

BARRON'S

The Leader in Test Preparation



3500

واژه ضروری

GRE®

محمد حسین کشاورز

فرزانه هراتیان

- تعاریف دقیق واژه های اصلی GRE
- کاربرد واژه ها در جملات انگلیسی
- معادل های فارسی لغات همراه با تلفظ دقیق آنها
- آزمون واژگان در آخر هر درس
- فهرست پیشنهادها، پسولدها و ریشه اصلی لغات

خدمات سایت مرجع آزمون دکتری

خدمات دانلود

فایل های زبان دکتری

فایل های استعداد تحصیلی

فایل های مقاله نویسی

فایل های مصاحبه دکتری

خدمات تخصصی

جدیدترین اخبار آزمون دکتری

پرسش و پاسخ با مشاوره تخصصی

انجمن گفتگو

معرفی منابع پیشنهادی

کانال تلگرام سایت مرجع دکتری

(Telegram.me/phdGoal)



Barron GRE word list - A

abase

lower; degrade; humiliate; make humble; make (oneself) lose self-respect

abash

embarrass

abate

subside or moderate

abbreviate

shorten

abdicate

renounce; give up (position, right, or responsibility)

aberrant

abnormal or deviant

aberration

deviation from the normal; mental disorder
abet assist usually in doing something wrong; encourage abeyance
suspended action

abhor

detest; hate

abide

Dwell; abide by: comply with; put up with; tolerate; Ex. abide by the rules; Ex. I can't abide rude people.

abject

(of a condition) wretched; as low as possible; lacking pride; very humble; showing lack of self-respect; Ex. abject apology

abjure

renounce upon oath

ablution

washing

abnegation

renunciation; self-sacrifice; self-abnegation

abode

dwelling place; home

abolish

cancel; put an end to

abominable

detestable; extremely unpleasant

abominate

loathe; hate

aboriginal

being the first of its kind in a region; primitive; native; indigenous; N. aborigine

abortive

unsuccessful; fruitless

abrasive

rubbing away; tending to grind down

abridge

condense or shorten

abrogate

abolish

abscission

cutting off; separation

abscond

depart secretly and hide

absolute

complete; totally unlimited; having complete power; certain; not relative; Ex. absolute honesty/ruler; CF. absolutism

absolve

pardon (an offense)

abstain

refrain; withhold from participation; intentionally not use one's vote;

abstemious

sparing in eating and drinking; temperate

abstinence

restraint from pleasant things, esp. eating or drinking; CF. abstention: act of abstaining from vote

abstract

theoretical; not concrete; nonrepresentational

abstruse

obscure; profound; difficult to understand

abusive

coarsely insulting; physically harmful

abut

border upon; adjoin

abysmal

bottomless

abyss

enormous chasm; vast bottomless pit

academic

related to a school; not practical or directly useful

accede

agree

accelerate

move faster

accessible

easy to approach; obtainable

accessory

additional object; useful but not essential thing

acclaim

applaud; praise; greet with great approval; announce with great approval; Ex. The new drug has been acclaimed as the most important discoveries for years; N: strong expression of approval and praise

acclimate

adjust to climate or environment; adapt

acclivity

sharp upslope of a hill; OP. declivity

accolade

award of merit; strong praise and approval

accommodate

oblige or help someone; adjust or bring into harmony; adapt; make enough space for; ADJ. accommodative; CF. accomodating: helpful and obliging

accomplice

partner in crime

accord

agreement

accost

approach and speak first to a person

accoutre

equip; N. accoutrement

accretion

growth or increase in size by gradual addition; growth; increase; increase by natural growth; Ex. towers and other accretions of the castle; V. accrete

accrue

come to one as a gain; accumulate over time; come about by addition; Ex. benefits that accrue from scientific research; Ex. interest accruing in a bank account; N. accrual

acerbity

bitterness of speech and temper; ADJ. acerbic: bitter; acrid (in taste, manner, or tone)

acetic

vinegary

acidulous

slightly sour (in taste or manner); sharp; caustic

acknowledge

recognize; admit

acme

peak; pinnacle; highest point

acne

skin disease (on the face)

acoustics

science of sound; quality that makes a room easy or hard to hear in

acquiesce

assent; agree passively; comply without protest

acquittal

deliverance from a charge; V. acquit: free from a charge or accusation; discharge from a duty; conduct (oneself) in a specified manner

acrid

bitter (to the taste or smell); sharp; bitterly pungent

acrimonious

stinging; caustic; bitter in words or manner; N. acrimony: bitter ill-natured animosity in speech or behavior

acrophobia

fear of heights

actuarial

calculating; pertaining to insurance statistics

actuary

someone who advises insurance companies

actuate

motivate; activate; cause to act

acuity

sharpness (of mind or senses of sight or hearing)

acumen

mental keenness; sharpness of judgment; ability to judge quickly and well; Ex. business acumen

acute

(of the senses) sharp; quickly perceptive; keen; penetrating; brief and severe; Ex. acute sense of smell/analysis/pain

adage

wise saying; proverb

adamant

hard; inflexible

adapt

make or become suitable for a specific use; alter; modify; adjust; N. adaptation: act of adapting; composition recast into a new form; Ex. The play is an adaptation of a short novel.

addendum

addition; appendix to book; something that is added (as at the end of a speech or book)

addiction

compulsive habitual need

addle

make or become confused; muddle; drive crazy; become rotten (egg)

address

direct a speech to; speak to; deal with or discuss; direct one's efforts or attention to; make with a destination; N: formal speech

adept

expert at; very skilled

adhere

stick fast; be a devoted follower; N. adhesion: adhering; devotion; loyalty

adherent

supporter; follower

adjacent

adjoining; neighboring; close by

adjoin

be next to

adjourn

suspend until a later time; move from one place to another

adjunct

something attached to but holding an inferior position

adjuration

solemn urging; V. adjure: entreat earnestly; enjoin solemnly

adjutant

staff officer assisting the commander; assistant

admonish

warn or speak to with gentle disapproval; reprove

adore

love deeply and respect highly

adorn

decorate

adroit

skillful (in using mind or hand)

adulation

flattery; admiration that is more than is necessary or deserved

adulterate

make impure or of poorer quality by adding inferior or tainted(contaminated) substances

Advent

arrival

adventitious

accidental; casual; happening by chance

adversary

opponent; enemy

adverse

going against; opposing; unfavorable; hostile

adversity

great hardship or affliction; misfortune; calamitous event

advert

refer

advocacy

support; active pleading on behalf of someone or something

advocate

speak in favor of; support (an idea or plan); urge; plead for

aegis

shield; protection; defense

aerie(aery,eyrie,eyry)

nest of a large bird of prey

aesthetic

artistic; dealing with or capable of appreciating the beautiful (of a person or building); CF. aesthete; CF. aesthetics

affable

easily approachable; easy to talk to; warmly friendly

affected

artificial; pretended

affidavit

written statement made under oath (for use as proof in a court of law)

affiliation

joining; associating with

affinity

feeling of kinship; similarity; Ex. strong affinity for her; Ex. many affinities between two languages

affirmation

positive assertion; confirmation; solemn pledge by one who refuses to take an oath; V. affirm; ADJ. affirmative; CF. affirmative action: positive discrimination

affliction

state of distress; trial; cause of distress or suffering; V. afflict: inflict grievous suffering on

affluence

abundance; wealth

affront

insult; offense; intentional act of disrespect; V: insult or hurt the feelings of intentionally

afterlife

life after death; later part of one's life

agape

openmouthed

agenda

items of business at a meeting

agglomeration

collection; heap; V. agglomerate: gather into a rounded mass; N. agglomerate: jumbled mass; heap

aggrandize

make greater; increase in power, wealth, rank, or honor; N. aggrandizement

aggregate

sum; total; ADJ. V: gather into a mass or whole; accumulate; add up to; Ex. aggregate 100 dollars

aghast

filled with great surprise or fear; horrified

agility

nimbleness; ability to move quickly

agitate

stir up; disturb

agnostic

one who is skeptical of the existence or knowability of a god or any ultimate reality

agog

highly excited; intensely curious

agrarian

pertaining to land or its cultivation; Ex. agrarian reform

airy

of air; high in the air; lofty; immaterial; unreal

alacrity

cheerful promptness without reluctance

alchemy

medieval chemistry

alcove

nook; recess

alias

an assumed name esp. by a criminal (usually to mislead people); ADV. alias

alienate

make unfriendly or hostile; estrange; separate; change the ownership of

alimentary

supplying nourishment

alimony

payments made regularly to an ex-spouse after divorce

allay

calm; pacify

allege

state without proof

allegiance

loyalty

allegory

story, play, or picture in which characters are used as symbols; fable

alleviate

relieve (pain)

alliteration

repetition of beginning sound in poetry

allocate

assign; set apart for a particular purpose

alloy

mixture as of metals; something added that lowers in value or purity; V: mix; make less pure; lower in value or quality; spoil; CF. unalloyed: not in mixture with other metals; pure; complete; unqualified; Ex. unalloyed happiness

allude

refer indirectly; N. allusion: indirect reference

allure

entice; attract; tempt

alluvial

pertaining to soil deposits left by running water

alms

money or goods given to the poor

aloft

upward; high up in the air

aloof

apart; not open in one's relationship with other people; reserved; ADV.

altercation

noisy quarrel

altruistic

unselfishly generous; concerned for others; N. altruism: unselfish concern for the welfare of others; unselfishness; OP. egoism

amalgam

combination of different things; mixture of metals (containing mercury) used for filling holes in teeth

amalgamate

(of societies or groups) combine; unite in one body

amass

collect (gradually, in a very large amount)

amazon

female warrior

ambidextrous

capable of using either hand with equal ease

ambience

environment; atmosphere; Ex. restaurant with a pleasant ambience; ADJ. ambient: completely surrounding; Ex. ambient temperature

ambiguous

unclear or doubtful in meaning; having more than one possible interpretation

ambivalence

the state of having contradictory or conflicting emotional attitudes or opinions

amble

walking at an easy unhurried pace; V: walk slowly and aimlessly

ambrosia

food of the gods

ambulatory

able to walk

ambush

act of lying in wait to attack by surprise; sudden attack made from a concealed position; Ex. lie in ambush; V.

ameliorate

improve

amenable

obedient; compliant; readily managed; responsive; willing to be led; answerable or accountable legally; responsible; able to be tested by; Ex. amenable to sensible suggestions; Ex. He is very amenable; Ex. amenable to the usual tests

amend

correct; change ; generally for the better

amenities

convenient features that helps to make life pleasant; social courtesies

amiable

agreeable; lovable; warmly friendly

amicable

peaceful; politely friendly; not quarrelsome; Ex. amicable settlement

amiss

wrong; faulty; Ex. something amiss; ADV.

amity

friendship; peaceful relationship as between nations

amnesia

loss of memory

amnesty

pardon (allowed by government to political criminals)

amok(amuck)

in a state of rage; Ex. run amok

amoral

nonmoral; having no understanding of right and wrong

amorous

moved by sexual love; loving; of sexual love; Ex. amorous advances

amorphous

formless; lacking shape or definition

amphibian

able to live both on land and in water; N.

amphitheater

oval building with tiers of seats; CF. arena

ample

enough; abundant; spacious; large in size; Ex. ample opportunity/garden; N. amplitude: quality of being ample; abundance; largeness of space

amplify

increase in size or effect; expand; broaden or clarify by expanding; intensify; make stronger; Ex. amplify one's remarks with a graph

amputate

cut off part of body; prune (a limb)

amulet

charm; talisman; an object worn believed to protect against evil, bad luck

anachronism

an error involving time in a story; something or someone misplaced in time; ADJ. anachronistic

analgesia

condition of being unable to feel pain

analgesic

causing insensitivity to pain; N.

analogous

comparable; similar

analogy

similarity; parallelism; comparing two similar things

anarchist

person who seeks to overturn the established government; advocate of abolishing authority

anarchy

absence of governing body; state of disorder

anathema

solemn curse; someone or something regarded as a curse; V. anathematize

ancestry

family descent; ADJ. ancestral

anchor

secure or fasten firmly; be fixed in place; N. anchorage

ancillary

serving as an aid or accessory; auxiliary; N.

anecdote

short story of an amusing or interesting event

anemia

condition in which blood lacks red corpuscles; ADJ. anemic

anesthetic

substance that removes sensation with or without loss of consciousness; N. anesthesia

anguish

acute pain; extreme suffering

angular

sharp-cornered; having an angle; not rounded (body); bony; lean; gaunt; stiff in manner

animadversion

critical remark; V. animadvert: comment critically with disapproval

animated

lively; spirited

animosity

active enmity

animus

hostile feeling or intent; animosity; hostility; disposition

annals

records arranged in yearly parts; history

anneal

reduce brittleness and improve toughness by heating and cooling (metal or glass)

annex

attach; add to a large thing; take possession of; incorporate (territory) into a larger existing political unit (by force);
N: building added to a large one

annihilate

destroy

annotate

comment; make explanatory notes

annuity

yearly allowance

annul

make void

anodyne

drug that relieves pain or trouble; opiate; ADJ. Ex. anodyne statement

anoint

consecrate; put oil on (in a religious ceremony)

anomalous

abnormal; irregular

anomaly

irregularity

anonymity

state of being nameless; anonymousness; ADJ. anonymous

antagonism

hostility; active opposition; V. antagonize: cause to become an enemy; N. antagonist: person who is opposed to another; opponent; adversary; principal character in opposition to the protagonist

antecede

precede

antecedents

preceding events that influence what comes later; ancestors or early background

antediluvian

antiquated; extremely ancient

anthem

song of praise or patriotism; Ex. national anthem

anthology

book of literary selections by various authors; CF. omnibus

anthropoid

manlike; resembling a human being; N.

anthropologist

student of the history and science of humankind

anthropomorphic

having human form or characteristics

anticlimax

letdown in thought or emotion; something unexciting, ordinary, or disappointing coming after something important or exciting

antidote

remedy to counteract a poison or disease; Ex. antidote to the economic troubles

antipathy

aversion; dislike or opposition

antiquated

obsolete; old-fashioned; outdated

antique

made in an earlier period and usu. valuable; N: object that was made in an earlier period and that is rare or valuable

antiquity

quality of being very old; ancient times;

antiseptic

substance that prevents infection in a wound; ADJ.

antithesis

contrast; direct opposite of or to; ADJ. antithetic or antithetical

antler

bony growth on the head of a deer

anvil

iron block used in hammering out metals

apathy

lack of caring; indifference; lack of concern or interest in important matters; Ex. He was sunk in apathy after his failure; ADJ. apathetic

ape

imitate or mimic (a person's behavior or manner)

aperture

opening; hole; adjustable opening in a camera that limits the amount of light

apex

tip; summit; climax; highest point

aphasia

loss of speech due to injury or illness

aphorism

pithy maxim or saying; ADJ. aphoristic

apiarist

person who keeps bees

apiary

a place where bees are kept

apiculture

bee-keeping

aplomb

poise; composure in difficult situations; assurance; self-confidence

apocalyptic

prophetic; pertaining to revelations especially of disaster; N. apocalypse

apocryphal

(of a story) widely believed but untrue

apogee

highest point; the point farthest from the earth; OP. perigee

apolitical

having an aversion or lack of concern for political affairs

apologist

one who writes in defense of a cause or institution; N. apologia

apoplexy

stroke; loss of consciousness caused by too much blood in the brain

apostate

one who abandons his religious faith or political beliefs; N. apostasy

apothecary

druggist; pharmacist

apothegm(apophthegm)

pithy, compact saying

apotheosis

elevation to godhood; an ideal example of something

appall

dismay; shock deeply

apparent

evident; easily seen or understood; appearing as such; Ex. apparent improvement

apparition

ghost; phantom

appease

pacify or soothe; Ex. appease a crying baby; N. appeasement

appellation

name; title

append

attach

application

diligent attention; diligence; V. apply oneself

apposite

appropriate; fitting

appraise

estimate value of; N. appraisal

appreciate

be thankful for; increase in worth; be thoroughly conscious of; ADJ. appreciable: enough to be felt; Ex. appreciable difference

apprehend

arrest (a criminal); dread; perceive; N. apprehension

apprehensive

fearful; discerning

apprise

inform

approbation

approval

appropriate

acquire; take possession of for one's own use without permission; set aside for a particular purpose; allocate; CF. misappropriate

appurtenances

subordinate possessions; something added to a more important thing

apropos

with reference to; regarding; Ex. remarks apropos (of) the present situation; ADJ. ADV.

aptitude

fitness; talent

aquiline

curved; hooked; of or like an eagle; Ex. aquiline nose

arable

fit for growing crops; Ex. arable land

arbiter

person with power to decide a matter in dispute; judge who is in a position to make influential judgments; Ex. supreme arbiter of fashion in beachware

arbitrary

unreasonable or capricious; random; tyrannical; Ex. arbitrary ruler

arbitrate

act as judge (at the request of both sides)

arboreal

of or living in trees

arboretum

place where different trees and shrubs are studied and exhibited

arcade

a covered passageway usually lined with shops

arcane

esoteric; secret; mysterious; known only to the initiated; Ex. arcane ritual; Ex. arcane process closed to the uninitiated listener

arch-

chief; first; Ex. archbishop

archaeology

study of artifacts and relics of early mankind

archaic

antiquated; no longer used; belonging to the past; N.

