**TOP 50 Words of GRE**

pariah – - – - an outcast  
surfeit – - – - abundance, excessive amount  
enigma – - – - a puzzle; a mystery  
spurious – - – - false, fake, not genuine  
erudite – - – - learned; scholarly; bookish  
fervid – - – - intensely emotional; feverish  
lucid – - – - clear and easily understood  
opaque – - – - impossible to see through; preventing the passage of light  
placate – - – - to sooth or pacify  
precipitate – - – - to throw violently or bring about abruptly; lacking deliberation  
prodigal – - – - wasteful; reckless with money  
zeal – - – - passion, excitement  
abstain – - – - to choose not to do something  
adulterate – - – - to make impure  
apathy – - – - lack of interest or emotion  
audacious – - – - fearless and daring  
capricious – - – - changing one’s mind quickly and often  
corroborate – - – - to provide supporting evidence  
desiccate – - – - to dry out thoroughly  
engender – - – - to produce, cause, or bring about  
ephemeral – - – - lasting a short time  
gullible – - – - easily deceived  
homogenous – - – - of a similar kind  
laconic – - – - using few words  
laud – - – - to give praise; to glorify  
loquacious – - – - talkative  
mitigate – - – - to soften; to lessen  
pedant – - – - someone who shows off learning  
pragmatic – - – - practical as opposed to idealistic  
propriety – - – - correct behavior; obedience to rules and customs  
vacillate – - – - to sway physically; to be indecisive  
volatile – - – - easily aroused or changeable; lively or explosive  
advocate – - – - to speak in favor of  
nemesis – - – - a powerful river, a usually unconquerable opponent  
bolster – - – - to support; to prop up  
cacophony – - – - harsh, jarring noise  
deride – - – - to speak of or treat with contempt; to mock  
dissonance – - – - a harsh and disagreeable combination, often of sounds  
enervate – - – - to reduce in strength  
eulogy – - – - speech in praise of someone  
rescind – - – - to cancel, to repeal  
ingenuous – - – - showing innocence or childlike simplicity  
lethargic – - – - acting in an indifferent or slow, sluggish manner  
malleable – - – - capable of being shaped  
misanthrope – - – - a person who dislikes others  
obdurate – - – - hardened in feeling; resistant to persuasion  
ostentation – - – - excessive showiness  
paradox – - – - a contradiction or dilemma  
respite – - – - an interval of rest, a temporary delay  
prevaricate – - – - to lie or deviate from the truth  
venerate – - – - to respect deeply  
trite – - – - unoriginal, overused, cliche, commonplace