

# GRE Test Vocabulary and SAT Test Vocabulary High Frequency Words

The following is a list of high frequency vocabulary words found on multiple exams, such as the GRE and SAT. Make a study schedule and memorize the following terms to excel on your test.

aberrant: Markedly different from an accepted norm.  
aberration: Deviation from a right, customary, or prescribed course.  
abet: To aid, promote, or encourage the commission of (an offense).  
abeyance: A state of suspension or temporary inaction.  
abjure: To recant, renounce, repudiate under oath.  
ablution: A washing or cleansing, especially of the body.  
abrogate: To abolish, repeal.  
abscond: To depart suddenly and secretly, as for the purpose of escaping arrest.  
abstemious: Characterized by self denial or abstinence, as in the use of drink, food.  
abstruse: Dealing with matters difficult to be understood.  
abut: To touch at the end or boundary line.  
accede: To agree.  
acquiesce: To comply; submit.  
acid: Harshly pungent or bitter.  
acumen: Quickness of intellectual insight, or discernment; keenness of discrimination.  
adage: An old saying.  
adamant: Any substance of exceeding hardness or impenetrability.  
admonition: Gentle reproof.  
adumbrate: To represent beforehand in outline or by emblem.  
affable: Easy to approach.  
aggrandize: To cause to appear greatly.  
aggravate: To make heavier, worse, or more burdensome.  
agile: Able to move or act quickly, physically, or mentally.  
agog: In eager desire.  
alacrity: Cheerful willingness.  
alcove: A covered recess connected with or at the side of a larger room.  
alleviate: To make less burdensome or less hard to bear.  
aloof: Not in sympathy with or desiring to associate with others.  
amalgamate: To mix or blend together in a homogeneous body.  
ambidextrous: Having the ability of using both hands with equal skill or ease.  
ambiguous: Having a double meaning.  
ameliorate: To relieve, as from pain or hardship  
anathema: Anything forbidden, as by social usage.  
animadversion: The utterance of criticism or censure.  
animosity: Hatred.  
antediluvian: Of or pertaining to the times, things, events before the great flood in the days of Noah.

antidote: Anything that will counteract or remove the effects of poison, disease, or the like.

aplomb: Confidence; coolness.

apocryphal : Of doubtful authority or authenticity.

apogee: The climax.

apostate: False.

apotheosis: Deification.

apparition: Ghost.

appease: To soothe by quieting anger or indignation.

apposite: Appropriate.

apprise: To give notice to; to inform.

approbation: Sanction.

arboreal: Of or pertaining to a tree or trees.

ardor: Intensity of passion or affection.

argot: A specialized vocabulary peculiar to a particular group.

arrant: Notoriously bad.

ascetic: Given to severe self-denial and practicing excessive abstinence and devotion.

ascribe: To assign as a quality or attribute.

asperity: Harshness or roughness of temper.

assiduous: Unceasing; persistent

assuage: To cause to be less harsh, violent, or severe, as excitement, appetite, pain, or disease.

astringent: Harsh in disposition or character.

astute: Keen in discernment.

atonement: Amends, reparation, or expiation made from wrong or injury.

audacious: Fearless.

augury: Omen

auspicious: Favorable omen

austere: Severely simple; unadorned.

autocrat: Any one who claims or wields unrestricted or undisputed authority or influence.

auxiliary: One who or that which aids or helps, especially when regarded as subsidiary or accessory.

avarice: Passion for getting and keeping riches.

aver: To avouch, justify or prove

aversion: A mental condition of fixed opposition to or dislike of some particular thing.

avow: To declare openly.

baleful: Malignant.

banal: Commonplace.

bask: To make warm by genial heat.

beatify: To make supremely happy.

bedaub: To smear over, as with something oily or sticky.

bellicose: Warlike.

belligerent: Manifesting a warlike spirit.

benefactor: A doer of kindly and charitable acts.

benevolence: Any act of kindness or well-doing.

benign: Good and kind of heart.