archetype

prototype; primitive pattern

archipelago

group of closely located islands

archives

public records; place where public records are kept

ardor

heat; passion; zeal; ADJ. ardent

arduous

hard; strenuous; Ex. arduous work

argot

slang; speech spoken by only a small group of people

aria

operatic solo; a song sung by one person in an opera or oratorio

arid

(of land) dry; barren; unproductive

aristocracy

hereditary nobility; privileged class; government by nobility; N. aristocrat

armada

fleet of warships

aromatic

fragrant; having a sweet smell; N. aroma: strong pleasant smell

arraign

charge in court; indict

array

marshal; draw up in order; arrange in order; clothe splendidly; adorn; N: fine clothes; ordered group; Ex. in battle array

arrears

being in debt; money that should have been paid; work that should have been done

arrhythmic

lacking rhythm or regularity; N. arrhythmia

arrogance

pride; haughtiness; ADJ. arrogant: unpleasantly self-important (with a strong confidence in one's own importance and a lack of respect for other people)

arroyo

gully; narrow channel formed by rainwater

arsenal

storage place for military equipment

artery

blood-vessel; CF. vein

artful

exhibiting art or skill; deceitful; cunning; CF. artifice

articulate

effective; distinct; expressing ideas clearly; having clear sounds; having joints; Ex. articulate speech; V: express thoughts and feeling clearly; pronounce clearly; unite by joints

artifacts

object made by human beings, either hand-made or mass-produced

artifice

deception; trickery

artisan

a manually skilled worker

artless

without guile; open and honest

ascendancy

controlling influence; position of controlling influence; CF. in the ascendant

ascertain

find out for certain; make certain

ascetic

practicing self-denial; avoiding physical pleasures and comforts; austere; Ex. ascetic life of Buddhist monks; N. asceticism

ascribe

refer; attribute; assign

aseptic

preventing infection; having a cleansing effect

ashen

ash-colored; deadly pale

asinine

stupid; Ex. asinine remarks

askance

with a sideways or indirect look (with disapproval or distrust); Ex. look askance at
askew

crookedly; slanted; at an angle

asperity

sharpness; roughness; severity (of temper or weather); Ex. asperities of a Russian winter

aspersion

slandering remark; Ex. cast aspersions on

aspirant

seeker after position or status

aspire

seek to attain (position or status); long for; Ex. aspire to become president; Ex. aspire to/after the leadership

assail

assault

assay

analyze (to discover what materials are present); evaluate (soil or ore)

assent

agree; accept; N. assessment

assert

state strongly or positively; demand recognition of (rights, claims, etc.); make a claim to (by forceful action); Ex. assert one's independence

assiduous

diligent

assimilate

absorb; take (food) into the body and digest it; understand (knowledge) completely and be able to use properly; cause to become homogeneous (the people of a country or race in the way of behaving or thinking)

assuage

make less severe; ease or lessen (pain); satisfy (hunger); soothe (anger)

assumption

something taken for granted; the taking over or taking possession of; Ex. her assumption of power; V. assume

assurance

firm statement that something is certainly true; promise or pledge; certainty; confidence in one's own ability; self-confidence; Ex. In spite of all his assurances, he did not come back; Ex. assurance of his loyalty; Ex. The teacher lacked assurance

asteroid

small planet

astigmatism

eye defect which prevents proper focus; OP. stigmatism

astral

relating to the stars

astrigent

binding; causing contraction (stopping bleeding); harsh or severe; stringent; Ex. astringent criticism

astronomical

enormously large or extensive

astute

wise; shrewd; keen; seeing quickly something that is to one's advantage

asunder

into parts; apart; V. sunder

asylum

place of refuge or shelter; protection (religious or political)

asymmetric

not identical on both sides of a dividing central line

atavism

resemblance to remote ancestors rather than to parents; reversion to an earlier type; throwback; ADJ. atavistic

atheistic

denying the existence of God; N. atheism

atone

make amends for; pay for; Ex. atone for

atrocious

brutal deed; ADJ. atrocious

atrophy

wasting away; V: weaken and lose flesh and muscle (through lack of blood or lack of use)

attentive

alert and watchful; listening carefully; paying attention; considerate; thoughtful; politely helpful; Ex. attentive audience; Ex. He was attentive to the old lady; N. attentions: act of courtesy and consideration

attenuate

make thin; weaken

attest

testify; bear witness

attire

clothe; N: clothing; array; apparel

attribute

essential quality; V: ascribe; explain

attrition

rubbing away by friction; gradual decrease in numbers or strength; reduction in the work force without firing employees; wearing away of opposition by means of harassment; Ex. a war of attrition

atypical

not normal; not typical

audacious

daring; bold; N. audacity

audit

examination of accounts of a business; official examination; V.

augment

increase; add to

augury

omen; prophecy; sign of coming events; V. augur: predict; foretell; be a sign of (something in future)

august

impressive; majestic

aureole

sun's corona; halo; bright circle of light

auroral

pertaining to the aurora borealis; CF. aurora australis

auspicious

favoring success; giving signs of future success; Cf. auspices

austere

forbiddingly stern; ascetic; without comfort or enjoyment; severely simple and unornamented; Ex. a monk's austere life; Ex. austere grandeur of the cathedral; N. austerity

authenticate

prove genuine

authoritarian

subordinating the individual to the state; completely dominating another's will; Ex. authoritarian regime/father

authoritative

having the weight of authority; regarded as providing knowledge that can be trusted; reliable; peremptory and dictatorial; Ex. authoritative dictionary/manner; CF. definitive

autocratic

having absolute unchecked power; dictatorial; N. autocrat, autocracy

automaton

mechanism that imitates actions of humans; machine that works by itself

autonomous

self-governing; N. autonomy

autopsy

examination of a dead body; postmortem; V.

auxiliary

offering or providing help; additional or subsidiary; N: helper; assistant

avalanche

great mass of falling snow and ice

avantgarde

group of artists whose work is based on the newest ideas and methods; CF. vanguard

avarice

greediness for wealth

avenge

take vengeance for something or on behalf of someone; Ex. They avenged his death by burning the village; Ex. He swore to avenge his brother; Ex. They avenged themselves on their enemy.

aver

state confidently; declare as true

averse

reluctant; disinclined; not liking or opposed; Ex. averse to cats/doing the house work

aversion

firm dislike

avert

prevent; avoid; turn away (eyes or thought); Ex. An accident was averted by his quick thinking; Ex. She averted her eyes from the terrible sight.

aviary

enclosure for birds; large cage

avid

greedy; extremely eager for; Ex. avid learner; N. avidity

avocation

secondary or minor occupation

avow

declare openly; N. avowal

avuncular

of or like an uncle

awe

solemn wonder; feeling of respect mixed with wonder and fear; V: fill with awe; ADJ. awesome

awful

terrible; very bad

awl

pointed tool used for piercing

awry

distorted; crooked; bent; Ex. Our plans have gone awry.

axiom

self-evident truth requiring no proof

azure

sky blue

Barron GRE word list - B

babble

chatter idly or foolishly; make continuous sounds like water running gently over rounded stone; N.

bacchanal

noisy party with a lot of drinking

bacchanalia

the ancient Roman festival in honor of Bacchus

bacchanalian

drunken

backslide

revert (to bad habits); N. reverter

backwards

and forwards; Ex. reciprocate his invitation by inviting him; N. reciprocity: reciprocal relationship; mutual interchange of advantages between two groups; Ex. reciprocity in trading rights

badger

pester; annoy continually with demands; persuade by asking again and again; Ex. The children badgered me into taking them into the cinema; N: a kind of mountain animal

badinage

teasing conversation; banter; joking talk

baffle

frustrate; perplex

bait

harass; tease; torment; Ex. badger baiting; N: food or other lure used to catch fish or trap animals

baleful

evil; malignant in intent or effect; deadly; having a malign influence; portending evil; ominous; threatening; Ex. baleful look

balk

stop short, as if faced with an obstacle, and refuse to continue; foil; stop or get in the way of; frustrate

ballast

heavy substance used to add stability or weight; V. supply with ballast

balm

something that relieves pain; oily liquid with a pleasant smell from trees

balmy

soft and mild (of air); fragrant

banal

hackneyed; commonplace; trite; lacking originality; clich'ed

bandy

discuss lightly or glibly; discuss in a frivolous manner; exchange (words) heatedly; quarrel; Ex. bandy words with

bane

posion; cause of ruin; ADJ. baneful: harmful; poisonous

bank

heap; piled-up mass; embankment; lateral tilting (as of an aircraft in turning); V: pile up; protect with a bank; tilt in turning

bantering

joking talk; good-naturedly ridiculing; N.V. banter

bar

railing in a courtroom; legal profession; vertical line dividing a staff into equal measures; Ex. prisoner at the bar; V: shut in or out with bars; forbid; exclude; CF. barrister

barb

sharp projection from fishhook, arrow, or other object; openly cutting remark

bard

poet

barefaced

shameless and noticeable; blatant; bold; unconcealed; having no covering on the face; Ex. barefaced lie

bargain

agreement between two groups or people; something for sale at a price advantageous to the buyer; V: negotiate; trade; Ex. bargaining power

baroque

highly ornate

barrage

barrier laid down by artillery fire; overwhelming profusion; large number of questions or statements; Ex. a barrage of criticism

barrister

counselor-at-law or lawyer in the higher court of law; CF. bar

barterer

trader; V. barter: trade; exchange good for other goods rather than money

base

contemptible; morally bad; inferior in value or quality; Ex. base motives/conduct; Ex. base metal such as iron

bask

luxuriate; take pleasure in warmth

bastard

illegitimate child

bastion

stronghold; something seen as a source of protection; Ex. the last bastion of male chauvinism

bate

let down; lessen the force of; moderate; restrain; Ex. with bated breath; CF. abate

battalion

army unit made up of four or more companies

bauble

trinket; cheap jewel; trifle

bawdy

indecent; obscene; about sex in a rude funny way; CF. bawd

bearing

deportment; connection

beatific

giving or showing bliss; blissful

beatitude

blessedness; state of great happiness

bedizen

dress with vulgar finery

bedraggle

wet thoroughly; ADJ. bedraggled: draggled

beeline

direct quick route

befuddle

confuse thoroughly

beget

father; become the father of; produce; give rise to

begrudge

envy; give or allow unwillingly; grudge; Ex. We shouldn't begrudge him his success.

beguile

deceive; mislead or delude; cheat; pass time pleasantly; charm or attract; Ex. beguiling smile

behemoth

huge creature; something of monstrous size or power

beholden

obligated; indebted; owing thanks; obliged or indebted from gratitude

behoove(behave)

be suited to; be incumbent upon; be right and necessary; Ex. It behooves one to do.

belabor

harp on; dwell on tediously; explain or go over excessively or to a ridiculous degree; assail verbally; beat severely; attack physically

belated

delayed

beleaguer

besiege or attack (with an army); harass; beset

belie

contradict; give a false impression; disguise; Ex. The poor sales belied our high hopes; Ex. Her smile belies her true feeling of displeasure.

belittle

disparage; depreciate

bellicose

warlike

belligerent

quarrelsome

bemoan

lament; moan for; express sorrow or disapproval of

bemused

confused; lost in thought; preoccupied

benediction

blessing

benefactor

gift giver; patron; person who does good or who gives money for a good purpose

beneficent

kindly; doing good

beneficial

helpful; useful; advantageous

beneficiary

person entitled to benefits or proceeds of an insurance policy or will

benefit

advantage; anything that brings help, advantage, or profit; money provided by the government to the people; fund-raising public entertainment; Ex. unemployment benefit; V: receive benefits; be beneficial to; give benefits

benevolent

generous; charitable; having a wish to do good

benign

kindly; favorable; not malignant (disease); Ex. benign tumor

benison

blessing

bent

determined; Ex. bent on advancing in the business; N: natural talent or inclination

bequeath

leave to someone by means of a will; hand down in his will; N. bequest

berate

scold strongly

bereaved

deprived of (someone beloved through death)

bereavement

state of being deprived of something valuable or beloved; state of being bereaved or bereft

bereft

deprived of (something valuable); lacking

berserk

mad with violent anger; frenzied; madly excited

beseech

beg; plead with

beset

harass or trouble from all directions; hem in

besiege

surround with armed forces; harass (with requests); annoy continually

besmirch

soil; defile; make dirty

bestial

beastlike; brutal; inhuman; very cruel

bestow

confer

betoken

signify; indicate; be a sign of

betray

be unfaithful; reveal (unconsciously or unwillingly); Ex. Her trembling hands betray her anxiety.

betroth

become engaged to marry

bevy

large group; Ex. a bevy of starlets

beware

be cautious (of)

bewitch

cast a spell over; captivate completely

bicameral

two-chambered as a legislative body

bicker

quarrel

bid

command; utter (a greeting); offer as a price; N: offer of a price; amount offered; earnest effort to gain something;
Ex. bid for freedom

biennial

every two years

bifurcated

divided into two branches; forked

bigot

one who is intolerant (in matters of religion or politics)

bigotry

stubborn intolerance

bilious

suffering from indigestion; sick from having too much bile; irritable; easily irritated

bilk

swindle; cheat

billow

large wave of water; a great swell or surge (of smoke); V: surge, swell, roll in billows

billowing

swelling out in waves; surging

biting

sharply painful to the body or mind; Ex. biting wind/remarks

bitter

having a sharp biting taste; 敬; causing sharp pain to the body or mind; filled with resentment, disappointment, or other unpleasant feelings; Ex. bitter wind/sorrow/tears

bivouac

temporary encampment; camp without tents; V.

bizarre

fantastic; violently contrasting; noticeably odd; strikingly unconventional

blackball

vote against (an applicant); ostracize; N: negative vote

blanch

bleach; whiten; make white or pale

bland

soothing or mild (food); agreeable; causing no trouble or offence

blandishment

flattery

blare

loud or harsh roar or screech; dazzling blaze of light

blase

bored with pleasure or dissipation; uninterested or bored

blasphemy

irreverence; sacrilege; cursing; bad language about God or holy things; V.

blasphem; ADJ. blasphemous; CF. sacrilege

blatant

extremely (offensively) obvious; loudly offensive; Ex. blatant lie; N. blatancy

bleak

cold or cheerless; frigid; unlikely to be favorable; depressing

blemish

mar; spoil the beauty or perfection of; N: flaw or defect (that spoils perfection); Ex. blemishes in the crystal; CF.

unblemished

blight

plant disease; V: infect with blight; ruin; destroy

blighted

suffering from a disease; destroyed

bliss

complete happiness; ADJ. blissful

blithe(blithesome)

gay; joyous

bloated

(unpleasantly) swollen or puffed as with water or air

blotch

spot; blot; CF. blot+botch

blowhard

talkative boaster; braggart

bludgeon

club; heavy-headed weapon; V.

blue

gloomy; depressed

blues

state of depression or melancholy; style of slow, mournful music (evolved from southern Black American songs)

bluff

pretense (of strength); deception; high cliff; ADJ: rough but good-natured

blunder

error; stupid mistake

blunt

having a dull edge; abrupt and frank in speech or manner; brusque; V: make or become blunt

blurt

utter impulsively from nervousness or excitement

blush

become red in the face (from embarrassment or shame); become red or rosy; N.

bluster

blow in heavy gusts; threaten emptily; bully; speak in a noisy or bullying manner; CF. breeze, gust, gale

bode

foreshadow; portend

bog

soft wet land; V: hinder or be hindered; Ex. bogged down in the mud

bogus

counterfeit; not authentic; intentionally false; Ex. bogus interview

Bohemian

unconventional (in an artistic way)

boisterous

violent; rough; noisy

bolster

support; reinforce

bolt

door bar; fastening pin or screw; length of fabric; large roll of cloth; V: dash or dart off; fasten (a | door); gobble down

bombardment

attack (as with missiles or bombs); V. bombard

bombast

grandiloquent, pompous speech

bombastic

pompous; using inflated language

bookish

fond of books and reading

boon

blessing; benefit; something very helpful

boor

rude, insensitive person

boorish

rude; insensitive

boost

lift by pushing up from below; increase; raise; N: push upward; increase

botch

mismanage; blow

bouillon

clear beef (or meat) soup

bound

leap or spring; limit or confine; constitute the limit of; Ex. bounded by Canada; N: leap or jumping; boundary; ADJ: certain; having a duty to do something (legally or morally); confined by bonds; Ex. We are bound to be late; Ex. I am bound to

bountiful

generous; graciously generous; showing bounty

bourgeois

middle class; selfishly materialistic; too interested in material possessions

bout

match; short period of great activity; Ex. wrestling bout; bout of drinking/flu

bovine

cowlike; placid and dull; slow-thinking; calm

bowdlerize

expurgate; CF. Thomas Bowdler

brackish

somewhat saline

brag

boast

braggadocio

boasting

braggart

boaster; bragger

braid

plait; interweave strands or lengths of; make by weaving strands together; N: braided segment (as of hair)

brand

trademark; mark burned on the hide of an animal; mark burned into the flesh of criminals; mark of disgrace; V: mark with a brand; give a lasting bad name; stigmatize; Ex. The press branded him a liar.

brandish

wave around (a weapon); flourish

bravado

swagger; assumed air of defiance; false show of bravery

brave

face courageously; Ex. brave the storm

brawl

noisy quarrel

brawn

human muscle; muscular strength; sturdiness

brawny

muscular; having well-developed muscles

brazen

insolent; without shame; bold; Ex. brazen lie; V: face with bold self-assurance or with unshamed confidence

breach

breaking of contract or duty; fissure or gap; opening; V.

breadth

width; extent

breed

produce young; rear; bring up; produce (an undesirable condition); N: kind or sort of animal or plant

brevity

conciseness; shortness of duration

bridle

harness fitted about a horse's head (used to restrain); curb; check; V: put a bridle on; control or restrain; show anger

brim

uppermost edge of a cup; projecting rim (as on a hat); Ex. The glass was full to the brim; V: be full to the brim

brindled

tawny or grayish with streaks or spots (of animals)

brink

edge (at the top of a cliff); Ex. on the brink of the Grand Canyon

brisk

quick and active; marked by liveliness and vigor

bristle

short stiff hair; V: (hair or fur) stand up stiffly

bristling

rising like bristles; showing irritation

brittle

hard but easily broken; difficult; unstable; Ex. brittle situation

broach

introduce as a subject; moot; open up

brocade

rich, figured(patterned) fabric

brochure

pamphlet

broil

cook by direct heat; N.

bromide

platitude; chemical compound used to calm excitement

brooch

ornamental clasp; pin

brood

sit on in order to hatch; think deeply or worry anxiously; N: the young of certain animals; group of young birds hatched at one time

brook

tolerate; endure; Ex. brook no interference; N: small stream

browbeat

bully; intimidate

browse

graze; feed on growing grass; skim or glance at casually

bruise

injure without breaking the skin; N.

brunt

main impact or shock (of an attack or blow); Ex. brunt of the argument

brusque

blunt; abrupt; curt; not wanting to waste time being nice

buccaneer

pirate

bucolic

rustic; pastoral

buffet

strike forcefully; slap; batter; knock out; N: table with food set out for people to serve themselves; meal at which people help themselves to food that's been set

buffoon

stupid person; clown

buffoonery

clowning

bugaboo

bugbear; object of baseless terror

bulge

protruding part; swelling of a surface; Ex. The apple made a bulge in his pocket; V: swell outward; protrude

bulk

size or volume (esp. when very large); main part; Ex. The bulk of the work has already been done; ADJ. bulky: having great size

bullion

gold and silver in the form of bars

bully

one who is habitually cruel to weaker people; V.

bulwark

strong wall built for defense; earthwork or other strong defense; person who defends

bump

hit or knock against with force; N.

