

**Reading wordlists containing words about 3000 and odd is highly tedious and remembering vague and complex words, its synonym, its definition is difficult and requires repeated revision!**

**One effective way to remember a word and register it thoroughly in your mind is to search a word's all possible synonyms and its nearby meanings and frame a sentence on your own.**

**In this comprehensive synonym and antonym list, unique, parallel word-learning approach is introduced and many words can be learnt at a time in most efficient manner!**

**A word's most possible synonym and its many nearby meanings are also included.**

**A word is selected, its synonym, many nearby meanings and group of words, which give the same meaning, are included in brackets.**

**By studying a word, you can easily remember its synonym and its many nearby meanings, its antonym (the antonym's synonym and its many nearby meanings are also included).**

**For easy recollection, a word's meaning is described in simple English, which makes a word very easy to comprehend and register its meaning. By reading a word, you will be learning nearly ten or more words at a time!**

**This way you can learn many words in a minute and never forget its meaning, synonym and antonym.**

**This synonym and antonym list was prepared after collecting a word's exhaustive meanings from many sources. The list provided includes words, which were tested in the actual GRE, in the earlier and recent times, and words, which are likely to appear in the GRE!**

**Since, a word's exact antonym (opposite word) doesn't exist, to spot an antonym one must clearly identify whether a given word is yielding positive meaning or negative.**

**Immutable (fixed, non-variant, not changing) - changeable (mutable, variable, alterable)**

**Nebulous (indefinite, imprecise) - (distinct), (precise, pithy), (clear)**

**Prodigal (spendthrift, uncontrolled, extravagant, wasteful, reckless) - cautious (frugal, thrifty, parsimonious, economical)**

**Turbid (cloudy, dirty, murky, muddy) - clear (limpid, lucid, apparent)**

**Paeon (song of praise) - dirge (sad song)**

**Expatriate (lengthy talk, elaborate) - talk briefly**

**Nascence (incipient, event of being born, start) - conclusion**

**Contemplate - random**

**Indigenous - alien**

**Effrontery - deference**

**Acerbity (acrimonious, bitterness of speech, harsh) - sweetness**

**Omniscient (all knowing, infinitely wise) - ignorant**

**Arrant (complete, total, absolute) - partial (incomplete, limited, fractional)**

**Feckless (feeble, ineffective, weak, impotent) - (dynamic), (strong, potent, puissant)**

**Prolix (verbose, grandiloquent, loquacious, wordy, garrulous, talkative, voluble) - terse (concise, laconic)**

**Improbability - honesty**

**\*Insidious (lacking in flavor, dull, bland, tasteless) - flavorful, exciting**

**Defection (abandonment, desertion) - joining**

**Aplomb (cool, composure) - confusion**

**Hone (sharpen) - blunt**

**Frangible (breakable) - sturdy**

**Inane (silly, stupid, immature) - wise (astute, sensible, judicious, shrewd, clever, prudent)**

**Harbinger (forerunner, precursor, foretell, herald, portend) - follower**

**Tyro (callow, tenderfoot, greenhorn, learner, novice, pupil, trainee, apprentice, student, neophyte, beginner, inexperienced) - expert (sophisticated, specialist, authority, proficient, adept)**

**Nettle (enrage, annoy, vex, irritate, infuriate, exasperate) - mollify (pacify, placate, appease, propitiate, conciliate, reconcile, soothe)**

**Conciliate - quarrel**

**Nefarious (immoral, disreputable, evil, wicked) - angelic (innocent, good, moral, reputable)**

**Palpability (tangibility) - intangibility, impalpability**

**Vapid (lifeless, insipid, bland) - spirited (lively, animated, vivacious, cheerful)**

**Labile - stable**

**Clemency (mercy, kindness, pity, forgiveness, compassion) - unmerciful treatment, harshness**

**Limp (walk lamely, flaccid, wilted, bendy, floppy, shamble) - firm**

**Radiate - absorb**

**Anathema (abhorrence, curse, baneful) - blessing (benison, benediction)**

**Vacuous (dim) (stupid, unintelligent, inane) - (insightful, wise) (bright)**

**Stark (barren, weak, full) - partial, lush**

**Exhume (dig-up, quarry) - inter, bury**

**Extirpate (destroy completely, root-out, uproot) - implant**

**Wastrel (spendthrift, squanderer, prodigal) - conservator, stint, thrifty, frugal, cautious**

**Cliché (banal, hackneyed, trite) - novelty (originality, newness, uniqueness, freshness)**

**Haggard (tired, faded, exhausted, worn down, fatigue, gaunt, wasted away) - fresh, plump**

**Moribund (dying, waning, declining) - living, existing, waxing**

**Specious (misleading, inaccurate, baseless, false, fallacious, fallible) - accurate, plausible, leading to truth**

**Propinquity (kinship, closeness, proximity, nearness, affinity) - remoteness (detachment, aloofness, solitude, seclusion, isolation, reserve)**

**Exhume ( dig up, quarry) - inter, bury**

**Punctuality (time keeping, reliability, regularity, promptness) - tardiness (lateness, delay)**

**Artifice (affected, ploy, pretense, gambit, deception, trick, deceit) - candor (frankness, sincerity, forthrightness, honesty, openness)**

**Ephemeral (fleeting, brief, transient, momentary, temporary) - eternal (everlasting, perpetual, long-lasting, permanent)**

**Travail (toil, sweat, work hard) - relaxation, rest**

**Generously (liberally, charitably, kindly) - ungenerously (stingy, niggardly, miserly)**

**Compound (mix, multiple, amalgam, multifarious) - separate (split, divide, by parts)**

**Turpitude (depravity, immorality) - righteousness, goodness (inborn good quality)**

**Venial (forgivable, excusable, minor, trivial) - inexcusable, unforgivable, crucial**

**Unsullied (clean, pure, untainted, uncontaminated, untarnished) - sullied (tarnished, stained, tainted, contaminated)**

**Amalgamate (combine, join, merge, unite, fuse, integrate) - isolate (separate, disintegrate, detach)**

**Gauche (tactless, rude, careless) - tactful (polite, careful, diplomatic, delicate)**

**Punctilious (minutely attentive, meticulous, scrupulous, conscientious) - careless ( sloppy, slapdash)**

**Secular (worldly, materialistic) - clergy, clerical, spiritual, religious**

**Crass (insensitive, grossly insensible) - refined, sensitive**

**Fidelity (loyalty, trustworthy, reliability, faithfulness) - treachery, disloyalty, perfidious, dishonest**

**Sanguine (cheerful, hopeful, optimistic) (certain, positive) - (pessimistic, hopeless), (doubtful, uncertain)**

**Solvent (able to pay all debts), (substance that dissolves another) - (bankrupt, indebt), (insolvent)**

**Obfuscate (confuse, muddle, make complex) - clarify (make clear, elucidate, simplify)**

**Rail (scold, rebuke, rant) - praise, eulogy**

**Granulate (form into grains, grind, crush, powder, refine) - crystallize (come together, shape up)**

**Trenchant (cutting, acumen, keen) - obtuse (slow, dull, insensitive)**

**Unruly (disobedient, lawless) - well behaved, obedient, lawful**

**Aver (state confidently, declare, agree, assert, affirm, avow) - deny (reject, disagree, refute)**

**Excoriate (scold with biting harshness, strip the skin off), (criticize, berate, condemn) - praise (extol, honor, admire, eulogize, applaud, acclaim, congratulate)**

**Temerarious (brash, daredevil) - prudent (cautious, careful, discreet, wise)**

**Temerity (audacity, impudence, effrontery, boldness, harshness) - reticence, reserved, shyness, taciturn**

**Benignity (graciousness, kindness) - evilness (cruelty, unkind, rudeness)**

**Execrate (repugnance, curse, loathe, abhor, abominate, detest, hate) - (adore, love), (acclaim)**

**Alienate (make hostile, separate, estrange, make unfriendly, isolate) - harmonize, make friendly**

**Wanton (willfully malicious, unchaste), (unrestrained) - (chaste, unsullied, pure), (restrained)**

**Choleric (hot tempered, hot headed, irascible, petulant, short tempered) - easy going, good natured**

**Distend (dilate, expand, swell out, balloon - diminish, reduce, deflate, contract**

**Assuage (alleviate, improve, to lessen as of pain, satisfy (hunger), soothe (anger) - worsen, degenerate, exacerbate, aggravate, intensify**

**Garrulous (voluble, chatty, loquacious, verbose, wordy) - taciturn (reticent, shyness, diffidence, introverted, silence), (laconic)**

**Quell (subdue, suppress, calm down, quiet, extinguish, put down) - foment (instigate, stir**

**up, provoke, stimulate)**

**Nadir (all-time low, rock bottom, pits, lowest point, bottom most, base) - (apex, top, apogee, acme, pinnacle, climax, tip, zenith, peak, height, summit)**

**Soporific (sleep inducing, hypnagogic, hypnogogic, narcotic, somnific, hypnotic, dull, monotonous) - awakening, invigorating, energizing, stimulating, arousing, exciting, stirring**

**Terminus (finishing point, end, limit, last, concluding, final) - beginning , start, opening, inauguration, launch, commencement, initiation, introduction**

**Condign (merited, deserved) - undeserved**

**Artisan (skilled laborer, artificer, craftsmen, journeyman) - unskilled laborer, amateurish, inexpert, unprofessional**

**Unscathed (unhurt, uninjured, unharmed, without a scratch) - wounded, injured, hurt**

**Hoyden (tomboyish, romp, used of boisterous girls) - demure girl, shy, diffident**

**Doltish (cloddish, stupid) - clever, smart, intelligent**

**Cursory (superficial, perfunctory, hurried, brief, hasty) - thorough, comprehensive, profound, deep**

**Chary ( wary, careful, cautious, mindful, thrifty) - foolhardy ( headlong, rash, imprudent, unwise, impetuous, impulsive, reckless, hasty)**

**Sloth (slow-moving tree-dwelling mammal),(sluggishness, laziness, idleness, inactive) - (industry, hard work, diligence), (liveliness, vigor, spirit)**

**Crabbed (bad-tempered, ill tempered) - sweet tempered**

**Turgid (swollen, distended, inflated, overblown, enlarged, puffed up, bloated) -deflated, shrunken, emaciated**

**Local (limited, restricted), (narrow, confined, specific) - (global, universal, worldwide, total, boundless), (general, broad, common)**

**Vilify (speak ill of, malign, libel, belittle, slander, defame, insult, deride, decry, disparage, criticize, condemn, censure, reproach, blame, denigrate, defame, mock, tease, taunt) - eulogize (commend, honor, congratulate, praise, laud, extol, exalt, acclaim, applaud, compliment, admire)**

**Asteroid (small planet, planetoid) - large planet**

**Malevolent (malicious, spiteful, wicked, nasty, mean) - benevolent, kindly**

**Impotent (weak, powerless, unable, incapable) - puissant, potent (all powerful, effective, strong, forceful, mighty)**

**Concur (agree, harmony, accede, accord), (coincide, happen together, overlap) - dissent (disagree, discord, dissonance, dispute), (conflict)**