berate: To scold severely.  
bewilder: To confuse the perceptions or judgment of.  
blandishment: Flattery intended to persuade.  
blatant: Noisily or offensively loud or clamorous.  
blithe: Joyous.  
boisterous: Unchecked merriment or animal spirits.  
bolster: To support, as something wrong.  
bombast: Inflated or extravagant language, especially on unimportant subjects.  
boorish: Rude.  
breach: The violation of official duty, lawful right, or a legal obligation.  
brittle: Fragile.  
broach: To mention, for the first time.  
bumptious: Full of offensive and aggressive self-conceit.  
buoyant: Having the power or tendency to float or keep afloat.  
burnish: To make brilliant or shining.  
cabal: A number of persons secretly united for effecting by intrigue some private purpose.  
cacophony: A disagreeable, harsh, or discordant sound or combination of sounds or tones.  
cajole: To impose on or dupe by flattering speech.  
callow: Without experience of the world.  
calumny: Slander.  
candid: Straightforward.  
cant: To talk in a singsong, preaching tone with affected solemnity.  
capacious: Roomy.  
capitulate: To surrender or stipulate terms.  
captious: Hypercritical.  
castigate: To punish.  
cataract: Opacity of the lens of the eye resulting in complete or partial blindness.  
caustic: Sarcastic and severe.  
censure: To criticize severely; also, an expression of disapproval.  
centurion: A captain of a company of one hundred infantry in the ancient Roman army.  
chagrin: Keen vexation, annoyance, or mortification, as at one's failures or errors.  
chary: Careful; wary; cautious.  
chicanery: The use of trickery to deceive.  
circumlocution: Indirect or roundabout expression.  
coddle: To treat as a baby or an invalid.  
coerce: To force.  
coeval: Existing during the same period of time; also, a contemporary.  
cogent: Appealing strongly to the reason or conscience.  
cogitate: Consider carefully and deeply; ponder.  
cognizant: Taking notice.  
colloquial: Pertaining or peculiar to common speech as distinguished from literary.  
collusion: A secret agreement for a wrongful purpose.  
comestible: Fit to be eaten.  
commemorate: To serve as a remembrance of.

complaisance: Politeness.  
complement: To make complete.  
comport: To conduct or behave (oneself).  
compunction: Remorseful feeling.  
conceit: Self-flattering opinion.  
conciliatory: Tending to reconcile.  
concord: Harmony.  
concur: To agree.  
condense: To abridge.  
conflagration: A great fire, as of many buildings, a forest, or the like.  
confluence: The place where streams meet.  
congeal: To coagulate.  
conjoin: To unite.  
connoisseur: A critical judge of art, especially one with thorough knowledge and sound judgment of art.  
console: To comfort.  
conspicuous: Clearly visible.  
consternation: Panic.  
constrict: To bind.  
consummate: To bring to completion.  
contiguous: Touching or joining at the edge or boundary.  
contrite: Broken in spirit because of a sense of sin.  
contumacious: Rebellious.  
copious: Plenteous.  
cornucopia: The horn of plenty, symbolizing peace and prosperity.  
corporeal: Of a material nature; physical.  
correlate: To put in some relation of connection or correspondence.  
corroboration: Confirmation.  
counterfeit: Made to resemble something else.  
countervail: To offset.  
covert: Concealed, especially for an evil purpose.  
cower: To crouch down tremblingly, as through fear or shame.  
crass: Coarse or thick in nature or structure, as opposed to thin or fine.  
credulous: Easily deceived.  
cupidity: Avarice.  
cursory: Rapid and superficial.  
curtail: To cut off or cut short.  
cynosure: That to which general interest or attention is directed.  
dearth: Scarcity, as of something customary, essential, or desirable.  
defer: To delay or put off to some other time.  
deign: To deem worthy of notice or account.  
deleterious: Hurtful, morally or physically.  
delineate: To represent by sketch or diagram.  
deluge: To overwhelm with a flood of water.  
demagogue: An unprincipled politician.  
denizen: Inhabitant.