bungle

mismanage; blunder; botch; blow; spoil by clumsy behavior

buoyant

able to float; cheerful and optimistic; N. buoyancy; Ex. buoyancy of wood/water/American market

bureaucracy

overregulated administrative system marked by red tape; ADJ. bureaucratic

burgeon

grow rapidly; grow forth; send out buds; Ex. burgeoning computer industry; CF. bludgeon

burlesque

give an imitation that ridicules; imitate mockingly

burnish

make shiny by rubbing; polish

bust

piece of sculpture showing a person's head, shoulders, and upper chest; V: break up; arrest; Ex. crimebuster

buttress

support; prop up; N. stationary structure to support wall; Ex. flying buttress

buxom

full-bosomed; plump; jolly

Barron GRE word list - C**cabal**

small group of persons secretly united to promote their own interests

cache

hiding place; V.

cacophonous

discordant; inharmonious; N. cacophony: unpleasant mixture of loud sounds

cadaver

corpse; dead human body

cadaverous

like a corpse; pale

cadence

rhythmic rise and fall (of words or sounds); beat; regular beat of sound; rhythm

cadet

student at a military school

cajole

persuade by praise or false promise; coax; wheedle

calamity

disaster; misery

calculated

deliberately planned; likely

caldron(cauldron)

large kettle

caliber

ability; quality; diameter of the inside of a round cylinder; Ex. work of very high caliber

calligraphy

beautiful writing; excellent penmanship

callous

hardened; unfeeling; without sympathy for the sufferings of others; unkind

callow

youthful; immature; inexperienced

callus

area of thick hard skin

calorific

heat-producing; N. calorie

calumny

malicious misrepresentation; slander

camaraderie

good-fellowship; CF. comrade

cameo

shell or jewel carved in relief; star's special appearance in a minor role in a film

camp

group sharing a common cause or opinion

canard

unfounded false rumor; exaggerated false report

candor

frankness; open honesty; ADJ. candid

canine

related to dogs; doglike

canker

any ulcerous sore; ulcer; any evil; CF. cancer

canny

shrewd in money matters; thrifty

cant

insincere speech or expression of piety; jargon of thieves; special words used by a particular group of people

cantankerous

ill-humored; irritable

cantata

story set to music to be sung by a chorus (shorter than an oratorio)

canter

slow gallop; V. CF. trot

canto

division of a long poem

canvass

determine or seek opinions, votes, etc.; go through (a region) to solicit votes or orders; conduct a survey; N.

capacious

spacious

capacity

mental or physical ability; role; position or duty; ability to accommodate; Ex. in my capacity as president

capillary

having a very fine bore; resembling a hair; fine and slender; Ex. capillary attraction; N: very fine hairlike tube; CF. capillarity

capitulate

surrender; give up all resistance

caprice

whim; sudden change of mind without any real cause

capricious

unpredictable; fickle

capsize

(of a boat) turn over

caption

title; chapter heading; text under illustration

captious

faultfinding; too critical

carafe

glass water bottle; decanter

carapace

shell covering the back (of a turtle, tortoise, crab, etc.)

carat(karat)

unit of weight for precious stones; measure of the purity of gold

carcinogenic

causing cancer; N. carcinogen

cardinal

chief; most important; N: priest; cardinal number: number that shows quantity rather than order

cardiologist

doctor specializing in ailments of the heart

careen

lurch; sway from side to side; move with irregular swinging movement; stagger

career

rush wildly; go at full speed

carefree

free from worries; having no problems

caricature

distortion; burlesque

carillon

a set of bells (often in a tower) capable of being played

carnage

destruction of life; slaughter; killing of large numbers of people or animals

carnal

fleshly; sensual; concerning the desires of the body

carnivorous

meat-eating; N. carnivore; CF. herbivore

carousal

drunken revel; V. carouse

carping

petty criticism; fault-finding; fretful complaining; quibble

carrion

rotting flesh of a dead body; CF. vulture

cartographer

map-maker

cascade

small waterfall

caste

one of the hereditary classes in Hindu society; social stratification; prestige

castigation

punishment; severe criticism or disapproval

castrate

remove the sex organs (of a male animal or person)

casual

happening by chance; irregular; occasional; informal; showing or feeling little interest; Ex. casual reader/labor/remark

casualty

serious or fatal accident; person killed or wounded in an accident or battle

cataclysm

deluge; upheaval; earthquake; violent and sudden event or change

catalyst

agent which brings about a chemical change while it remains unaffected and unchanged; CF. catalysis

catapult

slingshot; hurling machine; V: fire from catapult

cataract

great waterfall; eye abnormality (causing a gradual loss of eyesight)

catastrophe

calamity ; disaster

catcall

shout of disapproval or displeasure (made at the theater or a sports match); boo; V.

catechism

book for religious instruction in question-and-answer form; religious instruction by question and answer; V. catechize

categorical

without exceptions; made without any doubt in mind; unqualified; absolute

cater

provide food and drink (for); cater to: try to satisfy (desires of a bad kind)

catharsis

purging or cleansing of any passage of the body; purging and weakening of strong emotions as a result of experiencing a dramatic work of art

cathartic

purgative; medicine that causes the bowels to empty; ADJ.

catholic

(of likings and interests) universal; general; broad; including many different parts; wide-ranging liberal; Ex. catholic opinions/tastes

caucus

private meeting of a group of people in a political party to select officers or determine policy; CF. the Caucus club of Boston

caulk(calk)

make watertight (by blocking up cracks as in a ship)

causal

implying a cause-and-effect relationship; N. causality

caustic

burning; corrosive; able to burn by chemical action; sarcastically biting; (of remarks) intended to hurt; bitter; harmful; OP. harmless

cauterize

burn (a wound or snakebite, etc.) with hot iron or caustic substance to stop bleeding and prevent infection

cavalcade

procession of riders or horse-drawn carriages; parade; CF. cavalry

cavalier

casual and offhand; arrogant; N: knight

cavil

quibble; make frivolous objections; find fault unnecessarily

cede

yield (title or territory) to (esp. after losing a war); surrender formally; N. cession

celerity

speed; rapidity

celestial

heavenly

celibate

abstaining from sexual intercourse; unmarried; N. celibacy

cemetery

place for burying the dead

ensor

(in ancient Rome) overseer of morals (also taking the census); person who eliminates inappropriate matter; V.

ensorious

severely critical

ensure

blame; criticize; express strong disapproval; N: severe criticism; strong disapproval

entaur

mythical figure, half man and half horse

entigrade

denoting a widely used temperature scale (basically same as Celsius)

entrifugal

radiating; departing from the center

entrifuge

machine that separates substances by whirling them

entripetal

tending toward the center

enturion

Roman army officer (commanding a company of about 100 soldiers)

erebral

pertaining to the brain or intellect; intellectual rather than emotional; CF. cerebrum

erebration

thought; working of the brain

eremonious

marked by formality; extremely formal and polite; CF. ceremony: conventional social courtesy

ertitude

certainty

essation

stoppage

ession

yielding to another; ceding

hafe

warm by rubbing; make sore by rubbing; N.

haff

worthless products of an endeavor; husk(outer seed cover) separated from grain; Ex. separate the wheat from the chaff

haffing

bantering; joking

chagrin

annoyance and disappointment; vexation (caused by humiliation or injured pride)

chalice

goblet; consecrated cup

chameleon

lizard that changes color in different situations

champion

support militantly; fight for; N: person who fights for or supports strongly (a principle, movement, person, etc.)

championship

position of champion; defense or support; competition held to determine a champion

chancellor

legal official of high rank; CF. chancellery(chancellory): position of a chancellor

chant

tune(melody) in which a number of words are sung on the same note; V: sing (a chant); utter (a slogan) in the manner of a chant

chaotic

in utter disorder

chapel

small church (in a prison, college, or hospital)

chaperon

older person who accompanies and supervises a young unmarried woman

chaplain

clergyman attached to a chapel

char

make or become black by burning; reduce or be reduced to carbon or charcoal(black substance made by burning wood) by incomplete combustion

charisma

divine gift; great popular charm or appeal; magnetism

charlatan

quack; pretender to knowledge (esp. in medicine)

charm

quality of pleasing; amulet; action or formula thought to have magical power; spell; V: attract; cast a spell on; bewitch

chary

cautious; unwilling to take risks; sparing or restrained about giving; OP. bold

chase

ornament a metal surface by indenting; follow rapidly to catch

chasm

abyss; very deep crack

chassis

framework and working parts of an automobile; framework to which components are attached

chaste

morally pure; virginal; abstaining from illicit sexual acts; modest; simple (of a style of writing); not highly decorated; austere

chasten

discipline; punish in order to correct; CF. castigate

chastise

punish as by beating; criticize severely

chauvinist

blindly devoted patriot; zealous adherent of a group, cause, or sex; ADJ. chauvinistic; CF. chauvinism; Nicolas Chauvin

check

stop motion; curb or restrain

checkered(chequered)

marked by great changes in fortune; with many changes of fortune; CF. checked: having a pattern of squares

cherubic

angelic; innocent-looking; N. cherub; CF. seraph: winged angel of the highest order

chicanery

trickery; deception

chide

scold; rebuke (someone who has done wrong)

chimerical

fantastically improbable; highly unrealistic; N. chimera: unreal fancy; fire-breathing female creature

chip

lose a small piece from the surface or edge; N: small piece broken off something; CF. French fry; Potato chip/crisp

chisel

swindle or cheat; N: wedgelike tool for cutting

chivalrous

courteous; faithful; brave; N. chivalry

choice

delicate; of very fine quality

choir

group of people who sing together (esp. during religious services); place for choir

choleric

hot-tempered; bad-tempered; irritable; easily angered; CF. cholera

chore

daily domestic task (such as cleaning, cooking, and shopping); unpleasant task

choreography

art of representing dances in written symbols; arrangement of dances

chortle

chuckle with delight; N.

chorus

phrase repeated throughout a song or poem

chronic

long established as a disease

chronicle

report; record (in chronological order)

chuckle

laugh quietly

churlish

boorish; rude; N. churl: boor; yahoo

ciliated

having minute hairs; CF. cilium; CF. cilia: eyelash

cipher

nonentity; worthless person or thing; zero; secret code; V.

circlet

small ring; band of gold, silver, jewel, etc. (worn on the head, arms, or neck as decoration)

circuit

closed circular line around an area; circumference; regularly repeated journey from place to place

circuitous

roundabout

circumlocution

indirect or roundabout expression (by using an unnecessarily large number of words esp. when trying to avoid answering a difficult question directly)

circumscribe

limit; confine; draw a line around

circumspect

prudent; cautious; acting after careful thought

circumvent

outwit; defeat by behaving more cleverly; outsmart; baffle; avoid; get around

cistern

reservoir or water tank

citadel

fortress

cite

quote; commend; Ex. cited for bravery in an official record

civil

having to do with citizens; not military or religious; courteous and polite; Ex. married in a civil ceremony; Ex. civil strife/disorder/law; N. civility; CF. civic

clairvoyant

having foresight; fortuneteller; N. clairvoyance

clamber

climb by crawling with difficulties; scramble

clamor

loud continuous noise; continuous demand or complaint made by a large number of people; V: make a clamor; express (a demand) continually and loudly; ADJ. clamorous

clandestine

secret

clangor

loud resounding noise; sound of repeated clanging

clap

strike the palms of the hands together with a sudden explosive sound; come together suddenly with a sharp sound; put or send promptly; Ex. clap the thief in jail; N: clapping; loud or explosive sound; CF. applause

clapper

striker (tongue) of a bell

clarion

shrill, trumpetlike sound; kind of trumpet used in former times

clasp

hold firmly within arms

claustrophobia

fear of being locked in

clavicle

collarbone

cleave

split or sever; cling to; remain faithful to; N. cleavage; ADJ. cloven

cleft

N: split

clemency

disposition to be lenient in deciding punishments; mildness as of the weather; ADJ. clement

clich'e

phrase dulled in meaning by repetition; platitude; ADJ. clich'ed

clientele

body of customers

climactic

relating to the highest point; N. climax; CF. climatic

clime

climate

clip

cut off with shears; fasten; N: something clipped off (as a short extract from film); clasp or fastener

clipper

sailing vessel built for great speed

clique

small exclusive group of people

cloister

monastery or convent

clot

half-solid lump formed from a liquid (or blood); V.

clout

great influence (especially political or social); hard blow with fist

clown

act stupidly; play the fool; N.

claying

distasteful (because excessive); excessively sweet or sentimental; V. cloy: become unpleasant through too much sweetness or excess

coagulate

congeal; thicken; clot; N. coagulant

coalesce

combine; fuse; N. coalescence

coalition

partnership; league; union of separate political parties

coax

persuade by flattery

coda

concluding section of a musical or literary composition

coddle

treat gently; indulge excessively; pamper; mollycoddle; baby; cook in water just below boiling point; Ex. coddled eggs

codicil

supplement to the body of a will; later addition to a will

codify

arrange (laws or rules) as a code; classify; N. code: system of words used instead of ordinary writing; collection of laws, rules, established social customs

coercion

use of force to get someone to object; compelling; V. coerce

coeval

living at the same time as; existing during the same period of time; contemporary; of the same age

cog

tooth projecting from a wheel

cogent

convincing

cogitate

think over; ponder

cognate

having a common origin; related linguistically; allied by blood; similar or akin in nature; Ex. cognate languages; N.

cognitive

having to do with knowing or perceiving related to the mental processes; N. cognition: the mental process of knowing

cognizance

knowledge; ADJ. cognizant; having knowledge; aware

cohabit

live together

cohere

stick together

cohesion

tendency to keep together

cohorts

group of people who share some common quality; armed band; a group of between 300 and 600 soldiers under one commander (in the ancient Rome)

coiffure

hairstyle

coin

make coins; invent or fabricate (a word or phrase); N. coinage: word or phrase recently invented

coincidence

the chance occurrence, at the same time, of two or more seemingly connected events; V. coincide: happen at the same time; be in agreement; CF. coincident; CF. coincidental

colander

utensil with perforated bottom used for straining

collaborate

work together; cooperate treasonably with the enemy

collage

work of art put together from fragments

collate

examine and compare in order to verify authenticity; arrange in order (the sheets of a book before they are bound)

collateral

security given for loan; ADJ: secondary; descended from the same person but through different sons or daughters

collation

a light meal; collating

collected

composed; calm; self-possessed

colloquial

pertaining to conversational or common speech; informal; N. colloquialism: colloquial expression

colloquy

informal discussion; conversation

collusion

conspiring in a fraudulent scheme to cheat or deceive others;

V. collude

colossal

huge

colossus

gigantic statue; person or thing of great size or importance

coma

deep prolonged unconsciousness caused by disease, poison, or a severe blow

comatose

in a coma; extremely sleepy

combustible

easily burned; N. CF. combustion

comeback

retort; quick clever reply; return to former status

comely

attractive; agreeable; having a pleasing appearance

comestible

something fit to be eaten

comeuppance

deserts; well-deserved punishment or misfortune; rebuke

comity

courtesy; civility; Ex. comity of nations

commandeer

take (private property) for military use without needing permission or giving payment; draft for military purposes

commemorate

honor the memory of; serve as a memorial to; Ex. commemorate the 100th anniversary/those who died in the war

commemorative

remembering; honoring the memory of; Ex. commemorative stamp

commensurate

equal in extent; of the same size

commiserate

feel or express pity or sympathy for

commodious

spacious and comfortable

commonplace

ordinary; N: something ordinary or common; trite remark

commonwealth

nation governed by the people; republic; people of a nation

communal

held in common; public; of a group of people; of a commune

commune

small (often rural) community whose members share work and income; V: exchange thoughts or feelings; Ex. commune with nature

compact

agreement; contract; ADJ: tightly packed; firm; brief; concise; Ex. compact statement

compartment

one of the parts into which an enclosed space is divided

compassion

sympathy for the suffering of others; ADJ. compassionate

compatible

harmonious; in harmony with; able to exist together

compelling

overpowering; irresistible in effect; holding one's attention; that compels one to do something; Ex. a compelling adventure story; V. compel

compendium

brief, comprehensive summary; ADJ. compendious

compensatory

making up for; repaying

compilation

listing of information in tabular or book form; compiling

compile

assemble; gather; accumulate; make (a report or a book) from facts and information found in various places; Ex. compile a dictionary

complacency

self-satisfaction; smugness; ADJ. complacent

complaisant

trying to please; obliging; willing to please others

complement

complete; consummate; make perfect; N.

complementary

serving to complete something

compliance

conformity in fulfilling requirements; readiness to yield; disposition to yield to others; V. comply

compliant

readily acting in accordance with a rule, order, or the wishes of others; yielding; conforming to requirements

complicity

participation; involvement (in a questionable act or a crime)

component

element; ingredient

comport

bear one's self; behave; Ex. comport oneself; N. comportment

compost

mixture of decaying organic matter used as fertilizer; V: put or make compost

composure

mental calmness

compound

combine; produce by combining; increase; make worse by adding to or increasing; exacerbate; Ex. compound an error; ADJ: consisting of two or more parts; N: combination of two or more parts; area enclosed by a wall containing a group of buildings;

comprehend

include; understand

comprehensive

broad; including a lot or everything; thorough; inclusive

compress

force into less space; squeeze; contract; put into fewer words; N: thick mass of cloth pressed to part of the body to stop bleeding or swelling, reduce fever, etc.

comprise

include; consist of

compromise

adjust or settle by making mutual concessions; endanger the interests or reputation of; put into danger, disrepute, or a dishonorable position; Ex. compromise one's principle; N.

