



Barrons GRE High-Frequency 333 Words Vocabulary List

WORD	MEANING
Abate	subside , or moderate
Aberrant	abnormal, or deviant
Abeyance	suspended action
Abscond	depart secretly and hide
Abstemious	sparing in eating and drinking; temperate
Admonish	warn; reprove
Adulterate	make impure by adding inferior or tainted substances
Aesthetic	artistic; dealing with or capable of appreciating the beautiful
Aggregate	gather; accumulate
Alacrity	cheerful promptness; eagerness
Alleviate	relieve
Amalgamate	combine; unite in one body
Ambiguous	unclear or doubtful in meaning
Ambivalence	the state of having contradictory or conflicting emotional attitudes
Ameliorate	improve
Anachronism	something or someone misplaced in time
Analogous	comparable
Anarchy	absence of governing body; state of disorder
Anomalous	abnormal; irregular
Antipathy	aversion; dislike
Apathy	lack of caring; indifference
Appease	pacify or soothe; relieve
Apprise	inform
Approbation	approval
Appropriate v.	acquire; take possession of for one's own use
Arduous	hard; strenuous
Artless	without guile; open and honest
Ascetic	practicing self-denial; austere
Assiduous	diligent
Assuage v.	ease or lessen (pain); satisfy (hunger); soothe (anger)
Attenuate	make thinner
Audacious	daring; bold
Austere	forbiddingly stern; severely simple and unornamented
Autonomous	self-governing; independent
Aver	assert confidently or declare; as used in law, state formally as a fact
Banal	hackneyed; commonplace; trite; lacking originality
Belie	contradict; give a false impression



Beneficent	kindly; doing good	GRE	IELTS	TOEFL
Bolster	support; reinforce			
Bombastic	pompous; using inflated language			
Boorish	rude; insensitive			
Burgeon	grow forth; send out buds			
Burnish	make shiny by rubbing; polish			
Buttress v.	support; prop up			
Capricious	unpredictable; fickle			
Castigation	punishment; severe criticism			
Catalyst	agent that increases the pace of a chemical action			
Caustic	burning; sarcastically biting			
Chicanery	trickery; deception			
Coagulate	thicken; congeal; clot			
Coda	concluding section of a musical or literary composition; summarizes or concludes			
Cogent	convincing			
Commensurate adj.	corresponding in extent, degree, etc.; proportionate			
Compendium	brief, comprehensive summary			
Complaisant	trying to please; overly polite; obliging			
Compliant	yielding; conforming to requirements			
Conciliatory	reconciling; soothing			
Condone	overlook; forgive; give tacit approval; excuse			
Confound	confuse; puzzle			
Connoisseur	person competent to act as a judge of art; a lover of art			
Contention	claim; thesis			
Contentious	quarrelsome			
Contrite	penitent			
Conundrum	riddle; difficult problem			
Converge	approach; tend to meet; come together			
Convolved	coiled around; involved; intricate			
Craven	cowardly			
Daunt	intimidate; frighten			
Decorum	propriety; orderliness and good taste in manners			
Default	failure to act			
Deference	courteous regard for another's wishes			
Delineate	portray; depict; sketch			
Denigrate	blacken			
Deride	ridicule; make fun of			
Derivative	unoriginal; obtained from another source			
Desiccate	dry up			
Desultory	aimless; haphazard; digressing at random			
Deterrent	Something that discourages; hindrance			
Diatribes n.	bitter scolding; invective			
Dichotomy	split; branching into two parts (especially contradictory ones)			
Diffidence	Shyness			
Diffuse adj.	wordy; rambling; spread out (like a gas)			





Digression	Wandering away from the subject	GRE	IELTS	TOEFL
Dirge	Lament with music			
Disabuse	correct a false impression; undeceive			
Discerning	mentally quick and observant; having insight			
Discordant	not harmonious; conflicting			
Discredit	defame; destroy confidence in; disbelieve			
Discrepancy	lack of consistency; difference			
Discrete adj.	separate; unconnected; consisting of distinct parts			
Disingenuous	lacking genuine candor; insincere			
Disinterested	unprejudiced			
Disjointed	lacking coherence; separated at the joints			
Dismiss	eliminate from consideration; reject			
Disparage	belittle			
Disparate adj.	basically different; unrelated			
Dissemble v.	disguise; pretend			
Disseminate	distribute; spread; scatter (like seeds)			
Dissolution	disintegration; looseness in morals			
Dissonance	discord; opposite of harmony			
Distend	expand; swell out			
Distill	purify; refine; concentrate			
Diverge	vary; go in different directions from the same point			
Divest	strip; deprive			
Document	provide written evidence			
Dogmatic	opinionated; arbitrary; doctrinal			
Dormant	sleeping; lethargic; latent			
Dupe	someone easily fooled			
Ebullient	showing excitement; overflowing with enthusiasm			
Eclectic	selective; composed of elements drawn from disparate sources			
Efficacy	power to produce desired effect			
Effrontery	impudence; shameless boldness; sheer nerve; presumptuousness			
Elegy	poem or song expressing lamentation			
Elicit	draw out by discussion			
Embellish	adorn; ornament; enhance, as a story			
Empirical	based on experience			
Emulate	imitate; rival			
Endemic	prevailing among a specific group of people or in a specific area or country			
Enervate	weaken			
Engender	cause; produce			
Enhance	increase; improve			
Ephemeral	short-lived; fleeting			
Equanimity	calmness of temperament; composure			
Equivocate	lie; mislead; attempt to conceal the truth			
Erudite	learned; scholarly			
Esoteric	hard to understand; known only to the chosen few			





