

GRE Vocab General List 9

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1. **deification:** treat someone like a God
2. **excoriation:** harsh criticism
3. **ponderous:** unpleasantly boring
4. **soporific, somniferous:** sleep-inducing
5. **analeptic, stimulant:** drugs that increase energy
6. **intoxicant:** reduces mental and physical control
7. **abrogate, obviate:** make something unnecessary, obsolete
8. **strident:** shrill
9. **truculent:** displaying ferocity
10. **bellicose:** eager to fight
11. **acrid:** sharply bitter
12. **ambrosial:** delicious
13. **vapid:** uninteresting
14. **tumid:** bloated
15. **eschew:** avoid or abstain
16. **distension:** swelling
17. **terse:** brief
18. **expatiation:** long written or verbal speech
19. **repertory:** collection of information
20. **bucolic:** rural life
21. **tendentious:** opinionated

- 22. **protean:** ever-changing
- 23. **parochial:** limited or narrow outlook
- 24. **arcadian:** positive view of rural life
- 25. **squalid:** extremely dirty or unpleasant
- 26. **hinterland:** undesirable place
- 27. **tony:** posh, stylish
- 28. **regressive:** backwards, old-fashioned
- 29. **insipid:** uninteresting
- 30. **effete:** weak or ineffectual
- 31. **whet:** stimulate
- 32. **accrue:** accumulate over time
- 33. **tout:** attempt to sell
- 34. **halcyon:** calm, joyful
- 35. **diffident:** shy, reserved
- 36. **baying:** yelling loudly
- 37. **heterodox:** unorthodox
- 38. **rancorous:** malevolent
- 39. **genteel:** polite
- 40. **explicate:** explain
- 41. **serendipity:** finding something valuable when not looking
- 42. **encumbrance:** burden
- 43. **dispensation:** exemption from a rule or usual requirement, system prevailing at a particular time
- 44. **pique:** to excite or arouse by provocation
- 45. **virile:** characteristic of men
- 46. **homie:** member of one's gang or group
- 47. **struck out:** unsuccessful
- 48. **figurehead:** a nominal head without power

- 49. **gainsay:** deny or contradict
- 50. **draconian:** excessively harsh and severe
- 51. **fatuous:** silly and pointless
- 52. **flagrant:** offensive
- 53. **parables:** stories with morals
- 54. **anathema:** something that is cursed or loathed
- 55. **macabre:** disturbing because concerned with or causing a fear of death
- 56. **albatross:** an ongoing problem (metaphor)
- 57. **buttress:** to support
- 58. **antithetical:** directly opposed or mutually contrasted
- 59. **waxed:** opposite of wane
- 60. **abettor:** aid or helper, usually in a crime
- 61. **simulacrum:** (not very good) imitation or substitution
- 62. **modish:** conforming to or following what is popular
- 63. **conversant:** having knowledge or experience
- 64. **besmirch:** attack someone's honor
- 65. **sinecure:** position that requires little work but provides financial benefits
- 66. **sophistry:** use of fallacious argument to deceive others
- 67. **salubrious:** healthy
- 68. **parley:** meeting to resolve differences
- 69. **parlay:** using previous winnings to win more in gambling
- 70. **aquiline:** regal, like an eagle
- 71. **patrician:** characteristic of aristocracy
- 72. **dissemble:** disguise, conceal
- 73. **perturbing:** unsettling
- 74. **asperity:** harshness in tone and temper
- 75. **comestible:** food item, edible
- 76. **cultivars:** a plant variety produced by selective breeding

77. **fiduciary:** relating to trust, especially in financial matters
78. **complacency:** self-satisfaction
79. **dissolute:** overindulging in sensual pleasures
80. **disconsolate:** sad
81. **asperity:** severity, harshness
82. **eschew:** abstain from
83. **nefarious:** wicked
84. **nugatory:** trifling or ineffective
85. **runic:** mysterious or secret in meaning
86. **recalcitrant:** resisting control or authority
87. **portent:** sign or warning
88. **inveighing:** writing with hostility
89. **obfuscating:** making unclear
90. **unobtrusive:** not blatant, inconspicuous
91. **winsome:** sweet, charming
92. **exiguous:** small, scanty, insufficient
93. **wayward:** following one's own way instead of the set way
94. **bonhomie:** good-natured friendliness
95. **fealty:** allegiance
96. **diffident:** modest or shy because of lack of self-confidence
97. **timorous:** showing or suffering from a lack of confidence
98. **stratagem:** plan to outrun an opponent or meet goals
99. **surfeit:** abundance of something
100. **indemnify:** secure against loss