vanquishing an opponent  v. to convince or persuade |
| prevaricate | v. to evade or deceive without outright lying |
| pristine | adj. untouched, clean, pure |
| probity | n. integrity and honor |
| prodigal | n. a reckless spender |
| prodigious | adj. enormous, immense, gigantic |
| profligate | adj. extravagant and wasteful, esp. in an immoral way |
| proliferate | v. to multiply and spread rapidly |
| propitiate | v. to obtain special favor from someone, esp. a powerful person or deity, by performing a pleasing action  v. to appease someone who is angry |
| propriety | n. appropriateness, manners, decorum |
| prospective | adj. potential or likely  adj. applicable to the future |
| qualification | n. credential  n. a modifying statement |
| quotidian | adj. relating to the everyday or mundane |
| rationalize | v. to attempt to justify with reasons that are only superficially valid |
| reconcile | v. to bring into harmony  v. to repair a relationship |
| recondite | adj. arcane or obscure |
| refute | v. to rebut or disprove |
| relentless | adj. never stopping, constant |
| relevant | adj. relating to the topic or issue at hand |
| reproach | v. to scold or express criticism |
| repudiate | v. to renounce or disown |
| rescind | v. to take back or retract (an offer or statement) |
| respectively | adv. in the sequential order previously given |
| reticent | adj. hesitant to speak  adj. introverted or silent |
| reverent | adj. solemn and respectful |
| rhetoric | n. the art of effective communication (written or verbal) |
| salubrious | adj. health-promoting |
| sanction | v. to give official permission  v. to impose a penalty for a particular action  n. punishments imposed for breaking a regulation |
| satiate | v. to completely satisfy (with respect to hunger or appetite) |
| secular | adj. of or relating to the world or worldly matters (as opposed to religious ones) |
| sediment | n. material that settles at the bottom of a body of water |
| sedulous | adj. dedicated and careful |
| simultaneous | adj. occurring at the same moment |
| solicitous | adj. considerate, attentive |
| soporific | adj. makes sleepy |
| sparse | adj. scattered or scarce  adj. austere and unadorned |
| specious | adj. spurious; appearing true but actually false |
| sporadic | adj. occasional or scattered |
| spurious | adj. fake or false |
| stolid | adj. calm and dependable |
| subjective | adj. open to personal interpretation; not based in objective fact |
| substantiate | v. to corroborate or give evidence of something |
| subversive | adj. meant to undercut established institutions or norms |
| sufficient | adj. enough for a given purpose |
| superbly | adv. excellently |
| supine | adj. laying back with the face upward (opposite position to prone) |
| supplant | v. to overtake or replace |
| sycophant | n. a fawning, insincere admirer |
| synthesize | v. to combine disparate parts into a coherent whole |
| tacit | adj. unspoken; implicit |
| taciturn | adj. reticent or reserved; tending towards silence |
| temperance | n. moderation and restraint, sometimes used to specifically describe abstinence from alcohol |
| tenuous | adj. weak, flimsy, insubstantial |
| timorous | adj. meek or timid |
| tirade | n. an angry rant |
| torpor | n. tiredness, lethargy |
| tortuous | adj. winding or twisty  adj. complicated |
| tractable | adj. can be easily influenced or managed |
| transient | adj. passes quickly; short-lived |
| ubiquitous | adj. ever-present or universal |
| unadorned | adj. plain; unembellished |
| undermine | v. to weaken or compromise |
| underscore | v. to line underneath for emphasis  v. to emphasize |
| untenable | adj. weak or unsupportable, esp. with respect to an opinion or situation |
| vacillate | v. to shift between multiple options or opinions |
| venality | n. the state of being capable of being bribed |
| venerate | v. to give a high degree of respect; may border on worship |
| veracity | n. Truth and factual accuracy |
| verbose | adj. long-winded; loquacious |
| vexation | n. state of being frustrated, irritated, or concerned. |
| volatile | adj. easily changeable or extreme; unstable |
| whimsical | adj. fanciful or capricious |
| zeal | n. passion or fervor |

Here is a list of thesaurus of only the GRE words.  
