



## GRE Vocabulary List

The verbal section of the GRE is vocabulary-intensive, and the more words you can learn between now and test day, the better. Below are the 400 most commonly-tested “hard” vocabulary words you’ll encounter on the GRE. Make flash cards for each of them and commit to learning them as prescribed in your course syllabus. Good luck!

### **Group 1**

aberrant  
aggregate  
amorphous  
arbitrate  
austere  
benefactor  
burgeon  
catalyst  
coda  
conciliatory  
conundrum  
daunt  
delineate  
deterrent  
digression  
discrepancy  
disparate  
dismiss  
dupe  
emulate  
ephemeral  
euphemism  
facetious  
fervor  
foment  
furtive  
gregarious  
hedonism  
iconoclast  
impervious  
inadvertent  
incorrigible  
inert

insidious  
intractable  
irascible  
lassitude  
lucid  
malinger  
mordant  
nonplus  
occlude  
opprobrium  
parsimonious  
perfidy  
phlegmatic  
plastic  
pragmatic  
pretentious  
prodigious  
propensity  
protuberance  
quiescent  
redoubtable  
reproach  
reticent  
sanction  
sedulous  
specious  
sullen  
taciturn  
torpid  
tyro  
vacillate  
vex  
vituperative  
wax

### **Group 2**

abeyance  
alacrity  
anachronism  
artless  
autonomous  
beneficent  
buttress  
caustic  
cogent  
condone  
converge  
dearth  
denigrate  
diatribe  
dirge  
discrete  
dissemble  
dissonance  
eclectic  
enamored  
equanimity  
euphoria  
facilitate  
fickle  
forsake  
gainsay  
guileless  
hegemony  
idiosyncrasy  
impetuous  
incendiary  
indifferent  
inherent  
insipid

intrepid  
irresolute  
latent  
lurid  
malleable  
mundane  
noxious  
odious  
oscillate  
paucity  
pernicious  
piety  
platitude  
precarious  
pretext  
prodigy  
propitiate  
pundit  
quixotic  
refractory  
reprobate  
retribution  
sanguinary  
severance  
spurious  
supercilious  
temerity  
tractable  
ubiquitous  
venerable  
viable  
vivacious  
welter

**Group 3**

abscond  
alleviate  
anomalous  
ascetic  
aver  
bolster  
cabal  
censure  
commensurate  
confound  
convoluted  
decorum  
deride  
dichotomy  
disabuse  
disingenuous  
disseminate  
diverge  
efficacy  
endemic  
equivocate  
exacerbate  
fallacy  
filibuster  
fortuitous  
garrulous  
halcyon  
histrionic  
imminent  
implicit  
inchoate  
indigent  
inhibit  
insufferable  
inundate  
itinerary  
laudatory  
Machiavellian  
mercurial  
nadir  
obdurate  
officious  
paeon  
pedagogical  
perpetuity

pious  
platonic  
precipitate  
prevaricate  
profligate  
proportionate  
pungent  
raconteur  
relegate  
repudiate  
reverent  
sate  
skeptical  
squander  
superfluous  
temperate  
transient  
ulterior  
veracity  
vilify  
volatile  
xenophobe

**Group 4**

abstemious  
amalgam  
antipathy  
assiduous  
banal  
bombastic  
cacophonous  
charlatan  
compendium  
connoisseur  
corroborate  
default  
derivative  
didactic  
discerning  
disinterested  
dissolution  
divest  
effrontery  
enervate  
erudite  
exculpate

fathom  
fledgling  
foster  
germane  
hamper  
homogeneous  
impecunious  
impolitic  
incipient  
indolent  
inimical  
insular  
inure  
jettison  
levity  
magnanimous  
misanthrope  
narcissism  
obfuscate  
omnipotent  
paradigm  
pedantic  
perspicacious  
piquant  
plethora  
precursor  
probity  
profound  
propriety  
qualms  
rarefy  
renege  
requisite  
rhapsody  
satire  
solicitous  
stolid  
surfeit  
tenuous  
trenchant  
untenable  
verdant  
virulent  
voluminous  
zealot

**Group 5**

advocate  
ambivalence  
appease  
assuage  
belie  
boorish  
capricious  
chicanery  
complaisant  
contention  
craven  
deference  
desiccate  
diffidence  
discordant  
disjoint  
distend  
dogmatic  
elegy  
engender  
esoteric  
explicit  
fawning  
florid  
frugal  
glib  
harangue  
hyperbole  
imperative  
impulsive  
inhibit  
indomitable  
innocuous  
intangible  
invective  
judicious  
limn  
magnate  
miscreant  
nascent  
obtuse  
onerous  
paragon  
penchant  
pervade

pithy  
polemic  
preponderance  
problematic  
profusion  
prosaic  
quash  
recalcitrant  
renounce  
rescind  
rhetoric  
schism  
solvent  
stupefy  
synthesis  
terse  
truculent  
untoward  
verbose  
viscous  
voracious

**Group 6**

aggrandize  
ameliorate  
approbation  
audacious  
bellicose  
bucolic  
castigation  
coagulate  
compliant  
contrite  
culpable  
deft  
desultory  
diffuse  
discredit  
disparage  
distill  
dormant  
elicit  
enigmatic  
eulogy  
extrapolation

feigned  
flout  
fulminate  
gratuitous  
harry  
hypocritical  
imperturbable  
impunity  
incontrovertible  
ineffable  
insatiable  
internecine  
inveigle  
laconic  
loquacious  
malevolence  
mitigate  
neologism  
obviate  
opaque  
parody  
penury  
philanthropic  
placate  
posthumous  
presumptuous  
prodigal  
prolific  
proscribe  
querulous  
recant  
reprehensible  
resolute  
sanctimonious  
secular  
sophistry  
stymie  
tacit  
tirade  
turpitude  
urbane  
vernacular  
vitriolic  
waver