

List of 100 difficult words that appear most frequently in GRE

| Sl.No. | Word | Meaning |
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| 1. | Equivocal/Equivocate/Equivocation | Ambiguous, open to two interpretations |
| 2. | Tractable (Intractable) | Obedient, yielding |
| 3. | Placate (Implacable) | To soothe or pacify |
| 4. | Miser | Person who is extremely stingy |
| 5. | Engender | To produce, cause, bring out |
| 6. | Dogma(tic)(tism(tist) | Rigidly fixed in opinion, opinionated |
| 7. | Garrulous (Garrulity) | Very talkative |
| 8. | Homogeneous (Homogenize) | Composed of identical parts |
| 9. | Laconic | Using few words |
| 10. | Quiescence (Quiescent) | Inactivity, stillness |
| 11. | Anomalous | Irregular or deviating from the norm |
| 12. | Venerate (ion) | To respect |
| 13. | Assuage | To make less severe, ease, relieve |
| 14. | Misanthrope (-ic) | Person who hates human beings |
| 15. | Digress(ive) | To turn aside; to stray from the main point |
| 16. | Corroborate (ion) | To confirm, verify |
| 17. | Buttress | To reinforce or support |
| 18. | Antipathy | Dislike, hostility, extreme opposition or aversion |
| 19. | Disabuse | To free from error or misconception |
| 20. | Feigned (Unfeigned) | Pretended |
| 21. | Banal(ity) | Trite and overly common |
| 22. | Desiccate (ion) | To dry completely, dehydrate |
| 23. | Diatribes | Bitter verbal attack |
| 24. | Pedant(ic)(ry) | Uninspired, boring academic |
| 25. | Guile(less) | Trickery, deception |
| 26. | Eulogy (-ize) | High praise, often in public |
| 27. | Fawn(ing) | To flatter excessively, seek the favor of |
| 28. | Aberrant/aberration | Different from the usual or normal |
| 29. | Heresy/Heretic(al) | An act opposed to established religious orthodoxy |
| 30. | Obdurate | Stubborn |
| 31. | Prevaricate(-ion) | To lie, evade the truth |
| 32. | Embellish(ment) | To ornament; make attractive with decoration or details; add details to a statement |
| 33. | Pragmatic/Pragmatism | Practical, moved by facts rather than abstract ideals |
| 34. | Precipitate | To cause to happen; to throw down from a height |

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| 35. | Proximity | Nearness |
| 36. | Profundity | Depth (usually depth of thought) |
| 37. | Adulterate | To corrupt or make impure |
| 38. | Sanction | Permission, support; law; penalty |
| 39. | Ameliorate (-ion) | To make better, improve |
| 40. | Anachronism/Anachronistic | Something chronologically inappropriate |
| 41. | Vindictive | Spiteful, vengeful, unforgiving |
| 42. | Propitiate | To win over, appease |
| 43. | Aver | To declare to be true, affirm |
| 44. | Burgeon(-ing) | To sprout or flourish |
| 45. | Commensurate | Proportional |
| 46. | Mitigate/Mitigation | To soften, or make milder |
| 47. | Culpability | Guilt, responsibility for wrong |
| 48. | Spacious(ness) | Having a false appearance of truth; showy |
| 49. | Turpitude | Inherent baseness, depravity |
| 50. | Diffident/Diffidence | Shy, lacking confidence |
| 51. | Repudiate | To reject as having no authority |
| 52. | Discrete | Individually distinct; consisting of unconnected elements |
| 53. | Obviate | To make unnecessary; to anticipate and prevent |
| 54. | Dissemble | To pretend, disguise one's motives |
| 55. | Implacable | Inflexible, incapable of being pleased |
| 56. | Emulate | To copy, imitate |
| 57. | Complaisance/Complaisant | Disposition to please or comply |
| 58. | Enervate | To weaken, sap strength from |
| 59. | Latency | The condition of being present but hidden |
| 60. | Erudite (ition) | Learned, scholarly |
| 61. | Espouse | To support or advocate, to marry |
| 62. | Florid(ness) | Gaudy, extremely ornate, ruddy, flushed |
| 63. | Occlude | To shut, block |
| 64. | Harangue | A ranting writing or speech, lecture |
| 65. | Hieroglyph(ic) | Pictorial character |
| 66. | Iconoclast | One who attacks traditional beliefs |
| 67. | Impervious | Impossible to penetrate; incapable of being affected |
| 68. | Efficacy/Efficacious | Effectiveness, efficiency |
| 69. | Inchoate | Imperfectly formed or formulated |
| 70. | Loquacity/loquacious | Talkative |
| 71. | Irascible (-ility) | Easily angered |
| 72. | Ephemeral | Momentary, transient, fleeting |
| 73. | Laudable (-tory) | Deserving of praise |
| 74. | Inspid | Bland, lacking flavour; lacking |

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| | | excitement |
| 75. | Magnanimity/Magnanimous | Generosity |
| 76. | Precarious(ly) | Uncertain |
| 77. | Endemic | Belonging to a particular area; inherent |
| 78. | Mollify | To calm or make less severe |
| 79. | Rarefy/Rarefaction | To make thinner, purer, or more refined |
| 80. | Disinterest(ed)(edness) | Unbiased; not interested |
| 81. | Foster | To nourish, cultivate, promote |
| 82. | Perennial | Present throughout the years; persistent |
| 83. | Malevolent | Ill-willed; causing evil or harm to others |
| 84. | Defer(ence) | To show respect or politeness in a submissive way |
| 85. | Precursory(y) | Forerunner, predecessor |
| 86. | Lucid | Clear and easily understood |
| 87. | Probity | Honesty, high-mindedness |
| 88. | Abscond | To depart secretly and hide |
| 89. | Propensity | Inclination, tendency |
| 90. | Audacious | Bold, daring, fearless |
| 91. | Wheedle | To influence or entice by flattery |
| 92. | Prudent | Careful, cautious |
| 93. | Mundane | Worldly; commonplace |
| 94. | Diffuse | Widely spread out |
| 95. | Aggrandize | To make larger or greater in power |
| 96. | Decimate | To reduce drastically; to destroy a large part of |
| 97. | Succinct | Terse, brief, concise |
| 98. | Enigma(tic) | A puzzle, something inexplicable |
| 99. | Unfettered | Free, unrestrained |
| 100. | Ascetic | Self-denying, abstinent, austere |