compulsion

compelling; strong desire that is difficult to control; irresistible impulse

compulsive

resulting from compulsion

compulsory

obligatory; that must be done

compunction

remorse; strong uneasiness caused by guilt

compute

reckon; calculate

concatenate

link as in a chain

concave

hollow; curved inwards; OP. convex

concede

admit; acknowledge as being true (often reluctantly); yield; grant; Ex. concede a goal

conceit

vanity or self-love; too high opinion of one's own value; extravagant metaphor (in poetry)

concentric

having a common center

conception

beginning; forming of an idea; fertilization; V. conceive: form an idea in the mind; devise; become pregnant; CF. inception

concerted

mutually agreed on; done together by agreement; Ex. concerted effort; CF. in concert: working together

concession

an act of yielding; conceding; something conceded; point, right, etc. given unwillingly; privilege of maintaining a business in a certain place; Ex. oil concessions in the North sea; CF. concessionaire

conciliatory

reconciling; soothing; V. conciliate: reconcile; soothe; win the friendly feelings (by removing anger)

concise

brief and compact

conclave

private secret meeting

conclusive

decisive; ending all debate

concoct

prepare by mixing or combining; make up in concert; devise (something false) so as to deceive; Ex. concoct an elaborate excuse for being late; N. concoction

concomitant

that which accompanies; Ex. Deafness is a frequent concomitant of old age; ADJ: existing or happening together with something else

concord

harmony; accord

concordat

formal agreement

concur

agree; coincide; happen at the same time

concurrent

happening at the same time; in agreement

condescend

(derog.) bestow courtesies with a superior air; descend to the level of one considered inferior

condign

adequate; (of punishment) severe and well deserved

condiments

seasonings; spices

condole

express condolences; N. condolence: sympathy for someone who has experienced great sorrow

condone

overlook; forgive; give tacit approval; excuse

conducive

helpful; contributive; V. conduce; Ex. conduce to/towards

conduit

aqueduct; passageway for fluids

confidant(confidante)

trusted friend (to whom one tells one's secret)

confide

tell in confidence (to a person one trusts); be confident about

confidence

self-assurance; calm unworried feeling based on a strong belief in one's abilities; strong belief in the ability of a person or plan; trust or faith in a person or thing; something confided; secret; Ex. confidence in your ability; Ex. I'm telling yo

confidential

spoken or written in secret; trusted with private matters; Ex. confidential secretary

confine

shut in an enclosed space; restrict; keep within limits; N. confinement

confiscate

seize; take possession of (private property) by official order (usu. as a punishment); commandeer

conflagration

great fire

confluence

flowing together; the place where two rivers flow together; crowd; gathering together

conformist

person who uncritically conforms to the customs of a group; OP. nonconformist: one who does not conform to accepted beliefs of norms

conformity

harmony; agreement with established rules or customs; similarity; Ex. behave in conformity with; V. conform: be similar; act in agreement; comply; Ex. conform to the rule; CF. conformance

confound

confuse; puzzle

congeal

freeze; coagulate

congenial

pleasant; friendly; in agreement with one's tastes and nature; Ex. congenial weather

congenital

existing at birth

conglomerate

corporation made up of several different companies in diversified fields; mass of various material gathered together; rock consisting of small stones held together by clay; V.

conglomeration

mass of material sticking together

congruence

correspondence of parts; harmonious relationship; CF. congruity

congruent

in agreement; harmonious; corresponding; coinciding exactly; CF. congruous

conifer

pine tree (usu. evergreen); cone-bearing tree; ADJ. coniferous; CF. deciduous; CF. evergreen

conjecture

surmise; guess; V.

conjugal

pertaining to marriage

conjure

cause to appear by magic; summon (a devil or a spirit) by magical power; practice magic (esp. by very quick movement of the hands); evoke; conjure up: bring into the mind; Ex. The magician conjured a rabbit out of his hat.

connivance

pretense of ignorance of something wrong; assistance; permission to offend; V. connive: feign ignorance (of a wrong); cooperate secretly in an illegal action; conspire

connoisseur

person competent to act as a judge of art, etc. (whose judgments are respected); a lover of an art

connotation

suggested or implied meaning of an expression; V. connote

connubial

pertaining to marriage or the matrimonial state

consanguineous(consanguine)

having a common ancestor

consanguinity

kinship; relationship by birth

conscientious

scrupulous; thorough and careful; Ex. conscientious worker

conscript

drafted; person forced into military service; V.

consecrate

dedicate; sanctify; declare as sacred; Ex. consecrate one's life to helping the poor

consensus

general agreement; opinion reached by a group

consequential

self-important; significant; consequent; following as a result; Ex. consequential air; CF. subsequent

conservatory(conservatoire)

school of the fine arts (especially music or drama); glass-enclosed area; CF. conservancy

consign

send to a person or place for sale; deliver officially; entrust; put into the care of another; set apart (for a special purpose); N. consignment; CF. consignor, consignee

consistency

absence of contradictions; uniformity; degree of thickness or firmness; Ex. consistency of thick cream; CF. viscous

console

lessen sadness or disappointment; give comfort; allay the sorrow of; N. consolation

consolidation

unification; process of becoming firmer or stronger; V. consolidate: merge; strengthen

consonance

harmony; agreement

consonant

harmonious; in agreement; N.

consort

associate with; keep company; N: husband or wife (or a ruler)

conspiracy

treacherous plot; secret plan against the law (by two or more people)

conspire

take part in a conspiracy; (of events) work together; combine; Ex. Events conspired to produce great difficulties.

consternation

great shock; dismay

constituency

voters represented by an elected official; district so represented; group of supporters (or constituents)

constituent

supporter; voter; member of a constituency; component

constitution

constituting; system of laws; composition of something; physical makeup or structure of a person; Ex. men with strong constitutions

constraint

restraint; compulsion; repression of feelings; reticence; V. constrain: hold back; restrain; compel; oblige; confine forcibly; imprison

construe

explain; interpret; Ex. construe her silence as meaning that she agreed; CF. misconstrue

consummate

complete; V.

contagion

infection (by contact); ADJ. contagious; CF. infectious: that can be passed by infection in the air

contaminate

pollute

contempt

scorn; disdain; ADJ. contemptuous; CF. contemptible

contend

struggle; compete; assert earnestly; state strongly

contention

assertion; claim; thesis; struggling; competition

contentious

quarrelsome; controversial; likely to cause arguments

contest

dispute; argue about the rightness of; compete for; try to win; Ex. contest the election results; Ex. contest a seat in Parliament; N.

context

writings preceding and following the passage quoted; circumstance in which an event occurs

contiguous

adjacent to; touching upon

continence

self-restraint; sexual chastity; sexual abstinence; voluntary control over bladder and bowel functions; ADJ. continent

contingent

dependent on something uncertain or in the future; conditional; happening by chance; accidental; N: a group of soldiers, ships to a larger force; CF. contingency: future event that may or may not occur; possibility; Ex. prepare for every contingency

contortions

twistings; distortions; V. contort: twist violently out of shape; CF. contortionist

contraband

illegal trade; smuggling; smuggled goods; ADJ.

contravene

contradict; oppose; violate (a rule, law, or custom); N. contravention

contrite

penitent; repentant; N. contrition

contrivance

something contrived; machine or apparatus; clever deceitful plan; scheme

contrive

invent or fabricate in a clever way (by improvisation); manage; Ex. contrive to attract his attention

contrived

unnatural and forced; artificial; not spontaneous; Ex. The ending was rather contrived.

controvert

oppose with arguments; attempt to refute; contradict; ADJ. controversial; N. controversy

contumacious

stubborn and disobedient; resisting authority (esp. disobedient to an order made by a court)

contusion

bruise

conundrum

riddle; difficult problem

convene

come together; assemble; call to meet; Ex. convene the council

convention

social or moral custom; established practice; formal meeting; international agreement

conventional

ordinary; typical; not nuclear; Ex. conventional weapons

converge

approach; tend to meet; come together

conversant

familiar with; having knowledge of

converse

opposite; ADJ.

convert

one who has adopted a different religion or opinion; V: change into another form; (persuade to) adopt a particular religion or belief

convex

curving outward

conveyance

vehicle; transfer; act of conveying; Ex. public conveyance

conviction

judgment that someone is guilty of a crime; strongly held belief

convivial

pleasantly merry; festive; joyous; gay; characterized by joviality; jovial

convoke

call together; Ex. convoke Parliament; N. convocation

convoluted

coiled around; twisted; involved; complicated; intricate; complex; N. convolution: twist; one of the convex folds of the surface of the brain

convulsion

violent uncontrollable shaking movement (caused by illness); V. convulse; ADJ. convulsive

copious

plentiful

coquette

flirt; flirtatious woman; woman who tries to attract the admiration of men without sincere feelings; V.

cordial

warmly friendly; gracious; heartfelt; Ex. cordial welcome

cordon

extended line of men or fortifications to prevent access or egress; V.

cornice

projecting molding on building (usually above columns or pillars);

cornucopia

horn (or horn-shaped container) overflowing with fruit and grain; symbol of abundance; horn of plenty

corollary

natural consequence (which naturally follows from something else)

coroner

public official who investigates any death thought to be of other than natural causes

corporeal

bodily (rather than spiritual); of a bodily form; material; tangible

corpulent

very fat; N. corpulence

corpus

collection (of writings or information); Ex. the corpus of Shakespear's works; Cf. corpse

corpuscle

red or white cell in the blood

correlate

either of the correlated things; V.

correlation

mutual relationship

corroborate

confirm; support; strengthen

corrode

destroy or wear away gradually by chemical action (over a long period)

corrosive

eating away by chemicals or disease; (of language) fierce

corrugated

wrinkled; ridged

cosmic

pertaining to the universe; vast

coterie

group that meets socially; select circle; close group of people with shared interests

countenance

approve; support; tolerate; Ex. countenance his rude behavior; N: face; appearance

countermand

cancel; revoke (an order)

counterpart

thing that completes another; things very much alike; thing that has the same purpose in a different system

coup

highly successful action or sudden attack; coup(s) d'etat; CF. coup de gr[^]ace: deathblow or shot which kills

couple

join; unite; OP. uncouple

courier

messenger

court

attempt to gain; seek; woo; risk; behave so as to invite; attempt to gain the favor of by attention; Ex. court disaster

covenant

binding agreement between two groups or people; compact; V: enter into a covenant; promise

covert

secret; hidden; implied; OP. overt

covetous

avaricious; desirous of (someone else's possessions); V. covet: desire eagerly (someone else's possessions)

cow

terrorize; intimidate

cower

shrink quivering as from fear; cringe

coy

shy (flirtatiously); showing a (pretended) lack of self-confidence; modest; coquettish; CF. job offer

cozen

cheat; hoodwink; swindle

crabbed

sour; bad-tempered; peevish; difficult to read as handwriting

craft

skill (esp. with one's hands); skill in deceiving people; guile; ADJ. crafty: cleverly deceitful; cunning

crass

very unrefined; grossly insensible; crude and indiscriminating; Ex. crass behavior

crave

desire; want intensely

craven

cowardly

credence

belief

credential

evidence concerning one's authority; written proof of a person's position; Ex. The new ambassador presented his credentials to the court.

credo

creed

credulity

belief on slight evidence; gullibility; naivet'e; ADJ. credulous

creed

system of religious or ethical belief

creep

move with body close to the ground; move stealthily or slowly; N.

cremate

incinerate (a corpse); N. crematory, crematorium

crescendo

increase in the volume or intensity as in a musical passage; climax; CF. crescent

crest

top (as of a hill or wave); showy feathers on the head of a bird

crestfallen

dejected; dispirited

crevice

crack; fissure

cringe

shrink back as if in fear; cower

crinkle

wrinkle

criteria

standards used in judging; CF. criterion

crochet

make (a piece of needlework) by looping thread with a hooked needle; N. CF. crotchet

crone

hag; ugly old woman

cross

bad-tempered; showing ill-humor; angry

crossbreed

hybridize; N: hybrid; CF. interbreed; CF. inbreed

crotchety

(of someone old) eccentric; odd; whimsical; bad-tempered; N. crotchet: odd or whimsical notion

crust

hard outer covering (as of earth or snow)

crux

essential or main point; Ex. the crux of the problem; ADJ. crucial: of deciding importance

crypt

secret recess or vault usually used for burial; underground room (under a church)

cryptic

mysterious; hidden; secret

cubicle

small chamber used for sleeping or work

cue

word or signal (as in a play to prompt another actor's speech or entrance); reminder or hint; V: give a cue to

cuisine

style of cooking; Ex. French cuisine

culinary

relating to cooking or kitchen

cull

pick out from others (to kill the weakest members); reject; select; collect (information); N.

culmination

highest point; climax; V. culminate in: reach the highest point

in; end in; Ex. a series of minor clashes culminating in war

culpable

deserving blame; blameworthy

culprit

one guilty of a crime

culvert

artificial channel for water; drain crossing under a road

cumbersome

heavy and awkward to carry or wear; burdensome; Ex. cumbersome parcel/uniform

cumulative

growing by addition; accumulative

cunning

clever in deceiving; sly; N: cleverness in deceiving; deceit

cupidity

greed (for wealth); CF. cupid; CF. Cupid

curator

superintendent; manager (in charge of a museum or a library)

curb

chain or strap used with a bit to restrain a horse; something that checks; V: check; restrain

curfew

regulation requiring all people to leave the streets at stated times; signal (as a bell) announcing the hour of a curfew

curmudgeon

churlish, miserly individual; bad-tempered old person

cursive

(of writing) flowing; running; having the successive letters joined

cursory

casual; hastily done with little attention to detail

curtail

shorten; reduce

cynical

skeptical or distrustful of human motives; N. cynicism; CF. cynic: person who believes all people are motivated by selfishness

cynosure

object of general attention; person or thing that is a center of attention; CF. Ursa Minor

Barron GRE word list - D**dabble**

work at in a nonserious fashion; splash around; move noisily in a liquid

dainty

delicate; delicately beautiful; fastidious; not easy to please; Ex. dainty movement/dress

dais

raised platform for speakers or other important people

dally

trifle with; toy with; treat without the necessary seriousness; procrastinate; waste time

damn

condemn; criticize severely; condemn to everlasting punishment; doom; bring to ruin; N. damnation

dank

damp; unpleasantly wet

dapper

neat and trim (in appearance); (of small men) neat in appearance and quick in movements; neat; spry

dappled

spotted

dart

move or throw suddenly and quickly

daub

smear (as with paint); cover with something sticky; Ex. daub one's clothes with mud/paint; N: small bit of sticky substance; Ex. a daub of paint

daunt

intimidate; frighten; discourage; dishearten

dauntless

bold; fearless

dawdle

loiter; hang around; waste time doing nothing

daze

stun as with a blow or shock; bemuse; benumb; N.

dazzle

make blind with a sudden intense light; amaze; fill with wonder

deadlock

standstill resulting from the opposition of two unrelenting forces; stalemate

deadpan

wooden; impassive; with no show of feeling; with an expressionless face

dearth

scarcity

debacle

sudden disastrous downfall or defeat; complete disaster

debar

bar; forbid; exclude; Ex. debarred from jury services

debase

degrade; reduce in quality or value; degenerate; lower in esteem; disgrace; N. debasement

debauch

corrupt morally; seduce from virtue; N. debauchery: wild behavior (with sex and alcohol)

debilitate

weaken (esp. through heat, hunger, illness); enfeeble

debonair

(of men) friendly, charming, and fashionably dressed; aiming to please; CF. of good disposition

debris

rubble; wreckage; scattered remains of something broken or destroyed

debunk

expose as false, exaggerated, worthless, etc.; ridicule

debut

d'ebut; first public appearance; formal presentation of a young woman to society

debutante

young woman making formal entrance into society

decadence

decay; fall to a lower level (of morality, civilization, or art); ADJ.

decadent

decant

pour off gently (wine or liquid)

decapitate

behead

decelerate

slow down

deciduous

falling off at a specific season or stage of growth as of leaves; Ex. deciduous tree/teeth

decimate

kill (usually one out of ten or every tenth man); destroy or kill a large part of

decipher

decode; CF. indecipherable

declivity

downward slope

decollete

(of a dress) having a low-cut neckline; CF. d'ecolletage: low neckline (on a dress)

decomposition

decay; V. decompose: decay; break and separate into simple parts

decorous

proper (in behavior, conduct, or appearance)

decorum

propriety; orderliness and good taste in manners; appropriateness of behavior or conduct

decoy

lure or bait; V.

decree

authoritative order; edict; judgment of a court of law; V: order or judge by decree

decrepit

weak and in bad condition from old age or hard use; Ex. decrepit old chair/man

decrepitude

state of collapse or weakness caused by illness or old age

decry

express strong disapproval of; condemn openly (something dangerous to the public); disparage; Ex. decry the violence of modern films

deducible

derived by reasoning; V. deduce: infer; derive by reasoning

deface

mar; disfigure

defalcate

embezzle

defame

harm someone's reputation; malign; speak evil of; slander; N. defamation; ADJ. defamatory

default

failure to act; failure to perform a task or be present; V.

defeatist

resigned to defeat or failure; accepting defeat or failure as a natural outcome; N. CF. defeatism

defect

shortcoming; V: desert (in order to join the opposite one)

defection

desertion

defer

give in respectfully; submit; delay till later; exempt temporarily; N. deferment; CF. show respect, comply with, courteous

deference

courteous regard for another's wish; courteous yielding to another's wish or opinion (showing respect); ADJ. deferential; OP. effrontery

defiance

refusal to yield; resistance; V. defy; ADJ. defiant

defile

pollute; make filthy or dirty; corrupt morally; profane; desecrate; N: narrow passage or gorge through mountains

definitive

most reliable; authoritative and complete; that cannot be improved; conclusive; decisive; definite; Ex. definitive decision by the supreme court

deflect

turn aside; turn away from a straight course

defoliate

destroy leaves; deprive of leaves (by the use of chemicals); N. defoliant

defray

provide for the payment of; undertake the payment of; pay

defrock

strip a priest or minister of church authority; unfrock

deft

neat; skillful

defunct

dead; no longer in use or existence

degenerate

become worse in quality; deteriorate; ADJ: having become worse; Ex. a degenerate species; N: depraved or corrupt person

degradation

humiliation; debasement; degeneration; V. degrade: debase; disgrace; degenerate; reduce (something) in worth; demote (someone); reduce in rank

dehydrate

remove water from; dry out

deify

turn into a god; make a god of; idolize; Ex. Kings were deified; CF. deity

deign

condescend; stoop

delete

erase; strike out

deleterious

harmful

deliberate

consider; ponder; ADJ: done on purpose; slow

delineate

portray; depict; sketch; describe; N. delineation

delirium

mental disorder marked by confusion; uncontrolled excitement; ADJ. delirious

delta

flat plain of mud or sand between branches of a river

delude

deceive

deluge

flood; rush; V.

delusion

false belief; hallucination; deluding; Ex. delusions of grandeur; Ex.

