

## Word List of ETS PowerPrep

### A

Ahistorical – not concerned or related to history, anachronistic  
Antiquity – antique, relic  
Appetizing – tasty, delicious  
Apposite – appropriate, commensurate  
Appraisal – assessment, evaluation, judgment, review, consideration  
Appraise – evaluate, to determine the value of something  
Appreciate – to understand fully, realize  
Artisan - skilled worker, Artist  
Ascent – climb, rise  
Aspiration – ambition  
At ease – relaxed, calm  
Authoritative – \*Commanding, \*Prove with evidence/reference  
Avert – \*prevent, stop, forestall; \*avoid, turn away  
Awkward – uncomfortable

### B

Banal – lacking originality, ordinary  
Befall – happen, occur  
Beguile – attract in a deceptive way  
Beholden – grateful, indebted  
Blight – impair  
Breadth – range, span  
Brevity – shortness, briefness, economy  
Bungle - mess up, leading to failure, an unsatisfactory outcome  
Burnout – breakdown, exhaustion

### C

Causal – connecting, related to reason  
Cease – stop, finish, terminate  
Cerulean – azure, deep sky blue color  
Circumstantial – \*indirect, \*comprehensive, thorough  
Coercion – force, pressure, intimidation  
Coeval - contemporary  
Coherent – logical and consistent  
Collude – conspire, scheme, plot, machinate, to work together secretly or illegally in order to trick other people  
Commonplace – ordinary, usual  
Communal – between different communities, shared, joint  
Confront – challenge, oppose  
Conscience – sense of right and wrong  
Consequence - \*result, outcome, ramification \*importance, significance  
Contentment – a state of happiness and satisfaction, gratification  
Conviction - \*a formal declaration that someone is guilty of a criminal offense, \*strong belief.  
Courteous – polite  
Crass – stupid, lacking intelligence

### D

Decimate – destroy  
De-emphasize – to reduce relative importance of something  
Defiant – disobedient  
Deft – clever and skillful  
Deft – skilful, adroit  
Delicacy – \*fragility, breakable; \*Tact  
Delimit – determine  
Detachment – disinterest, neutrality  
Discomfit – discomfort, make someone uneasy, embarrass  
Dismantle - pull to pieces, undo  
Disregard – disrespect, neglect, ignore  
Dissent – opposition  
Doctrinaire – dogmatic, rigid, inflexible, uncompromising  
Downright – complete, thorough

### E

Earthenware – ceramic, clay, pottery  
Employ – employment, utilize  
Encompass – surround, enclose, circumscribe  
Envision – imagine as a future possibility  
Epistolary – written (a novel) in the form of letter  
Erstwhile – onetime, former  
Etiquette – propriety, decorum, proper behavior  
Evocate, Evocation – an act of recalling a memory  
Excavate – unearth, dig up  
Expedient - self-serving, advantageous  
Exposition – explanation

### F

Failing – a weakness in character, idiosyncrasy  
Fetch – sell, Peddle  
Fling – throw  
Forgery – fake, imitation, falsification, phony  
Fortuitous – Unexpected, Accidental  
Fringe - \*Peripheral, \*Unconventional

### G

Genre – category, type, kind  
Glum – depressed, sullen  
Grandiose – magnificent, impressive

### H

Hand wringing - an excessive display of concern or distress.  
Hectic – busy, active  
Higgledy-piggledy – in confusion or disorder  
Impediment – obstacle  
Implicate – associate, involve  
Improbable – implausible, doubtful, not possible  
Impudence – insolence, effrontery, arrogant, rudeness  
Impulse, impulsive - acting or done without forethought, emotional  
Impute – attribute, credit to, ascribe  
Inalienable – that can't be taken away from you  
Incompatible – discordant, not harmonious  
Indefatigable – determined, restless, untiring, relentless  
Indictment – \*accusation, charge, \*it illustrates a system or situation which is bad and deserves to be condemned  
Inept – unskilled  
Infallibility – reliability, never wrong, never made mistakes  
Informant – Informer  
Inhibit – hinder, prevent, obstacle, impede  
Insensitivity – thoughtlessness, inattentiveness, selfishness  
Insincere – dishonest, two-faced, disingenuous, deceitful  
Insist – aver, assert  
Insolence – rudeness  
Insular – narrow-minded, only interested in own country  
Intelligible – Comprehensible, Understandable  
Interweave – connect, interlink  
Inveigle – trick, deceive  
Inventory – list, catalogue  
Invigorate – energize, strengthen