denouement: That part of a play or story in which the mystery is cleared up.  
deplete: To reduce or lessen, as by use, exhaustion, or waste.  
deposition: Testimony legally taken on interrogatories and reduced to writing, for use as evidence in court.  
deprave: To render bad, especially morally bad.  
deprecate: To express disapproval or regret for, with hope for the opposite.  
deride: To ridicule.  
derision: Ridicule.  
derivative: Coming or acquired from some origin.  
descry: To discern.  
desiccant: Any remedy which, when applied externally, dries up or absorbs moisture, as that of wounds.  
desuetude: A state of disuse or inactivity.  
desultory: Not connected with what precedes.  
deter: To frighten away.  
dexterity: Readiness, precision, efficiency, and ease in any physical activity or in any mechanical work.  
diaphanous: Transparent.  
diatribe: A bitter or malicious criticism.  
didactic: Pertaining to teaching.  
diffidence: Self-distrust.  
diffident: Affected or possessed with self-distrust.  
dilate: To enlarge in all directions.  
dilatory: Tending to cause delay.  
disallow: To withhold permission or sanction.  
discomfit: To put to confusion.  
disconcert: To disturb the composure of.  
disconsolate : Hopelessly sad; also, saddening; cheerless.  
discountenance: To look upon with disfavor.  
discredit: To injure the reputation of.  
discreet: Judicious.  
disheveled: Disordered; disorderly; untidy.  
dissemble: To hide by pretending something different.  
disseminate: To sow or scatter abroad, as seed is sown.  
dissent: Disagreement.  
dissolution: A breaking up of a union of persons.  
distraught: Bewildered.  
divulge: To tell or make known, as something previously private or secret.  
dogmatic: Making statements without argument or evidence.  
dormant: Being in a state of or resembling sleep.  
dubious: Doubtful.  
duplicity: Double-dealing.  
earthenware: Anything made of clay and baked in a kiln or dried in the sun.  
ebullient: Showing enthusiasm or exhilaration of feeling.  
edacious: Given to eating.  
edible: Suitable to be eaten.

educe: To draw out.  
effete: Exhausted, as having performed its functions.  
efficacy: The power to produce an intended effect as shown in the production of it.  
effrontery: Unblushing impudence.  
effulgence: Splendor.  
egregious: Extreme.  
egress: Any place of exit.  
elegy: A lyric poem lamenting the dead.  
elicit: To educe or extract gradually or without violence.  
elucidate: To bring out more clearly the facts concerning.  
emaciate: To waste away in flesh.  
embellish: To make beautiful or elegant by adding attractive or ornamental features.  
embezzle: To misappropriate secretly.  
emblazon: To set forth publicly or in glowing terms.  
encomium: A formal or discriminating expression of praise.  
encumbrance: A burdensome and troublesome load.  
endemic: Peculiar to some specified country or people.  
enervate: To render ineffective or inoperative.  
engender: To produce.  
engrave: To cut or carve in or upon some surface.  
enigma: A riddle.  
enmity: Hatred.  
entangle: To involve in difficulties, confusion, or complications.  
entreat: To ask for or request earnestly.  
Epicurean: Indulging, ministering, or pertaining to daintiness of appetite.  
epithet: Word used adjectivally to describe some quality or attribute of its objects, as in "Father Aeneas".  
epitome: A simplified representation.  
equable: Equal and uniform; also, serene.  
equanimity: Evenness of mind or temper.  
equanimity : Calmness; composure.  
equilibrium: A state of balance.  
equivocal: Ambiguous.  
equivocate: To use words of double meaning.  
eradicate: To destroy thoroughly.  
errant: Roving or wandering, as in search of adventure or opportunity for gallant deeds.  
erratic: Irregular.  
erroneous: Incorrect.  
erudite: Very-learned.  
eschew: To keep clear of.  
espy: To keep close watch.  
eulogy: A spoken or written laudation of a person's life or character.  
euphonious: Characterized by agreeableness of sound.  
evanescent: Fleeting.  
evince: To make manifest or evident.  
evoke: To call or summon forth.

