

ARCO 250 WORDS LIST

Abeyance	suspended action
abrogate	repeal or annul by authority
abstruse	difficult to comprehend, obscure, esoteric, recondite
alacrity	eager and cheerful readiness
amalgamate	to combine several elements into a whole
ambiguous	having two contrary meanings, equivocal
ambivalent	characterized by opposite feelings or emotions
ameliorate	improve make better
anachronism	something out of place in terms of its historical or chronological context
apocryphal	false, spurious, fallacious
apotheosis	deification, glorification to godliness
attenuate	make thin, weaken, enervate
baneful	causing harm or ruin, sinister, ominous, pernicious, baleful
bedizen	to adorn, especially in a cheap and showy manner
bilge	bulge; sides of the vessel that curve in to form the bottom (ship)
blandishment	flattery, coaxing, enticement
broach	bring up, announce, begin to talk about, initiate
burnish	to polish rub to a shine
cajole	use flattery or deceit to persuade
calcify	to change into a hard, stony condition, petrify
calumny	slander, aspersion
capitulate	to surrender, give up
capricious	unpredictable, erratic, changing one's mind impulsively, whimsical
castigate	to chastise correct by punishing / severe punishment
chastened	corrected punished
coda	passage that concludes a piece of music, finale (analogous to epilogue)
codicil	an addition to a will, appendix, supplement
coeval	of the same period, contemporary, coetaneous
cognizant	being fully aware of
conjoin	to join together
contemn	to scorn or despise
contentious	argumentative, combative, quarrelsome, pugnacious, bellicose
contumacious	insubordinate, rebellious
conundrum	a riddle, dilemma, enigma
countenance	to favor or approve of
craven	cowardly person, pusillanimous
dearth	shortage, scarcity, paucity
debacle	a sudden and violent collapse, sudden disaster
demur	to hesitate, raise objections
denouement	an outcome or solution the unraveling of a plot
desiccate	dehydrate / substance used to absorb moisture
desuetude	cessation of use disuse

desultory	aimless haphazard digressing at random
detumescence	diminishing or lessening of swelling
diaphanous	transparent gauzy
diatribe	violent verbal attack, tirade, malediction, obloquy, jeremiad, fulmination
diffidence	shyness
dilatory	tending to cause delay, procrastinating
dirge	hymn of mourning performed as a memorial to a dead person, lament
disabuse	to set right, undeceive
discordant	conflicting in sound, disharmonious, dissonant
disparage	to belittle, denigrate / derogative
disparate	essentially different, unlike
dissemble	speak or behave so as to hide something (in mind)
dissolute	lewd, debauched, degenerate, dissipated, libertine, profligate
divestiture	an order to an offending party to rid itself of property
doggerel	trivial, poorly constructed verse
dulcet	melodious, harmonious
eclectic	composed of elements drawn from various sources, compiled
efficacy	production of a desired result, productive, efficient, effective
effluvia	outflow in a stream of particles a noxious odor or vapor
effrontery	boldness, impudence, arrogance
elegy	a lament, a melancholy composition, dirge
emulate	to simulate, imitate ; strive to equality
enervate	weaken, deprive of strength, attenuate
ephemeral	brief, fleeting, evanescent
epitome	summary, abstract, synopsis, prologue / standard example, paradigm
equanimity	calmness of temperament
equipoise	equal distribution of weight, equilibrium
equivocal	having a double meaning, suspicious / try to deceive, prevaricate
erudite	learned, scholarly
excoriate	severely criticize
exigent	urgent / emergency, an urgent situation
expatiate	to roam wander freely
extricable	that can be freed
fallacious	based on error, apocryphal
fatuous	without sense, foolish, self-satisfaction
fawn	young deer, try to win somebody's favour, pander, toady, grovel
felicitous	apt, suitably expressed well chosen, apropos
fervid / vent	showing earnest feeling, zealous, vehement
flout	reject, mock, to go against (tradition), sneer
foment	put something warm (to lessen pain) ; to stir up public opinion, instigate
froward	not willing to yield or comply, stubborn, intransigence, intractable
fulsome	disgusting, offensive due to excessiveness
gainsay	to deny, to oppose
garner	to gather and save to store up
garrulous	too talkative, loquacious, effusive / talkativeness
gossamer	soft light delicate material, antonym of ponderous

gouge	tool for cutting grooves in wood
gratuitous	voluntary, free
grouse	to complain, grumble
hallow	to make holy consecrate
hapless	unlucky
hedonism	devotion to pleasure of the senses / pleasure seeker / epicurean
hermetic	sealed by fusion
hirsute	hairy, shaggy
hone	stone used for sharpening tools
ignominious	shameful dishonorable undignified disgraceful
impetuous	having sudden energy, impulsive, forceful ; haste, precipitous
imprecate	to invoke or conjure a curse (as an insult), malediction
incarcerate	to imprison
inchoate	not yet fully formed, elementary, rudimentary, amorphous ; incipient
incursion	a raid, a sudden attack
indefatigability	not easily exhaustible tirelessness
indomitable	not easily discouraged or subdued
ineluctable	certain inevitable
inimical	harmful or unfriendly, antagonistic, dissident
innocuous	causing no harm
insipid	without taste or flavor, bland, vapid
insolvent	unable to pay dept, bankrupt
insouciant	blithely unconcerned, carefree, indifferent, nonchalant
intemperance	lack of restraint or moderation; addiction to alcohol
intransigent	uncompromising, adamant, inexorable / stubbornness, intractability
intrepid	fearless, brave, undaunted
invective	abusive language curses, vituperation
inveigh	to attack verbally denounce deprecate
irascible	irritable, easily angered, choleric
lachrymose	causing tears, tearful
laconic	rudely abrupt, blunt, brusque, curt
laconic	using few words, concise, terse, pithy, compendious, sententious
lassitude	weariness, tiredness
lethargic	drowsy, lazy; indifferent
lionize	treat as a famous person
loquacious	talkative, garrulous, effusive
lugubrious	mournful, excessively sad
maladroit	tactless, clumsy
mellifluous	sweetly flowing
mendicant	a beggar
misanthrope	person who hates mankind
mitigate	to make less severe or intense, moderate, relieve, palliate, assuage
mollify	make calmer or quieter, assuage, alleviate
motility	the power of having the inherent power of motion (eg. Animals, etc)
multifarious	varied, motley, greatly diversified
munificence	quality of being extremely generous, magnanimity, largess

