

Combined Kaplan GRE Study Guide: Top GRE Words and Baron High-Frequency Vocabulary Word List

515 Total Words

<u>Word</u>	<u>Definition</u>
* denotes word appeared on both Baron and Kaplan lists	
abate*	to reduce in amount, degree or severity
abdicate	to renounce or relinquish a throne
aberrant	abnormal or deviant
abeyance	suspended action
abject	utterly hopeless, humiliating or wretched
abjure	to renounce on oath
ablution	act of cleansing
abrogate	to abolish by formal means
abscond*	depart secretly and hide
abstemious*	sparing in eating and drinking; temperate
abstruse	hard to understand; secret, hidden
accretion	an increase by natural growth
acerbic	sour or astringent in taste, harsh in temper
acquiesce	to comply, give in
acrid	sharp or biting to the taste or smell
acrimonious	caustic, stinging or bitter in nature
adjoin*	to be close or in contact with
adjure	to beg or command
admonish	to counsel against something; caution; warn; reprove
adulterate*	to make impure by adding inferior or tainted substances
adventitious	accidental
aesthetic	artistic; dealing with or capable of appreciating the beautiful
affable	friendly, courteous
aggrandize	to increase in power, influence and

	reputation
aggregate	gather; accumulate
alacrity	cheerful promptness; eagerness
alleviate	relieve
altruist	a person unselfishly concerned for the welfare of others
amalgamate	combine; unite in one body
amatory	of or pertaining to lovers or lovemaking
ambiguous	unclear or doubtful in meaning
ambivalence	the state of having contradictory or conflicting emotional attitudes
ameliorate	to make better; to improve
amity	friendship; peaceful harmony
anachronism*	something or someone misplaced in time; an obsolete or archaic form
analogous	comparable
anarchy	absence of governing body; state of disorder
androgen	any substance that promotes masculine characteristics
androgynous	being both male and female
animus	hostile feeling or attitude
anomalous	abnormal; irregular
antipathy*	aversion; dislike
apartheid	any system or caste that separates people according to race
apathy*	lack of interest or emotion; uncaring; indifference
apogee	the highest or most distant point
apostasy*	renunciation of one's previous loyalty; a total desertion of one's religion, principles, cause, etc.
apotheosis	glorification, glorified ideal
appease	pacify or soothe; relieve
apprise	inform
approbation*	approval; praise, consideration
appropriate	acquire; take possession of for one's own use
arduous	hard;

	strenuous
arrogate	to claim unwarrantably or presumptuously
artless	without guile; open and honest
ascetic	practicing self-denial; austere
assiduous*	diligent, persistent, hardworking
assuage	to make less severe; ease or lessen (pain); satisfy (hunger); soothe (anger)
atrophy	to waste away; wither or deteriorate; the wasting away of body tissue
attenuate	make thinner
audacious	daring; bold
austere*	forbiddingly stern in appearance; severely simple and unornamented
autonomous*	self-governing; independent
aver*	assert confidently or declare; as used in law, state formally as a fact
avocation	something one does in addition to a principle occupation
banal	boring; commonplace; trite; lacking originality; clichéd; hackneyed
belie	contradict; give a false impression
belligerent	warlike, given to waging war
bemoan	to express pity for
beneficent	kindly; doing good
benevolent	desiring to do good to others
benign	having a kindly disposition
bilateral	pertaining to or affecting two or both sides
bolster	support; reinforce
bombastic*	pompous in speech and manner ; using inflated language
boorish	rude; insensitive
burgeon	grow forth; send out buds
burnish	make shiny by rubbing; polish
buttress	support; prop up
capitulate	to surrender unconditionally or on