exacerbate: To make more sharp, severe, or virulent.  
exculpate: To relieve of blame.  
exhaustive: Thorough and complete in execution.  
exigency: A critical period or condition.  
exigency : State of requiring immediate action; also, an urgent situation; also, that which is required in a  
exorbitant: Going beyond usual and proper limits.  
expatiate: To speak or write at some length.  
expedient: Contributing to personal advantage.  
expiate: To make satisfaction or amends for.  
explicate: To clear from involvement.  
expostulate: To discuss.  
expropriate: To deprive of possession; also, to transfer (another's property) to oneself.  
extant: Still existing and known.  
extempore: Without studied or special preparation.  
extenuate: To diminish the gravity or importance of.  
extinct: Being no longer in existence.  
extinguish: To render extinct.  
extirpate: To root out; to eradicate.  
extol: To praise in the highest terms.  
extort: To obtain by violence, threats, compulsion, or the subjection of another to some necessity.  
extraneous: Having no essential relation to a subject.  
exuberance: Rich supply.  
facetious: Amusing.  
facile: Not difficult to do.  
factious: Turbulent.  
fallacious: Illogical.  
fatuous: Idiotic  
fawn: A young deer.  
feint: Any sham, pretense, or deceptive movement.  
felon: A criminal or depraved person.  
ferocity: Savageness.  
fervid: Intense.  
fervor: Ardor or intensity of feeling.  
fidelity: Loyalty.  
finesse: Subtle contrivance used to gain a point.  
flamboyant: Characterized by extravagance and in general by want of good taste.  
flippant: Having a light, pert, trifling disposition.  
florid: Flushed with red.  
flout: To treat with contempt.  
foible: A personal weakness or failing.  
foment: To nurse to life or activity; to encourage.  
foppish: Characteristic of one who is unduly devoted to dress and the niceties of manners.  
forbearance: Patient endurance or toleration of offenses.

forfeit: To lose possession of through failure to fulfill some obligation.  
forgery: Counterfeiting.  
forswear: To renounce upon oath.  
fragile: Easily broken.  
frantic: Frenzied.  
frugal: Economical.  
fugacious: Fleeting.  
fulminate: To cause to explode.  
fulsome: Offensive from excess of praise or commendation.  
gainsay: To contradict; to deny.  
gamut: The whole range or sequence.  
garrulous: Given to constant trivial talking.  
germane: Relevant.  
gesticulate: To make gestures or motions, as in speaking, or in place of speech.  
glimmer: A faint, wavering, unsteady light.  
gossamer: Flimsy.  
gourmand: A connoisseur in the delicacies of the table.  
grandiloquent: Speaking in or characterized by a pompous or bombastic style.  
gregarious: Sociable, outgoing  
grievous: Creating affliction.  
guile: Duplicity.  
gullible: Credulous.  
halcyon: Calm.  
harangue: A tirade.  
harbinger: One who or that which foreruns and announces the coming of any person or thing.  
head: Adv. Precipitately, as in diving.  
heinous: Odiously sinful.  
heresy: An opinion or doctrine subversive of settled beliefs or accepted principles.  
heterogeneous: Consisting of dissimilar elements or ingredients of different kinds.  
hirsute: Having a hairy covering.  
hoodwink: To deceive.  
hospitable: Disposed to treat strangers or guests with generous kindness.  
hypocrisy: Extreme insincerity.  
iconoclast: An image-breaker.  
idiosyncrasy: A mental quality or habit peculiar to an individual.  
ignoble: Low in character or purpose.  
ignominious: Shameful.  
illicit: Unlawful.  
imbroglio: A misunderstanding attended by ill feeling, perplexity, or strife.  
imbue : To dye; to instill profoundly.  
immaculate: Without spot or blemish.  
imminent: Dangerous and close at hand.  
immutable: Unchangeable.  
impair: To cause to become less or worse.  
impassive: Unmoved by or not exhibiting feeling.



impecunious: Having no money.  
impede: To be an obstacle or to place obstacles in the way of.  
imperative: Obligatory.  
imperious: Insisting on obedience.  
imperturbable: Calm.  
impervious: Impenetrable.  
impetuous: Impulsive.  
impiety: Irreverence toward God.  
implacable: Incapable of being pacified.  
implicate: To show or prove to be involved in or concerned  
implicit: Implied.  
importunate: Urgent in character, request, or demand.  
importune: To harass with persistent demands or entreaties.  
impromptu: Anything done or said on the impulse of the moment.  
improvident: Lacking foresight or thrift.  
impugn: To assail with arguments, insinuations, or accusations.  
impute: To attribute.  
inadvertent: Accidental.  
inane: Silly.  
incessant: Unceasing.  
inchoate: Incipient.  
incipient: Initial.  
incite: To rouse to a particular action.  
incongruous: Unsuitable for the time, place, or occasion.  
inculcate: To teach by frequent repetitions.  
indelible: That can not be blotted out, effaced, destroyed, or removed.  
indigence: Poverty.  
indigenous: Native.  
indistinct: Vague.  
indolence: Laziness.  
indolent: Habitually inactive or idle.  
indomitable: Unconquerable.  
indulgent: Yielding to the desires or humor of oneself or those under one's care.  
ineffable: Unutterable.  
ineluctable: Impossible to avoid.  
inept: Not fit or suitable.  
inexorable: Unrelenting.  
infuse: To instill, introduce, or inculcate, as principles or qualities.  
ingenuous: Candid, frank, or open in character or quality.  
inimical: Adverse.  
innocuous: Harmless.  
inscrutable: Impenetrably mysterious or profound.  
insensible: Imperceptible.  
insinuate: To imply.  
insipid: Tasteless.  
insouciant: Nonchalant.

