

**POWERScore's GRE REPEAT OFFENDER VOCABULARY WORDS:  
GROUPED BY SIMILAR MEANINGS**

CRANKY/DISAGREEABLE

cantankerous  
curmudgeon  
dyspeptic  
fractious  
obstreperous  
petulant  
querulous  
surly

SHAMEFUL/OFFENSIVE

egregious  
ignoble  
ignominious  
invidious  
noisome  
odious  
profligate  
repugnant  
stigma  
tawdry  
turpitude  
vitiate  
wanton

DISRESPECTFUL

flippant  
impious  
scoff

HOSTILE/AGGRESSIVE

inimical  
obstreperous  
polemical  
pugilist  
pugnacious  
truculence

BOLDNESS

audacious  
effrontery

TO ATTACK

assail  
impugn

HARSH/ BITTER/STINGING

acerbic  
acidulous  
caustic  
draconian  
exacerbate  
pungent  
raucous  
sardonic  
trenchant  
vitriolic

EVIL

iniquity  
malevolent  
miscreant  
nefarious  
ominous  
truculence

CRITICISM/RIDICULE

castigate  
censure  
deride  
diatribe  
disparage  
invective  
opprobrium  
pejorative  
pundit  
rebuke  
reproach  
sardonic  
scoff  
stricture  
upbraid

IRRITATE/OFFEND

exasperate  
nettle  
petulant  
umbrage

ANGER

indignant  
glower  
irascible

DISLIKE

antipathy  
disdain  
glower  
rancorous

HARMFUL

deleterious  
inimical  
insidious  
invidious  
malice  
mar  
noxious  
pernicious

LACK OF CULTURE/REFINEMENT

boor  
bucolic  
derelict  
philistine  
plebeian  
provincial  
reviler  
tawdry

RUDE/VULGAR

boor  
churlish  
insolence  
reviler  
ribald  
surly  
vituperate

FEARFUL/TIMID

craven  
daunt  
pusillanimous

POMPOUS/PRETENTIOUS

bombast  
cavalier  
hubris  
rhetoric  
supercilious  
turgid  
vainglorious

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LIES & FAKERY

affected  
apocryphal  
calumny  
canard  
charlatan  
chicanery  
disingenuous  
dissembler  
ersatz  
fallacy  
guile  
illusory  
legerdemain  
malingering  
mendacious  
meretricious  
ostensible  
prevaricate  
sophistry  
specious  
spurious

MONEY

amortize  
coffer  
frugal  
numismatic  
remuneration  
solvent  
usury

ERRORS/MISTAKES

fallible  
peccadillo  
solecism

REMORSE/GUILT

contrite  
penitent

REJECT

repudiate  
nihilism  
pariah

CHEAT/SNEAK/CON

bilk  
charlatan  
chicanery  
despoiler  
dupe  
furtive  
guile  
illusory  
insidious  
machination  
perfidious  
prevaricate  
sophistry  
subterfuge  
surreptitious  
wily

BLAME/PUNISHMENT

culpable  
exculpate  
exonerate  
incorrigible  
reprehensible  
reproach

RICH

avarice  
opulent

GREED

avarice  
cupidity

CHEAP/THRIFTY

frugal  
miser  
parsimonious  
penurious

INCREASE/GROW

accretion  
aggrandize  
augment  
burgeon  
inundate  
proliferate

URGING & FLATTERY

cajole  
fawn  
grovel  
ingratiate  
inveigle  
sycophant  
toady  
unctuous

RIOT/UPHEAVAL

cataclysm  
conflagration  
fomentation  
fulminate  
insurrection  
maelstrom  
sedition  
subversive

PAYMENT/EARNINGS

garner  
perquisite  
remuneration  
requite

POOR

destitute  
impecunious  
mendicant

CHARITY

philanthropist  
benevolent

LACK

dearth  
paucity

DECREASE

attenuate  
declivity  
wane

GIVE UP

abdicate  
abjure  
renounce

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INTELLIGENCE/CLEVERNESS

acumen  
ingenious  
keen  
perspicacity  
politic  
prudent  
sagacious  
sage  
scintillating  
trenchant

SKILLED

adroit  
prodigy  
virtuoso

PASSION/EXCITEMENT

ardor  
fervid  
frenetic  
kindle  
overwrought  
scintillating  
zealous

ALLEVIATING/SOOTHING

analgesic  
anodyne  
assuage  
cathartic  
conciliate  
emollient  
mitigate  
mollify  
pacify  
palliate  
propitiate  
redress  
slake