	stipulated terms
capricious*	unpredictable; fickle; changing one's mind quickly and often
castigate*	to punish or criticize harshly
catalyst	agent that increases the rate of a chemical action; person or thing that causes action
caustic	burning; sarcastically biting
chicanery*	trickery; deception by means of craft or guile
circuitous	roundabout, indirect
circumambulate	to walk about or around
circumscribe	to draw a line around
circumspect	watchful and discreet
coagulate	thicken; congeal; clot
coda	concluding section of a musical or literary composition; something that summarizes or concludes
cogent*	convincing and well reasoned
commensurate	corresponding in extent, degree, etc.; proportionate
compendium	brief, comprehensive summary
complacent	self-satisfied, unconcerned
complaisant*	trying to please; overly polite; obliging
compliant	yielding; conforming to requirements
compunction	a feeling of uneasiness for doing wrong
concentric	having a common center
conciliate	to placate, win over
conciliatory	reconciling; soothing
condone	overlook; forgive; give tacit approval; excuse
conflagration	a large destructive fire
confluence	merging into one
confound	confuse; puzzle
congenital	existing or as such from birth
connoisseur	person competent to act as a judge of art; a lover of art
contention	claim; thesis

contentious	quarrelsome
contravene	to come into conflict with
contrite	feeling regret and sorrow for one's sins or offenses; penitent
conundrum	riddle; difficult problem
convalescent	recovering from illness
converge	approach; tend to meet; come together
convoke	to call together
convoluted*	intricate and complicated
corroborate	to provide supporting evidence
craven	cowardly
credulous*	too trusting; gullible
cursory	going rapidly over something; hasty; superficial
daunt	intimidate; frighten
decadent	decaying; deteriorating
decorum	propriety; orderliness and good taste in manners
default	failure to act
deference*	respect; courteous regard for another's wishes
deferential	respectful; to yield judgment to
deign	to think fit or in accordance with one's dignity
delineate	portray; depict; sketch
delude	to mislead the mind of judgment of, deceive
denigrate	blacken
deride	ridicule; make fun of
derision	contemptuous or jeering laughter; ridicule.
derivative	unoriginal; obtained from another source
desiccate*	to dry out thoroughly
desultory*	aimless; haphazard; digressing at random
deterrent	something that discourages; hindrance
diatribe	bitter scolding; invective
dichotomy*	split; branching into two parts (especially

	contradictory ones)
diffident*	lacking or marked by a lack of self-confidence; shy and timid.
diffuse*	to spread widely or thinly
digression	wandering away from the subject
dilatory*	inclined to delay or procrastinate
dilettante	someone with an amateurish and superficial interest in a topic
dirge	lament with music
disabuse*	correct a false impression; to set right; to free from error
discerning	mentally quick and observant; having insight
discordant	not harmonious; conflicting
discredit	defame; destroy confidence in; disbelieve
discrepancy	lack of consistency; difference
discrete	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	fundamentally distinct or different in kind; entirely dissimilar
disport	to divert or amuse oneself
disquiet	a lack of calm or peace
dissemble*	disguise; pretend; to disguise one's real intentions or character
disseminate*	distribute; spread widely; scatter (like seeds)
dissolution	disintegration; looseness in morals
dissonance	discord; opposite of harmony
distend	to expand by stretching; swell out
distill	purify; refine; concentrate
diverge	vary; go in different directions from the same point
divest	strip; deprive

doctrine	a principle or body of principles presented for acceptance or belief; dogma
document	provide written evidence
dogma	a firmly held opinion, often a religious belief
dogmatic*	opinionated; arbitrary; doctrinal
doleful	sorrowful, mournful
dormant	sleeping; lethargic; latent
dour	sullen, gloomy
dupe*	to deceive; a person who is easily deceived
duplicity	deceitfulness in speech or conduct; double-dealing
dystrophy	faulty or inadequate nutrition or development
ebullient	showing excitement; overflowing with enthusiasm
eclectic*	selective; composed of elements from a variety of sources
efficacy*	effectiveness; power to produce desired effect
effigy	a dummy; a likeness or image, especially of a person.
effluence	flowing out of
effrontery	impudence; shameless boldness; sheer nerve; presumptuousness
elegy*	a sorrowful poem or speech
elicit	draw out by discussion
elocution	art of clear and expressive speaking
embellish	adorn; ornament; enhance, as a story
empathy	the identification with the feelings or thoughts of others
empirical	based on experience
emulate	imitate; rival
endemic	prevailing among a specific group of people or in a specific area or country
enervate*	weaken; to reduce in strength
engender*	to produce, cause or bring about
enhance	increase;