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1. Abhorrent, abominable, detestable, execrable, loathsome, obnoxious, repellent, repugnant, odious, heinous, disgusting
2. Abandon, renounce, maroon, leave in the lurch, forfeit, disown, waive, ditch, abdicate, jilt, forsake, abjure, disown, repudiate
3. Abnormal, aberrant, anomalous, bizarre, eccentric, freak, idiosyncratic, queer, wayward
4. Scurrilous, calumnious, libelous, opprobrious
5. Libel, calumny, defamation, denigration, misrepresentation, obloquy, slander, aspersion, vilification, malign, traduce, smear, besmirch, tarnish, imputation, vituperation, defile
6. Abundant, bountiful, copious, luxuriant, rampant
7. Abuse, assault, execration, invective, vituperation, affront, berate, castigate, inveigh, odium
8. Acclaim, applaud, extol, commend, kudos, laud, eulogize, ovation, esteem, plaudits, acquiescence, endorsement, mandate, ratification
9. Accusations, impeachment, allegation, summons, indictment
10. Acquit, absolve, exonerate, vindicate
11. Bounty, largesse, munificence, philanthropy
12. Commendable, absolve, exemplary, laudable, meritorious, honorable
13. Contemptible, despicable, detestable, disgraceful, loathsome, odious, ignominious, dishonorable, discreditable
14. Condemnable, reprehensible, deplorable
15. Censure, condemnation, culpability, reprimand, recrimination, reproach, denounce
16. Aggressive, antagonistic, bellicose, belligerent, pugnacious, warlike, fractious, quarrelsome, contentious, litigious, militant
17. Irascible, petulant, peevish, dyspeptic, cantankerous, irritable, bilious
18. Agreement, accord, conformity, consensus, harmony, unanimity, compact, treaty, covenant, truce, pact
19. Approbate, comply, accent, concur, approve, acquiesce, concede, accord
20. Alleviate, abate, allay, ameliorate, assuage, mitigate, slake, subdue, temper, relieve, mollify, appease, conciliate, placate, gruntle
21. Alliance, affiliation, coalition, concordat, compact, confederation, consortium
22. Allure, attract, beguile, decoy, entice, lure, magnetize
23. Mitigate, palliate, extenuate
24. Coax, wheedle, inveigle, cajole
25. Amiable, affable, amicable, genial
26. Amorous, carnal, enamored, erotic, lustful, lecherous, licentious, salacious, lascivious, libidinous, lewd, prurient, lubricious, bawdy, erotic
27. Ancient, antediluvian, antiquated, archaic, outmoded, pass?, primordial
28. Animosity, acerbity, acrimony, animus, antagonism, antipathy, asperity, malevolence, rancor, vindictiveness, enmity, malice
29. Anonymous, incognito, pseudonym
30. Phlegmatic, sluggish, languid, indolent, listless, lackadaisical
31. Apathy, lassitude, lethargy, debility, languor
32. Apex, acme, apogee, zenith, crest, culmination, summit, pinnacle
33. Apologetic, contrite, penitent, remorseful, rueful
34. Apprentice, novice, tyro, greenhorn
35. Appropriate, apposite, apropos, apt, befitting, felicitous, opportune, pertinent, seasonable, seemly
36. Arbitrary, autocratic, despotic, imperious, tyrannical, totalitarian
37. Arbitrary, capricious, whimsical, erratic, eccentric, mercurial, quirky
38. Ardent, zealous, fervent, impassioned, passionate
39. Arduous, grueling, laborious, herculean, onerous
40. Altercation, bickering, clash, dispute, feud, squabble, wrangle, quibble, carp, cavil
41. Arrogant, cavalier, haughty, impudent, supercilious, swaggering, presumptuous, snobbish, condescending, insolent
42. Articulate, eloquent, glib, lucid
43. Asperity, abrasiveness, acerbity, acidity, acrimony, churlishness, irascibility, rancor