IMPORTANT/ESSENTIAL

pith  
anthropocentrism  
inherent  
magnate

HAPPY/CHEERFUL

blithe  
exuberant  
felicity  
halcyon  
sanguine

ENERGETIC/ENTHUSIASTIC

alacrity  
ebullient  
effusive  
rhapsodize  
trenchant  
vim  
zealous

LACK OF ENERGY/LAZINESS

enervated  
indolent  
languid  
lassitude  
listless  
pallid  
torpid

SOPHISTICATED/NOBLE/ELEGANT

august  
decorous  
eminent  
epicure  
foppish  
magnanimous  
palatial  
panache

DECORATED/FANCY

opulent  
ornate  
rococo

HONESTY/INTEGRITY

probity  
veracity  
verisimilitude

FRIENDLY/SOCIAL/KIND

affable  
amiable  
avuncular  
benevolent  
bonhomie  
genial  
gregarious

BRAVERY/FEARLESSNESS

audacious  
temerity  
plucky

STRENGTH

formidable  
redoubtable

HUMOR/LAUGHTER/PLAY

droll  
gambol  
jocular  
mirth  
parody  
sportive

PRAISE

encomium  
eulogy  
extol  
laud  
paean  
panegyric

RESPECT/ADORATION

idolatrous  
pious  
narcissist  
revere  
venerated

GENEROUS

philanthropist  
largess  
lavish  
magnanimous  
munificent

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<u>EXPRESSION</u>	<u>WRITTEN EXPRESSION</u>	<u>REPETITION/EXCESS</u>
bombast	epistolary	banal
bromide	expurgate	bromide
calumny	harangue	cloying
canard	lexicography	derivative
circumlocution	missive	hackneyed
dictum	neologism	hoary
eloquent	parenthetical	platitude
encomium	tome	trite
epistolary		verbose
eulogy	<u>SPOKEN EXPRESSION</u>	<u>MIXTURE/VARIETY/COLLECTION</u>
euphemism	dictum	amalgamation
harangue	garrulous	coalesce
imprecation	glib	eclectic
ineffable	interlocutor	mélange
interlocutor	inveigle	multifarious
invective	loquacious	panoply
laconic	malediction	pastiche
lexicography	oration	<u>MAGIC/SUPERNATURAL/CELESTIAL</u>
loquacious	orotund	alchemy
malediction	parley	amulet
opine	rhapsodize	imprecation
oration	<u>FORMAL EXPRESSION</u>	malediction
orotund	dictum	prescience
parley	eulogy	seraphic
pithy	missive	wraith
platitude	oration	<u>ATTENTION TO DETAIL</u>
polyglot	panegyric	assiduous
rejoinder	<u>TO PROVE/BE CERTAIN</u>	fastidious
reviler	ascertain	lapidary
rhapsodize	cogent	meticulous
rhetoric	corroborate	pedantic
tome	dogmatic	punctilious
verbose	<u>TO PROVE UNTRUE</u>	sedulous
vituperate	debunk	<u>OBVIOUS/CLEAR/UNDENIABLE</u>
vociferous	rebut	conspicuous
voluble	refute	explicit
<u>TEACHING/LEARNING</u>	<u>EXPLAIN</u>	incontrovertible
didactic	exegesis	lucid
edify	explicator	lucid
elucidate	exponent	luminous
erudition		overt
inculcate		salient
pedagogical		
pedantic		

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BRIEF/SHORT

ephemeral  
evanescent  
laconic  
précis  
succinct  
syncopated  
transient  
truncated  
pithy

SUBSTITUTE

ersatz  
euphemism  
sobriquet  
supplant

ABUNDANCE/EXTRAVAGENCE

plethora  
exorbitant  
extraneous  
exuberant  
lavish  
opulent  
prodigal  
replete  
sate (?)  
superfluous  
surfeit  
symbarite