Eulogy	expression of praise, often on the occasion of someone's death
Euphemism	mild expression in place of an unpleasant one
Exacerbate	worsen; embitter
Exculpate	clear from blame
Exigency	urgent situation; pressing needs or demands; state of requiring immediate attention
Extrapolation	projection; conjecture
Facetious	joking (often inappropriately); humorous
Facilitate	help bring about; make less difficult
Fallacious	false; misleading
Fatuous	brainless; inane; foolish, yet smug
Fawning	trying to please by behaving obsequiously, flattering, or cringing
Felicitous	apt; suitably expressed; well chosen
Fervor	glowing ardor; intensity of feeling
Flag	droop; grow feeble
Fledgling	inexperienced
Flout	reject; mock; show contempt for
Foment	stir up; instigate
Forestall	prevent by taking action in advance
Frugality	thrift; economy
Futile	useless; hopeless; ineffectual
Gainsay	deny
Garrulous	loquacious; talkative; wordy
Goad	urge on
Gouge	overcharge
Grandiloquent	pompous; bombastic; using high-sounding language
Gregarious	sociable
Guileless	without deceit
Gullible	easily deceived
Harangue	long, passionate, and vehement speech
Homogeneous	of the same kind
Hyperbole	exaggeration; overstatement
Iconoclastic	attacking cherished traditions
Idolatry	worship of idols; excessive admiration
Immutable	unchangeable
Impair	injure; hurt
Impassive	without feeling; imperturbable; stoical
Impede	hinder; block
Impermeable	impervious; not permitting passage through its substance
Imperturbable	calm; placid
Impervious	impenetrable; incapable of being damaged or distressed
Implacable	incapable of being pacified





Implicit	understood but not stated
Implode	burst inward
Inadvertently	unintentionally; by oversight; carelessly
Inchoate adj.	recently begun; rudimentary; elementary
Incongruity	lack of harmony; absurdity
Inconsequential	insignificant; unimportant
Incorporate	introduce something into a larger whole; combine; unite
Indeterminate	uncertain; not clearly fixed; indefinite
Indigence	poverty
Indolent	Lazy
Inert	inactive; lacking power to move
Ingenuous	naive and trusting; young; unsophisticated
Inherent	firmly established by nature or habit
Innocuous	Harmless
Insensible	unconscious; unresponsive
Insinuate	hint; imply; creep in
Insipid	lacking in flavor; dull
Insularity	narrow-mindedness; isolation
Intractable	unruly; stubborn; unyielding
Intransigence n.	refusal of any compromise; stubbornness
Inundate	overwhelm; flood; submerge
Inured adj.	accustomed; hardened
Invective n.	abuse
Irascible	irritable; easily angered
Irresolute	uncertain how to act; weak
Itinerary	plan of a trip
Laconic	brief and to the point
Lassitude	languor; weariness
Latent	potential but undeveloped; dormant; hidden
Laud v.	praise
Lethargic	drowsy; dull
Levee	stone embankment to prevent flooding
Levity	lack of seriousness or steadiness; frivolity
Log	record of a voyage or flight; record of day-to-day activities
Loquacious	talkative
Lucid	easily understood; clear; intelligible
Luminous	shining; issuing light
Magnanimity	Generosity
Malingerer	one who feigns illness to escape duty
Malleable	capable of being shaped by pounding; impressionable
Maverick	rebel; nonconformist
Mendacious	lying; habitually dishonest
Metamorphosis	change of form
Meticulous	excessively careful; painstaking; scrupulous
Misanthrope	one who hates mankind
Mitigate	appease moderate