under the delusion that

delusive

deceptive; likely to delude; misleading; raising vain hopes; Ex. delusive promises

delve

dig; search deeply; investigate

demagogue

person who appeals to people's prejudice; false leader of people; CF. demagoguery

demean

disgrace; humiliate; debase in dignity; behave

demeanor

behavior; bearing

demented

insane

demerit

fault; bad quality

demise

death

demographic

related to population balance; N. demography: statistical study of human population

demolition

destruction; V. demolish

demoniac(demoniacal)

fiendish; cruel; N. demon: evil supernatural being; devil

demotic

of or pertaining to the people

demur

object (because of doubts, scruples); raise an objection (showing qualms); hesitate; Ex. demur at the idea of working on Sunday

demure

(of a woman or child) grave; quiet and serious; coy; pretending to be demure

denigrate

blacken; defame

denizen

(animal, person, or plant) inhabitant or resident of a particular place; regular visitor

denomination

religious group; unit in a system; name or designation; CF. denominator: common trait or characteristic

denotation

meaning; distinguishing by name; V. denote: indicate; refer to directly; mean; CF. connotation

denouement

final outcome; final development of the plot of a play or other literary work; the end of a story when everything is explained

denounce

condemn; criticize; N. denunciation

depict

portray

deplete

reduce; exhaust

deplore

regret; express sorrow and severe disapproval for something bad; Ex. deplore their violent behavior; ADJ. deplorable: very bad; deserving severe disapproval; Ex. deplorable living condition

deploy

spread out (troops) in an extended though shallow battle line;
distribute (persons or forces) systematically or strategically

deport

send out of the country; behave; N. deportation, deportment

depose

dethrone; remove from office; give a deposition; testify

deposition

testimony under oath; deposing; dethroning

depravity

extreme corruption; wickedness; V. deprave

deprecate

express disapproval of; deplore; protest against; belittle; ADJ. deprecatory

depreciate

lessen in value; belittle; represent as of little value

depredation

plundering; destruction

deputize

work or appoint as a deputy; N. deputy: person who has the power to take charge when the leading person is away

deranged

insane

derelict

negligent; (of someone) neglectful of duty; (of something) deserted by an owner; abandoned; N: abandoned property; homeless or vagrant person

dereliction

neglect of duty; abandonment

deride

ridicule; treat with contempt; make fun of; OP. respect

derision

ridicule; ADJ. derisive; CF. derisory

derivation

deriving; origin or source of something; Ex. the derivation of the word

derivative

unoriginal; obtained from another source; Ex. derivative prose style; N.

dermatologist

one who studies the skin and its diseases

derogatory

expressing a low opinion; disparaging; V. derogate: detract; disparage

descry

catch sight of (something distant)

desecrate

profane; violate the sanctity of

deserts

what someone deserves

desiccate

dry up

desolate

make desolate; forsake; abandon and desert

desperado

reckless, desperate outlaw

desperate

having lost all hope; despairing; reckless and violent because of loss of hope or despair; undertaken as a last resort

despise

look on with scorn; regard as worthless or distasteful; ADJ. despicable: contemptible

despoil

plunder; sack; Ex. despoil the village

despondent

without hope and courage; depressed; gloomy; N. despondency: loss of hope with gloom; dejection

despot

tyrant; harsh, authoritarian ruler; CF. despotism

destitute

extremely poor; lacking means of subsistence; utterly lacking; devoid; Ex. destitute of any experience

desultory

aimless; haphazard; digressing at random

detached

emotionally removed; free from emotional involvement; calm and objective; physically separate; N. detachment; CF. attachment

detain

keep waiting; prevent from leaving or going; N. detention

determinate

having a fixed order of procedure; precisely defined; invariable; fixed; conclusive; final

determination

resolve; firmness of purpose; measurement or calculation; decision

deterrent

something that discourages or deters

detonation

explosion

detraction

slandering; aspersion; detracting; CF. detractor

detrimental

harmful; damaging; N. detriment

deviate

turn away from (a principle, norm); move away from an accepted standard; swerve; depart; diverge; N. deviation;
Ex. deviation of the path of light by a prism

devious

roundabout; erratic; deviating from the straight course; not straightforward; not completely honest; Ex. devious route

devise

think up; invent; plan; bequeath; N: bequest

devoid

empty; lacking

devolve

deputize; pass or be passed to others (power, work, or property); Ex. devolve on/upon/to

devotee

enthusiastic follower; enthusiast; Ex. devotee of Bach

devout

pious; deeply religious; sincere; earnest; Ex. my devout hope

dexterous

skillful; skill in using hands or mind; N. dexterity

diabolical

diabolic; devilish; fiendish

diadem

crown

dialectical

relating to the art of debate; mutual or reciprocal; Ex. dialectical situation; N. dialectic: art of arriving at the truth by the exchange of logical arguments

diaphanous

sheer; transparent

diatribe

bitter scolding or denunciation; invective; abuse

dichotomy

division into two opposite parts; split; branching into two parts (especially contradictory ones)

dictum

authoritative and weighty statement (made by a judge in court); saying; maxim; CF. obiter dictum: incidental, nonbinding remark (something said in passing)

didactic

(of speech or writing) intended to teach a moral lesson; teaching; instructional; N. didacticism

die

metal block used for shaping metal or plastic; device for stamping or impressing; mold; CF. dice

diffidence

shyness; lack of self-confidence; timidity; ADJ. diffident

diffuse

wordy; verbose; rambling; spread out (like a gas); V: spread out in all directions; disperse; N. diffusion; CF. suffuse

dignitary

person of high rank or position

digression

wandering away from the subject; V. digress

dilapidated

falling to pieces; in a bad condition; ruined because of neglect; Ex. dilapidated old car/castle; N. dilapidation

dilate

expand; dilate on/upon: speak or write at length on (a subject)

dilatory

delaying; tending to delay

dilemma

situation that requires a choice between equally unfavorable options; problem; choice of two unsatisfactory alternatives

dilettante

aimless follower of an art or a field of knowledge (not taking it seriously); amateur; dabbler; CF. delight

diligence

steadiness of effort; persistent hard work

dilute

make (a liquid) less concentrated; reduce in strength; Ex. dilute the influence of the president

diminution

lessening; reduction in size; V. diminish

din

continued loud noise; V: make a din; instill by wearying repetition

dinghy

small boat (often ship's boat)

dingy

(of things and place) dirty and dull; Ex. dingy street/curtain

dint

means; effort; Ex. by dint of hard work

diorama

life-size, three-dimensional scene from nature or history; three-dimensional scene with modeled figures against a painted background

dire

warning of disaster; disastrous; (of needs and dangers) very great; urgent; Ex. dire prediction/need of food

dirge

funeral song; slow mournful piece of music (sung over a dead person)

disabuse

correct a false impression; undeceive; free from a wrong belief

disaffected

disloyal; lacking loyalty; V. disaffect: cause to lose affection or loyalty

disapprobation

disapproval; condemnation

disarray

state of disorder; a disorderly or untidy state; Ex. with her clothes in disarray

disavowal

denial; disclaiming; repudiating; disowning; V. disavow; CF. disclaim

disband

dissolve; disperse; (of a group) break up and separate; Ex. The club has disbanded.

disbar

make (a lawyer) leave the bar or the legal profession

disburse

pay out (as from a fund); N. disbursement; CF. purse

discernible

distinguishable; perceivable; Ex. discernible improvement

discerning

mentally quick and observant; having insight; perceptive; able to make good judgments; V. discern: perceive

disclaim

disown; renounce claim to; deny; CF. disclaimer

disclose

reveal; N. disclosure

discombobulated

discomposed; confused

discomfit

frustrate; put to rout; defeat; disconcert; embarrass; perturb

discompose

disturb the composure of; confuse

disconcert

confuse; upset; embarrass; perturb

disconsolate

hopelessly sad (at the loss of something)

discord

conflict; lack of harmony; dissonance (when musical notes are played)

discordant

not harmonious; conflicting

discount

disregard; regard (a story or news) as unimportant; deduct from a cost

discourse

serious speech, writing, or conversation; formal discussion (either written or spoken); conversation; V.

discredit

defame; disgrace; destroy confidence in; disbelieve; N. CF. discreditable: causing discredit; shameful

discrepancy

lack of consistency or agreement as between facts; difference; Ex. discrepancy between two descriptions

discrete

separate; unconnected

discretion

prudence; ability to adjust actions to circumstances; freedom of action or judgment; ADJ. discreet; CF. discretionary

discriminate

distinguish; make distinctions on the basis of preference

discriminating

able to see differences; discerning; prejudiced; N. discrimination

discursive

(of a person or writing) digressing; rambling (without any clear plan)

disdain

treat with scorn or contempt

disembark

debar; go ashore (from a ship); unload cargo from a ship; CF. embark

disenfranchise

disfranchise; deprive of a civil right; OP. enfranchise

disengage

uncouple; separate; disconnect; stop fighting; OP. engage

disfigure

mar the appearance of; spoil

disgorge

surrender something (stolen); eject; vomit; OP. gorge

disgruntle

make discontented

dishearten

discourage

disheveled

untidy (of hair or clothing); V. dishevel

dishonor

disgrace; N. ADJ. dishonorable

disinclination

unwillingness

disingenuous

not naive; not candid; sophisticated; worldly wise; OP. ingenuous

disinter

dig up; unearth; OP. inter

disinterested

unprejudiced; free from bias and self-interest; objective

disjointed

disconnected; lacking coherence; V. disjoint: disconnect; disjoin

disjunction

act or state of separation; disunity; CF. disjunctive: expressing a choice between two ideas; CF. conjunction; CF. conjunctive

dislodge

remove (forcibly); force out of a position; Ex. dislodge the food caught in his throat; CF. lodge

dismantle

take apart; disassemble

dismember

cut into small parts; cut (a body) apart limb from limb

dismiss

eliminate from consideration; no longer consider; put out of court without further hearing; reject; discharge from employment; direct to leave; ADJ. dismissive; N. dismissal

disparage

belittle

disparate

basically different; impossible to compare; unrelated

disparity

difference; condition of inequality; OP. parity

dispassionate

calm; impartial; not influenced by personal feelings

dispatch

speediness; prompt execution; message sent with all due speed; V: send to a specified destination; finish promptly; kill

dispel

scatter; drive away; cause to vanish

dispense

distribute; prepare and give out (medicines); N. dispensation: dispensing; religious system; official exemption from an obligation or a rule

disperse

scatter; Ex. disperse the cloud/crowd

dispirited

lacking in spirit

disport

amuse; Ex. disport oneself; CF. divert

disproportion

lack of proportion (between the parts); ADJ. disproportionate

disputatious

argumentative; fond of argument

disquietude

uneasiness; anxiety; V. disquiet: make anxious

disquisition

formal systematic inquiry; explanation of the results of a formal inquiry; long formal speech or written report

dissection

analysis; cutting apart in order to examine

dissemble

disguise; hide the real nature of; pretend

disseminate

distribute; spread; scatter (like seeds)

dissension

disagreement of opinions causing strife within a group

dissent

disagree

dissertation

formal essay; treatise

dissident

dissenting (with an opinion, a group, or a government); rebellious; N.

dissimulate

pretend; conceal by feigning; dissemble

dissipate

squander; waste foolishly; scatter

dissolution

disintegration; reduction to a liquid form; looseness in morals; sensual indulgence; debauchery; ADJ. dissolute: lacking in moral restraint; leading an immoral life

dissonance

discord

dissuade

persuade not to do; discourage; N. dissuasion

distant

reserved or aloof; cold in manner; Ex. distant greeting; ADV. distantly

distend

expand; swell out

distill

refine (a liquid by evaporating and subsequent condensation); concentrate; separate the most important parts from; Ex. distill fresh water from sea water; CF. brew

distinct

clearly different; clearly noticed

distinction

honor; excellence; difference; contrast; discrimination; Ex. graduated with distinction; Ex. a writer of real distinction

distinctive

clearly different from others of the same kind

distort

twist out of shape; give a false account of; misrepresent; N. distortion

distract

take (one's attention) off something; upset emotionally; make anxious; ADJ. distracted

distract

absentminded; distracted

distraught

upset; distracted by anxiety; very anxious and troubled almost to the point of madness; Ex. distraught with grief/worry

diurnal

daily; occurring during the daytime

diva

operatic singer; prima donna

diverge

vary; go in different directions from the same point; ADJ. divergent: differing; deviating

diverse

differing in some characteristics (from each other); various; N. diversity: | variety; dissimilitude; lack of resemblance

diversion

act of turning aside; pastime; V. divert: turn aside from a course; distract; amuse

divest

strip (as of clothes); deprive (as of rights); dispossess; N. divestiture(divestment)

divine

perceive intuitively (by or as if by magic); foresee the future; foretell; dowse; ADJ. N. divination

divulge

reveal

docile

obedient; easily managed; submissive

docket

program as for trial; book where such entries are made; list of things to be done; agenda; label fixed to a package listing contents or directions; V: describe in a docket

doctrinaire

unable to compromise about points of doctrine; dogmatic; unyielding; marked by inflexible attachment to a doctrine without regard to its practical difficulties

doctrine

teachings in general; particular principle (religious, legal, etc.) taught; dogma; tenet; ADJ. doctrinal

document

provide written evidence (for a claim); record with documents; N.

doddering

shaky; infirm from old age; V. dodder

doff

take off; OP. don

dogged

determined; stubborn; stubbornly persevering; tenacious; Ex.

Inspector Javert's dogged pursuit of Jean Valjean

doggerel

poor verse

dogmatic

opinionated; holding stubbornly to one's opinion; arbitrary; doctrinal

doldrums

blues; listlessness(lack of spirit or energy); slack(inactive) period; period of stagnation; ocean area near the equator where ships cannot move because there is no wind; Ex. in the doldrums

dolorous

sorrowful; N. dolor

dolt

slow-thinking stupid person; CF. dull

domicile

home; V. ADJ. domiciled: having one's domicile; Ex. He is domiciled in Britain.

dominant

exercising the most influence; high and easily seen; stronger than the other part of a system; not recessive

dominate

control; rule; enjoy a commanding position in; overlook from a height; 椰妨促焊促

domineer

rule over tyrannically

don

put on; OP. doff

doom

condemnation to a severe penalty; ruin; fate (esp. a tragic or ruinous one); V.

dormant

sleeping; temporarily inactive; lethargic; latent

dormer

window projecting upright from roof; CF. sleeping room

dorsal

relating to the back of an animal; Ex. dorsal fin

dossier

file of documents on a subject or person; file; CF. bundle of papers labeled on the back

dotage

senility; feeble-mindedness of old age; Ex. In one's dotage

dote

be excessively fond of; show signs of mental decline

dour

sullen; gloomy; stubborn

douse

plunge into water or liquid; dip; immerse; drench; wet thoroughly; extinguish; throw water over; dowse

dowdy

untidy (of a woman or clothes); slovenly; dressed in an unattractive way; shabby; CF. unattractive woman

downcast

disheartened; dejected; sad; directed downward

dowry

money or property brought by a bride to her husband at marriage

dowse

use a divining rod to search for underground water or minerals

doze

sleep lightly; nap

drab

dull; lacking color; cheerless ; Ex. drab coat/life

draconian

extremely severe; Ex. draconian punishment; CF. Draco: Athenian politician

draft

first rough form; conscription; draught; V: make a draft of; conscript

drama

prose or verse composition to be performed by actors; play; exciting and unusual situation

drastic

strong; violent and severe; Ex. drastic changes/measures

draught

current of air (through a room or to a fire); act of pulling roads; act of swallowing liquid or amount of liquid swallowed at a time

draw

choosing of a lot or card

dregs

sediment in a liquid; lees; worthless residue

dribble

flow or fall in drops; let saliva flow out slowly from the mouth; move a ball; N.

drip

fall or let fall in drops; shed drops; N: action or sound of falling in drops; liquid that falls in drops

drivel

nonsense; foolishness; V: talk nonsense

droll

queer and amusing

drone

talk dully; buzz or murmur like a bee; N.

droop

bend or hang downward; become weakened; Ex. His shoulders drooped with tiredness; N.

dross

waste matter; worthless impurities

drudge

do drudgery; N: person who drudges

drudgery

hard unpleasant work; menial work

dubious

questionable; (of something) causing doubt; (of someone) filled with doubt; N. dubiety

ductile

malleable; pliable; (of metals) easily pulled into shape; flexible; (of someone) easily influenced or controlled

dulcet

sweet sounding; pleasing to the ear; melodious

dull

(of colors or surfaces) not bright; cloudy; overcast; boring; (of edge or sound) not sharp; not rapid; sluggish; slow in thinking and understanding; stupid; V.

dumbfound(dumfound)

astonish (making dumb); ADJ. dumbfounded, dumfounded, dumbstruck

dummy

imitation of a real object used as a substitute; effigy

dupe

someone easily fooled or deceived; V: deceive

duplicit

double-dealing; hypocrisy; being dishonest and deceitful; ADJ. duplicitous

duration

length of time something lasts

duress

forcible restraint, especially unlawfully; coercion by threat; illegal coercion; Ex. a promise made under duress

dutiful(duteous)

(of people or their behavior) respectful; obedient (filled with a sense of duty)

dwindle

shrink; reduce gradually

dynamic

energetic; vigorously active

dynamo

generator for producing electricity; energetic person

dys-

abnormal; impaired

dysentery

inflammatory disorder of the lower intestinal tract

dyslexia

word blindness; learning disorder marked by impairment of the ability to read

dyspeptic

suffering from indigestion; N. dyspepsia: indigestion; difficulty in digesting food

Barron GRE word list - E

earmark

set aside (money or time) for a particular purpose

earn

gain for the performance of service or labor; gain (something that one deserves); deserve

earthly

of this earth; terrestrial; worldly; not divine; possible; Ex. no earthly reason

earthy

unrefined; coarse; of earth; Ex. earthy remarks; OP. ethereal

ebb

(of the tide) recede; lessen; diminish; N. OP. flow: rise of tide

ebullient

showing excitement; overflowing with enthusiasm; boiling; N. ebullience; N. ebullition: state of boiling

eccentric

irregular; odd; unconventional; whimsical; bizarre; not concentric

eccentricity

oddity; idiosyncrasy

ecclesiastic

ecclesiastical; pertaining to the church; N: minister; priest; cleric; clergyman

eclectic

selective; composed of elements drawn from disparate sources; selecting individual elements from a variety of sources; N. eclecticism

eclipse

darken; extinguish; outshine; surpass; cause an eclipse

ecliptic

path of the sun and the planets

ecologist

person concerned with the interrelationship between living organisms and their environment; person concerned with the detrimental effects of human civilization on the environment; CF. ecology

economy

efficiency or conciseness in using something; thrifty management of resources

ecosystem

ecological community together with its environment

ecstasy

rapture; very strong feeling of joy and happiness; any overpowering emotion; ADJ. ecstatic: causing or experiencing ecstasy

eddy

swirling current of water, air, etc.; V.