**Plethora (glut, excess, surfeit, surplus, extra, superfluous, over abundance) - (shortage, scarcity, paucity, meager, scanty, dearth, insufficiency, sparse, scarce, inadequate)**

**Equanimity (composure, level-headedness, self control, calmness, poise) - agitation (stir, anxiety, disturbance)**

**Sardonic (disdainful, disrespectful, contemptuous, scathing, cynical, acerbic, scornful, mocking, sarcastic, ironic, derisive, satirical, cutting, mordant) - sincere (respectful, straight, honest, truthful, earnest, genuine)**

**Prim (very precise and formal, exceedingly proper), (neat, tidy, trim) - (improper, informal), (untidy, messy)**

**Evince (show, make clear, verify, prove, substantiate, support) - conceal (hide, obscure, cover, mask, cloak, secrete, veil, unearth)**

**Limp (walk lamely, wilted, bendy, flabby, flaccid, shamble, shuffle, hobble, floppy) - firm (solid, hard, rigid, dense)**

**Porous (permeable, absorbent, leaky, spongy) - impermeable (impervious, resistant, waterproof)**

**Erratic (inconsistent, unreliable, irregular, variable, changeable, mutable, capricious, alterable, fluctuating, whimsical, fickle, impulsive) - consistent (predictable, reliable, constant, dependable, unswerving, regular, steady)**

**Repine (express discontent, complain, fret, quetch) - express joy**

**Loquacious (chatty, gabby, gushing, bombastic, grandiloquent, articulate, voluble, vociferous, effusive, rambling, wordy, garrulous, verbose, talkative) - taciturn (shy, diffidence, reticence, reserved, introverted, compendious, withdrawn)**

**Verbose (wordy) - compendious (succinct, compact)**

**Ulterior (unstated and questionable), (situated beyond), (hidden, mysterious, underhanded, secret, concealed, clandestine) - (transparent), (stated)**

**Obese (fat, chubby, portly, fleshy, over weight, corpulent, stout, plump, large) - cadaverous (corpse-like, thin, pale, pallid, wan, gaunt, bony, skeletal, emaciated, lean, skinny)**

**Chasten (punish, castigate, correct, reprimand, censure, discipline) - reward**

**Compliant (yielding, flexible, accepting, willing, obedient, submissive, amenable, acquiescent) - (adamant, resistant, unyielding, stubborn, inflexible, obdurate)**

**Lionize (treat as a celebrity), (glorify, praise, extol, fete, celebrate) - denigrate (defame, mock, tease, taunt, disparage)**

**Enmity (dislike, acrimony, rancor, spite, animosity, loathing, hatred, hostility, bad feeling, unfriendly) - affection (friendliness, camaraderie, warmth, fondness, liking, love)**

**Avarice (acquisitiveness, greediness, covetousness, cupidity, selfishness) - altruism (unselfishness, selflessness, generosity, philanthropy, self sacrifice)**

**Unfeigned (frank, genuine, sincere, real) - disguised (camouflaged, veiled, masked, concealed, hidden)**

**Fetid (squalid, fusty, smelly, stinking, foul, putrid, rancid), (rotten, stale) -(having a pleasant smell, odorous, fragrant, aromatic, scented), (fresh)**

**Amelioration (meliorate, amend, betterment, improvement) - deterioration (worsen, decline, weaken, drop)**

**Goad (stimulate, provoke, prod, incite) - curb (restrain, reduce, control, curtail, limit)**

**Feasible (doable, viable, realistic, practical, pragmatic) - unfeasible, (idealistic (not viable, unrealistic, impractical)**

**Disputatious (controversial, litigious, contentious) - conciliatory (appeasing, pacifying, assuaging, mollifying)**

**Focus (to meet at a point, hub) - disperse (scatter, diffuse, disband)**

**Heterogeneous (varied, mixed, diverse, various, assorted) - homogeneous (similar, consistent, identical, uniform)**

**Hummock (hill, hillock, mount) - vale (valley, dale, gorge, dell)**



**Dissuade (advise against, deter, discourage, prevent) - persuade (influence, convince), exhort (encourage, insist, foster, promote)**

**Inebriation (habitually intoxicated, drunk) - sobriety (abstinence, abstemiousness, temperance, restraint)**

**Abrogate (abolish, get rid of) - institute (introduce, establish, set up)**

**Acquiescence (passive agreement, acceptance, assent, consent, compliance, accord, accede) - (rebellion), (resistance)**

**Bedizen (dress garishly, vulgarly, tastelessly, dizen) - strip bare**

**Odious (repulsive, hateful, loathsome, detestable, abhorrent) - delightful (wonderful, pleasant, enjoyable, amusing)**

**Frustrate (discourage, annoy, bother, disturb, upset) - abet (assist, support, encourage usually in wrong doing)**

**Mutter (mumble, grumble, complain), (talk softly, murmur, whisper) - speak distinctively**

**Extraneous (irrelevant, not pertinent, superfluous, inappropriate) - essential (relevant, appropriate, necessary)**

**Extrinsic (alien, foreign, external) - intrinsic, inherent (innate, natural, inborn, inbuilt)**

**Churlish (uncouth, rude, coarse, impolite) - polite (courteous, respectful, gracious)**

**Supernal (celestial, ethereal) - devilish**

**Non-striated - striped (banded, lined)**

**Pallid (pale, white, ashen, pasty, colorless) - 1ruddy, 2dark**

**Hibernal (wintry) - summer like**

**Wastrel (compulsive, shopper, spendthrift, squanderer) - conservator**

**Ultimate (crucial, vital, final, decisive, last, definitive) - incipient (initial, start, beginning, early, embryonic, budding, developing)**

**Gratuity (privilege, bonus, benefit, freebie, perk) - stipend (salary, pay, income, earning, remuneration)**

**Cower (shrink, cringe, tremble) - brazenly confront (tackle, face, meet up)**

**Pinch (bit, nip)- abundant amount (excess, plethora)**

**Protract (dilate, stretch out, drag out, expand, prolong, extend, lengthen) - shorten (cut short, abridge, condense, abbreviate, curtail, curb, limit)**

**Ungainly (ungraceful, graceless, awkward - graceful (elegant, stylish, polish, attractive, charming, lovely)**

**Ancillary (auxiliary, supplementary, subsidiary, additional, secondary) - principal (main, primary, key, most important, foremost, chief, major)**

**Somatic (Corporal, corporeal, carnal, bodily, physical) - (mental, psyche), (spiritual)**

**Immunity (resistance, exemption, protection) - (susceptibility), (vulnerability)**

**Opaque (obscure, unclear, muddy, turbid) - transparent (translucent, clear, obvious, apparent, visible, perspicuous, pellucid, lucid, limpid)**

**Corroborate (confirm, support, substantiate, agree with, uphold) - contradict, controvert (refute, cancel out, disprove, invalidate, negate, quash, make void)**

**Cryptic (mysterious, puzzling, secret, enigmatic, hidden, obscure) - (straightforward), (candid)**

**Ferrous (containing iron) - containing no iron**

**Raffish (casual, jaunty) - (bland), (august)**

**Trite (pedestrian, commonplace, hackneyed, banal, prosaic, worn, clichéd) - original**

**Prosaic (mundane, quotidian, ordinary, characterless, trite, pedestrian, commonplace, hackneyed, banal, worn, clichéd - romantic (idealistic, quixotic, dreamy, impractical)**

**Fortuitous (accidental, by chance, unexpected) - expected**

**Solecism (bloop, error, mistake, gaffe, blunder, faux pas, gaucherie) - proper usage**

**Gaucherie (gracelessness, inelegance, tackiness, awkwardness) - elegance (chic, classiness, stylish, sophistication, grace, attractive, fashionable, modishness )**

**Grisly (atrocious, dreadful, heinous, horrible, shocking, repugnant, ghastly, gruesome, macabre) - pleasant (enjoyable, amusing, nice, lovely, pleasurable, satisfying)**

**Apropos (accidentally, opportune, timely, apt) - untimely**

**Catholic (broad, wide-ranging, extensive, varied) - (narrow), (conservative)**

**Impeccable (unsullied, spotless, unimpeachable, flawless, perfect, faultless, immaculate) - faulty (sullied, flawed, damaged, imperfect, defective)**

**Benison (benediction, blessing, boon) - curse (nuisance, bane, pest)**

**Languor (lassitude, laziness, sluggishness, lethargy, indolence, inertia, inactivity, torpor, dormant, quiescent, slowness, quiet, stillness, inert, sleeping, at rest) - (vigor, energetic, vitality), (active, swift, motion, activity, alert)**

**Belated (late, delayed, tardy, postponed, deferred)- (on time, timely, punctual, prompt)**

**Sagacious (clever, scholarly, perceptive, learned, knowledgeable, savant, sage, erudite, astute, wise, judicious) - stupid (inane, immature, childish, fool)**

**Cozen (deceive, mislead, dupe, hoodwink, delude, cheat, trick, defraud, bamboozle, bilk, swindle, trick, hoax, con) - treat honestly**

**Equable - stormy**

**Laudatory - defamatory**

**Undermine - strengthen**

**Console - aggravate grief**

**Serendipitous - planned**

**Sordid - magnificent**

**Debonair - awkward**

**Depravity - goodness**

**Bucolic (country, rural, rustic, pastoral, uncouth, uncivilized) - urban (municipal, city, town, metropolitan)**

**Mundane (quotidian, routine, everyday,)- extraordinary**

**Contamination (pollution, corruption, infectivity) - decontamination (purification,**

**distillation, refinement, sanitization)**

**Acarpous (unfruitful) - fecund (prolific, fruitful)**

**Perfunctory (not thorough, superficial) - thorough (profound, scrupulous, meticulous)**

**Lugubrious (dismal, cheerless, somber, sad, melancholy, mournful, gloomy) - gay (cheerful, jocund, jolly, jovial, merry, buoyant)**

**Unanimity - discord**

**Genuflect - stand erect**

**Dastard - hero**

**Tawdry - elegant**

**Spurious - genuine**

**Nefarious - virtuous**

**Trepidation (fear, daunt, anxiety, apprehension, nervousness, consternation, worry) - courage (valor, heroism, gallant, bravery, audacity, nerve, guts, dauntless)**

**Hiatus (pause, break, interruption, gap, space, lull, interval, time away) - nexus (link, connection)**

**Adroit (adept, skillful, nimble, practiced, able, clever, dexterous, competent, accomplished) - unskillful (inept, clumsy, untalented, maladroit, incompetent, amateurish, awkward)**

**Retrench (cut back, economize, save, tighten your belt, limit, reduce) - augment (increase, enhance, boost, bump up, expand, enlarge, add to, supplement, dilate)**