### J

Jettison – abandon, get rid of, throw away

### L

Lately – recently  
Leach out – to remove something by passing water through it  
Leap – jump  
Legitimate – reasonable, appropriate  
Litigation - court case, Legal action  
Loath – not interested, unwilling, reluctant  
Lucrative – profitable, beneficial

## M

Malnourish – suffering from malnutrition  
 Modish – stylish, fashionable  
 Monarchy - a form of government with a king at the head  
 Mounting – increasing, growing, rising  
 Multifaceted - many-sided, having many different aspects have to be considered  
 Murky – dark

## N

**Nettle – irritate, annoy**  
 Nontrivial – not trivial, significant  
 Normative – determining norms or standards

## O

Objective – impartial, disinterested  
 Objurgate – rebuke severely, scold  
 Odor - scent  
 Offset – balance  
 Olfaction - the sense of smell  
 On slippery ground - \*Uncertain, \*Treacherous  
 Onset – \*start, beginning, inception, \*attack  
 Otherwise – in a different state or situation  
 Outspoken – honest, frank

## P

Paleontologist - a scientist who studies fossils  
 Pamphlet - a small brochure or leaflet containing information or arguments about a single subject  
 Parallel – similar, equivalent, analogous  
 Partisan – one-sided, follower, showing too much support for one person or group without considering carefully  
 Patent – blatant, flagrant, used to emphasize that something bad is clear and obvious  
 Peasant – poor farmer, a person of low social status  
 Pejorative – derogatory, disapproving, negative  
 Peruse – read attentively  
 Picturesque – attractive, charming  
**Plight – trouble, difficulty**  
 Polarize – oppose  
 Polemic – \*controversial, \*a strong verbal or written attack, diatribe, tirade, harangue  
 Posture – attitude, position, মনোভাব  
 Precedence – seniority, preeminence  
 Presage – \*foretell, foreshadow, \*warning, omen, sign, Portend, portent, portentous  
 Pretentious - Ostentatious  
 Probate – confirmation, validity  
**Proponent – advocate, supporter**  
 Prose – writing style, talk boringly  
 Provoke – stimulate

## R

Rambling – verbose, wordy  
 Realization – accomplishment, the fulfillment or achievement of something desired or anticipated  
 Recapitulate – Summarize, review  
**Recoil – withdrawal, retreat, pull back, jump back, draw back**  
 Recrudescence – resurgent, to happen again  
 Referenda – votes, referendum  
 Reign – supremacy, rule  
 Replicate – make an exact copy of something  
 Reservation – \*lack of interest, opposition, \*booking  
**Retrospective – review**  
 Reverberation – echo  
 Rid – free, liberate

## S

Seemingly – apparently, superficially, outwardly  
 Self-styled - Self-proclaimed, self-titled  
 Serfdom – slavery, servitude  
 Shirk – avoid, neglect  
 Shrewdness – Acumen, sharpness, perceptiveness, insight, discernment  
 Slingshot - cause to accelerate through the use of gravity  
 Snappy – attractive or amusing and short or quick  
 Startling – surprising  
 Steadfast – rigid, firm, resolute  
 Subjective – personal  
 Substantial – significant, important  
 Subvert – undermine, disrupt  
 Supplication – entreaty, implore  
 Surmise – guesswork, assumption  
 Surmount – overcome, prevail, conquer, triumph  
 Surrogate – proxy, deputy, substitute  
**Sway – influence, rule, control**

## T

**Tactless – impolitic, gauche**  
 Take issue with – disagree, challenge  
 Temporal – chronological

## U

**Unalienable – that can't be taken away from you**  
**Uncharacteristic – unusual**  
 Undercut - weaken  
 Uninformative – useless information  
 Unironic – not ironic  
 Unpretentious – modest, unassuming, self-effacing  
 Unpropitious – not auspicious, not favorable, not promising  
 Untenable – indefensible, insupportable, invalid, weak

## V

Vanquished - beaten  
 Venture – risk  
 Vestigial – remaining  
**Viable – feasible, possible, sustainable**  
 Vintage – related to past and of high quality  
**Vivid – bright, intense**

## W

Wanting – lacking, insufficient, deficient, imperfect  
 Wheedle – persuade, cajole, inveigle, deceptive  
 Whine – moan, cry