edict

decree (especially one issued by a sovereign); official command

edifice

building (of imposing size)

edify

instruct; correct morally

erie

weird; causing fear because strange

efface

rub out; remove the surface of

effective

effectual; producing a strong response; striking; in operation; in effect; Ex. effective speech/photograph

effectual

able to produce a desired effect; valid

effectuate

effect; produce; achieve; Ex. effectuate a reconciliation

effeminate

having womanly traits

effervescence

inner excitement or exuberance; showing high spirits; emitting bubbles forming inside; bubbling from fermentation or carbonation; ADJ. effervescent; V. effervesce

effete

having lost one's original power; barren; worn out; exhausted

efficacy

power to produce desired effect; ADJ. efficacious: effectual

effigy

dummy; likeness of a person made of wood, paper, or stone; Ex. burn an effigy of the President

effluvium

noxious(harmful) smell

effrontery

rudeness without any sense of shame; shameless boldness; presumptuousness; nerve; cheek

effulgent

shining brightly; brilliant

effusion

pouring forth; unrestrained outpouring of feeling; V. effuse: pour out; ADJ. effusive: pouring forth; gushing

ego

one's opinion of oneself; self-esteem

egoism

excessive interest in one's self; belief that one should be interested in one's self rather than in others; selfishness; ADJ. egoistic, egoistical

egotism

tendency to speak or write of oneself excessively; conceit; self-importance

egotistical

egotistic; excessively self-centered(egocentric); self-important; conceited

egregious

notorious; conspicuously bad or shocking

egress

exit; opening for going out; act of going out; OP. ingress

ejaculation

exclamation; abrupt ejection (to discharge sperm); V. ejaculate

elaborate

work out carefully; add more detail or information; ADJ.

elaboration

addition of details; intricacy

elastic

able to spring back into shape; quick to recover (as from disappointment); able to adapt to change; Ex. elastic plans; N: elastic material

elated

filled with excited joy and pride; overjoyed; in high spirits; joyful and proud; Ex. elated crowd; V. elate; N. elation

elegy

poem or song expressing lamentation (for the dead); ADJ. elegiacal, elegiac

elevation

elevated position; altitude; height; flat upright side of a building; angle made by pointing a gun; Ex. The elevation of her style is much admired; Ex. front elevation of the house

elicit

draw out fact or information (by discussion or from someone)

elixir

cure-all; panacea; something invigorating

ellipsis

omission of words from a text; mark used to indicate an omission (when the meaning can be understood without them); PL. ellipses

elliptical

elliptic; oval; of an ellipse; containing an ellipsis; ambiguous either purposely or because key words have been left out

elope

run away secretly with the intention of getting married

eloquence

expressiveness; persuasive speech; ADJ. eloquent: movingly expressive; expressing ideas well so that the hearers can be influenced

elucidate

explain; make clear; clarify; enlighten; CF. lucid

elusive

evasive; not frank; baffling; hard to grasp, catch, or understand; V. elude: escape from; escape the understanding or grasp of; Ex. elude the hunter; Ex. His name eludes me.

elysian

relating to paradise; blissful

Elysium

place or condition of bliss

emaciated

thin and wasted (from hunger or illness)

emanate

issue forth; come out

emancipate

set free; liberate

emasculate

weaken; castrate

embargo

ban on commerce or other activity

embark

commence; go on board a boat; begin a journey

embed(imbed)

enclose; place in something; fix firmly in a surrounding mass

embellish

adorn; ornament; enhance as a story (by adding fictitious details)

embezzlement

taking for one's own use in violation of trust; stealing (of money placed in one's care)

embitter

make bitter; fill with painful or bitter feelings; make sad and angry; Ex. He was embittered by many disappointments.

emblazon

ornament richly (a shield or flag); N. emblazonment

embody

give a bodily form to; incorporate; include

emboss

produce a design in raised relief; decorate with a raised design

embrace

hug; clasp with the arms; adopt or espouse; accept readily; encircle; include; Ex. embrace the cause/socialism; Ex. all-embracing; CF. brace; CF. bracelet

embroider

decorate with needlework; ornament (a story) with fancy or fictitious details; embellish

embroil

throw into confusion; involve in strife, dispute, or quarrel; entangle; CF. imbroglia

embryonic

undeveloped; rudimentary; N. embryo: organism in the early stage of development

emend

correct (usually a text); N. emendation: correction of errors; improvement

emetic

substance causing vomiting; ADJ.

eminent

rising above others; high; lofty; distinguished; Ex. eminent position

emissary

agent (sent on a mission to represent another); messenger

emollient

soothing or softening remedy (for the skin); ADJ.

emolument

salary; payment for an office; compensation

empathy

ability to identify with another's feelings, ideas, etc.; identification with and understanding of another's feelings; V. empathize; CF. sympathy

empirical

based on experience

emulate

imitate; rival; try to equal or excel (through imitation)

enact

make (a bill) into law

enamored

in love; Ex. enamored of his own beauty; V. enamor: inspire with love

encipher

encode; convert a message into code; put into cipher

encircle

surround

enclave

territory enclosed within an alien land

encomiastic

praising; eulogistic; N. encomium: very high praise; eulogy

encompass

surround; include; Ex. His activities encompass publishing and computers.

encroachment

gradual intrusion; Ex. I resent all these encroachments on my valuable time; V. encroach: take another's possessions or right gradually or stealthily; intrude; Ex. encroach on/upon

encumber

burden; N. encumbrance

endear

make beloved; Ex. endear her to everyone; ADJ. dear: loved; cherished; high-priced

endearment

fond word or act; expression of affection

endemic

prevailing among a specific group of people or in a specific area or country; peculiar to a particular region or people; CF. pandemic

endorse

approve; support; write one's signature on the back of; N. endorsement; CF. dorsal

endue

provide with some quality; endow

enduring

lasting; surviving; V. endure: bear (pain or suffering) for a long time; remain alive (in spite of difficulties); last; survive

energize

invigorate; give energy to; make forceful and active

enervate

weaken; take away energy from

enfranchise

admit to the rights of citizenship (especially the right to vote); CF. franchise

engage

attract; employ; hire; pledge oneself; confront; fight; enter into conflict; interlock; lock together; participate; N. engagement: agreement to marry; arrangement to meet someone or to do something; battle

engaged

employed; busy; betrothed; involved in conflict

engaging

charming; attractive

engender

cause; produce; give rise to

engross

occupy fully; absorb

engulf

surround and swallow up

enhance

increase; make greater (as in value, reputation, or usefulness); improve

enigma

puzzle; mystery; ADJ. enigmatic: obscure; puzzling

enjoin

command; order; forbid

enlist

(cause to) join the armed forces; obtain (help, sympathy, or support)

enliven

make lively or spirited; animate

enmity

ill will; hatred; hostility

ennui

boredom; listlessness and dissatisfaction resulting from lack of interest; CF. annoy

enormity

hugeness (in a bad sense); excessive wickedness; Ex. enormity of the crime; ADJ. enormous

enrapture

please intensely; fill with rapture and delight

ensconce

settle comfortably; place comfortably (in a secure place)

ensue

follow (as a result)

entail

make necessary; require; necessitate; involve; limit the inheritance of (property) to a specified succession of heirs;
Ex. entail A on/upon B

enterprise

willingness to take new ventures; initiative; business organization; plan (that is difficult or daring); Ex. their latest
enterprise to sail round the world in a small boat

enterprising

full of initiative; showing enterprise

enthrall

capture; enslave; captivate; hold the complete attention of (as if magic); hold spellbound

entice

lure; persuade to do (something wrong); attract; tempt

entity

real being

entomology

study of insects

entourage

group of attendants; retinue; CF. surround

entrance

put under a spell(condition caused by magical power); carry away(fill with strong feeling) with emotion; put into a
trance; fill with delight

entreat

plead; ask earnestly

entree(entr'ee)

entrance; a way in; right to enter; main dish of a meal; Ex. entree into the exclusive circle

entrepreneur

businessperson (who assumes the risk of a business venture); contractor; ADJ. entrepreneurial

enumerate

list; mention one by one

enunciate

announce; proclaim; utter or speak, especially distinctly; pronounce clearly; articulate; Ex. This theory was first enunciated by him.

environ

enclose; surround; N. environs: surrounding area (as of a city)

eon(aeon)

long period of time; an age; longest division of geologic time containing two or more eras

epaulet(epaulette)

ornament worn on the shoulder (of a uniform, etc.)

ephemeral

short-lived; fleeting

epic

long heroic poem, novel, or similar work of art (celebrating the feats of a hero); ADJ: (of stories or events) resembling an epic; grand

epicure

connoisseur of food and drink; gourmet; ADJ. epicurean; CF. Epicurus

epicurean

believing that pleasure is good and suffering is bad and should be avoided; N.

epigram

witty thought or saying, usually short

epilogue

short speech at conclusion of dramatic work

episodic

(of a story or play) loosely connected; made up of separate and loosely connected parts; N. episode: incident in the course of an experience

epistemologist

philosopher who studies the nature of knowledge; N. epistemology

epitaph

inscription in memory of a dead person (as on a tombstone)

epithet

word or phrase characteristically used to describe a person or thing; descriptive phrase to characterize a person (often contemptuous)

epitome

perfect example or embodiment; brief summary; Ex. epitome of good manners; V. epitomize: make an epitome of; be an epitome of; embody

epoch

period of time

equable

tranquil; of even calm temper; (of temperature) steady; uniform

equanimity

calmness of temperament; composure

equestrian

rider on horseback; ADJ.

equilibrium

balance of opposing forces; balance of the mind; equanimity

equine

resembling a horse; Ex. equine face

equinox

period of equal days and nights; the beginning of spring and autumn; Ex. vernal/autumnal equinox; ADJ. equinoctial

equipoise

balance; balancing force; equilibrium

equitable

fair; impartial; OP. inequitable

equity

fairness; justice; OP. inequity

equivocal

(of words or statements) ambiguous; intentionally misleading; (of behavior) questionable; OP. unequivocal

equivocate

use equivocal language to deceive people; lie; mislead; attempt to conceal the truth; N. equivocation

erode

eat away; wear away gradually by abrasion; Ex. The sea erodes the rocks.

erotic

pertaining to passionate love or sexual love

errant

wandering (esp. in search of adventure); straying from proper moral standards; Ex. knight-errant

erratic

odd; irregular in movement or behavior; unpredictable

erroneous

mistaken; wrong; incorrect

erudite

(of a person or book) learned; full of learning; scholarly; N. erudition

escapade

prank; flighty conduct; reckless adventure that disobeys rules

eschew

avoid habitually; Ex. eschew alcoholic drinks

esoteric

hard to understand; known only to the chosen few, esp. initiates; N. esoterica

espionage

spying

espouse

adopt; support (an idea or aim); marry; N. espousal

esteem

respect; value; judge; N.

estimable

(of a person) worthy of esteem; admirable; deserving esteem; possible to estimate

estranged

separated; alienated; V. estrange: alienate (people in a family); N. estrangement

ethereal

like a spirit or fairy; unearthly light; heavenly; unusually refined; Ex. She has an ethereal beauty; CF. ether: upper air

ethnic

relating to races

ethnology

study of humankind; study of the different races of human beings; CF. anthropology

ethos

underlying character of a culture, group, etc.; character or ideas peculiar to a specific person, group, or culture; Ex. the company ethos

etymology

study of word parts; study of the origins of words

eugenic

pertaining to the improvement of race; N. eugenics: study of hereditary improvement of the human race

eulogistic

praising; full of eulogy

eulogy

expression of praise, often on the occasion of someone's death; V. eulogize

euphemism

mild expression in place of an unpleasant one; ADJ. euphemistic

euphony

sweet sound; ADJ. euphonious

euphoria

feeling of exaggerated or unfounded(ungrounded; baseless) well-being; feeling of great happiness or well-being (when unreasonable); ADJ. euphoric

euthanasia

mercy killing

evanescent

fleeting; vanishing; soon disappearing; V. evanesce

evasive

not frank; trying to hide the truth; eluding; evading; V. evade: avoid (a duty or responsibility) or escape from by deceit

evenhanded

impartial; fair

eventual

happening at last as a result; Ex. eventual victory

evinced

show clearly

evocative

tending to call up (emotions, memories)

evoke

call forth (memory or feeling); Ex. That old film evoked memories of my childhood; N. evocation

ewe

female sheep

exacerbate

worsen; aggravate; embitter

exact

demand and obtain by force; Ex. exact a promise from him; N. exaction

exacting

extremely demanding; Ex. exacting standard of safety

exalt

raise in rank or dignity; praise highly; inspire; Ex. exalt the imagination; ADJ. exalted; N. exaltation

exasperate

vex; annoy or make angry (by testing the patience)

except

exclude; N. exception: objection; exclusion; ADJ. exceptional: unusual; of unusually high quality

exceptionable

objectionable; likely to cause dislike; offensive; CF. unexceptionable: entirely acceptable

excerpt

selected passage (written or musical) taken from a longer work; V.

exchequer

treasury; Ex. Chancellor of the exchequer

excise

cut away; cut out; N: government tax on good produced and used inside a country; N. excision

exclaim

cry out suddenly; N. exclamation; ADJ. exclamatory

excoriate

scold with biting harshness; censure strongly; strip the skin off

exculpate

clear from blame or guilt

execrable

very bad; detestable

execrate

curse; express abhorrence for; detest

execute

put into effect; carry out; kill as a lawful punishment; N. execution

executioner

person administering capital punishment

executive

person having administrative authority; one branch of government executing laws; ADJ: relating to executing

executor

person designated to execute the terms of a will;

exegesis

explanation, especially of biblical(of the bible) passages

exemplary

serving as a model; outstanding; Ex. exemplary punishment/behavior; N. exemplar: typical example; model

exemplify

show by example; furnish an example; serve as an example of; Ex. His pictures exemplify that sort of painting.

exempt

not subject to a duty or obligation; free from a duty; V.

exertion

effort; expenditure of much physical work; V. exert oneself: make a great effort

exhale

breathe out; OP. inhale

exhilarating

invigorating and refreshing; cheering; V. exhilarate: make cheerful and excited; Ex. exhilarated by the ride in the sports car

exhort

urge (by strong argument or advice); Ex. The general exhorted his men to fight bravely; N. exhortation

exhume

dig out of the ground; remove from a grave

exigency

urgent situation; ADJ. exigent

exiguous

small in amount; minute

existential

pertaining to existence; pertaining to the philosophy of existentialism

exodus

departure (of a large number of people)

exonerate

acquit; exculpate; free from blame or guilt

exorbitant

(of costs or demands) excessive; exceeding reasonable bounds

exorcise

drive out evil spirits

exotic

not native; from another part of the world; strange; intriguingly unusual; Ex. exotic flower/dress

expansive

(of a person) outgoing and sociable; broad and extensive; able to increase in size

expatiate

talk at length; speak or write in detail

expatriate

exile; someone who has withdrawn from his native land; V: exile; banish; leave one's country

expedient

suitable (for a particular purpose although not necessarily morally correct); practical; politic(prudent); N: something expedient

expedite

hasten; make go faster

expeditious

done with speed; quick; N. expedition

expenditure

payment or expense; expending; something expended; output; Ex. receipt for the expenditure; Ex. expenditure of all the energy

expertise

specialized knowledge (in a particular field); expert skill

expiate

make amends for (a sin)

expletive

meaningless word; interjection; profane oath; swear-word

explicate

explain in detail; interpret; clarify; CF. explicable

explicit

totally clear; definite; outspoken

exploit

make use of, sometimes unjustly; N. exploitation

expos'e

public revelation of something discreditable

expository

explanatory; serving to explain; N. exposition: explaining; exhibition

expostulation

protest; remonstrance; reasoning with someone to correct or dissuade; V. expostulate

exposure

risk, particularly of being exposed to disease or to the elements; unmasking; act of laying something open; Ex. exposure of governmental corruption

expound

explain

expropriate

take possession of (often for public use and without payment)

expunge

cancel; remove a word or name (from a book or list); erase

expurgate

clean; remove offensive parts of a book

exquisite

delicate; very finely made; extremely beautiful; Ex. exquisite piece of jewelry

extant

(of something written or painted) still in existence

extemporaneous

not planned; impromptu; extempore

extenuate

weaken; mitigate; lessen the seriousness of (bad behavior)

extirpate

root up; uproot; destroy completely

extol

praise very highly; glorify

extort

wring from; get money by threats, etc.; obtain by force or threats; CF. extortionate: exorbitant

extradition

surrender of prisoner by one state to another; Ex. extradition treaty; V. extradite

extraneous

not essential; irrelevant; superfluous; external; coming from the outside; Ex. extraneous details/noise/to the subject

extrapolation

projection; conjecture; V. extrapolate: infer (unknown information) from known information

extricate

free from an entanglement or difficulty; disentangle

extrinsic

external; not essential or inherent; extraneous; OP. intrinsic

extrovert

person interested mostly in external objects and actions

extrude

force or push out; thrust out; shape (plastic or metal) by forcing through a die

exuberance

overflowing abundance; joyful enthusiasm; flamboyance; lavishness; ADJ. exuberant: high-spirited and lively; growing abundantly and strongly

exude

flow out slowly; discharge (gradually); give forth; N. exudation

exult

rejoice

Barron GRE word list - F

fabricate

build; lie; make up (a story) in order to deceive; Ex. fabricate the whole story; CF. fabric: underlying structure; Ex. fabric of society

facade(fac{c}ade)

front or face (of building); superficial or false appearance

facet

small plane surface (of a gem(precious stone)); a side

facetious

joking (often inappropriately); unserious; humorous

facile

easily accomplished; ready or fluent; superficial; not deep; Ex. facile solution to a complex problem; Ex. facile speaker; N. facility: ability to do something easily and well; ease in doing resulting from skill or aptitude; something that facil

facilitate

help bring about; make less difficult

facsimile

copy

faction

party; clique (within a large group); dissension

factious

inclined to form factions; causing dissension

factitious

artificial; produced artificially; sham; false; Ex. factitious tears

factotum

handyman; person who does all kinds of work; CF. do everything

faculty

mental or bodily powers; teaching staff

fake

not genuine; N: one that is not genuine; impostor; sham; V: counterfeit; Ex. fake the results of the experiment/the signature

fallacious

false; based on a fallacy; misleading; N. fallacy: false idea or notion; false reasoning; Ex. popular fallacy; Ex. fallacy of the argument

fallible

liable to err

fallow

(of land) plowed but not sowed (to improve the quality); uncultivated

falsify

make (something written) false by changing

falter

hesitate; weaken in purpose or action; walk or move unsteadily through weakness; N.