**Repugnance (abominable, detestable, disgust, revulsion, loathsome, hate, abhorrence, repulsion) - love (adore, worship, fond of, affectionate)**

**Fractionious (petulant, irritable, peevish, touchy, complaining) - agreeable (pleasant, delightful, enjoyable, good, satisfying)**

**Admonition (scolding, reproach, reprimand, rebuke, caution, warning) - countenance (put up with, tolerate, stand for, allow, approve of)**

**Doltish (cloddish, heavy and dull and stupid)- clever (bright, intelligent, smart, knowledgeable, intellectual, brainy, witty, sharp)**

**Abstruse** (obscure, profound, perplexing, complex, puzzling, enigma, riddle, mystery, rarefied) - **obvious** (understandable, clear, palpable, noticeable, evident, apparent, conspicuous)

**Eschew** (avoid, shun, get rid of, steer clear of) - **welcome** (greeting, reception, salutation, acknowledgement, receive, hail, meet)

**Schism** (split, branch, separate divide, rupture, ramify, gulf, break, rift) - **union** (combination, amalgamation, merging, joining together, fusion, unification, blending, coalition, alliance)

**Factitious** (fictitious, artificial, fake, synthetic, unreal, fantastic, imaginary, imitation) - **real** (genuine, actual, authentic, valid, true, bona fide, legitimate, legal, veritable, absolute)

**Pandemonium** (chaos, tumult, clamor, disorder, furor, ruckus, rumpus, fuss, hullabaloo, stir, fracas, disturbance, confusion, commotion, turbulence, turmoil, uproar hubbub, mayhem, racket, bedlam) - **calm** (tranquil, serene, halcyon, peaceful, composed, still, quiet, hushed, muted, subdued, soothing, restrained, soothe, relaxing, restful)

**Flinch** (hesitate, falter), (recoil, cringe, start, shy away, balk) - **extol** (praise, honor, admire, eulogize, applaud, acclaim, congratulate)

**Proclivity** (appetite, tendency, leaning, propensity, taste, desire, liking, penchant, inclination, affinity, desire, fondness, affection,) - **aversion** (dislike, repugnance, loathing, hate, antipathy, antagonism, ill will, hostility, opposition)

**Parry** (avoid, ward off, dodge, sidestep, escape, deflect, elude, circumvent, evade, skirt, shirk) - **discuss** (talk about, address, converse, argue, chat about, confer)

**Ductility** (malleability) - **brittleness** (fragility, weakness, frailty)

**Naïveté** (innocence, simplicity, ingenuousness, artlessness) - **sophistication** (complexity, difficulty, erudition, superiority, classiness, stylishness, refinement)

**Longevity** (prolonged existence, permanence, endurance, durability) - **evanescence** (disappearance)

**Sessile** (attached, fixed, immovable, immobile, stalk less) - **mobile** (movable, portable, transportable, itinerant)

**Destitute** (poor, penniless, needy, bankrupt, impecunious, indigent, impoverished, insolvent) - (affluent, solvent, prosperous, rich, wealthy, opulent, sumptuous, luxurious)

**Camaraderie** (friendship, comradeship, companionship, solidarity, amity, amicable, cordial, affable, sociable, convivial, hospitable, goodwill, genial) - **animosity** (ill will, hostility, hatred, loathing, enmity, bitterness, acrimony, ill feeling, antagonism, rancor, malice, spite, rivalry, opposition, resentment, antipathy, aversion, dislike, repugnance)

**Egress** (way out, door, exit, outlet) - **entrance** (way in, entry, access, doorway, opening)

**Gelid** (extremely cold, frigid, chilly, arctic, glacial, icy, polar, frosty, frozen) - **warm** (sultry, hot, torrid, humid, temperate, lukewarm, tepid)

**Supercilious** (arrogant, bigheaded, egotistical, condescending, snooty, patronizing, haughty, proud, snobbish, lofty, conceited, disdainful, pretentious, pompous, portentous, self-centered, self-important) - **subservient** (obedient, compliant, docile, amenable, yielding, acquiescent), (down-to earth, humble, meek, submissive, modest, lowly)

**Cogent** (convincing, articulate, reasoned, strong, coherent, sound, forceful, logical, rational) - **unconvincing** (illogical, specious, unreasonable, irrational, unscientific)

**Renegade** (betrayer, defector, apostate, fugitive, turncoat, deserter, traitor, rebel, recreant, ratter, maverick) - **conformist** (follower, traditionalist, sheep, conventional person)

**Piquancy** (sharp taste, tartness, tanginess, spiciness, pungency, acidity) - **blandness** (tastelessness, insipidness, mildness)

**Virile** (characterizing a man, machismo, manlike, manful, strong, potent) - **effeminate** (emasculate, epicene, sissy)

**Capitulation** (surrender, succumb, submission, admit defeat, yield, give up) - **resistance** (opposition, fight, battle, conflict, confrontation)

**Chimerical** (factitious, fictitious, fantasy ) - **realistic**

**Utopia** (Ideally perfect state; especially in its social and political and moral aspects) - **dystopia** (fiction, state)

**Renege** (go back on, break your word, break a promise) - **carry out faithfully**

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## **HIGH FREQUENCY GRE WORDS**

**The GRE tests a surprisingly limited number of words. In the following lists, you will find words that occur frequently on the GRE.**

**As you read the lists, mark any words that you do not know with a check mark. Then when**

**you read the list again, mark any that you do not remember with two checks. Continue in this manner until you have learned the words.**

**The first list, The High Frequency 400, contains words that have appeared frequently on the GRE.**

**abash humiliate, embarrass**

**abdicate relinquish power or position**

**aberrant abnormal**

**abet aid, encourage (typically of crime)**

**abeyance postponement**

**aboriginal indigenous**

**abridge shorten**

**abstemious moderate**

**acclimate accustom oneself to a climate**

**accost to approach and speak to someone**

**acquiesce agree passively**

**acumen insight**

**adamant insistent**

**admonish warn gently**

**adulterate contaminate, corrupt**

**adversary enemy, hostility, opponent**

**adversity hardship**

**aegis that which protects**

**aesthetic pleasing to the senses, beautiful**

**affable friendly**

**affinity fondness**

**aggregate total, collect**

**aghast horrified**

**alacrity swiftness**

**alienate estrange, antagonize**

**alleviate lessen, assuage**

**altruism benevolence, generosity**

**amalgamation mixture**

**ambiguous unclear**

**ambivalence conflicting emotions**

**amenable agreeable**

**amorphous shapeless**

**anachronistic out of historical order**

**analogous similar**

**anarchy absence of government**

**anathema** curse  
**animus** hate  
**anomalous** abnormal  
**antipathy** repulsion, hatred  
**antipodal** exactly opposite  
**antiquated** outdated, obsolete  
**apathy** indifference  
**appease** pacify  
**approbation** approval  
**artless** naive, simple  
**ascetic** self-denying  
**assiduous** hard-working  
**assimilate** absorb  
**audacity** boldness  
**auspicious** favorable  
**austere** harsh, Spartan  
**autonomous** self-governing  
**avarice** greed  
**axiom** self-evident truth  
**banal** trite  
**belie** misrepresent  
**belittle** disparage  
**bellicose** warlike  
**benefactor** patron  
**boisterous** noisy  
**boor** vulgar person  
**bourgeois** middle class  
**bucolic** rustic  
**buttress** support  
**cachet** prestige  
**cacophony** dissonance, harsh noise  
**callow** inexperienced  
**canon** rule  
**capacious** spacious  
**capitulate** surrender  
**castigate** criticize  
**cathartic** purgative, purifying  
**catholic** universal, worldly  
**caustic** scathing (of speech)  
**censure** condemn  
**chagrin** embarrassment  
**charlatan** quack  
**chary** cautious  
**coagulate** thicken



**Coda concluding passage**  
**cogent well-put, convincing**  
**collusion conspiracy**  
**Commensurate proportionate**  
**commiserate empathize**  
**compensatory redeeming**  
**compliant submissive**  
**conciliatory reconciling**  
**conglomeration accumulation, amass**  
**condone overlook wrong doing**  
**conducive helping**  
**connoisseur an expert, gourmet**  
**consensus general agreement**  
**contentious argumentative**  
**conundrum puzzle, enigma**  
**convoluted twisted, complicated**  
**covenant agreement, pact**  
**covert secret**  
**credence belief**  
**credulous believing**  
**cynical scornful of the motives of others**  
**dauntless courageous**  
**dearth scarcity**  
**defamation (noun) slander**  
**deference courteously yielding to another**  
**deleterious harmful**  
**delineate draw a line around**  
**describe**  
**demur take exception**  
**denigrate defame**  
**deprecate belittle**  
**desiccate dehydrate**  
**despot tyrant**  
**destitute poor**  
**desultory without direction in life**  
**deterrent hindrance**  
**devoid empty**  
**devout pious**  
**diatribe long denunciation**  
**dichotomy a division into two parts**  
**didactic instructional**  
**diffident shy, tacit**

**digress ramble**  
**disabuse correct a misconception**  
**discerning observant**  
**discord lack of harmony**  
**discrete separate**  
**discretion prudence**  
**disingenuous deceptive**  
**disparate various**  
**disseminate distribute**  
**dissent disagree**  
**dissolution disintegration**  
**dissonance discord**  
**distend swell**  
**divest strip, deprive**  
**divulge disclose**  
**dogmatic certain, unchanging in**  
**opinion**  
**dormant asleep**  
**eclectic from many sources**  
**efficacy effectiveness**  
**effigy likeness, mannequin**  
**effloresce to bloom**  
**effrontery insolence**  
**elicit provoke**  
**eloquent well-spoken**  
**emancipate liberate**  
**embellish exaggerate**  
**endemic peculiar to a particular**  
**region**  
**enervate weaken**  
**engender generate**  
**ennui boredom**  
**enumerate count**  
**esoteric known by only a few**  
**esthetic artistic**  
**euphemism genteel expression**  
**euphoria elation**  
**evanescent fleeting, very brief**  
**exacerbate worsen**  
**exasperate irritate**  
**exhibitionist one who draws**  
**attention to himself**  
**exonerate free from blame**  
**expedite hasten**

**extemporize improvise**  
**extol praise highly**  
**facetious joking, sarcastic**  
**facilitate make easier**  
**fallacy false belief**  
**fathom understand**  
**fervor intensity**  
**fickle always changing one's mind**  
**filibuster long speech**  
**fledgling just beginning,**  
**struggling**  
**flout to show disregard for the law**  
**or rules**  
**foment instigate**  
**forsake abandon**  
**fortuitous lucky**  
**foster encourage**  
**frugal thrifty**  
**fulminate denounce, menace**  
**furtive stealthy**  
**gainsay contradict**  
**germane relevant**  
**glib insincere manner**  
**gratuitous unwarranted, uncalled for**  
**gregarious sociable**  
**halcyon serene**  
**hamper obstruct**  
**harangue tirade**  
**Harry harass**  
**hedonism excessive pursuit of**  
**pleasure in life**  
**hegemony authority, domination**  
**histrionic overly dramatic**  
**homogeneous uniform**  
**hyperbole exaggeration**  
**hypocritical deceiving, two-faced**  
**iconoclast one who rails against**  
**sacred institutions**  
**idiosyncrasy peculiarity**  
**imminent about to happen**  
**impecunious indigent**  
**imperative vital, pressing**  
**imperturbable calm**  
**impervious impenetrable**