	improve
enigma	a puzzle; a mystery
ephemeral*	short-lived; fleeting
epigram	a witty or pointed saying tersely expressed
epithet	a word or phrase characteristically used to characterize a person or thing
equanimity	calmness of temperament; composure
equivocate*	lie; mislead; attempt to conceal the truth
erudite*	learned, scholarly, bookish
esoteric*	hard to understand; known only to the chosen few
estimable	admirable
eugenics	improvement of qualities of race by control of inherited characteristics
eulogy*	expression of praise, often on the occasion of someone's death
euphemism	an inoffensive expression that is substituted for one that is considered offensive
euphony	pleasantness of sound
exacerbate*	worsen; to increase bitterness or violence
exculpate*	to clear from blame; prove innocent
execrable	abominable
exigency	urgent situation; pressing needs or demands; state of requiring immediate attention
exigent	urgent; requiring immediate action
expound	to set forth in detail
extrapolation	projection; conjecture
exult	to show or feel triumphant joy
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
fiduciary	of a trust; held or given in trust
flag	droop; grow feeble; to decline in vigor or strength
fledgling	inexperienced
flout	reject; mock; show contempt for
foment*	to arouse or incite
forestall*	prevent by taking action in advance
fractious	irritable, peevish
frugality	thrifty; economy
fusillade	continuous discharge of firearms or outburst of criticism
futile	useless; hopeless; ineffectual
gainsay	deny
garrulous	loquacious; talkative; wordy
goad	urge on
gouge	overcharge
grandiloquent*	pompous or inflated in language; bombastic; using high-sounding language
gregarious	sociable
guile	deceit or trickery
guileless	without deceit
gullible	easily deceived
harangue	long, passionate, and vehement speech
heterodox	different from acknowledged standard; holding unorthodox opinions or doctrines
heterogeneous	of other origin; not originating in the body
homogeneous	of the same kind
hyperbole	exaggeration; overstatement
hypocritical	affecting virtues or qualities one does not have
iconoclast*	one who opposes established beliefs, customs and institutions
idolatry	worship of idols; excessive admiration
immutable	unchangeable

impair	injure; hurt
impassive*	without feeling; imperturbable; showing or feeling no emotion
impede	hinder; block
impermeable	impervious; not permitting passage through its substance
imperturbable	calm; placid
impervious*	impenetrable; incapable of being damaged or distressed
impetuous*	quick to act without thinking
implacable	incapable of being pacified
implicit	understood but not stated
implode	burst inward
importune	to urge or press with excessive persistence
impugn	to attack as false or questionable; challenge in argument
inadvertently	unintentionally; by oversight; carelessly
inamorata	a female lover
inchoate*	not fully formed; disorganized; rudimentary; elementary
incongruity	lack of harmony; absurdity
inconsequential	insignificant; unimportant
incorporate	introduce something into a larger whole; combine; unite
inculcate	to charge with fault
incursion	a hostile entrance into a place
indeterminate	uncertain; not clearly fixed; indefinite
indigence	poverty
indigent	experiencing want or need; impoverished.
indoctrinate	to imbue someone with learning
indolence*	state of being lazy or slothful
induce	to move or lead by influence
ineffable	too great for description
inert	inactive; lacking power to move
infusion	liquid