insurrection: The state of being in active resistance to authority.  
interdict: Authoritative act of prohibition.  
interim: Time between acts or periods.  
intransigent: Not capable of being swayed or diverted from a course.  
intrepid: Fearless and bold.  
introspection: The act of observing and analyzing one's own thoughts and feelings.  
inundate: To fill with an overflowing abundance.  
inure: To harden or toughen by use, exercise, or exposure.  
invalid: One who is disabled by illness or injury.  
invective: An utterance intended to cast censure, or reproach.  
inveigh: To utter vehement censure or invective.  
inveterate: Habitual.  
invidious: Showing or feeling envy.  
invincible: Not to be conquered, subdued, or overcome.  
iota: A small or insignificant mark or part.  
irascible: Prone to anger.  
irate: Moved to anger.  
ire: Wrath.  
irksome: Wearisome.  
itinerant: Wandering.  
itinerate: To wander from place to place.  
jocular: Inclined to joke.  
jovial: Merry.  
judicious: Prudent.  
junta: A council or assembly that deliberates in secret upon the affairs of government.  
lachrymose: Given to shedding tears.  
lackadaisical: Listless.  
languid: Relaxed.  
lascivious: Lustful.  
lassitude: Lack of vitality or energy.  
latent: Dormant.  
laudable: Praiseworthy.  
laudatory: Pertaining to, expressing, or containing praise.  
legacy: A bequest.  
levee: An embankment beside a river or stream or an arm of the sea, to prevent overflow.  
levity: Frivolity.  
lexicon: A dictionary.  
libel: Defamation.  
licentious: Wanton.  
lien: A legal claim or hold on property, as security for a debt or charge.  
listless: Inattentive.  
lithe: Supple.  
loquacious: Talkative.  
lugubrious: Indicating sorrow, often ridiculously.  
luminary: One of the heavenly bodies as a source of light.

lustrous: Shining.  
malaise: A condition of uneasiness or ill-being.  
malcontent: One who is dissatisfied with the existing state of affairs.  
malevolence: Ill will.  
malign: To speak evil of, especially to do so falsely and severely.  
malleable: Pliant.  
massacre: The unnecessary and indiscriminate killing of human beings.  
maudlin: Foolishly and tearfully affectionate.  
mawkish: Sickening or insipid.  
mellifluous: Sweetly or smoothly flowing.  
mendacious: Untrue.  
mendicant: A beggar.  
meretricious: Alluring by false or gaudy show.  
mesmerize: To hypnotize.  
meticulous: Over-cautious.  
mettle: Courage.  
mettlesome: Having courage or spirit.  
microcosm: The world or universe on a small scale.  
mien: The external appearance or manner of a person.  
mischievous: Fond of tricks.  
miscreant: A villain.  
miser: A person given to saving and hoarding unduly.  
misnomer: A name wrongly or mistakenly applied.  
moderation: Temperance.  
modicum: A small or token amount.  
mollify: To soothe.  
molt: To cast off, as hair, feathers, etc.  
monomania: The unreasonable pursuit of one idea.  
morbid: Caused by or denoting a diseased or unsound condition of body or mind.  
mordant: Biting.  
moribund: On the point of dying.  
morose: Gloomy.  
multifarious: Having great diversity or variety.  
mundane: Worldly, as opposed to spiritual or celestial.  
munificent: Extraordinarily generous.  
myriad: A vast indefinite number.  
nadir: The lowest point.  
nefarious: Wicked in the extreme.  
negligent: Apt to omit what ought to be done.  
neophyte: Having the character of a beginner.  
noisome: Very offensive, particularly to the sense of smell.  
nostrum: Any scheme or recipe of a charlatan character.  
noxious: Hurtful.  
nugatory: Having no power or force.  
obdurate: Impassive to feelings of humanity or pity.  
obfuscate: To darken; to obscure.