fanaticism

excessive zeal; extreme devotion to a belief or cause; N. fanatic; ADJ. fanatic

fancied

imagined; unreal

fancier

breeder or dealer of animals; one who has a special interest, as for raising specific plant or animal

fanciful

whimsical; visionary; imaginary; produced by imagination; Ex. fanciful scheme

fancy

imagination (of a whimsical or fantastic nature); capricious liking; V: imagine; be fond of; ADJ. decorative; elaborate

fanfare

call by bugles or trumpets; showy display; spectacular public display

farce

broad comedy; mockery; humorous play full of silly things happening; ADJ. farcical

far-fetched

too improbable to be believed; implausible; Ex. far-fetched story

fashion

give shape to; make; Ex. fashion the pot out of clay

fastidious

difficult to please; squeamish; fussy; finicky

fatalism

belief that events are determined by forces or fates beyond one's control; ADJ. fatalistic; CF. fatal: causing death

fathom

comprehend; investigate; determine the depth of; N. unit of measurement for the depth of water

fathomless

too deep to be measured or understood; unfathomable

fatuous

smugly and unconsciously foolish; inane; silly; N. fatuity, fatuousness

fauna

animals of a period or region; CF. flora

favoritism

display of partiality toward a favored person

fawning

courting favor by cringing and flattering; V. fawn: exhibit affection as a dog; seek favor or attention by obsequiousness

faze

disconcert; dismay; embarrass

feasible

practical; able to be carried out; practicable

feature

distinctive part of the faces (as the eyes or mouth); features: overall appearance of the face; prominent or distinctive quality; prominent article; film; V: make prominent

febrile

feverish

fecundity

fertility; fruitfulness; ADJ. fecund: very productive of crops or young

feble-minded

deficient in intelligence; very stupid

feign

pretend

feint

trick; shift; sham blow; feigned attack to draw away defensive action; V.

felicitous

(of a word or remark) apt; suitably expressed; well chosen

felicity

happiness; appropriateness (of a remark, choice, etc.); quality of being felicitous

feline

of a member of the cat family; N.

fell

cut or knock down (a tree or a person); bring down (with a missile)

felon

person convicted of a grave crime; CF. felony: serious crime

feral

(of an animal) not domestic; wild

ferment

agitation; commotion (noisy and excited activity); unrest (of a political kind); V. produce by fermentation; undergo fermentation; cause (a state of trouble)

fermentation

chemical reaction that splits complex organic compounds; unrest; agitation

ferocious

fierce; violent; N. ferocity

ferret

drive or hunt out of hiding; hunt with ferrets; drive out (as from a hiding place); expel; uncover or discover by searching; Ex. ferret out the secret; N. small fierce animal which catches rats and rabbits by going into their holes

fertile

producing many young, fruits, or seeds; (of land) producing good crops; V. fertilize

fervent

ardent; zealous; hot

fervid

ardent; zealous; hot

fervor

glowing ardor; intensity of feeling; quality of being fervent or fervid; zeal; intense heat

fester

rankle; produce irritation or resentment; (of a cut or wound) generate pus or rot; Ex. His insult festered in my mind for days.

festive

joyous; celebratory; relating to a feast or festival

fete(f[^]ete)

honor at a festival; celebrate or honor with a feast; N. (outdoor) festival or feast; CF. feast

fetid(foetid)

malodorous; foul

fetish(fetich)

object believed to have spiritual powers; object of excessive attention or reverence; CF. fetishism

fetter

shackle; restrict the freedom of; N. chain or shackle for the foot of a prisoner; CF. foot

feud

bitter prolonged quarrel (usually between two peoples or families); V. CF. Romeo and Juliet; CF. feudal, feudalism

fiasco

total failure; CF. bottle

fiat

command; arbitrary order; Ex. presidential fiat; CF. let it be done

fickle

changeable (in affections or friendship); faithless

fictitious

imaginary; non-existent; purposely invented to deceive; untrue; Ex. fictitious name/boyfriend; CF. fictional

fideliy

loyalty; accuracy

fiend

evil spirit; devil

figment

invention; something invented; imaginary thing; Ex. figment of your imagination

figurative

not literal but metaphorical; using a figure(impression) of speech

figure

written symbols; number; amount represented in numbers; outline or silhouette of a thing or human body; person (well-known); impression; diagram; pattern; group in a dance; Ex. figure of speech; V. calculate with numbers; adorn with figures; app

figurine

small ornamental statuette(very small statue)

filch

steal (things of small value)

filial

pertaining to or befitting a son or daughter; Ex. filial respect

filibuster

block legislation or prevent action in a lawmaking body by making very slow long speeches; N; freebooter

filigree

delicate ornamental lacelike metalwork

filing

particle removed by a file

filth

dirty matter; ADJ. filthy

finale

conclusion; concluding part

finery

beautiful clothes for a special occasion

finesse

delicate skill; V: handle with finesse

finicky

too particular; fussy; difficult to please; too concerned with unimportant details or quality; Ex. finicky about her food

finish

surface texture; completeness of execution

finished

properly made and complete; Ex. finished product/performance

finite

limited

firebrand

piece of burning wood; hothead; troublemaker; person who stirs up trouble

fissure

crevice; crack

fit

sudden outburst of an illness or feeling; convulsion caused by epilepsy

fitful

spasmodic; intermittent; irregular

flaccid

flabby; lacking firmness; weak; Ex. flaccid muscles

flag

droop; grow feeble; decline in vigor or strength; ADJ. flagging; CF. unflagging

flagrant

conspicuously wicked, bad, or offensive; blatant; outrageous

flail

beat with or as if with a flail; move wildly; thresh grain by hand; strike or slap; toss about; N: threshing tool consisting of a stick swinging from the end of a long handle

flair

talent

flamboyant

ornate; highly elaborate; richly colored; ostentatious; showy; CF. flame

flashy

showy; gaudy; giving a momentary brilliance

flaunt

display ostentatiously; Ex. ``Honey, if you've got it, flaunt it !''

flay

strip off skin; plunder; remove the skin from; criticize harshly

fleck

spot; mark with flecks; N: small mark or spot

fledgling(fledgeling)

inexperienced; N: young bird that has acquired wing feathers and is learning to fly; inexperienced person

fleece

wool coat of a sheep; V: shear the fleece from; rob by a trick; swindle; plunder

fleet

fast; rapid; N. ADJ. fleeting: passing quickly; ephemeral

flick

light stroke as with a whip; V: move with a light quick blow; strike with a light quick blow (as from a whip); Ex. flick the switch

flicker

burn unsteadily or fitfully; move waveringly; N: flickering movement or light; brief sensation; Ex. flicker of excitement

flighty

(esp. of a woman's behavior) capricious; often changing, esp. from one lover to another; impulsive

flinch

hesitate; shrink back (in fear of something unpleasant); Ex. She did not flinch in the face of danger.

flip

send (something) spinning, often into the air, by striking with a light quick blow; turn over; Ex. flip over

flippant

lacking proper seriousness; Ex. flippant remarks about death; N. flippancy

flirt

behave in a way that attracts (sexual) attention; deal triflingly with; N: one (or woman) given to flirting; ADJ. flirtatious

flit

fly; fly or move lightly or quickly; dart lightly; pass swiftly by; Ex. a bee flitting from flower to flower

floe

flat mass of floating ice

flora

plants of a region or era

florescence

condition or period of flowering

florid

ruddy; (of a complexion) reddish; flowery; very ornate; CF. rose

flotsam

drifting wreckage

flounder

struggle and thrash about; proceed clumsily or falter (as in water, mud, snow, etc.); proceed in confusion

flourish

grow well; prosper; make sweeping gestures; wave; brandish; Ex. The trees flourished in the sun. N: showy movement or gesture; embellishment or ornamentation (esp. in handwriting)

flout

reject; mock; show contempt for; scorn; Ex. flout the rules

flowery

full of flowers; full of ornate expressions

fluctuate

waver; shift; rise and fall as if in waves; change or vary irregularly

fluency

smoothness of speech; ADJ. fluent

flake

unlikely occurrence; stroke of fortune; accidental stroke of good luck; ADJ. fluky

flush

redden; blush; flow suddenly and abundantly; wash out by a rapid brief flow of water; N: reddish tinge; blush; brief rush; rush of strong feeling; Ex. flush of pride; ADJ: having surfaces in the same plane; even; blushing

fluster

confuse; make nervous and confused; N.

fluted

having vertical parallel grooves (as in a pillar); V. flute: make long parallel inward curves in; N. flute: long rounded groove incised on the shaft of a column

flutter

(of a bird with large wings) wave (the wings) lightly, rapidly, and irregularly; vibrate rapidly or erratically; fly by waving quickly; flitter; N.

flux

flowing; series of changes; fluctuation; Ex. in a state of flux

fodder

coarse food for cattle, horses, etc.; feed for livestock; CF. food

foible

small weakness of character; slight fault; CF. feeble

foil

defeat; frustrate; prevent from being successful; thwart; CF. fail

foist

insert improperly; impose upon another by coercion; palm off; pass off as genuine or worthy; CF. fist

foliage

masses of leaves; CF. defoliate

foment

stir up; incite; instigate; promote the growth of (something evil or unpleasant)

foolhardy

rash; reckless; foolishly daring

foppish

vain about dress and appearance; N. fop: man who takes too much interest in his clothes and appearance

foray

raid; sudden raid or military advance; V.

forbearance

patience; forgiveness; V. forbear: refrain from (in a generous and forgiving way); be patient; Ex. forbear to send him to prison

ford

place where a river can be crossed on foot; V.

forebears(forebears)

ancestors

foreboding

premonition of evil; feeling of coming evil; V. forebode: be a warning of (something unpleasant)

forensic

suitable to debate or courts of law; of or used in legal proceedings and the tracking of criminals; Ex. forensic science/medicine

forerunner

predecessor; one that comes before and indicates the approach of another

foreshadow

give an indication beforehand; be a sign of (what is coming); portend; prefigure

foresight

ability to foresee future happenings; prudence in providing for the future

forestall

prevent by taking action in advance

forfeit

something surrendered as punishment for a crime or breach of contract; V: lose as a forfeit; N. forfeiture

forge

counterfeit; reproduce fraudulently; form by heating in a forge and hammering into shape; move with a sudden increase of speed or power; Ex. forged ahead in the last two years; N: furnace where metals are heated

forgo(forego)

give up; do without

forlorn

sad and lonely; wretched; desolate

formality

ceremonious quality; ceremonious adherence to rules; something done just for form's sake; Ex. mere formality

formidable

menacing; arousing fear; threatening; difficult to defeat; Ex. formidable foe/question

forsake

desert; abandon; renounce

forswear

renounce under oath; abandon; make a solemn promise to give up; CF. abjure

forte

strong point or special talent in a person's character

forthcoming

happening in the near future; ready; willing to help; Ex. No answer was forthcoming.

forthright

straightforward; direct; frank

fortitude

bravery; courage; strength of mind

fortuitous

accidental; by chance; N. fortuity

forum

public square of an ancient Roman city; public place for open discussion; court of law

forward

presumptuous or bold

foster

rear; bring up (for a certain period only); encourage; promote the development of (feelings or ideas); Ex. help foster friendly relations; ADJ: giving parental care although not related by blood; Ex. foster parents

foul

very bad or disagreeable; very dirty; Ex. foul smell/flavor/temper/language/air/deed/weather/means; N. act against the rules; V. make or become foul; commit a foul

founder

person who establishes (an organization or business)

fracas

brawl(noisy quarrel or fight) in which a number of people take part; melee

fractious

unruly; peevish; cranky; bad-tempered; Ex. fractious horse

frail

weak; N. frailty

franchise

right or privilege granted by authority; right to vote; license to sell a product in a particular territory

frantic

wild; distraught as from fear or worry; Ex. frantic with fear

fraudulent

cheating; deceitful; Ex. fraudulent means; N. fraud: deception; swindle

fraught

filled (with something unpleasant); full; Ex. fraught with danger and difficulties; CF. freight

fray

brawl; fight; V: wear away or unravel by rubbing; have loose threads developing; cause to become worn out (a person's temper or nerves); CF. rub

freebooter

pirate or plunderer who makes war in order to grow rich

frenetic(phrenetic)

frenzied; frantic

frenzied

madly excited; N. frenzy: violent wild excitement

fresco

painting on wet plaster (usually fresh)

fret

be annoyed or vexed; Ex. fret over your poor grades; N: irritation of mind; ADJ. fretful

friction

clash or conflict in opinion; rubbing against

frieze

ornamental horizontal band on a wall

frigid

intensely cold; cold in manner; Ex. frigid zone

fringe

decorative edge of hanging threads; edge

frisk

move about playfully; froric; ADJ. frisky: playful

fritter

waste (time or money on unimportant things)

frivolous

lacking in seriousness; flippant; self-indulgently carefree; unworthy of serious attention; relatively unimportant; trivial

frock

long loose garment (worn by monks)

frolic

play and jump about happily; frisk; Ex. frolicking young lambs

frollicsome

prankish; gay; playful; merry; frisky

frond

fern leaf; palm or banana leaf

fructify

bear fruit; produce fruit

frugality

thrift; economy; ADJ. frugal: practicing economy; costing little; inexpensive

fruitful

producing results; profitable; prolific; producing in abundance

fruition

bearing of fruit; fulfillment; realization; Ex. come to/be brought to fruition

frustrate

thwart; defeat; prevent from accomplishing a purpose

fuddle

make stupid or confused as with alcoholic drink; N. in a fuddle: confused

fugitive

fleeting or transitory; lasting only a short time; roving(wandering); running away or fleeing as from the law; N: one who flees; Ex. fugitives at large

fulcrum

support on which a lever rests or pivots

fulminate

thunder; explode; issue a severe denunciation

fulsome

disgustingly excessive; offensively flattering; Ex. fulsome praise/expressions of admire

fumble

move the fingers and hands awkwardly (in search of something); mishandle or drop a ball that is in play; bungle; botch; spoil by mishandling; N.

functional

made for practical use only (without decoration); functioning; Ex. functional modern furniture; CF. functionalism

functionary

official (who performs a particular function)

fundamental

basic; primary; essential

funereal

sad; solemn; suitable for a funeral

furor

frenzy; great anger and excitement; CF. fury

furrow

long shallow trench made by a plow; deep wrinkle in the skin; V.

furtive

stealthy; quiet and secret (trying to escape notice); sneaky; Ex. furtive glance

fusillade

simultaneous firing or outburst (of missiles, questions, etc.)

fusion

union; coalition; V. fuse

fuss:

trouble or worry over trifles; make nervous; pay too much attention to; N: needless concern or worry (about a trivial thing); anxious nervous condition; display of attention; Ex. make a fuss over the baby

fussy

fastidious; finicky; easily upset

futile

useless; hopeless; ineffectual

Barron GRE word list - G**gadfly**

animal-biting fly; irritating person

gaffe

social blunder

gainsay

deny

gait

manner of walking or running; speed

galaxy

large isolated system of stars, such as the Milky Way; collection of brilliant personalities

gale

windstorm; gust of wind; emotional outburst (laughters, tears); Ex. gale of laughter

gall

annoy; exasperate; chafe; N: skin sore caused by rubbing (as on the skin of a horse); exasperation

galleon

large three-masted sailing ship

galley

low ship with sails (rowed along by slaves)

gallows

framework from which a noose is suspended (used for execution by hanging)

galvanic

of the production of electricity by the action of an acid on a metal; having the effect of an electric shock; Ex. galvanic cell; galvanic effect; CF. Luigi Galvani

galvanize

stimulate or shock by an electric current; stimulate by shock; shock into action; stir up; coat with rust-resistant zinc by using electricity

gambit

opening in chess in which a piece is sacrificed; action made to produce a future advantage

gambol

romp; skip about; leap about playfully; frolic; N.

gamely

in a spirited manner; with courage; Ex. fight gamely against a superior boxer; ADJ. game

gamut

entire range

gangrene

decay of body tissue caused by insufficient blood supply (usually following injury); ADJ. gangrenous

gape

open widely; open the mouth wide; stare wonderingly with the mouth open; CF. agape

garbled

mixed up; jumbled; distorted; V. garble: mix up or distort (a message) to such an extent as to make misleading or unintelligible

gargantuan

huge; enormous; gigantic; CF. the hero of Gargantua and Pantagruel

gargoyle

waterspout carved in grotesque figures on a building

garish

overbright in color; unpleasantly bright; gaudy

garner

gather; store up; amass

garnish

decorate; add a garnish to; decorate (food or drink) with small items such as lemon slices; N.

garrulous

loquacious; wordy; talkative; N. garrulity

gastronomy

art and science of preparing and serving good food; CF. gastronome

gauche

clumsy (in social behavior); coarse and uncouth

gaudy

flashy; showy

gaunt

lean and angular; thin and bony; emaciated; barren

gavel

hammerlike tool; mallet(wooden hammer) used by a presiding officer or an auctioneer; V.

gawk

stare foolishly; look in open-mouthed awe

gazette

official periodical publication; newspaper

genealogy

record of descent; lineage; ancestry; study of ancestry

generality

vague statement; general statement which is not detailed; quality of being general; greater part; most; Ex. generality of people

generate

cause; produce; create

generic

characteristic of an entire class or species; of a genus

genesis

beginning; origin

geniality

cheerfulness; kindness; sympathy; ADJ. genial: cheerful and good-tempered

genre

particular variety of art or literature

genteel

well-bred; elegant; striving to convey an appearance of refinement; Ex. genteel poverty

gentility

those of gentle birth; high social class; refinement; quality of being genteel

gentle

kindly; soft; mild; of good family

gentry

people of standing(rank or position); people of good family or high social position; class of people just below nobility

genuflect

bend the knee as in worship

genus

division of animals or plants, below a family and above a species

geriatrics

medical treatment and care of old age

germ

earliest form of an organism; seed or bud; something that may develop into something larger or more important; microbe

germane

pertinent; bearing upon(having connection with) the case at hand; appropriate

germinal

pertaining to a germ; creative; Ex. germinal idea

germinate

cause to sprout; sprout

gerontocracy

government ruled by old people

gerontology

study of the sociological phenomena associated with old age

gerrymander

change voting district lines in order to favor a political party; N. CF. Elbridge Gerry + (sala)mander

gestate

evolve as in prenatal growth; N. gestation: period of development from conception until birth

gesticulation

motion; gesture; V. gesticulate: make gestures (while speaking)

ghastly

horrible; terrifying; resembling ghosts; CF. aghast

gibberish

nonsense; nonsensical or unintelligible talk or writing; babbling

gibe

mock; make jeering remarks; N: jeering remarks

giddy

light-hearted; not serious; frivolous; dizzy; causing dizziness; Ex. giddy youth; Ex. giddy climb/height

gild

cover with a thin layer of gold

gingerly

very carefully; ADJ.