**impetuous impulsive**  
**implicit implied**  
**impolitic unwise**  
**impulsive to act suddenly**  
**impunity exemption from harm**  
**inadvertent unintentional**  
**incendiary inflammatory**  
**incipient beginning**  
**incontrovertible indisputable**  
**Incorrigible unreformable**  
**indifferent unconcerned**  
**indigent poor**  
**indolent lazy**  
**indomitable invincible**  
**ineffable inexpressible**  
**inert inactive**  
**inherent innate, inborn**  
**inhibit restrain**  
**inimical adverse, hostile**  
**insatiable gluttonous**  
**insidious treacherous**  
**insipid flat, dull**  
**insufferable unbearable**  
**insular narrow-minded**  
**intangible not perceptible by touch**  
**internecine mutually destructive**  
**intractable unmanageable**  
**intrepid fearless**  
**inundate flood**  
**inure accustom, habituate, harden**  
**invective verbal insult**  
**inveigle lure**  
**irascible irritable**  
**irresolute hesitant, uncertain**  
**itinerary route**  
**judicious prudent**  
**laconic brief, terse**  
**lassitude lethargy**  
**laudatory commendable**  
**levity frivolity**  
**lucid clearly understood**  
**lurid ghastly**  
**Machiavellian politically crafty, cunning**  
**magnanimous generous, kindhearted**

**magnate** a powerful, successful person  
**malevolence** bad intent, malice  
**malinger** shirk  
**malleable** moldable, tractable  
**misanthrope** hater of mankind  
**miscreant** evildoer  
**mitigate** lessen the severity  
**mundane** ordinary  
**nadir** lowest point  
**narcissism** self-love  
**nascent** incipient  
**neologism** newly coined expression  
**nonplus** confound  
**noxious** toxic  
**obfuscate** bewilder, muddle  
**obtuse** stupid  
**obviate** make unnecessary  
**odious** despicable  
**officious** forward, obtrusive  
**omnipotent** all-powerful  
**onerous** burdensome  
**opprobrium** disgrace  
**oscillate** waver  
**paeon** a song of praise  
**paradigm** a model  
**paragon** standard of excellence  
**parody** imitation, ridicule  
**parsimonious** stingy  
**paucity** scarcity  
**pedagogical** pertaining to teaching  
**pedantic** bookish  
**penchant** inclination  
**penury** poverty  
**pernicious** destructive  
**perpetuity** eternity  
**perspicacious** keen  
**pervade** permeate  
**philanthropic** charitable  
**phlegmatic** sluggish  
**piety** devoutness  
**pious** devout, holy  
**piquant** tart-tasting, spicy  
**pithy** concise  
**platitude** trite remark

platonic nonsexual  
plethora overabundance  
polemic controversy  
posthumous after death  
pragmatic practical  
precarious dangerous, risky  
precipitate cause  
precursor forerunner  
preponderance predominance  
presumptuous assuming  
pretentious affected, inflated  
pretext excuse  
prevaricate lie  
probity integrity  
problematic uncertain  
prodigal wasteful  
prodigious marvelous, enormous  
prodigy a person with extraordinary  
ability or talent  
profligate licentious, prodigal  
profound deep, knowledgeable  
profusion overabundance  
prolific fruitful, productive  
propensity inclination  
proportionate commensurate  
propriety decorum  
prosaic uninspired, flat  
proscribe prohibit  
protuberance bulge  
pundit politically astute person  
pungent sharp smell or taste  
qualms misgivings  
quash put down, suppress  
querulous complaining  
quixotic impractical, romantic  
raconteur story teller  
recalcitrant stubborn  
recant retract  
redoubtable formidable, steadfast  
refractory obstinate  
relegate assign to an inferior position  
renege break a promise  
renounce disown  
reprehensible blameworthy

reproach blame  
reprobate miscreant  
repudiate disavow  
requisite necessary  
rescind revoke  
resolute determined  
reticent reserved  
retribution reprisal  
reverent respectful  
rhapsody ecstasy  
rhetoric elocution, grandiloquence  
sanctimonious self-righteous  
sanction approval  
sanguinary gory, murderous  
sate satisfy fully  
satire ridicule  
schism rift  
secular worldly, nonreligious  
sedulous diligent  
severance division  
skeptical doubtful  
solicitous considerate, concerned  
solvent financially sound  
sophistry specious reasoning  
specious false but plausible  
spurious false, counterfeit  
squander waste  
stolid impassive  
stupefy deaden, dumfound  
stymie hinder, thwart  
sullen sulky, sour  
supercilious arrogant  
superfluous overabundant  
surfeit overabundance  
synthesis combination  
tacit understood without being spoken  
temerity boldness  
tenuous thin, insubstantial  
terse concise  
torpid lethargic, inactive  
tractable docile, manageable  
transient fleeting, temporary  
Trenchant incisive, penetrating  
truculent fierce, savage

ubiquitous omnipresent, pervasive  
ulterior hidden, covert  
Untenable cannot be achieved  
untoward perverse  
urbane refined, worldly  
vacillate waver  
venerable revered  
veracity truthfulness  
verbose wordy  
vernacular common speech  
vex annoy  
viable capable of surviving  
vilify defame  
virulent deadly, poisonous  
vitriolic scathing  
Catastrophic appalling, disastrous  
vituperative abusive  
vivacious lively  
volatile unstable  
voluminous bulky, extensive  
voracious hungry  
xenophobia fear of foreigners  
zealot fanatic

## **WORD CATEGORIES**

abandoned, neglected derelict dilapidated remiss  
absorb, learn assimilate imbibe  
abstract, profound abstruse esoteric recondite  
academic matriculate  
accompanying concomitant consort corollary  
addition, increase accretion accrue affix aggrandize amplify annex append  
addition, increase augment compound concatenate cumulative wax  
agree, similar, harmony accede acquiesce assent concerted concord concur conformity  
agree, similar,  
harmony congruent consensus consonance covenant jibe kindred palatable  
agree, similar, harmony parity rapport unanimity  
agriculture, land, estate, trees agrarian alluvial arable arboretum arid conifer defoliate  
agriculture, land, estate, trees domicile enclave fallow foliage frond fructify fruition  
agriculture, land, estate, trees horticultural humus peon reaper tract vassal verdant  
agriculture, land, estate, trees yeoman yield  
air, attitude, charm bravado charisma condescend defeatist deign mincing patronize  
analyze, estimate, measure appraise assay assess disquisition dissection exalt mete  
anatomy, body features ciliated clavicle hackles hirsute lineaments palate swarthy



anatomy, body features tactile  
ancient, obsolete antedeluvian antiquated archaic pristine  
anger, offence bristling incense indignation irate seethe umbrage wrath  
animals, birds, insects aerie apiary aviary bestial canine carapace carnivorous  
animals, birds, insects dorsal entomology equine ewe fancier feral fleece  
animals, birds,  
insects herbivorous herpetologist ichthyology leonine low menagerie omnivorous  
animals, birds, insects ornithologist pachyderm prehensile simian spawn talon tanner  
animals, birds, insects ursine ventral vivisection vixen vulpine warren whelp  
animals, birds, insects whinny  
annoy, irritation, vex badger chagrin exasperate fester fret gadfly gall  
annoy, irritation, vex irascible irksome nettle pique provocative rankle rile  
annoy, irritation, vex testy touchy  
apart, separate, split, isolate alienate aloof asunder cleave cleft disjointed disjunction  
apart, separate, split, isolate dislodge dismantle dismember estranged polarize rend rift  
apart, separate, split, isolate schism seclusion sequester sunder winnow  
appearance, dressing,  
grooming bedizen cherubic coiffure comely countenance dapper disheveled  
appearance, dressing, grooming doff don dowdy foppish guise mangy mode  
appearance, dressing,  
grooming natty personable physiognomy preen primp pulchritude ragamuffin  
appearance, dressing, grooming semblance spruce unkempt unprepossessing visage  
approval approbation  
architecture, roads alcove arcade arroyo citadel cornice dormer façade  
architecture, roads gargoyle grotto hovel levee monolithic obelisk parquet  
architecture, roads rotunda scaffold  
art, drama collage connoisseur conservatory daub dilettante embroider fresco  
art, drama histrionic milieu mosaic motif mural palette pantomime  
art, drama proscenium repertoire soliloquy thespian virtuoso  
artificial, pretended,  
deliberate affected calculated contrived dissimulate factitious feign mannered  
artificial, pretended, deliberate poseur posture sham studied subterfuge unctuous  
artistic, skillful, versatile adroit aesthetic deft dexterous finesse protean prowess  
assertion, statement affirmation aver avow  
assistance abet accomplice connivance succor  
astronomical apogee asteroid astral aureole auroral cosmic lunar  
astronomical perigee sidereal solstice stellar  
attack, invade, intrude aggressor assail beleaguer coup incursion interloper onslaught  
attack, invade, intrude waylay  
attract, entice, tempt allure cynosure engage entice provocative savory  
audience, attention enrapture enthrall oblivious ovation rapt riveting  
auspicious, advantageous propitious  
avoid avert eschew evade ineluctable inevitable  
balance equipoise

banal, unoriginal hackneyed platitude prosaic trite  
beg beseech entreat implore importune mendicant suppliant  
belief credence credulity doctrine dogma tenet  
blessing, prayer benediction benison boon hallowed invocation litany supplicate  
bold, shameless audacious barefaced effrontery temerity  
boredom blasé ennui tedium  
calm, bliss, heavenly beatific elysian ethereal halcyon placid quietude serenity  
calm, bliss, heavenly sublime tranquillity  
cancel, boycott, ban abolish abrogate countermand embargo expunge interdict ostracize  
cancel, boycott, ban proscribe repeal rescind revoke  
cautious, care,  
prudence chary circumspect conscientious discretion gingerly impolitic judicious  
cautious, care, prudence lax leery methodical scrupulous wary  
ceremony, procession cavalcade fanfare fete inaugurate mace ordination rubric  
certainty, risk certitude irresolute precarious vacillate  
chain, tie down, enslave enthrall fetter indenture servitude shackle thrall  
chaos, commotion disarray ferment hubbub tumult uproarious  
chief, first cardinal  
clarity elucidate limpid lucid pellucid perspicuity turbid  
cleanse, correct,  
sanctify bowdlerize catharsis chasten consecrate disabuse distill expurgate  
cleanse, correct, sanctify purge sacrosanct sublimate  
cloying, excessively sentimental maudlin mawkish saccharine  
coax, encourage, force, stimulate cajole coercion exhort goad hortatory impel impetus  
coax, encourage, force, stimulate incite induce instigate inveigle solicit wheedle whet  
colors ashen azure blanch brindled cadaverous denigrate florid  
colors aspect iridescent jaundiced kaleidoscope livid mauve nuance  
colors pallid piebald pied ruddy sallow variegated wan  
combination,  
gathering agglomerate aggregate amalgamate coalesce conglomeration garner glean  
combination, gathering muster yoke  
common, ordinary nondescript pedestrian plebeian quotidian  
complaint grievance grouse misgivings quibble repine  
complete complement consummate counterpart plenary  
concise, terse aphoristic brevity laconic pithy sententious succinct  
confuse, dilemma, puzzle,  
unclear addle baffle befuddle bemused confound conundrum discombobulate  
confuse, dilemma, puzzle,  
unclear discomfit disconcert elliptical embroil enigma equivocate faze  
confuse, dilemma, puzzle,  
unclear fluster hazy imbroglia incoherent knotty labyrinth mire  
confuse, dilemma, puzzle,  
unclear nebulous nonplus obfuscate pell-mell quandary rebus stymie  
confuse, dilemma, puzzle, unclear turmoil welter

