

GRE Vocab General List 4

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1. **flush:** abundant
2. **officious:** meddlesome
3. **eclectic:** having a variety
4. **tempered:** moderated in effect
5. **serendipity:** luck
6. **inundate:** flood
7. **ethereal:** extremely delicate
8. **fledgling:** inexperienced
9. **maxim:** short saying
10. **exonerate:** free from blame
11. **gaffe:** social blunder
12. **reprisal:** retaliatory action
13. **vacillate:** waver
14. **obstreperous:** noisily defiant
15. **pecuniary:** relating to money
16. **hauteur:** extreme pride
17. **assuage:** make less severe
18. **mellifluous:** sweet sounding
19. **irascible:** easily angered
20. **abjure:** give up
21. **exacerbate:** make worse

22. **thrall:** the state of being in someone's power
23. **cadaverous:** very pale, thin, bony
24. **epistemology:** branch of philosophy concerned with knowledge
25. **erudite:** having or showing great knowledge
26. **ameliorate:** make something better
27. **cajole:** persuade someone to do something by excessive flattery
28. **bereavement:** death of a close friend
29. **seminal:** strongly influencing later developments
30. **crescendo:** the highest point reached in a progressive increase of intensity
31. **desecrate:** treat a sacred place with violent disrespect
32. **mushy:** sentimental, soft
33. **provocative:** deliberately causing anger or strong reaction
34. **acrimonious:** bitter, angry
35. **quagmire:** awkward, complex situation
36. **repudiate:** refuse to accept
37. **chagrin:** annoyance or distress
38. **hectoring:** talking in a bullying manner
39. **acolyte:** assistant or follower
40. **schadenfreude:** pleasure derived by someone else's misfortune
41. **reviled:** criticize in an abusive manner
42. **insipid:** dull, bland
43. **tender:** offer up formally
44. **philistine:** hater of culture
45. **bereft:** sad because of loss
46. **martinet:** disciplinarian
47. **bristle:** react angrily
48. **vituperate:** scold harshly
49. **humdrum:** lacking excitement

- 50. **cow:** intimidate
- 51. **peripatetic:** traveling on foot
- 52. **assail:** attack
- 53. **indict:** accuse formally
- 54. **stymie:** hinder
- 55. **approbatory:** showing approval
- 56. **contrite:** remorseful
- 57. **hobble:** hold back
- 58. **urbane:** sophisticated
- 59. **inkling:** vague sense
- 60. **phlegmatic:** not showing emotion
- 61. **sullen:** brooding
- 62. **aplomb:** coolness under strain
- 63. **impetuous, foolhardy:** rash
- 64. **browbeat:** boss around, bully
- 65. **quandary:** uncertainty
- 66. **curmudgeon:** grouch, grumpy
- 67. **glade:** an open space in a forest
- 68. **ubiquitous:** appearing everywhere
- 69. **also-ran:** loser or lacking by a large margin in a competition
- 70. **tumult:** state of confusion, disorder
- 71. **temerity:** rash or reckless act
- 72. **typify:** characteristic example
- 73. **facile:** superficial, ignoring the complexities
- 74. **hedonistic:** self-indulgent
- 75. **schism:** a split or division between strongly opposed sections or parties, caused by differences in opinion or belief
- 76. **squalid:** extremely dirty and unpleasant, especially as a result of poverty or neglect

77. **coddled:** to cook food, especially eggs, in water just below boiling temperature; to protect someone or something too much
78. **quotidian:** daily
79. **blithe:** showing a casual and cheerful indifference considered to be callous or improper
80. **insouciant:** showing a casual lack of concern
81. **intrepid:** fearless, adventurous
82. **harbinger:** a person or thing that signals the approach of another
83. **edifice:** huge building, complex system of beliefs
84. **silver bullet:** simple solution to a complicated problem
85. **denouement:** the end of the story
86. **vindicate:** clear someone of blame or suspicion
87. **stultifying:** have an inhibiting effect
88. **elysian:** blissful state
89. **rambunctious:** boisterous; noisy energetic
90. **denigrated:** criticize unfairly, disparage
91. **contravened:** break the law
92. **belies:** fail to give a true impression
93. **banal:** lacking in originality
94. **heretical:** holding an opinion at odds with what is accepted, breaking rules
95. **prude:** easily shocked by rude things, especially of a sexual type
96. **expedites:** make something happen sooner
97. **esoteric:** intended for or likely to be understood by only a small number of people with a specialized knowledge or interest
98. **obstinacy:** stubbornness
99. **acerbic:** sharp and forthright
100. **onerous:** involving a great deal of effort