

# GRE Vocab General List 8

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1. **xanthous:** yellowish, light complexion
2. **scrimshawed:** carved on ivory whales
3. **intaglioed:** carved on metal or stone
4. **scurrilous:** vulgar
5. **cerulean:** sky blue
6. **disingenuous:** not sincere
7. **intransigence:** biased, unlikely to compromise
8. **politic:** sensible
9. **fortuitous:** happening by chance, not intention
10. **synoptic:** forming a summary
11. **repentant, contrite:** remorseful
12. **inimical:** harmful, hostile
13. **cower:** crouch down in fear
14. **commiserate:** sympathize
15. **pliant:** malleable
16. **variegated:** has a lot of variety
17. **promulgate, disseminate:** spread, communicate idea
18. **cauterize:** heal skin or flesh with burns
19. **congeal:** took shape, coalesce
20. **rapier:** sword
21. **abstruse:** difficult to understand

22. **morbidity:** condition of suffering from a disease
23. **aggrieve:** make resentful
24. **hobble, hamstring:** cripple
25. **artifice:** device to trick someone
26. **dogmatic:** expressing beliefs as if they were facts
27. **decadent:** state of moral and cultural decline
28. **hysteria:** extreme fear, anger, excitement
29. **apportioned:** divided and allocated
30. **annotation:** notes
31. **lascivious:** overtly and often inappropriately sexual
32. **ordain:** make someone a priest, order formally
33. **preternatural:** beyond normal or natural, exceptional
34. **indemnify:** free from some responsibility, promise money against money loss
35. **acerbic, caustic:** sharp, sarcastic
36. **vicissitude:** unhappy occurrence
37. **askance:** look of disapproval
38. **subservient:** prepared to obey others without questioning
39. **akimbo:** with hands on the hips and elbows turned outwards
40. **pallid:** pale
41. **impecunious:** poor, destitute
42. **venerate:** regard with high respect
43. **insouciance:** carelessness, indifference
44. **profundity:** great depth of insight or knowledge
45. **homily:** lecture on a moral theme
46. **catharsis:** releasing repressed emotions
47. **coda:** ending that sums up what came before
48. **simpatico:** likeable and easy to get on with

49. **providential:** occurring at a favourable time, divine intervention
50. **maudlin:** sentimental
51. **syncopated:** shortening a word, replacing musical beats
52. **amortize:** reducing a debt
53. **inveigle:** flatter or charm someone into doing something
54. **hector:** bully, torment
55. **presage:** foreshadow
56. **abhorrent:** morally very bad
57. **consanguineous:** people descended from same ancestor, blood-related
58. **coltish:** energetic but awkward in behaviour
59. **sentry:** soldier stationed to keep guard
60. **fecund:** productive
61. **efficacious:** effective
62. **harbinger:** person who announces something before it happens
63. **pithy:** concise
64. **hubris:** excessive confidence or arrogance
65. **recanted:** renounced
66. **concomitant:** accompanying, often in a subordinate manner
67. **unobtrusive:** not conspicuous, not attracting attention
68. **obsequious:** attentive to an excessive degree, negative charge
69. **peccadilloes:** minor faults
70. **sanguine:** cheerful, optimistic
71. **quixotic:** idealistic, unrealistic
72. **sagacious:** shrewd
73. **verdant:** green and lush, for something new and inexperienced
74. **skittish:** excitable, unpredictable, positive and negative both charges
75. **motley:** composed of diverse incongruous elements
76. **facetious:** not serious

- 77. **polemical:** strongly opinionated
- 78. **efficacious:** effective as a means or remedy
- 79. **pulchritude:** beauty
- 80. **parsimony:** stinginess, miser
- 81. **lisp:** speech defect
- 82. **desultory:** without a plan
- 83. **capricious:** whimsical
- 84. **brusque:** short
- 85. **metastasize:** to spread
- 86. **parlous:** dangerous
- 87. **ergonomic:** designed for efficiency and comfort
- 88. **sangfroid:** composure
- 89. **vainglorious:** boastful
- 90. **brook:** tolerate, condone
- 91. **entreaty:** request
- 92. **stopgap:** temporary solution
- 93. **consecration:** dedication to the sacred
- 94. **mores:** essential customs and conventions
- 95. **truisms:** obviously true, not interesting
- 96. **modicum:** a small amount
- 97. **probity:** integrity
- 98. **antediluvian:** outdated
- 99. **calumnies:** slander
- 100. **obloquies:** abusive language