nadir	lowest point on celestial sphere, extreme state of adversity, ant. of zenith
nefarious	wicked, vile
nexus	a connection tie or link, alliance
noisome	offensive disgusting (smell)
obdurate	hardened and unrepenting stubborn inflexible
obfuscate	to darken make obscure muddle
obsequious	too eager to obey or serve
obstreperous	noisy loud
obviate	to make unnecessary get rid of
occluded	blocked up
officious	too eager or ready to help or offer advice
onerous	needing effort burdensome
opprobrious	showing scorn or reproach, contempt ; dishonour, shame, scurrilous
ossify	to turn, to bone, to settle rigidly into an idea
ostentatious	vulgar display intended to attract notice and impress others, pretentious
paean	song of praise or triumph
palliate	lessen the severity of, assuage, alleviate, mitigate
panegyric	formal praise, eulogy, encomium, accolade, laurels
paradigm	a model example or pattern, prototype, epitome
pariah	an outcast a rejected and despised person
paucity	scarcity, a lacking of
pedagogy	the art or profession of training, teaching, instructing; education
pellucid	transparent, easy to understand
peregrination	traveling about wandering
perfidy	treachery, breaking of faith / treacherous, faithless
perfunctory	done as a duty without care, hastily, cursory
petrous	like a rock hard stony
petulant	unreasonably impatient
phlegmatic	calm sluggish temperament unemotional
pillory	to punish, hold up to public scorn
piquant	agreeably pungent, stimulating
pique	hurt the pride or self-respect stir (curiosity)
plethora	glut, Extreme excess
precipitate	hurl or throw violently, fall vertically, sharply, or headlong,
precocious	premature or advanced development of a child
predilection	special liking, mental preference
proclivity	inclination
proliferate	grow, reproduce by rapid multiplication
prolix	tiring because too long
propinquity	property of being near in time or place; affinity of nature
propitiate	appease / conciliatory, appeasing, mitigating
proselytize	convert to another faith or religion, evangelize
protuberance	part of a thing that protrudes, a bulge
pundit	pedant authority on a subject
pungency	sharpness stinging quality
quaff	drink deeply

quiescent	at rest, dormant, torpid / state of being passive, motionless
raffish	low, vulgar, tawdry, garish
ramify	to be divided or subdivided to branch out
rampant	flourishing, spreading unchecked, violent and uncontrollable action
rapacious	greedy (esp for money)
recidivism	relapse into antisocial or criminal behavior
recondite	little known, abstruse, obscure, esoteric
recreancy	cowardice, a cowardly giving up
redoubtable	formidable causing fear
refractory	stubborn, unmanageable, recalcitrant, fractious, intractable, froward
reprobate	person hardened in sin one devoid of decency
repudiate	disown refuse to accept or pay
reticent	reserved, untalkative, silent, taciturn, introvert
rhetoric	art of using language effectively to please or persuade; grandiloquence
ribald	humorously vulgar and offensive
rubric	heading, title or category
sanguine	cheerful, confident, optimistic; inclined to a healthy reddish color(blood)
saturnine	gloomy, dark, sullen, morose
saucy	rude, sassy, impudent, impertinent
savant	person of great learning
sedulous	persevering, assiduous
seminal	like a seed, constituting a source, originative
sententious	short and pithy full of maxims/proverbs
shard	piece of broken earthenware
sinuous	winding, undulating, serpentine (snake-like)
slake	to satisfy, satiate ; allay , assuage
sophomore	2nd-year undergrad / self-assured although immature, affected, bombastic
soporific	producing sleep, somnific, somnolent, slumberous
specious	illogical of questionable truth or merit, deceptively attractive
splenetic	bad-tempered, irritable
squalor	filth, sordidness / foul, filthy
stentorian	extremely loud and powerful
stymie	to hinder, obstruct or block
sundry	various, miscellaneous, separate
surreptitious	secretive, covert, clandestine, furtive
sycophant	one who seeks favor through flattery, toady, obsequious, fawn, groveler
tacit	implied without direct expression / untalkative, silent, reticent
tawdry	cheap, gaudy, showy, tacky, garish, raffish
tenacity	firmness, persistence, adhesiveness, tending to hang on
tenuous	insubstantial, flimsy, weak
timorous	fearful timid afraid
tirade	harsh speech, verbal attack, diatribe, philippic, revilement, vilification
torpid	sleeping, dormant; sluggish, lethargic / mental and physical sluggishness
tractable	easily controlled or guided
transient	for a brief time, fleeting, ephemeral
trenchant	forceful effective vigorous extremely perceptive incisive

truculence	aggressiveness, ferocity
turbid	muddy, clouded with sediment ,stirred up, murky ; confused
turgid	excessively ornate swollen or bloated
turpitude	wickedness, shamefulness
untoward	unfortunate inconvenient
vapid	flavourless, bland, insipid
veracity	truthfulness, honesty
voluble	fluent / fluency verbosity easy use of spoken language
zealous	fervent, ardent, impassioned / one passionately devoted to cause