	extract so obtained
ingenuous*	naive and trusting; young; unsophisticated
inherent	firmly established by nature or habit
inimical	hostile, unfriendly
innocuous	harmless
insensate	without feeling or sensitivity
insensible	unconscious; unresponsive
insidious	intended to trap or beguile
insinuate	hint; imply; creep in
insipid*	lacking in interest or flavor; dull
insolent	boldly rude or disrespectful
insularity	narrow-mindedness; isolation
interloper	someone who intrudes in the domain of others
intractable	unruly; stubborn; unyielding
intransigence	refusal of any compromise; stubbornness
intransigent*	refusing to agree or compromise
inundate	overwhelm; flood; submerge
inured	accustomed; hardened
invective*	of, relating to, or characterized by insult or abuse
irascible*	irritable; easily angered
irresolute	uncertain how to act; weak
itinerary	plan of a trip
laconic	brief and to the point; using few words
lassitude	languor; weariness
latent	potential but undeveloped; dormant; hidden
laud	praise
lethargic	drowsy; dull
levee	earth or stone embankment to prevent flooding
levity	lack of seriousness or steadiness; frivolity
litigate	to make the subject of a lawsuit
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
magnanimous	generous in forgiving an insult or injury
magnate	a powerful or influential person
maladroit	clumsy, tactless
malevolent	characterized by or expressing bad will
malfeasance	misconduct or wrongdoing often committed by a public official
malign	to speak harmful untruths about, to slander
malingering	to evade responsibility by pretending to be ill
malingeringer	one who feigns illness to escape duty
malleable	capable of being shaped by pounding; impressionable
maverick	rebel; nonconformist
maxim	an expression of general truth or principle
mendacious	lying; habitually dishonest
metamorphosis	change of form
meticulous	excessively careful; painstaking; scrupulous
minatory	menacing, threatening
misanthrope*	one who hates mankind
miscegenation	interbreeding of races
mitigate*	to soften, to lessen
mollify*	to calm or make less severe; soothe
morose	ill-humored; sullen; melancholy
mundane	worldly as opposed to spiritual; everyday
nascent	starting to develop
negate	cancel out; nullify; deny
neophyte*	recent convert; beginner
obdurate	stubborn, hardened in feelings; resistant to persuasion
obfuscate	to

	render indistinct or dim
oblique	having a slanting or sloping direction
obsequious*	overly submissive and eager to please; servile; sycophantic
obsolescent	becoming obsolete
obstreperous	noisily defiant, unruly
obtuse	not sharp, pointed or acute
obviate	to prevent; make unnecessary; get rid of
occlude	to stop; close; to prevent the passage of
officious	meddlesome; excessively pushy in offering one's services
omnivorous	eating or absorbing everything
onerous*	troublesome and oppressive; burdensome
opprobrium*	public disgrace; infamy; vilification
oscillate	vibrate; waver
ostentatious	showy; pretentious; trying to attract attention
panegyric	formal or elaborate praise at an assembly
panoply	a wide-ranging and impressive array or display
paragon*	model of excellence or perfection
partisan	one-sided; prejudiced; committed to a party
pathogenic	causing disease
pathological	pertaining to disease
paucity*	smallness of quantity; scarcity; scantiness
pedantic	showing off learning; bookish
penchant	strong inclination; liking
penury	severe poverty; stinginess
percipient	having perception; discerning; discriminating
perennial	something long-lasting
perfidious*	treacherous; disloyal; willing to betray one's trust
perfidious	willing to betray one's trust
perfunctory*	superficial; not thorough; lacking interest, care, or enthusiasm; done in a routine way;
peripatetic	walking or traveling about; itinerant

permeable	penetrable; porous; allowing liquids or gas to pass through
permutation	a complete change; transformation
perquisite	a gratuity, tip
perspicacious	having keen mental perception and understanding; shrewd; astute
pertinacious	resolute; persistent, stubborn
pervasive	spread throughout
petulant	showing sudden irritation, esp. over some annoyance
philanderer	one who carries on flirtations
philanthropy	charity; a desire or effort to promote goodness
philology	the study of literary texts to establish their authenticity and determine their meaning
phlegmatic	calm; not easily disturbed
piety	devoutness; reverence for God
placate	pacify; conciliate
plasticity	ability to be molded
platitude	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
precept	a commandment given as a rule of action or conduct
precipitate	n. to throw violently or bring about abruptly; lacking deliberation
precipitate	adj. rash, premature, hasty, sudden
preclude	to prevent the presence of
precocious	unusually advanced or mature in mental development or talent
precursor	forerunner

predilection	preference, liking
prescient	having knowledge of things before they happen
presentiment	a feeling of anticipation over a future event
presumptuous	arrogant; taking liberties
prevaricate*	to lie or deviate from the truth
pristine	characteristic of earlier times; primitive; unspoiled
probity*	honesty; uprightness; incorruptibility
problematic	doubtful; unsettled; questionable; perplexing
prodigal*	lavish; 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
promulgate	to make known by open declaration
propensity	natural inclination
propitiate*	to conciliate; to appease
propound	to set forth for consideration
propriety*	correct behavior or conduct, obedience to rules and customs
proscribe*	to condemn as harmful or odious; ostracize; banish; outlaw
proselytize	to convert (a person) from one belief, doctrine, cause, or faith to another
protract	to prolong, draw out, extend
provident	having or showing foresight
prudence	wisdom, caution or restraint
puerile	childish, immature
pugnacious	to quarrel or fight readily
punctilious	strict or exact in the observance of formalities
pungent	stinging; sharp in taste or smell; caustic
pusillanimous	lacking courage or resolution
qualified	limited; restricted