RULES/MORALS/AUTHORITY

axiom  
canonical  
martinet  
propriety  
scrupulous

ANTI-RULES/ANTI-GOVERNMENT

nihilism  
disillusion  
sedition  
subversive

TRAVEL

itinerant  
peregrinate  
peripatetic

TALKATIVE

garrulous  
glib  
loquacious  
prattle  
voluble  
verbose

DRAMATIC/EMOTIONAL

histrionic  
maudlin  
treachery

NEW/BEGINNING

inchoate  
dilettante  
incipient  
nascent  
neologism  
neophyte  
tyro

TIME

anachronistic  
concomitant  
juncture  
quotidian

OLD

archaic  
hoary

POLITICS/LEADERS

demagogue  
despot  
disenfranchise  
hegemony  
interregnum  
potentate

POWER/INFLUENCE

mitigate  
despot  
formidable  
redoubtable

UNCLEAR/UNCERTAIN

equivocal  
latent  
nebulous  
obfuscate  
opaque

IMPULSIVE

capricious  
impetuous  
whimsical

AMATEUR

dilettante  
tyro  
neophyte

HIGHEST

acme  
crescendo  
zenith

SIMPLE

austere  
monastic  
Spartan

GOVERNMENT

autonomy  
expatriate  
meritocracy

BELIEFS

ethos  
heretical  
iconoclast  
mores

FREE/INDEPENDENT

autonomy  
liberate  
libertine  
licentious  
maverick

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INDIFFERENCE/UNEMOTIONAL

phlegmatic  
apathy  
callous  
perfunctory  
stoic  
stolid

CALM/UNAFFECTED

placid  
equanimity  
imperturbable  
impervious  
limpid  
quiescent  
repose  
phlegmatic

DIFFERENT

disparate  
idiosyncrasy  
nuance

CALL OUT/BRING ABOUT

elicit  
invoke  
precipitate

NERVOUS

overwrought  
restive  
solicitous

TO SPREAD

permeate  
pervasive  
disseminate

FUNERALS

dirge  
elegy  
eulogy  
grievous  
inter  
knell

NOT SERIOUS

facetious  
flippant  
frivolous  
lampoon  
levity

SERIOUS

austere  
earnest  
grievous  
Spartan

SECRET

cabal  
clandestine  
collusion  
esoteric  
surreptitious

TURN/BLOCK

divert  
obstructionist  
occlude  
stifle  
stymie

BOREDOM/DULLNESS

ennui  
insipid  
mundane  
prosaic  
somnolent  
soporific

SADNESS/GRIEF/GLOOM

deject  
lachrymose  
lament  
grievous  
lugubrious  
morose

SONG/MUSIC

dirge  
elegy  
paeon  
knell

DIFFICULT/COMPLEX

abstruse  
byzantine  
convoluted  
enigma  
morass  
onerous  
recondite

CAUTIOUS

chary  
circumspect

CHANGING

capricious  
gradation  
malleable  
mercurial  
pliable  
proselytize  
vacillate  
vicissitude

UNCHANGING/STUBBORN

contumacious  
immutable  
impasse  
inexorable  
intractable  
intransigent  
obdurate  
obstructionist  
occlude  
ossify  
recalcitrant  
stasis  
tenacious

FOOLISH/SILLY/UNREALISTIC

fatuous  
maudlin  
quixotic  
stultify

NOT IN USE/USELESS

fallow  
flotsam  
stultify

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FOOD AND DRINK

abstemious  
quaff  
repast

TASTE

acerbic  
acidulous  
gustatory

RELIGION

pious  
apostate  
augury  
divine  
impious  
monastic  
proselytize  
sacrosanct  
sanctimonious

PEOPLE

cartographer  
debutante  
demagogue  
egalitarian  
emissary  
expatriate  
hedonist  
iconoclast  
ingénue  
ingrate  
misanthrope  
pariah  
populist  
progenitor  
raconteur  
stevedore  
cavalier  
debutante  
epicure

POLISH/REFINE/PERFECT

burnish  
consummate

ABSTAINING/SELF-DENIAL

abstemious  
ascetic  
monastic  
austere  
Spartan

ODOR/SMELL

fetid  
malodorous  
noisome  
pungent

GROUP

coterie  
bevy  
cabal  
esoteric  
ethos  
partisan  
phalanx  
schism

QUIET/PRIVATE

reticent  
taciturn

SMALL

picayune  
nominal  
vestige

CLEAN/PURE

expurgate  
pristine

TO TAKE

arrogate  
rescind

DECAY

blight  
putrefy

INDIRECT

circumlocution  
oblique

BEAUTY

aesthetic  
pulchritude

SOUND

cacophony  
dissonance  
knell  
raucous  
sibilant  
sonorous  
stentorian

ENDING

abeyance  
moratorium  
quell

MEDICINE

analgesic  
anodyne  
panacea

DIRTY

squalid  
sully

BIG

corpulent  
cumbersome

CLUMSY

boor  
cumbersome

DIVIDE

bifurcate  
schism

COUNTRY/RURAL

bucolic  
provincial

DELAY

dalliance  
dilatatory