oblique: Slanting; said of lines.  
obsequious: Showing a servile readiness to fall in with the wishes or will of another.  
obstreperous: Boisterous.  
obtrude: To be pushed or to push oneself into undue prominence.  
obtrusive: Tending to be pushed or to push oneself into undue prominence.  
obviate: To clear away or provide for, as an objection or difficulty.  
odious: Hateful.  
odium: A feeling of extreme repugnance, or of dislike and disgust.  
officious: Intermeddling with what is not one's concern.  
ominous: Portentous.  
onerous: Burdensome or oppressive.  
onus: A burden or responsibility.  
opprobrium: The state of being scornfully reproached or accused of evil.  
ossify: To convert into bone.  
ostentation: A display dictated by vanity and intended to invite applause or flattery.  
ostracism: Exclusion from intercourse or favor, as in society or politics.  
ostracize: To exclude from public or private favor.  
palate: The roof of the mouth.  
palatial: Magnificent.  
palliate: To cause to appear less guilty.  
palpable: Perceptible by feeling or touch.  
panacea: A remedy or medicine proposed for or professing to cure all diseases.  
panegyric: A formal and elaborate eulogy, written or spoken, of a person or of an act.  
panoply: A full set of armor.  
paragon: A model of excellence.  
Pariah: A member of a degraded class; a social outcast.  
paroxysm: A sudden outburst of any kind of activity.  
parsimonious: Unduly sparing in the use or expenditure of money.  
partisan: Characterized by or exhibiting undue or unreasoning devotion to a party.  
pathos: The quality in any form of representation that rouses emotion or sympathy.  
paucity: Fewness.  
peccadillo: A small breach of propriety or principle.  
pedestrian: One who journeys on foot.  
pellucid: Translucent.  
penchant: A bias in favor of something.  
penurious: Excessively sparing in the use of money.  
penury: Indigence.  
peregrination: A wandering.  
peremptory: Precluding question or appeal.  
perfidy: Treachery.  
perfunctory: Half-hearted.  
peripatetic: Walking about.  
perjury: A solemn assertion of a falsity.  
permeate: To pervade.  
pernicious: Tending to kill or hurt.  
persiflage: Banter.

perspicacity: Acuteness or discernment.  
perturbation: Mental excitement or confusion.  
petrify: To convert into a substance of stony hardness and character.  
petulant: Displaying impatience.  
phlegmatic: Not easily roused to feeling or action.  
physiognomy: The external appearance merely.  
pious: Religious.  
pique: To excite a slight degree of anger in.  
placate: To bring from a state of angry or hostile feeling to one of patience or friendliness.  
platitude: A written or spoken statement that is flat, dull, or commonplace.  
plea: An argument to obtain some desired action.  
plenary: Entire.  
plethora: Excess; superabundance.  
plumb: A weight suspended by a line to test the verticality of something.  
plumbet: A piece of lead for making soundings, adjusting walls to the vertical.  
poignant: Severely painful or acute to the spirit.  
polyglot: Speaking several tongues.  
ponderous: Unusually weighty or forcible.  
portend: To indicate as being about to happen, especially by previous signs.  
portent: Anything that indicates what is to happen.  
precarious: Perilous.  
preclude: To prevent.  
precocious: Having the mental faculties prematurely developed.  
predominate: To be chief in importance, quantity, or degree.  
premature: Coming too soon.  
presage: To foretell.  
prescience: Knowledge of events before they take place.  
presumption: That which may be logically assumed to be true until disproved.  
preternatural: Extraordinary.  
prevalent: Of wide extent or frequent occurrence.  
prevaricate: To use ambiguous or evasive language for the purpose of deceiving or diverting attention.  
prim: Stiffly proper.  
pristine: Primitive.  
probity: Virtue or integrity tested and confirmed.  
proclivity: A natural inclination.  
procrastination: Delay.  
prodigal: One wasteful or extravagant, especially in the use of money or property.  
prodigious: Immense.  
profligacy: Shameless viciousness.  
profligate: Recklessly wasteful  
profuse: Produced or displayed in overabundance.  
prolix: Verbose.  
propinquity: Nearness.  
propitious: Kindly disposed.