conspire collusion connivance machinations  
continuity breach episodic fitful halting hiatus incessant intermittent  
continuity lull piecemeal spasmodic sporadic  
contrast, oppose, difference antithesis belie cavil contend contest contravene controvert  
contrast, oppose,  
difference converse demur discord discrepancy disparate dissent dissonance  
contrast, oppose,  
difference divergent foil friction irreconcilable militate recrimination remonstrance  
control ascendancy  
convincing cogent  
courageous dauntless fortitude gamely pluck prowess valor venturesome  
craft and tools artifact artisan awl chisel emboss figurine filigree  
craft and tools pestle tessellated vise  
crime, blame and  
acquittal conviction culpable exculpate exonerate felon implicate impunity  
crime, blame and  
acquittal incriminate misdemeanor peccadillo perpetrate recidivism reprehensible scapegoat  
crime, blame and acquittal vindicate  
curse, evil anathema bane canker execrate exorcise imprecation malediction  
curse, evil sinister  
dangerous,  
threatening formidable hazardous jeopardize minatory ominous pitfall precipice  
dangerous, threatening predicament quagmire redoubtable virulent  
death, loss, ghost apparition bereavement cadaver carrion casualty crypt epitaph  
death, loss,  
ghost mausoleum moribund mortician obsequy posthumous sepulcher spectral  
death, loss, ghost stygian  
deception, trickery, theft artifice beguile bilk chicanery chisel cozen delude  
deception, trickery, theft dupe duplicity embezzle filch guile gull hoodwink  
deception, trickery,  
theft illusory kleptomaniac larceny machiavellian malfeasance mirage mulct  
deception, trickery, theft skulduggery swindler vulpine  
decrease, shorten,  
cut abbreviate abridge abscission amputate attrition curtail decapitate  
decrease, shorten, cut deplete diminution excise hew nip prune sever  
decrease, shorten, cut truncate wane whittle  
degradation,  
pollution abase adulteration besmirch contaminate debase debauch desecrate  
degradation, pollution profane sacrilegious squalor sully taint  
demanding exacting hypercritical importunate peremptory  
depressed, discontent,  
grieving crestfallen despondent disconsolate disgruntle distraught doldrums dolorous  
depressed, discontent,  
grieving downcast forlorn funereal lament languor lassitude lugubrious

depressed, discontent,  
grieving malcontent melancholy morose plaintive saturnine solicitous somber  
depressed, discontent, grieving wistful  
deprivation, lack bereft dearth devoid divest paucity  
describe, outline delineate graphic limn  
desire pine yen  
destroy, disease, disaster,  
damage annihilate blighted debacle dire exigency impasse internecine  
destroy, disease, disaster,  
damage malady marred morbid obliterate pathological perdition pernicious  
destroy, disease, disaster, damage raze saboteur subversive  
deviation, abnormality aberration anomaly atypical  
difficult, severe, burden,  
fatigue arduous ascetic astringent austere condign cumbersome dogged  
difficult, severe, burden,  
fatigue draconian encumber exertion grapple gruelling incubus indefatigable  
difficult, severe, burden, fatigue jaded laborious languor lassitude onerous onus ordeal  
difficult, severe, burden, fatigue pall privation  
digging, burying disinter exhume inter quarry unearth  
diligence, sincerity application assiduous industrious sedulous  
disapproval,  
lament disapprobation bemoan decry deprecate disparage reproach reprobation  
discourage,  
obstruct deterrent dishearten hamper hindrance impede impediment inhibit  
disgrace ignominy  
disguise, anonymity dissemble imposture incognito  
disown, deny disavowal disclaim gainsay recant renege renounce repudiate  
display, show off flaunt ostensible ostentatious  
distress, suffering,  
pain affliction anguish harrowing masochist throes travail tribulation  
distress, suffering, pain woe writhe  
disturb, unrest, agitate disquietude foment frantic frenetic overwrought roil turbulence  
division,  
classification bifurcation codify dichotomy graduated phylum ramification stratified  
division, classification taxonomist  
doubt dubious indubitable misgivings qualms skeptic  
dull, mild, placid bland bleak bovine dingy dispirited dour drab  
dull, mild, placid equable humdrum lacklustre vapid  
eagerness alacrity avid exuberance gusto zeal  
easy, fluent facile glib voluble  
embarrass abash  
endure, tolerate brook countenance weather  
entry, exit adit egress entrée exodus  
error, mistake blunder bungle fallacious fallible gaffe inerrancy infallible

**error, mistake misapprehension**

**example,**

**embodiment epitome exemplary exemplify paradigm paragon quintessence stereotype  
excess, profusion barrage bountiful copious cornucopia exorbitant exuberance fulsome**

**excess, profusion glut inordinate luxuriant plenitude plethora prolific rife**

**excess, profusion unconscionable**

**excited, joyous, happy agog blithe ebullient effervescent euphoria felicity frenzied**

**excited, joyous, happy furor**

**extent commensurate pandemic perennial perpetual pervasive**

**extraneous extrinsic supererogatory superfluous supernumerary**

**fabric, cloth, fashion brocade decollette modish outmoded passe raiment rakish**

**fabric, cloth, fashion ravel rent sartorial spangle threadbare toga vogue**

**fairness, justice equitable equity evenhanded objective**

**familiar, accustomed conversant habituate inured unwonted wont**

**family, relations,**

**kinship affinity ancestry atavism avuncular consanguinity filial forebears**

**family, relations,**

**kinship genealogy lineage nepotism primogeniture progenitor progeny propinquity**

**fantasy, magic, imaginative,**

**unreal chimerical conjure entrance fancied figment hallucination incantation**

**fantasy, magic, imaginative,**

**unreal legerdemain mesmerize necromancy preternatural quixotic reverie sleight**

**fantasy, magic, imaginative, unreal visionary wizardry**

**fear, terror, intimidation cow daunt intimidate intrepid petrify quail qualm**

**fear, terror, intimidation timorous trepidation**

**fickle, rash,**

**whim capricious finicky foolhardy headstrong impetuous mercurial mutability**

**fickle, rash, whim precipitate vagary**

**filled, satisfied, rich, full fraught imbue replete sate satiate slake succulent**

**filled, satisfied, rich, full surfeit**

**fire conflagration holocaust ignite incendiary kindle pyromaniac sear**

**fire smolder stoke**

**fleeting ephemeral evanescent fugitive temporal transient transitory**

**flexibility,**

**openness adamant amenable compliance compliant doctrinarian dogmatic ductile**

**flexibility, openness limber lithe malleable plasticity pliable resilient supple**

**foil balk**

**food and drink, utensils alimentary bouillon buffet carafe chalice colander collation**

**food and drink,**

**utensils comestible condiments cuisine culinary dyspeptic epicure gastronomy**

**food and drink, utensils glutton gorge gourmand gourmet gruel gustatory knead**

**food and drink, utensils lap larder masticate potable provender purveyor quaff**

**food and drink, utensils refectory repast ruminate swill tureen venison viand**

**food and drink, utensils victuals vintner**

fortunate, unlucky, accidental,  
fate adventitious fortuitous hap misadventure mischance mishap quirk  
fortunate, unlucky, accidental, fate serendipity untoward vicissitude windfall  
freedom emancipate extricate manumit  
friend, approachable,  
agreeable accessible affable amiable amicable camaraderie confidant congenial  
friend, approachable, agreeable winsome  
generous, doing  
good altruistic beneficent benevolent benign magnanimity munificent philanthropist  
geography, nature archipelago avalanche bluff cartography cascade cataract deluge  
geography, nature ford gorge hinterlands hummock igneous inundate isthmus  
geography, nature knoll lagoon legend ligneous maelstrom miasma obsidian  
geography, nature precipice promontory rivulet silt stratum torrent tundra  
geography, nature vortex  
gesture, facial expression,  
action askance chortle contortion cower cringe ejaculation gloat  
gesture, facial expression,  
action grimace guffaw obeisance prostrate purse simper smirk  
gesture, facial expression, action snicker snivel titillate tremor tremulous wince  
giving, gift benefactor bestow endue largess  
government, political,  
leadership anarchy apolitical authoritarian autocratic autonomous bureaucracy civil  
government, political,  
leadership demagogue depose despot domineer gerontocracy hegemony matriarch  
government, political,  
leadership monarchy oligarchy patriarch plutocracy polity reactionary theocracy  
gratitude ingrate  
greed avarice covetous cupidity rapacious ravenous voracious  
group, circle, meeting, crowd bevy cabal caucus clique conclave contingent convene  
group, circle, meeting, crowd convoke coterie credo creed ethos faction factious  
group, circle, meeting, crowd intelligentsia parley quorum rendezvous throng tryst  
harass bait beset besiege browbeat harry heckler  
harmful, harmless baleful deleterious detrimental fell innocuous insalubrious lethal  
harmful, harmless malevolent malignant noxious pestilential  
hatred, hostility, enmity,  
resentment abominate adversary adverse animosity animus antagonism antipathy  
hatred, hostility, enmity,  
resentment aversion begrudge contempt disdain inimical loathe malaise  
hatred, hostility, enmity,  
resentment malicious misanthrope misogynist odious odium rancor repugnance  
hatred, hostility, enmity, resentment spurn xenophobia  
honesty, straightforwardness candor forthright  
immature, inexperienced,  
rudiment callow embryonic fledgling inchoate neophyte novice puerile

