

GRE Vocab General List 1

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1. **degrade:** humiliate
2. **alacrity:** eager willingness to do something
3. **prosaic:** dull and lacking imagination
4. **veracity:** truthful
5. **paucity:** lack of something
6. **maintain:** to assert
7. **perusal:** action of reading or examining something
8. **vaping:** smoking something else to lose the habit of cigarettes
9. **pilfer:** steal items of small value
10. **contrite:** remorseful
11. **laconic:** says very few words
12. **pugnacious:** aggressively argues about everything
13. **disparate:** two fundamentally different things
14. **egregious:** standing out in a bad way
15. **triteness:** unoriginality as a result of being dull and hackneyed
16. **chauvinism:** aggressive patriotism
17. **complementary:** combining in such a way as to enhance or emphasize the qualities of each other or another
18. **shart:** expel faeces accidentally when breaking wind
19. **virtuoso:** skilled in some art-form
20. **Innocuous:** harmless; without any ill-effects
21. **candid:** honest and straightforward

22. **profuse:** pouring out in abundance
23. **melancholy:** sadness
24. **anachronism:** belonging to another time
25. **extrapolate:** estimate or conclude
26. **qualify:** restrict a statement
27. **audacity:** boldness
28. **embellish:** add details to
29. **paragon:** the best of its kind
30. **lucid:** clear; easy to understand
31. **archaic:** very old
32. **irrefutable:** certain
33. **aardvark:** nocturnal mammal found in Africa
34. **iniquitous:** grossly unfair and morally wrong
35. **noxious:** harmful, poisonous, very unpleasant
36. **obnoxious:** extremely unpleasant
37. **execrable:** unpleasant
38. **patisserie:** Bakery that specializes in pastries and sweets
39. **madeleine:** a small rich sponge cake, baked in a fluted tin or mould and decorated with coconut and jam.
40. **adorn:** make more beautiful or attractive
41. **leavener:** substance used in dough to make it rise
42. **ganache:** whipped filling of chocolate and cream
43. **prude, puritan, prig, killjoy:** someone who is easily shocked by matters relating to coitus
44. **condescending:** treating someone as if you are more intelligent than them
45. **soapbox:** box used as a make-shift stand for a public speaker
46. **incendiary:** designed to cause fire
47. **lambast:** criticize harshly

48. **misconstrue:** misinterpret
49. **artful:** clever and deceptive
50. **impeccable:** flawless
51. **err:** make a mistake
52. **transitory:** short-lasting
53. **champion:** speak in favor of
54. **check:** hold back from doing
55. **oblique:** indirect
56. **appease:** make less angry
57. **telling:** significant
58. **extant:** opposite of extinct
59. **contentious:** to argue
60. **enervate:** sap the energy from
61. **equivocal:** ambiguous
62. **marionette:** puppet worked by strings
63. **preponderance:** fact of being greater in number or importance
64. **pew:** a long bench or compartment with seats in church
65. **vacuous:** mindless
66. **panacea:** solution or remedy for all difficulties or diseases
67. **insidious:** proceeding in a gradual, subtle way but with harmful effects
68. **vetting:** careful and critical examination
69. **blasphemy:** act of insulting or lack of reverence to a deity
70. **conceit:** excessive pride in oneself
71. **amorous:** relating to sexual desire
72. **propriety:** conformity to conventionally accepted standards of behaviour or morals
73. **proprietary:** relating to an owner or ownership
74. **evenhanded:** unbiased

- 75. **exorbitant:** excessive
- 76. **irrevocable:** not able to be changed
- 77. **zenith:** highest point
- 78. **antiquated:** old
- 79. **sporadic:** at irregular intervals
- 80. **insufferable:** unbearable
- 81. **malevolent:** evil-minded
- 82. **abysmal:** really horrible
- 83. **squander:** waste in a reckless manner
- 84. **empiricism:** action based on practice
- 85. **frugal:** spending wisely
- 86. **enamored:** charmed
- 87. **diminutive:** small
- 88. **iconoclastic:** defying tradition
- 89. **ornate:** elaborately decorated
- 90. **pellucid:** easy to understand
- 91. **palatable:** acceptable
- 92. **thrifty:** wise with money
- 93. **thoroughgoing:** absolute, complete
- 94. **decimation:** complete destruction
- 95. **equivocate:** speak vaguely
- 96. **pragmatic:** practical
- 97. **docile:** easily managed
- 98. **obtuse:** slow to learn
- 99. **perturb:** disturb
- 100. **veritable:** without a doubt