querulous	full of complaints
quibble	minor objection or complaint
quiescence	n. the condition of being at rest, still, inactive
quiescent*	adj. at rest; dormant; temporarily inactive; motionless
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
recumbent	lying down; reclining; leaning
refractory*	stubborn; unmanageable; rebellious
refute	disprove
rejoinder	to reply, retort
relegate	banish to an inferior position; delegate; assign
remonstrate	to say or plead in protest, objection, or reproof
reprehensible	deserving rebuke or censure; blameworthy.
reprisals	retaliation against an enemy
reproach	express disapproval or disappointment
reprobate*	person hardened in sin; wicked person; devoid of a sense of decency
repudiate*	disown; disavow; to reject the validity of
rescind	cancel
resolution	n. determination
resolve	v. to make a firm decision about.
reticent*	silent; reserved; uncommunicative; inclined to silence
reverent	respectful; worshipful
revile	to criticize with harsh language
sage	person celebrated for wisdom
salient	prominent

	or conspicuous
salubrious	conducive or favorable to health or well-being
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
sedition	incitement of discontent or rebellion against a government
shard	a piece of broken pottery, especially one found in an archaeological dig; a potsherd.
skeptic	doubter; person who suspends judgment until having examined evidence supporting a point of view
sociopath	a person whose behavior is antisocial and who lacks a sense of moral responsibility
solicitous	worried; concerned
soporific*	sleep-causing; lethargy; marked by sleepiness
specious*	having the ring of truth or plausibility but actually fallacious)
spectrum	colored band produced when a beam of light passes through a prism
sporadic	occurring irregularly
stigma*	a mark of shame or discredit
stint	to restrict or limit, as in amount or number; be sparing with
stipulate	to lay down as a condition of an agreement; require by contract
stolid*	dull; impassive; unemotional; lacking sensitivity
striated	marked with parallel bands; grooved
strut	pompous walk or supporting bar
subjugate	to conquer
subpoena	a writ requiring appearance in court to give testimony
subside	settle

	down; descend; grow quiet
substantiate	establish by evidence; verify; support
subterfuge	an artifice or expedient used to evade a rule
supercilious	arrogant, haughty, condescending
supersede	cause to be set aside; replace; make obsolete
supplicate	to make humble and earnest entreaty
supposition	hypothesis; surmise
tacit	understood; not put into words
taciturn	silent, not talkative
tangential	peripheral; only slightly connected; digressing
tenable	capable of being held, maintained or defended
tenacious	holding fast; holding or tending to hold persistently to something
tendentious	marked by a strong implicit point of view; partisan
tenuous	thin; rare; slim
tirade	extended scolding; denunciation; harangue
torpor*	lethargy; sluggishness; dormancy
tortuous	winding; full of curves
tractable*	docile; easily managed or controlled
transcendent	going beyond ordinary limits
transgression	violation of a law; sin
truculence	aggressiveness; ferocity
unconscionable	not restrained by conscience; unscrupulous
vacillate	waver; fluctuate
venerate	revere
veracious*	truthful
veracity	filled with trust and accuracy
verbose	wordy
verisimilitude	the appearance or semblance of truth
verity	truthfulness
viable	practical or workable

vicarious	performed, exercised, received or suffered in place of another
vilify	to slander, to defame
viscous	sticky, gluey
vituperative	adj. abusive; scolding
vociferous	crying out noisily
volatile	changeable; explosive; evaporation rapidly
volition	free

	choice, free will; act of choosing
voracious	having a great appetite
warranted	justified; authorized
wary	very cautious
welter	turmoil; bewildering jumble
whimsical	capricious; fanciful
zealot	fanatic; person who shows excessive zeal

Best of Luck For my GRE !!! 😊 😊 😊

I will score more than 1300 and get admitted to CMU 😊 😊 !! !!

Hooray Hurrah Yippee Hi hi hee 😊 😊