immature, inexperienced, rudiment sophomoric tyro unfledged  
imply, allege,  
indicate betoken connotation contention innuendo insinuate purported putative  
important,  
superior momentous paramount preeminent preponderance salient transcendent  
improve ameliorate salutary  
inclination, aptitude, ability averse bent caliber capacity flair panache penchant  
inclination, aptitude, ability predilection predispose proclivity propensity  
indifference, impassive,  
insensitive apathy callous deadpan detached disinterested insensate insensible  
indifference, impassive, insensitive insouciant loath nonchalance phlegmatic stoic stolid  
influence, influential, eminent clout foist magnate mogul subliminal susceptible tycoon  
inform apprise intimate  
innocence, lack of pretence artless guileless gullible ingenuous naivete  
insignificant, trivial, empty bauble cipher dregs dross inconsequential insubstantial iota  
insignificant, trivial, empty minutiae mote paltry petty pittance puny scanty  
insignificant, trivial, empty slag sleazy sparse trifling trinket vacuous whit  
insolent brazen impertinent impudent irreverence pert  
insult, criticism,  
slander affront animadversion aspersion calumny derogatory detraction discredit  
insult, criticism, slander indignity invective libel obloquy opprobrium revile slight  
insult, criticism, slander slur traduce vilify  
intention purport  
intolerance,  
narrowmindedness bigotry insularity myopic parochial philistine provincial  
intoxication, numb bacchanalian carousal inebriated orgy sobriety sodden stupefy  
intoxication, numb stupor tipple  
involvement, participation complicity  
joking, teasing badinage bantering chaffing facetious jocose quizzical tantalize  
knowledge, logic,  
understanding assumption axiom causal cerebral cognitive cognizance congruence  
knowledge, logic,  
understanding conjecture construe contingent correlation dialectical empirical epistemology  
knowledge, logic, understanding exegesis extrapolation fathom gloss  
over impalpable implausible implicit  
knowledge, logic,  
understanding imponderable inductive intangible interpolate ken misconstrue neologism  
knowledge, logic,  
understanding nexus omniscience ponderous postulate premise propound ratiocination  
knowledge, logic,  
understanding rationale refute schematic smattering sophistry specious substantiate  
knowledge, logic,  
understanding supposition supposititious surmise syllogism symbiotic tangential tantamount  
knowledge, logic,

understanding tautological touchstone truism unexceptionable untenable validate  
lacking seriousness and  
depth cursory dabble flippant frivolous jaunty lackadaisical levity  
lacking seriousness and depth offhand perfunctory slapdash slipshod superficial  
lazy, sluggish indolent inert laggard languid lethargic slothful sluggish  
lazy, sluggish torpor  
legal, legislative, official adjuration affidavit arbiter arbitrate arraign attest beneficiary  
legal, legislative, official bequeath bicameral clientele codicil codify communal compact  
legal, legislative, official consign curator default deposition disenfranchise docket edict  
legal, legislative, official emissary enjoin expropriate fiat filibuster forensic franchise  
legal, legislative, official functionary gavel gazette gerrymander hireling illicit impeach  
legal, legislative, official inalienable indict infraction jurisprudence legacy liaison lien  
legal, legislative,  
official litigation mandate manifesto moratorium ordain ordinance perjury  
legal, legislative, official preamble prerogative promulgate protocol proviso proxy ratify  
legal, legislative, official reprieve retroactive rider shyster statute suborn subpoena  
legal, legislative, official suffragist tender testator title tribunal vitiate vouchsafe  
legal, legislative, official writ  
linguistic argot cognate etymology jargon lexicographer lexicon litotes  
linguistic malapropism onomatopoeia orthography parlance patois philology polyglot  
linguistic rhetoric simile solecism spoonerism vernacular  
literary allegory alliteration anthology bard canon canto compendium  
literary context denouement dissertation doggerel elegy ellipsis emend  
literary epic epilogue excerpt genre metaphor miscellany parable  
literary paraphrase precis prologue prosody recast satire scenario  
literary stanza treatise trilogy vignette wry  
lively, active animated convivial frisky rousing skittish spry verve  
lively, active vivacious  
local endemic homespun indigenous  
love enamored  
loyalty, faith allegiance fidelity stalwart steadfast troth  
lustful, indecent, flirt amorous bawdy coquette erotic expletive incontinent lascivious  
lustful, indecent,  
flirt lechery lewd libidinous licentious paramour philanderer promiscuous  
lustful, indecent, flirt prurient ribald salacious scurrilous  
luxurious, spacious capacious commodious  
marital alimony annul betroth conjugal connubial misogamy nubile  
marital nuptial polygamist uxorious  
materialism,  
spiritualism carnal corporeal monastic mundane platonic regeneration somatic  
materialism, spiritualism worldly  
meddle officious pry  
medical, medicinal ambulatory analgesic anemia anesthetic anodyne antidote antiseptic  
medical,



medicinal aphasia apothecary aseptic astigmatism autopsy carcinogenic cataract  
medical, medicinal cathartic cauterize chronic congenital contagion contusion delirium  
medical, medicinal elixir emetic euthanasia febrile forensic hypochondriac laceration  
medical, medicinal lachrymose lancet nostrum oculist optometrist panacea paranoia  
medical,  
medicinal placebo podiatrist poultice prognosis prophylactic quarantine remission  
medical, medicinal stanch suture unguent  
memory memento memorialize mnemonic reminiscence  
military, defense, war,  
strategy armada arsenal barrage bellicose besiege bivouac bulwark  
military, defense, war,  
strategy centurion cipher cohort commandeer confiscate conscript deploy  
military, defense, war,  
strategy foray galleon infiltrate martial militant rampart reconnaissance  
military, defense, war, strategy sentinel stockade vantage  
mischief frolicsome waggish  
miserly, frugal,  
prodigal husband husbandry improvident niggardly parsimony skinflint spendthrift  
miserly, frugal, prodigal tightwad  
mock, imitate, mimic, ridicule burlesque caricature deride emulate flout gibe lampoon  
mock, imitate, mimic, ridicule parody satirical scoff travesty  
money, financial, accounts actuarial annuity arrears audit defray disburse emolument  
money, financial, accounts exchequer extort gouge gratis gratuity haggle impecunious  
money, financial, accounts insolvent levy liability liquidate lucrative lucre mercantile  
money, financial,  
accounts mercenary pecuniary perquisite prohibitive rebate reimburse remission  
money, financial, accounts remunerative solvent stipend subsidy tithe tribute usury  
motion amble bolt canter careen clamber flit flounder  
motion gait gambol hover hurtle levitate list lope  
motion lumber lunge meander motility palpitate peripatetic pulsate  
motion saunter scurry shunt slither strut swerve totter  
motion veer wallow welter writhe  
motivate, motive actuate incentive ulterior  
music, musical instruments aria cadence cantata carillon clapper clarion coda  
music, musical instruments crescendo dirge diva knell libretto opus oratorio  
music, musical instruments paeon reprise requiem staccato tempo timbre unison  
mythology amazon ambrosia centaur phoenix saga satyr  
name, title appellation caption denotation misnomer  
necessary, core imperative integral kernel pith pivotal requisite substantive  
negative, bad,  
notorious diabolical egregious exceptionable execrable flagrant heinous infamous  
negative, bad,  
notorious infernal iniquitous malefactor nefarious pejorative perverse scurvy  
negative, bad, notorious seamy seedy sordid stigma

obligation, duty beholden behoove devolve incumbent mandatory  
obvious blatant glaring manifest overt patent unequivocal  
occupation avocation diversion  
odor acrid balmy effluvium fetid malodorous musky musty  
odor noisome odoriferous olfactory pungent putrid rancid redolent  
odor reek septic whiff  
open, close occlude orifice pry  
opinion, debate, vote,  
controversy canvass deadlock dialectical elicit marshal polemic stalemate  
origin, beginning aboriginal archetype genesis inception incipient matrix nascent  
origin, beginning prefatory prelude primordial prototype provenance seminal  
ornament, jewellery brooch cameo chase circlet diadem embellish embroider  
ornament, jewellery epaulet frieze garnish trappings  
ornate, gaudy baroque flamboyant garish meretricious rococo tawdry  
outlaw, prison,  
rogue buccaneer confine contraband depredation desperado despoil extradition  
outlaw, prison, rogue flay fleece grill immure incarcerate inquisitor knave  
outlaw, prison, rogue libertine manacle miscreant pillage ravage  
outwit, defeat, subdue circumvent discomfit foil prevail quash quell repress  
outwit, defeat, subdue rout scotch stifle subjugate surmount thwart  
overwhelm inundate  
pacify, appease allay implacable mitigate mollify palliate placate propitiate  
pacify, appease reconcile  
pamper coddle mollicoddle  
passion ardor fanaticism fervent fervid rabid torrid zealot  
patterns, changes checkered dappled fleck fluted flux immutable labile  
patterns, changes maculated metamorphosis motley mottled stipple striated transmute  
patterns, changes volatile  
peak, lowest point acme apex climactic culmination heyday nadir pinnacle  
peak, lowest point trough vertex zenith  
perceive apprehend discern inkling insightful intuition sagacious  
perfection, precise,  
ideal immaculate impeccable irreproachable nicety niggle peerless punctilious  
perfection, precise, ideal stickler utopia  
period, time coeval concurrent eon epoch imminent impending interim  
period, time posterity precedent precursor synchronous vanguard yore  
philosophy existential fatalism hedonist metaphysical  
physique buxom corpulent emaciated flaccid gaunt haggard lank  
physique portly squat  
pity, sympathy,  
feeling commiserate condole empathy evocative humane pathos poignant  
pity, sympathy, feeling sentient  
poise, behavior,  
clumsy aplomb comport composure demeanor equanimity gauche genteel

poise, behavior, clumsy gentility lout maladroit ungainly unwieldy  
pompous bombastic grandiloquent grandiose inflated magniloquent megalomania rant  
pompous rave rhapsodize stilted tumid verbiage  
popularity ingratiate lionize luminary pander  
posture recumbent sedentary supine  
poverty, misery abject destitute indigence pauper penury  
praise, flattery acclaim adulation blandishment encomium eulogy extol kudos  
praise, flattery laud panegyric plaudit rave tout  
precious metals and stones bullion carat facet touchstone  
preempt, obviate forestall preclude supersede  
prejudiced jaundiced partisan tendentious  
presence omnipresent ubiquitous  
pride, arrogance,  
boasting blowhard braggadocio braggart cavalier conceit consequential haughtiness  
pride, arrogance,  
boasting hubris imperious magisterial narcissist overbearing overweening prate  
pride, arrogance, boasting presumptuous pretentious supercilious vainglorious vaunted  
produce, cause, grow, result beget burgeon coin conception concoct effectual efficacy  
produce, cause, grow, result effusive emanate engender ensue exude fabricate fruition  
produce, cause, grow,  
result germinal germinate gestate improvise loom proliferate prompt  
produce, cause, grow, result rampant repercussion stem from upshot  
promise, assurance, security collateral indemnify  
proper apposite expedient felicitous impropriety prim propriety prude  
proper seemly