prosaic: Unimaginative.  
proscribe: To reject, as a teaching or a practice, with condemnation or denunciation.  
protuberant: Bulging.  
provident: Anticipating and making ready for future wants or emergencies.  
prudence: Caution.  
puerile: Childish.  
pugnacious: Quarrelsome.  
punctilious: Strictly observant of the rules or forms prescribed by law or custom.  
pungency: The quality of affecting the sense of smell.  
pusillanimous: Without spirit or bravery.  
pyre: A heap of combustibles arranged for burning a dead body.  
qualm: A fit of nausea.  
quandary: A puzzling predicament.  
quibble: An utterly trivial distinction or objection.  
quiescence: Being quiet, still, or at rest; inactive  
quiescent: Being in a state of repose or inaction.  
Quixotic: Chivalrous or romantic to a ridiculous or extravagant degree.  
quotidian: Of an everyday character; ordinary.  
raconteur: A person skilled in telling stories.  
ramify: To divide or subdivide into branches or subdivisions.  
rapacious: Seize by force, avaricious  
raucous: Harsh.  
reactionary: Pertaining to, of the nature of, causing, or favoring reaction.  
rebuff: A peremptory or unexpected rejection of advances or approaches.  
recalcitrant: Marked by stubborn resistance.  
recant: To withdraw formally one's belief (in something previously believed or maintained).  
reciprocity: Equal mutual rights and benefits granted and enjoyed.  
recluse: One who lives in retirement or seclusion.  
recondite: Incomprehensible to one of ordinary understanding.  
recrudescent: Becoming raw or sore again.  
recuperate: To recover.  
redoubtable: Formidable.  
redress: To set right, as a wrong by compensation or the punishment of the wrong-doer.  
refractory: Not amenable to control.  
regale: To give unusual pleasure.  
regicide: The killing of a king or sovereign.  
reiterate: To say or do again and again.  
relapse: To suffer a return of a disease after partial recovery.  
remonstrate: To present a verbal or written protest to those who have power to right or prevent a wrong.  
renovate: To restore after deterioration, as a building.  
repast: A meal; figuratively, any refreshment.  
repel: To force or keep back in a manner, physically or mentally.  
repine: To indulge in fretfulness and faultfinding.  
reprobate: One abandoned to depravity and sin.

repudiate: To refuse to have anything to do with.  
repulsive: Grossly offensive.  
requisite: Necessary.  
requite: To repay either good or evil to, as to a person.  
rescind: To make void, as an act, by the enacting authority or a superior authority.  
resilience: The power of springing back to a former position  
resonance: Able to reinforce sound by sympathetic vibrations.  
respite: Interval of rest.  
restive: Resisting control.  
retinue: The group of people who accompany an important person during travels.  
revere: To regard with worshipful veneration.  
reverent: Humble.  
ribald: Indulging in or manifesting coarse indecency or obscenity.  
risible: Capable of exciting laughter.  
rotund: Round from fullness or plumpness.  
ruffian: A lawless or recklessly brutal fellow.  
ruminate: To chew over again, as food previously swallowed and regurgitated.  
sagacious: Able to discern and distinguish with wise perception.  
salacious: Having strong sexual desires.  
salient: Standing out prominently.  
salubrious: Healthful; promoting health.  
salutary: Beneficial.  
sanction: To approve authoritatively.  
sanguine: Cheerfully confident; optimistic.  
sardonic: Scornfully or bitterly sarcastic.  
sate: To satisfy fully the appetite or desire of.  
satyr: A very lascivious person.  
savor: To perceive by taste or smell.  
scabbard: The sheath of a sword or similar bladed weapon.  
scintilla: The faintest ray.  
scribble: Hasty, careless writing.  
sedulous: Persevering in effort or endeavor.  
sequence: The order in which a number or persons, things, or events follow one another in space or time.  
severance: Separation.  
shrewd: Characterized by skill at understanding and profiting by circumstances.  
sinecure: Any position having emoluments with few or no duties.  
sinuous: Curving in and out.  
skiff: Usually, a small light boat propelled by oars.  
sluggard: A person habitually lazy or idle.  
solace: Comfort in grief, trouble, or calamity.  
solvent: Having sufficient funds to pay all debts.  
somniferous: Tending to produce sleep.  
somnolent: Sleepy.  
sonorous: Resonant.  
sophistry: Reasoning sound in appearance only, especially when designedly deceptive.

