300 High-Frequency GRE Words

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aberrant abeyance abstemious aesthetic alacrity alleviate amalgamate ambiguous ambivalence ameliorate anachronism analogous anarchy anomalous antipathy apathy apprise approbation appropriate arcane arduous artless ascetic aspersion assiduous attenuate audacious austere aver banal belie beneficent bombastic

boorish burgeon burnish buttress cacophonous cant capricious castigation catalyst causality chicanery coagulate commensurate compendium complaisant conciliatory concomitant confound contentious conundrum conventional convoluted cosmology craven credence decorum deference delineate demotic demur denigrate denouement derivative

diffidence diffuse disabuse discordant discrepancy discrete disingenuous disinterested dismiss disparage disparate dissemble disseminate dissolution dissonance doctrinaire dogmatic ebullient eclectic effete efficacy effrontery elegy elicit embellish empirical emulate endemic enervate

desiccate desultory

diatribe

dichotomy

ephemeral equanimity equivocate erudite esoteric euphemism exacerbate exacting exculpate execrable exigency existential extant extraneous extrapolation facetious fallacious fatuous felicitous fledgling foment forestall fractious frugality fulminate gainsay garrulous grandiloquent gregarious guileless gullible harangue heterodox histrionic homily homogeneous hyperbole iconoclastic ideological idolatry

igneous

immutable impassive impermeable imperturbable impervious implacable implicit inadvertently inchoate incongruity indeterminate indigence indolent ineluctable inert ingenuous inherent innocuous insensible insinuate insipid insularity intractable intransigence inundate inured invective irascible irresolute juxtapose laconic lassitude laud lethargic levity limpid loquacious lucid magnanimity malinger

malleable

maverick mendacious meretricious metamorphosis metaphysical meticulous misanthrope misogvnist mitigate mollify morose mundane neophyte obdurate obsequious obviate occlude officious onerous opprobrium oscillate ostentatious paragon partisan pathological paucity pedantic pellucid penchant penury perfidious perfunctory permeable pervasive phlegmatic piety placate plasticity platitude plethora pragmatic

ESSENTIAL WORDS FOR THE GRE

precarious precipitate precursor presumptuous prevaricate pristine probity problematic prodigal profound proliferate propensity propitiate propriety proscribe qualified quiescent rarefied recalcitrant recant recondite refractory refute relegate reproach reprobate repudiate

rescind resolute resolved reticent reverence sage salubrious salutary sanction sartorial satiate sensual sensuous sentient skeptic solicitous soporific specious sporadic stigma stipulate stolid striated substantiate subsume supersede supposition

tacit taciturn tangential tenuous tirade torpor tortuous tractable transgression truculence turgid untenable vacillate vapid venerate veracious verbose viable viscous vitiate vituperative volatile whimsical zealot