properties buoyant diaphanous gossamer impalpable impassable impenetrable impregnable  
properties incorporeal indissoluble intangible navigable osseous palpable precipitous  
properties tangible tensile tenuous wispy  
prophetic,  
foreshadow apocalyptic augury bode clairvoyant divine foreboding harbinger  
prophetic,  
foreshadow oracular portend portent premonition presage prescience presentiment  
prophetic, foreshadow prognosticate sibylline  
protection, refuge aegis asylum bastion harbor haven sanctuary tutelary  
punishment castigation chastise flay mortify penance pillory punitive  
punishment scourge  
push, pull obtrude oust protrude wrench wrest  
quarrel, quarrelsome,  
fight altercation belligerent bicker contentious disputatious fracas fray  
quarrel, quarrelsome, fight impugn melee polemical pugnacity scuffle skirmish spat  
quarrel, quarrelsome, fight squabble vendetta wrangle  
queer droll  
range gamut

read, examine, search browse collate peruse plumb pore probe rummage  
read, examine, search scavenge scrutinize  
rebellion, upheaval cataclysm insurgency insurrection  
records, history, remains annals antecedents archives chronicle log relic vestige  
refer advert allude apropos ascribe attribute impute  
refreshing, energizing exhilarating  
regret, remorse compunction contrite deplore impenitent penitent rue  
rejoice, celebrate exult festive revelry  
relative position, position abut adjacent collateral contiguous hindmost juxtapose lofty  
relative position, position nether plumb proximity superimpose  
relieve, reduce abate alleviate assuage balm ebb emollient quench  
relieve, reduce retrench sap  
religion, church, clergy,  
tradition agnostic apotheosis atheist blasphemy canon cant catechism  
religion, church, clergy,  
tradition cloister defrock ecclesiastic genuflect heresy icon iconoclastic  
religion, church, clergy, tradition idolatry immolate infidel laity lectern limbo mores  
religion, church, clergy,  
tradition nihilist orthodox pharisaical pontifical prelate proselytize purgatory  
religion, church, clergy,  
tradition sanctimonious secular seminary temporal tonsure unfrock  
remedy, compensation, relief redress reparation respite restitution  
renunciation,  
restraint abdicate abjure abnegation abstain abstemious celibate continence  
renunciation, restraint forgo forsake forswear pinion refrain stem teetotalism  
renunciation, restraint temperate wanton  
respect, polite, courteous chivalrous comity deference esteem reverent venerable  
restrict, limit, confine bate circumscribe cordon duress  
retort, retaliation comeuppance rebuff rebuttal rejoinder repartee reprisal  
revenge avenge nemesis requite retribution vindictive wreak  
revive, restore, renovate recuperate refurbish rehabilitate rejuvenate resuscitate  
rhythm, periodicty arrhythmic  
ridiculous, laughable ludicrous preposterous  
rooted, habit, established entrenched ingrained inherent innate intrinsic inveterate  
roundabout circuitous devious  
royalty, nobility aristocracy gentry imperial interregnum patrician regal regicide  
royalty, nobility usurp  
rural, rustic bucolic idyllic madrigal provincial sylvan  
sarcastic, sharp, bitter acerbity acidulous acrimonious barb brusque captious carping  
sarcastic, sharp, bitter caustic censorious censure gall incisive invidious irony  
sarcastic, sharp,  
bitter mordant pungent sardonic stricture trenchant vitriolic vituperative  
sayings, expressions,  
lessons anecdote aphorism apothegm cliché dictum epigram epithet

sayings, expressions, lessons euphemism idiom maxim precept  
scholar erudite pedant pundit sage savant  
science and engineering acoustics alchemy anneal automaton ballast bolt calorific  
science and engineering coagulate cog conduit congeal culvert die extrude  
science and engineering fulcrum gyroscope homeostasis lode paleontology sluice strut  
scold berate chide diatribe excoriate expostulation inveigh malign  
scold pan rail rant rebuke reprimand reprove tirade  
scold upbraid  
scope, relevance,  
strength categorical compelling conclusive definitive germane inclusive incontrovertible  
scope, relevance, strength pertinent plausible provisional qualified subsume ultimate  
secret, hiding, mysterious arcane cache camouflage clandestine covert cryptic furtive  
secret, hiding, mysterious hermetic insidious latent lurk occult potential privy  
secret, hiding, mysterious runic secrete skulk sphinx-like surreptitious  
see, glimpse, look, view descry gawk ogle panoramic surveillance voyeur  
selection, variety,  
mixed cull eclectic manifold medley multifarious potpourri promiscuous  
selection, variety, mixed sundry  
senility, old age, eccentricity crone crotchety doddering dotage dote hoary longevity  
senility, old age, eccentricity superannuated  
servile, fawning,  
servant complaisant grovel minion obsequious retinue subservient sycophant  
servile, fawning, servant toady  
shapes, form amorphous angular anthropomorphic aquiline askew awry corrugated  
shapes, form garbled gnarled ovoid rotundity serpentine serrated sinuous  
shapes, form tortuous whorl  
sharpness, keenness acuity acumen acute astute perspicacious  
shining burnish glimmer glossy incandescent lumen luster opalescent  
shining refulgent resplendent scintillate shimmer  
shock aghast appall dumbfound galvanize  
show, prove, demonstrate evince explicate expository  
shrewd, thrifty canny provident stint  
sin, pardon absolve amnesty atone condone expiate remission reprobate  
sin, pardon transgression venial  
size, quantity behemoth colossal exiguous gargantuan girth illimitable infinitesimal  
size,  
quantity juggernaut lilliputian mammoth minuscule modicum monumental myriad  
size, quantity prodigious scad scintilla slew stint titanic  
sleep comatose cubicle dormant insomnia opiate quiescent somnambulist  
sleep somnolent soporific  
social sciences anthropology demographic ethnology  
sound cacophonous clamor clangor din dulcet euphony grate  
sound mellifluous raspy raucous resonant reverberate rotundity sonorous  
sound stentorian strident

speech, oration,  
presentation articulate bandy babble belabor broach circumlocution cite  
speech, oration,  
presentation colloquial colloquy convoluted desultory digression discourse discursive  
speech, oration,  
presentation drone elaboration eloquence enunciate expatiate harangue harping  
speech, oration,  
presentation ineffable jabber mealymouthed oblique peroration perspicuous prattle  
speech, oration, presentation quip raconteur ramble rationalize recount regale reiterate  
speech, oration, presentation rostrum slur ventriloquist waffle warble witticism  
speed, promptness, haste,  
sudden celerity dispatch expedite meteoric plummet precipitate precipitous  
speed, promptness, haste, sudden slacken spate  
sport, adventure barb equestrian escapade feint ferret gambit piscatorial  
sport, adventure pugilist regatta seine  
spread disseminate strew suffuse  
stick, cling cleave cohere glutinous viscid  
stop, hesitate, end balk cessation flinch scruple valedictory  
strange, weird exotic grotesque idiosyncrasy outlandish quaint uncanny unearthly  
strength, strengthen consolidate forte hardy mettle omnipotent potent puissant  
strength, strengthen robust sinewy stalwart  
strike, bump, touch impinge jostle  
stupid, clowning, insane asinine bufoonery demented deranged dolt drivell fatuous  
stupid, clowning, insane imbecile inane maniacal oaf obtuse stultify witless  
stupid, clowning, insane zany  
subordinate,  
auxiliary accessory addendum adjunct adjutant ancillary appurtenances subaltern  
subordinate, auxiliary subsidiary  
support adherent advocacy apologist bolster buttress champion constituent  
support corroborate embrace espouse jingoist martyr proponent  
surface glaze incrustation patina slough veneer verdigris  
surrender, yield cede cession concede concession disgorge indulgent inexorable  
surrender,  
yield intransigence monolithic obdurate obstinate recalcitrant relinquish submissive  
surrender, yield succumb waive wean  
talkative garrulous loquacious  
taste acetic brackish insipid luscious piquant saline savor  
teaching, guidance didactic doctrine edify inculcate martinet mentor pedagogue  
teaching, guidance protégé sophist tutelage  
temper, lifestyle, convention,  
nature asperity bilious bluff bohemian boisterous boorish bourgeois  
temper, lifestyle, convention,  
nature buoyant cantankerous catholic churlish clemency coy crabbed  
temper, lifestyle, convention,

nature crass craven curmudgeon cynical debonair demure diffidence  
temper, lifestyle, convention,  
nature disingenuous distant distraught docile drone earthy egotistical  
temper, lifestyle, convention,  
nature enterprising expansive extrovert fastidious forbearance geniality glacial  
temper, lifestyle, convention,  
nature gregarious gruff heterodox inscrutable introvert jocund jovial  
temper, lifestyle, convention,  
nature killjoy maverick meek meticulous mirth obstreperous opportunist  
temper, lifestyle, convention,  
nature outspoken petulant pragmatic precocious pusillanimous queasy querulous  
temper, lifestyle, convention,  
nature recluse regimen reserve reticent retiring sanguine sedate  
temper, lifestyle, convention,  
nature shrew skimp solemnity spartan sportive staid stodgy  
temper, lifestyle, convention,  
nature suavity surly sybarite taciturn tempestuous tenacity truculence  
temper, lifestyle, convention,  
nature unassuming uncouth urbane vegetate vigilant vixen withdrawn  
temper, lifestyle, convention, nature yokel  
think, ponder cerebration cogitate deliberate introspect meditation muse pensive  
think, ponder premeditate retrospective ruminate  
traitor, deserter apostate defection disaffected perfidious quisling renegade turncoat  
travel, wandering errant expatriate itinerant itinerary jaunt junket migrant  
travel, wandering migratory odyssey peregrination sojourn trek vagabond wanderlust  
travel, wandering vagrant  
truth veracity verisimilitude veritable  
unbeatable indomitable insuperable insurmountable invulnerable  
union coalition confluence fusion splice  
unoriginal, plagiarize derivative pastiche  
unruly, in a rage,  
disobedient amok berserk contumacious dissident firebrand fractious insubordination  
unruly, in a rage,  
disobedient insurgent intractable irrepressible mutinous refractory restive sedition  
unsuccessful, useless abortive futile nugatory  
untrue, fake, farce, rumor apocryphal bogus bugaboo canard cant charlatan debunk  
untrue, fake, farce,  
rumor fabricate hoax hyperbole mendacious mountebank prevaricate quack  
untrue, fake, farce, rumor spurious wangle  
unwarranted gratuitous  
uprightness integrity probity rectitude venal  
verbose diffuse prolixity  
violent, gruesome, bloody carnage gory grisly lurid macabre mayhem sanguinary  
violent, gruesome, bloody unbridled