Mollify	soothe	GRE	IELTS	TOEFL
Morose	ill-humored; sullen; melancholy			
Mundane	worldly as opposed to spiritual; everyday			
Negate	cancel out; nullify; deny			
Neophyte	recent convert; beginner			
Obdurate adj.	stubborn			
Obsequious	lavishly attentive; servile; sycophantic			
Obviate	make unnecessary; get rid of			
Occlude	shut; close			
Officious	meddlesome; excessively pushy in offering one's services			
Onerous	burdensome			
Opprobrium	infamy; vilification			
Oscillate	vibrate; waver			
Ostentatious	showy; pretentious; trying to attract attention			
Paragon	model of perfection			
Partisan	one-sided; prejudiced; committed to a party			
Pathological	pertaining to disease			
Paucity	Scarcity			
Pedantic	showing off learning; bookish			
Penchant	strong inclination; liking			
Penury	severe poverty; stinginess			
Perennial	something long-lasting			
Perfidious	treacherous; disloyal			
Perfunctory	superficial; not thorough; lacking interest, care, or enthusiasm			
Permeable	penetrable; porous; allowing liquids or gas to pass through			
Pervasive	spread throughout			
Phlegmatic	calm; not easily disturbed			
Piety	devoutness; reverence for God			
Placate	pacify; conciliate			
Plasticity	ability to be molded			
Platitude n.	trite remark; commonplace statement			
Plethora	excess; overabundance			
Plummet	fall sharply			
Porous	full of pores; like a sieve			
Pragmatic	practical (as opposed to idealistic); concerned with the practical worth or impact of something			
Preamble	introductory statement			
Precarious	uncertain; risky			
Precipitate adj.	rash, premature, hasty, sudden			
Precursor	forerunner			
Presumptuous	arrogant; taking liberties			
Prevaricate	lie			
Pristine	characteristic of earlier times; primitive; unspoiled			
Probity	uprightness; incorruptibility			





Problematic	doubtful; unsettled; questionable; perplexing
Prodigal	wasteful; reckless with money
Profound	deep; not superficial; complete
Prohibitive	tending to prevent the purchase or use of something; inclined to prevent or forbid
Proliferate	grow rapidly; spread; multiply
Propensity	natural inclination
Propitiate	appease
Propriety	fitness; correct conduct
Proscribe	ostracize; banish; outlaw
Pungent	stinging; sharp in taste or smell; caustic
Qualified	limited; restricted
Quibble	minor objection or complaint
Quiescent	at rest; dormant; temporarily inactive
Rarefied	made less dense (of a gas)
Recalcitrant	obstinately stubborn; determined to resist authority; unruly
Recant	disclaim or disavow; retract a previous statement; openly confess error
Recluse	hermit; loner
Recondite	abstruse; profound; secret
Refractory	stubborn; unmanageable
Refute	disprove
Relegate	banish to an inferior position; delegate; assign
Reproach	express disapproval or disappointment
Reprobate	person hardened in sin; devoid of a sense of decency
Repudiate	disown; disavow
Rescind	cancel
Resolution	Determination
Resolve	determination; firmness of purpose
Reticent	reserved; uncommunicative; inclined to silence
Reverent	respectful; worshipful
Sage	person celebrated for wisdom
Salubrious	healthful
Sanction	approve; ratify
Satiate	satisfy fully
Saturate	soak thoroughly
Savor	enjoy; have a distinctive flavor, smell, or quality
Secrete	hide away or cache; produce and release a substance into an organism
Shard	fragment, generally of pottery
Skeptic	doubter; person who suspends judgment until having examined evidence supporting a point of view
Solicitous	worried; concerned
Soporific	sleep-causing; marked by sleepiness
Specious	seemingly reasonable but incorrect; misleading (often





	intentionally)
Spectrum	colored band produced when a beam of light passes through a prism
Sporadic	occurring irregularly
Stigma	token of disgrace; brand
Stint v.	be thrifty; set limits
Stipulate	make express conditions; specify
Stolid	dull; impassive
Striated	marked with parallel bands; grooved
Strut	pompous walk
Strut	supporting bar
Subpoena	writ summoning a witness to appear
Subside	settle down; descend; grow quiet
Substantiate	establish by evidence; verify; support
Supersede	cause to be set aside; replace; make obsolete
Supposition	hypothesis; surmise
Tacit	understood; not put into words
Tangential	peripheral; only slightly connected; digressing
Tenuous	thin; rare; slim
Tirade	extended scolding; denunciation; harangue
Torpor	lethargy; sluggishness; dormancy
Tortuous	winding; full of curves
Tractable	docile; easily managed
Transgression	violation of a law; sin
Truculence	aggressiveness; ferocity
Vacillate	waver; fluctuate
Venerate	revere
Veracious	truthful
Verbose	wordy
Viable	practical or workable
Viscous	sticky, gluey
Vituperative adj	abusive; scolding
Volatile	changeable; explosive; evaporation rapidly
Warranted	justified; authorized
Wary	very cautious
Welter	turmoil; bewildering jumble
Whimsical	capricious; fanciful
Zealot	fanatic; person who shows excessive zeal