44. Atrocious, heinous
45. Augury, premonition, forewarning, portent, foreboding, bode, foreshadow, presentiment
46. Ascetic, austere, Spartan, self-denying
47. Frugal, parsimonious, stingy,
48. Banal, clichéd, commonplace, hackneyed, humdrum, platitudinous, stereotyped, trivial, trite
49. Banish, exile, expel, rusticate, outlaw, oust, expatriate, deport
50. Banter, badinage, chaffing, repartee
51. Barbarian, boor
52. Barrage, fusillade, onslaught, bombardment, assault
53. Barrier, embankment, rampart, bulwark, blockade, fortification, palisade
54. Beget, procreate, father
55. Bell, carillon, knell
56. Bemuse, befuddle, bewilder, stupefy, confound, daze, flummox, muddle, mystify
57. Benevolent, altruistic, beneficent, benign, compassionate, philanthropic
58. Berserk, frenzied, frenetic, demented, deranged, maniacal
59. Bizarre, eccentric, freakish, grotesque, outlandish, weird, idiosyncratic
60. Beseech, implore, importune, entreat, supplicate
61. Besiege, beleaguer, pester, badger
62. Bewitch, captivate, enrapture, enchant, enthrall, entrance, mesmerize, ensnare, endear, engaging
63. Biased, bigoted, chauvinistic, jaundiced, partisan, tendentious, patriotic, jingoistic, sectarian
64. Genealogy, lineage, pedigree, race
65. Blasphemous, impious, irreverent, profane, sacrilegious
66. Blatant, barefaced, flagrant, conspicuous, shameless
67. Blaze, conflagration, holocaust, carnage, massacre
68. Boastful, vainglorious, bragging, conceited
69. Boisterous, obstreperous, rowdy, uproarious
70. Burlesque, caricature, travesty, lampoon, parody, sham, pastiche
71. Circuitous, devious, labyrinthine, meandering, oblique, rambling, tortuous, serpentine
72. Dainty, squeamish, fastidious, meticulous
73. Dappled, pied, motley, speckled, variegated
74. Dawdle, dally, loiter
75. Dexterous, agile, nimble, deft, adroit, lithe, limber
76. Devilish, demoniac, diabolic, fiendish, infernal
77. Dingy, murky, drab, seedy, dowdy
78. Discordant, cacophonous, clashing, dissonant, incongruous
79. Dormant, comatose, quiescent, latent, torpid
80. Ephemeral, fugitive, evanescent, fleeting
81. Etiquette, civility, protocol, decorum
82. Exuberant, ebullient, effervescent, vivacious, exultant
83. Fashionable, modish, vogue, contemporary, trendy
84. Flirt, coquette, philanderer
85. Gaunt, emaciated, cadaverous, lanky, haggard
86. Grandiloquent, bombastic, melodramatic, pompous, rhetorical
87. Heresy, unorthodox, heterodox, iconoclast, pagan
88. Hoodwink, cozen, deceive, dupe, hoax
89. Impromptu, extemporized, offhand
90. Impregnable, impenetrable, invincible, unconquerable
91. Insidious, deceptive, treacherous, surreptitious, furtive
92. Lament, dirge, elegy, requiem
93. Melancholy, lugubrious, disconsolate, despondent, somber, dejected, plaintive, lamenting, doleful
94. Paraphernalia, appurtenance, accessories
95. Perfunctory, cursory
96. Pestilence, blight, pandemic, plague, contagion, epidemic
97. Pillage, depredation, marauding, plunder, despoil, ransack, ravage, devastate
98. Prevaricate, tergiversate, equivocate, evasive, elusive
99. Profuse, exuberant, prolific, lavish, abundant
100. Profound, erudite, esoteric, recondite
101. Suspicious, apprehensive, skeptical, dubious, incredulous, wary
102. Sycophantic, flattering, servile, fawn, obsequious
103. Therapeutic, curative, salubrious,
104. Tumult, pandemonium, turmoil, chaos, commotion, turbulence, uproar
105. Virtuoso, maestro, prodigy
106. Voracious, ravenous, rapacious, insatiable, avid