**vocal catcall**

**warn admonish homily premonitory**

**wasting, deteriorate,**

**postpone atrophy dally dawdle decadence decrepitude depravity desolate**

**wasting, deteriorate, postpone dilatory disband dissolution effete fritter lavish linger**

**wasting, deteriorate,**

**postpone loiter loll procrastinate profligate protract ramshackle retrograde**

**wasting, deteriorate,**

**postpone shambles squander tarry temporize turpitude wastrel wither**

**wasting, deteriorate, postpone wizened**

**water, sea, ships floe flotsam founder jettison maritime natation quay**

**water, sea, ships scuttle sextant skiff tepid tiller**

**weak, weaken attenuate debilitate enervate extenuate flag frail impair**

**weak, weaken impuissance incapacitate invalidate languish listless pine rarefy**

**weak, weaken subdued undermine**

**weakness, fault, shortcoming foible infirmity liability**

**wealth, prosperity affluence opulence**

**weapons, beating bludgeon buffet detonation flail flick fulminate fusillade**

**weapons, beating gouge holster impale lambaste mace maim maul**

**weapons, beating mutilate parry pummel scabbard throttle trident trigger**

**weapons, beating welt**

**weather, climate clime frigid hibernal inclement swelter vernal**

**wet, dry, saturated bedraggle dank douse humid macerate muggy sere**

**wet, dry, saturated sodden steep turgid**

**wind, waves billowing bluster eddy gale gusty undulating waft**

**wind, waves zephyr**

**withdraw retract secession**

**work, labor drudgery factotum malingerer proletarian shirk sinecure subsistence**

**worsen exacerbate**

**writing, documents calligraphy collate cursive dossier facsimile indite missive**

**writing, documents palimpsest roster rubric runic tome tract transcribe**

**writing, documents verbatim**

**(secondary) alloy appropriate array attribute balk barb barrage**

**(secondary) besiege bluff bolt bovine buffet buoyant cadaverous**

**(secondary) cameo canon cant cataract chase cipher civil**

**(secondary) cleave codify collate collateral communal compact compliant**

**(secondary) confine confiscate connivance consort contingent countenance defer**

**(secondary) desolate dialectical die distant divine dote drone**

**(secondary) elliptical engage enthrall entrance exuberance fabricate felicity**

**(secondary) fell flay fleece foil forensic founder fruition**

**(secondary) gall gorge gouge guy hermetic husband inundate**

**(secondary) jaundiced knit lay languor lassitude liability mace**

**(secondary) medium milieu mode monastic monolithic plumb precipitate**



(secondary) precipitous preen promiscuous prompt provincial provocative prowess  
(secondary) pry purchase quarry rally rant rider roil  
(secondary) rotundity rubric ruminant runic secrete slight slur  
(secondary) sodden stalwart strut taper temporal tender title  
(secondary) touchstone tract transport tribute trough unctuous vixen  
(secondary) vulpine wake welter writhe  
(specific) abeyance accoutre caulk chafe debutante demotic dint  
(specific) diorama disport ensconce eugenic extirpate fecundity hermetic  
(specific) knit leaven microcosm occident ossify pallet paraphernalia  
(specific) paroxysm pendant pendulous penumbra preen purchase pylon  
(specific) quarry rally recourse repository riddle roil roseate  
(specific) rusticate shard shaving sheaf sheath sleeper supplant  
(specific) surrogate swathe tacit taper transpire transport unction  
(specific) unctuous vicarious visceral vitreous volition waif wake

## **No Time to Memorize? Learn to Recognize Groups of Related Words**

Many test questions simply require you to have a general idea of what a word means, not an exact definition. Use this list to quickly learn a few hundred related words that are grouped in commonly-tested subject areas.

### **1) Communication**

**assertion:** a declaration or statement

**clarity:** clearness in communication

**cogent:** convincing, reasonable

**coherent:** logically connected

**cohesive:** sticking together

**didactic:** intended to instruct

**discourse:** verbal expression, conversation

**eloquence:** the ability to speak persuasively

**fluid:** flows easily

**lucid:** clearly understood

**rhetoric:** using language effectively and persuasively

### **2) Legal Terms**

**arbiter:** a judge

**exculpate:** to free from guilt or blame

**incontrovertible:** indisputable

**integrity:** trustworthiness

**jurisprudence: the philosophy or science of law**

**objectivity: treating facts without influence from personal feelings or biases**

**penitent: expressing remorse for misdeeds**

**vindicated: freed from blame**

### **3) Air of Superiority**

**condescending: treating others as inferior**

**contemptuous: scornful**

**despotic: having absolute power, tyrannical**

**dictatorial: domineering, overbearing**

**disdain: contempt, scorn**

**imperious: domineering, overbearing**

**patronizing: to treat in a condescending manner**

### **4) Hard to Understand**

**convoluted: intricate, complex**

**cryptic: difficult to comprehend**

**futile: pointless**

**impede: to slow progress**

**obscure: to conceal**

**quandary: a state of uncertainty**

### **5) Bad Habits**

**dilatory: always late**

**indolent: lazy**

**insipid: uninteresting, unchallenging**

**listless: lacking energy**

**torpor: laziness, dullness**

### **6) Excessive**

**ebullience: intense enthusiasm**

**effusive: emotionally unrestrained**

**egregious: bad or offensive**

**flagrant: shocking or noticeable**

**frenetic: wildly excited or active**

**gratuitous: given freely, unwarranted**

**superfluous: extra, unnecessary**

## **7) Positive Connotations**

**asylum: a place for retreat**

**auspicious: favorable, promising**

**benevolent: well-meaning, generous**

**benign: kind and gentle**

**emollient: soft and soothing**

**intuition: sharp insight**

**mollify: to calm or soothe**

**reclamation: to make something useful again**

**sanction: to give official approval**

## **8) Untruthful**

**dubious: doubtful**

**dogmatic: stubbornly adhering to unproven beliefs**

**fabricated: made, concocted to deceive**

**hypocrisy: insincerity**

**slander: false oral statements about someone**

**spurious: not genuine, counterfeit**

## **9) Sneaky**

**astute: clever, shrewd**

**camouflage: to hide by blending in**

**clandestine: secretive**

**coup: a well-executed plan**

**disingenuous: not straightforward, crafty**

**ruse: a trick**

**stratagem: a clever trick used to deceive someone**

**surreptitious: done by secretive means**

**wary: on guard**

**wily: cunning**

**adumbrate**

## **10) Undecided**

**ambiguous: open to more than one interpretation**

**ambivalent: uncertain, feeling opposite feelings simultaneously**

**apathetic:** showing little emotion  
**arbitrary:** determined by impulse rather than reason  
**capricious:** impulsive  
**equivocate:** to avoid making a decision  
**inconsequential:** unimportant  
**tenuous:** shaky, unsure, weak  
**whimsical:** unpredictable

## **11) Hard Working**

**assiduous:** hard working  
**diligent:** hard working  
**dogged:** persevering  
**intrepid:** courageous, fearless  
**maverick:** independent  
**obdurate:** stubborn, inflexible  
**obstinate:** stubborn  
**proliferate:** to grow or increase rapidly  
**tenacity:** persistence

## **12) To Bring Together**

**assimilation:** to absorb, to make similar  
**consensus:** general agreement  
**incumbent:** imposed as a duty  
**malleable:** easily shaped or formed, easily influenced  
**subdue:** to restrain or hold back

## **13) Personal Space**

**inherent:** inborn, built in  
**innate:** inborn, possessed at birth  
**inveterate:** long established, deep rooted, habitual  
**omnipotent:** all powerful  
**proximity:** closeness

## **14) Moving**

**elusive:** difficult to capture  
**emigrate:** to leave one country and settle in another  
**transient:** moving from one place to another

**transitory: short-lived or temporary**

### **15) Friendly**

**affable: friendly**

**amenable: agreeable**

**camaraderie: goodwill**

**candor: sincerity, openness**

**facetious: playfully humorous**

### **16) Feeling Bad**

**impinge: hinder**

**lament: mourn**

**melancholy: sadness, depression**

**truncated: shortened, cut off**

### **17) Writing**

**aesthetic: appreciation of beauty**

**anthology: a collection of literary pieces**

**dilettante: one with a superficial understanding of a field**

**eclectic: composed of a variety of sources or styles**

**excerpt: a selected part of a passage**

**genre: a category of art**

**medley: as assortment or mixture of musical pieces**

**parody: an artistic work that imitates the style of another work for comic effect**

**virtuoso: a skilled artist**

### **18) Calmness**

**decorous: proper, good taste**

**equanimity: composure**

**propriety: appropriate behavior**

**prudent: using good judgment or common sense**

**serene: calm**

**staid: serious, unemotional**

**stoic: impassive, indifferent to pleasure or pain**

## **19) Negative Thoughts**

**disparage:** to belittle, to speak badly of

**pejorative:** to speak negatively of someone

**plagiarism:** to pass someone else's ideas or writing off as one's own

**vilify:** to make vicious statements about

## **20) Rude**

**brusque:** abrupt

**caustic:** biting, sarcastic

**feral:** savage, untamed

**fractious:** quarrelsome, unruly

**incorrigible:** unable to be reformed

**ingrate:** ungrateful person

**insolent:** insulting in manner or speech

**notorious:** known widely in an unfavorable manner

**pugnacious:** combative, belligerent

**reprehensible:** worthy of blame

## **21) Evil**

**deleterious:** injurious, having a harmful effect

**enmity:** mutual hatred or ill-will

**heinous:** evil, abominable

**malfeasance:** wrongdoing, misconduct

**malice:** ill will

**putrid:** rotten

**rancorous:** hateful

## **22) Old**

**archaic:** old-fashioned

**hackneyed:** trite, overused

**medieval:** old-fashioned

**obsolete:** no longer in use, old-fashioned

## **23) Boring**

**austere:** without decoration, plain

**mediocrity:** average, low quality  
**mundane:** ordinary, commonplace  
**ponderous:** dull  
**prosaic:** dull, unimaginative  
**sedentary:** settled, not migratory

#### **24) Bad Feelings**

**harbinger:** something that indicates what is to come, a forerunner  
**ominous:** menacing, threatening  
**timorous:** timid, fearful of the future  
**trepidation:** uncertainty, apprehension

#### **25) New**

**innovative:** introducing something new  
**naive:** lacking sophistication  
**nascent:** emerging  
**novice:** a beginner

#### **26) Earth**

**arid:** a dry, rainless climate  
**conflagration:** a widespread fire  
**nocturnal:** occurring in the night  
**sonorous:** producing a deep or full sound

#### **27) Abundant**

**comprehensive:** large in scope  
**copious:** plentiful  
**permeated:** spread or flowing throughout  
**pervasive:** dispersed throughout  
**prodigious:** enormous  
**replete:** filled to capacity

#### **28) Respect**

**exemplary:** commendable, worthy of imitation

**laudatory: giving praise**

**venerated: highly respected**

**facile: easy**

**fastidious: paying careful attention to detail, hard to please**

**meticulous: careful and precise**

**pramatic: practical**

**solvent: able to pay one's debts**

## **29) Scientific**

**abstract: not applied to actual objects**

**paradigm: an exmaple or model**

**rational: logical, motivated by reaosn rahter than feeligns**

**theoretical: lacking practical application**

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