soporific: Causing sleep; also, something that causes sleep.  
sordid: Filthy, morally degraded  
specious: Plausible.  
spurious: Not genuine.  
squalid: Having a dirty, mean, poverty-stricken appearance.  
stanch: To stop the flowing of; to check.  
stigma: A mark of infamy or token of disgrace attaching to a person as the result of evil-doing.  
stingy: Cheap, unwilling to spend money.  
stolid: Expressing no power of feeling or perceiving.  
submerge: To place or plunge under water.  
subterfuge: Evasion.  
succinct: Concise.  
sumptuous: Rich and costly.  
supercilious: Exhibiting haughty and careless contempt.  
superfluous: Being more than is needed.  
supernumerary: Superfluous.  
supersede: To displace.  
supine: Lying on the back.  
supplicate: To beg.  
suppress: To prevent from being disclosed or punished.  
surcharge: An additional amount charged.  
surfeit: To feed to fullness or to satiety.  
susceptibility: A specific capability of feeling or emotion.  
sybarite: A luxurious person.  
sycophant: A servile flatterer, especially of those in authority or influence.  
synopsis: A syllabus or summary.  
taciturn: Disinclined to conversation.  
taut: Stretched tight.  
temerity: Foolhardy disregard of danger; recklessness.  
terse: Pithy.  
timorous: Lacking courage.  
torpid: Dull; sluggish; inactive.  
torrid: Excessively hot.  
tortuous: Abounding in irregular bends or turns.  
tractable: Easily led or controlled.  
transgress: To break a law.  
transient: One who or that which is only of temporary existence.  
transitory: Existing for a short time only.  
travail: Hard or agonizing labor.  
travesty: A grotesque imitation.  
trenchant: Cutting deeply and quickly.  
trepidation: Nervous uncertainty of feeling.  
trite: Made commonplace by frequent repetition.  
truculence: Ferocity.  
truculent: Having the character or the spirit of a savage.



turbid: In a state of turmoil; muddled  
turgid: Swollen.  
turpitude: Depravity.  
tutelage: The act of training or the state of being under instruction.  
tyro: One slightly skilled in or acquainted with any trade or profession.  
ubiquitous: Being present everywhere.  
ulterior: Not so pertinent as something else to the matter spoken of.  
umbrage: A sense of injury.  
unctuous: Oily.  
undermine: To subvert in an underhand way.  
undulate: To move like a wave or in waves.  
untoward: Causing annoyance or hindrance.  
upbraid: To reproach as deserving blame.  
vagary: A sudden desire or action  
vainglory: Excessive, pretentious, and demonstrative vanity.  
valorous: Courageous.  
vapid: Having lost sparkling quality and flavor.  
variegated: Having marks or patches of different colors; also, varied.  
vehement: Very eager or urgent.  
venal: Mercenary, corrupt.  
veneer: Outside show or elegance.  
venial: That may be pardoned or forgiven, a forgivable sin.  
veracious: Habitually disposed to speak the truth.  
veracity: Truthfulness.  
verbiage: Use of many words without necessity.  
verbose: Wordy.  
verdant: Green with vegetation.  
veritable: Real; true; genuine.  
vestige: A visible trace, mark, or impression, of something absent, lost, or gone.  
vicissitude: A change, especially a complete change, of condition or circumstances, as of fortune.  
vigilance: Alert and intent mental watchfulness in guarding against danger.  
vigilant: Being on the alert to discover and ward off danger or insure safety.  
virago: Loud talkative women, strong statured women  
virtu: Rare, curious, or beautiful quality.  
visage: The face, countenance, or look of a person.  
vitiate: To contaminate.  
vituperate: To overwhelm with wordy abuse.  
vivify: To endue with life.  
vociferous: Making a loud outcry.  
volatile: Changeable.  
voluble: Having great fluency in speaking.  
wean: To transfer (the young) from dependence on mother's milk to another form of nourishment.  
whimsical: Capricious.  
winsome: Attractive.

Zeitgeist: The intellectual and moral tendencies that characterize any age or epoch.