girth

distance around something; circumference

gist

essence; main point; substance

glacial

like a glacier; of an ice age; extremely cold; Ex. glacial epoch; CF. iceberg

glamor

compelling charm; ADJ. glamorous

glare

shine intensely and blindingly; stare fixedly and angrily; N.

glaring

(of something bad) highly conspicuous; harshly bright; shining intensely and blindingly

glaze

cover with a thin and shiny surface; apply a glaze to; N: thin, smooth, shiny coating (as for pottery); Ex. unglazed pottery

gleam

brief flash of light; glow; V.

glean

gather leavings; gather grain left behind by reapers; gather bit by bit (facts or information) often with difficulty

glib

fluent (with insincerity or superficiality); facile; slick

glimmer

shine erratically; twinkle; N: dim or unsteady light; faint indication; Ex. glimmer of hope

glitter

shine brightly with flashing points of light; Ex. glittering diamond ring; N: sparkling light; attractiveness; glamor; Ex. glitter of the sun on the waves

gloat

express evil satisfaction; look at or think about with evil satisfaction; view malevolently; Ex. The thief gloated over the stolen jewels.

gloss

brief explanation note or translation of a difficult expression; V.

gloss_over

explain away with the intention of deceiving or hiding faults

glossary

brief explanation of words used in the text

glossy

smooth and shining; N. gloss: shiny brightness on a surface; superficially attractive appearance; Ex. gloss of good manners

glow

shine brightly without a flame (as of eyes or metals); show redness and heat

(in the face) after hard work or because of strong feelings; N: light produced by a heated body; brilliance of a color

glower

scowl; glare; look or stare angrily

glut

overstock; fill beyond capacity (with food); fill to excess; N: oversupply

glutinous

sticky; viscous; gluey

glutton

someone who eats too much; ADJ. gluttonous: given to gluttony; greedy; CF. gluttony: habit of eating too much

gnarl

protruding knot on a tree; V.

gnarled

twisted

gnome

dwarf; underground spirit who guards treasure hoards

goad

urge on; drive with a goad; cause (someone) to do something by continued annoyance; Ex. They goaded him into doing it by saying he was a coward; N: sharp-pointed stick for driving cattle; stimulus; CF. annoy continually

gobble

eat very quickly

gorge

stuff oneself (with food); glut; CF. gorgeous: dazzlingly beautiful

gory

bloody; N. gore: blood (from a wound)

gossamer

sheer; very light; like cobwebs; N: soft and sheer fabric; cobweb

gouge

overcharge (with high price); extort from; Ex. gouge the public; CF. usury

gourmand

epicure; person who takes excessive pleasure in food and drink

gourmet

connoisseur of food and drink; epicure

gracious

kind in a generous way (to someone less important)

gradation

series of gradual stages; degree in such a progression

graduate

arrange into categories or grades; divide into marked intervals (for use in measurement); Ex. graduated ruler

graduated

arranged by degrees (of height, difficulty, etc.)

granary

storehouse for grain

grandeur

impressiveness; stateliness; majesty

grandiloquent

(of a person or speech) using high sounding or important-sounding language; pompous; bombastic

grandiose

affectedly grand; pretentious; high-flown; ridiculously exaggerated; impressive; great in size or scope; grand; Ex. grandiose ideas

granulate

form into grains or granules; N. granule: grain or particle

graphic

pertaining to the art of delineating; vividly described

graphite

black form of carbon used in lead pencils

grapple

wrestle; come to grips with; take hold of and struggle with; Ex. grapple with the burglar

grate

make a harsh noise; have an unpleasant effect; shred by rubbing against a rough surface; Ex. grated cheese N: framework of metal bars to hold fuel in a fireplace

gratify

please; satisfy; Ex. gratify a desire

gratis

free; without charge; ADJ.

gratuitous

given freely; unwarranted; uncalled for; done without good reason; Ex. gratuitous comment

gratuity

n. money given to sb who has done one a service; tip ;

gravity

seriousness; ADJ. grave

graze

(of an animal) feed on growing grass; cause (an animal) to feed on grass; scrape (esp. the skin) or touch lightly in passing; brush; Ex. We can't graze the cattle till summer; N: surface wound

gregarious

sociable; (of an animal) tending to form a group

grievance

cause of complaint; complaint

grill

question severely; cook on a grill; broil; N: cooking surface of parallel metal bars

grim

causing great fear; unrelenting; determined in spite of fear; Ex. grim smile

grimace

facial distortion to show feeling such as pain, disgust, etc; V.

grisly

ghastly; horrifying; Ex. grisly remains of the bodies

groom

man employed to take care of horses; V: make neat and trim; clean and brush (an animal)

groove

long narrow channel made in a surface to guide the movement of something; Ex. groove of the record

gross

total; fragrant; clearly wrong; (of people's behavior) coarse; corpulent; Ex. gross insolence/behavior; V: earn as a total amount; N: 12 dozens

grotesque

fantastic; comically hideous; strange and unnatural (causing fear or amusement)

grotto

small cavern

grouch

bad-tempered complaint; person who keeps complaining; V: complain; grumble

grouse

complain; fuss; grumble; grouch; N: plump chickenlike game bird

grovel

crawl or creep on ground; remain prostrate; behave in a servile manner

growl

low, guttural, menacing sound (as of a dog)

grudge

deep feeling of dislike; Ex. grudge fight; V.

grudging

unwilling; reluctant; stingy(giving reluctantly)

gruel

thin liquid porridge

grueling

exhausting; Ex. grueling marathon race

gruesome

grisly; horrible

gruff

rough-mannered; (of a voice) rough; hoarse

grumble

complain; mutter discontentedly; grouch; N.

grunt

utter a deep guttural sound (as a pig does); N.

guffaw

boisterous laughter; V.

guile

deceit; duplicity; wiliness; cunning; Ex. persuade her by guile

guileless

without deceit

guise

outward appearance; costume; Ex. in a new guise

gull

trick; deceive; hoodwink; N: person who is easily tricked; dupe

gullible

easily deceived

gush

(of liquid) pour out in large quantities from a hole; make an excessive display of feeling (without true feeling); Ex. Blood gushed from the wound.

gust

strong abrupt rush of wind; V. CF. bluster

gustatory

affecting or relating to the sense of taste

gusto

eager enjoyment; zest; enthusiasm

gusty

windy

guy

cable or chain attached to something that needs to be braced or steadied; CF. guide

gyroscope

apparatus used to maintain balance, ascertain direction, etc.

Barron GRE word list - H**habitat**

natural home of a plant or animal; CF. habitation

habituate

accustom or familiarize; addict

hackles

hairs on back and neck, especially of a dog; Ex. make someone's hackles rise

hackneyed

commonplace; trite

haggard

wasted away; gaunt; Ex. haggard faces of the rescued miners

haggle

argue about prices (in an attempt to bargain)

hail

frozen rain drop; V: salute or greet; precipitate hail

halcyon

calm; peaceful; Ex. halcyon days

hale

healthy

halfhearted

exhibiting little interest or enthusiasm

hallowed

blessed; consecrated; Ex. hallowed ground; V. hallow: set apart as holy

hallucination

delusion; false idea; false perception of objects with a compelling sense of their reality; objects so perceived; V. hallucinate; ADJ. hallucinatory

halting

hesitant; faltering; not fluent; Ex. halting steps/voice; V. halt: proceed or act with uncertainty; falter; hesitate; waver; stop

hamper

obstruct; prevent the free movement of;

handsome

large in quantity; generous; Ex. handsome reward

hap

chance; luck

haphazard

random; by chance; happening in an unplanned manner; Ex. haphazard growth of the town

hapless

unfortunate; luckless

harangue

long, passionate, and vehement speech; V.

harass

annoy by repeated attacks

harbinger

forerunner (which foreshadows what is to come)

harbor

give protection (by giving food and shelter); provide a refuge for; hide; keep in mind (thoughts or feelings); Ex. harbor a grudge/criminal; N: place of shelter; refuge

hardy

(of people or animals) sturdy; robust; (of plants) able to stand inclement(stormy) weather

harping

tiresome dwelling on a subject; V. harp: dwell on(think or speak a lot about) tediously

harrowing

agonizing; distressing; traumatic; V. harrow: break up and level (soil) with a harrow; inflict great distress on; agonize; N: farming machine to break up the earth

harry

harass, annoy, torment (by repeated attacks); raid

hatch

deck opening; lid covering a deck opening; V: emerge from an egg; produce (young) from an egg

haughtiness

pride; arrogance; ADJ. haughty

haunt

(of a spirit) visit (a place); come to mind continually; visit (a place) regularly; frequent; Ex. haunted house; Ex. haunted by his last words; N: place much frequented

haven

place of safety; refuge; harbor; Ex. tax haven

havoc

widespread damage; disorder; chaos

hazard

venture; put in danger; risk; Ex. hazard a guess; N: possible source of danger

hazardous

dangerous

hazy

slightly obscure; misty; unclear; N. haze: light mist or smoke; confused state of mind

headfirst

moving with the head leading; headlong

headlong

hasty; rash; headfirst; ADV.

headstrong

willful; stubborn; unyielding; determined to have one's own way; CF. no 'excessive'

healthful

conducive to good health; Ex. healthful mountain air

healthy

possessing good health; healthful

heckler

person who verbally harasses others; V. heckle: verbally harass as with gibes (by interrupting a speaker or speech)

hedonist

one who believes that pleasure is the sole aim in life; CF. hedonism: practice of living one's life purely for pleasure

heed

pay attention to; N: close attention

heedless

not noticing; disregarding

hegemony

dominance especially of one nation over others

heinous

atrocious; wicked; hatefully bad; Ex. heinous crime

helm

steering wheel of a ship; position of control

hem

surround tightly so that movement is impossible; Ex. hem in; N.

herald

messenger; sign of something to come; V: announce; proclaim; Ex. unheralded researcher

herbivorous

grain-eating; CF. herbivore

herd

group of animals; crowd; one who looks after a herd; Ex. shepherd/goatherd; Ex. herd instinct; Ex. herdsman; V: come together in a herd; look after a herd; Ex. herd cattle

hereafter

life after death

heresy

opinion contrary to popular belief; opinion contrary to accepted religion; ADJ. heretical; CF. heretic

hermetic

concerning alchemy or magic; obscure and mysterious; occult

hermitage

home of a hermit

herpetologist

one who studies reptiles; CF. herpetology: branch of zoology that deals with reptiles and amphibians

heterodox

(of beliefs) against accepted opinion; unorthodox; unconventional

heterogeneous

dissimilar; mixed; not homogeneous; consisting of dissimilar elements or

plants

hew

cut to pieces with ax or sword; chop; N.

heyday

time of greatest success or power; prime

hiatus

gap; pause; gap or interruption in space or time; break

hibernal

wintery; wintry; of or like winter

hibernate

sleep throughout the winter; N. hibernation

hide

skin of an animal

hideous

repulsive to the sight; ugly; repugnant; Ex. hideous face/scream

hierarchy

arrangement by rank or standing; authoritarian body divided into ranks; body of persons having authority

hieroglyphic

picture writing; ADJ.

high-flown

highly pretentious or inflated

hilarity

boisterous mirth(merriment; laughter); ADJ. hilarious: full of laughter

hindmost

furthest behind; farthest to the rear

hindrance

block; obstacle; V. hinder

hindsight

understanding the nature of an event after it has actually happened

hinterlands

back country; inner part of a country; OP. foreland

hireling

one who serves for hire (usually used contemptuously); one who works solely for compensation; Ex. hireling politician

hirsute

hairy; having a lot of hair

historic

important in history; Ex. historic battle

historical

connected with history; based on events in history (whether regarded as important or not)

histrionic

theatrical; excessively dramatic or emotional; affected; of actors or acting; N. histrionics: histrionic behavior

hive

box for bees; V: cause to go in a hive

hoard

stockpile; accumulate for future use; N: supply stored for future use

hoary

white with age

hoax

trick which makes someone take action; practical joke; Ex. hoax mail; V.

holocaust

destruction by fire; CF. burnt whole; CF. Holocaust

holster

leather pistol case (that hangs on a belt around the waist)

homage

honor; tribute; great respect; Ex. pay/do homage to

homely

not good-looking; unattractive

homeostasis

tendency of a system or organism to maintain relative stability or internal

equilibrium; CF. homeo-: constant; Ex. homeotherm

homespun

domestic; made at home; spun or woven at home; simple and ordinary; Ex. homespun philosophy

homily

sermon; tedious moralizing lecture; serious warning; ADJ. homiletic

homogeneous

of the same kind; uniform in composition throughout

hone

sharpen (a tool); N: whetstone for sharpening a tool

hoodwink

deceive; delude

horde

crowd; swarm

horoscope

diagram of the positions of stars at a given moment (eg. of a person's birth) used by astrologers

hortatory

encouraging; exhortive; marked by exhortation; CF. exhort

horticultural

pertaining to cultivation of gardens; N. horticulture: science or art of cultivating fruits, vegetables, or ornamental plants; CF. agriculture: science or art of farming or growing crops

hostage

person who is kept as a prisoner by an enemy so that the other side will do what the enemy demands

hostility

unfriendliness; hatred; enmity; ADJ. hostile

hothead

person who does things too quickly without thinking; ADJ. hotheaded

hovel

shack; small wretched house

hover

hang about; (of birds or aircraft) stay in the air in one place; (of people) wait nearby; stay around one place; waver; be in an uncertain state

hubbub

confused uproar; loud noise; din

hubris

arrogance; excessive self-conceit

hue

color; aspect; Ex. opinions of every hue

hue_and_cry

outcry; loud cry or clamor; strong protest; Ex. hue and cry against the new rule

hull

husk; dry outer covering of a seed; frame or body of a ship

humane

marked by kindness or consideration; kind and compassionate; humanitarian

humanitarian

one devoted to the promotion of human welfare; CF. humanism

humble

of low rank or position; modest; having a low opinion of oneself and a high opinion of others; unassuming; not proud; V. humiliate: make humble; cause to feel ashamed or to lose the respect of others

humdrum

dull; monotonous

humid

damp; N. humidity

humility

humbleness of spirit

hummock

small hill; hillock

humor

indulge; comply with the wishes of; N. quality that makes something amusing; state of mind; mood; Ex. in a bad humor; Ex. out of humor

humus

substance or rich soil formed by decaying vegetable matter; CF. soil

hurl

throw forcefully; shout out violently

hurtle

crash; rush; move with great speed; Ex. hurtling runaway train

husband

use sparingly; conserve; save; Ex. husband one's energy; CF. house holder

husbandry

frugality; thrift; economy; agriculture; farming; Ex. animal husbandry; CF. husbandman

hut

crude dwelling; shack

hybrid

mongrel; mixed breed; V. hybridize

hydrophobia

fear of water; rabies

hygiene

science and practice of the promotion and preservation of health; ADJ. hygienic: showing careful attention to cleanness (to prevent disease); Ex. hygienic condition

hyperbole

exaggeration; overstatement; ADJ. hyperbolic: of hyperbole; of a hyperbola

hypercritical

excessively exacting; too critical (without noticing good qualities)

hypnosis

induced sleeping state; ADJ. hypnotic; V. hypnotize

hypochondriac

person unduly worried about his health; worrier without cause about illness; ADJ. CF. hypochondria: neurosis that one is or is becoming ill; CF. abdomen

hypocritical

pretending to be virtuous; deceiving; N. hypocrisy: profession of beliefs one does not possess; CF. hypocrite

hypothetical

based on assumptions or hypotheses; supposed; N. hypothesis

hysteria

excessive or uncontrollable excitement; N. hysteric: person suffering from hysteria; CF. hysterics: attack of hysteria

Barron GRE word list - I

ichthyology

study of fish; CF. ichthyo-: fish

icon(ikon)

religious image; idol; image or representation

iconoclastic

attacking cherished traditions; N. iconoclast: one who attacks traditional ideas; one who destroys sacred images

ideology

system of ideas characteristic of a group or culture

idiom

expression whose meaning as a whole differs from the meanings of its

individual words; distinctive style (of expression); Ex. idiom of the modern popular music; ADJ. idiomatic

idiosyncrasy

individual trait usually odd in nature; behavioral peculiarity; eccentricity; attitude, behavior, or opinion peculiar to a person; anything highly individual or eccentric; ADJ. idiosyncratic

idle

not working; not employed or busy; lazy; without purpose; useless; lacking substance; baseless; not based on truth;

Ex. idle worker; Ex. talk idly; V.

idolatry

worship of idols; excessive admiration or devotion; ADJ. idolatrous

idyll(idyl)

short poem idealizing rural life; simple happy period of life (in the country); scene from such a time; Ex. idyll of two young lovers

idyllic

charmingly carefree; simple and happy; Ex. idyllic scene

igneous

produced by fire; of fire; volcanic; (of rocks) formed from lava; Ex. igneous meteorite

ignite

kindle; light; catch fire or set fire to

ignoble

unworthy; not noble; dishonorable; Ex. ignoble deed

ignominy

deep disgrace; shame or dishonor; ADJ. ignominious; Ex. ignominious defeat

illicit

illegal

illimitable

infinite; limitless

illuminate

brighten; clear up or make understandable; enlighten; enable to understand; Ex. illuminating remarks

illusion

misleading vision or visual image; false idea or belief; CF. delusion

illusive

deceiving; based on illusion; causing illusion; deceptive

illusory

illusory; deceptive; not real

imbalance

lack of balance or symmetry; disproportion

imbecility

weakness of mind; state of being an imbecile; N. imbecile: stupid person; fool

imbibe

drink in

imbroglio

complicated situation (as in a play); painful or complex misunderstanding (as in a play); entanglement; confused mass (as of papers); V. embroil

imbue

saturate(soak thoroughly); fill; Ex. imbue someone with feelings

immaculate

spotless; flawless; absolutely clean

imminent

impending; near at hand

immobility

state of being immovable

immolate

offer or kill as a sacrifice (by fire)

immune

resistant to; free or exempt from; N. immunity

immure

imprison; shut up in confinement; CF. wall

immutable

unchangeable

impair

injure; hurt; damage

impale

pierce (with a sharp point); Ex. impaled by the spear

impalpable

imperceptible(not easily understood); intangible; OP. palpable: tangible; easily perceptible

impart

grant a share of; make known; Ex. news to impart

impartial

not biased; fair; N. impartiality

impassable

not able to be traveled or crossed

impasse

predicament(dangerous condition) from which there is no escape; situation allowing for no further progress

impassioned

(of speech) filled with passion; fervent

impassive

without feeling; expressionless; imperturbable; stoical; Ex. impassive face

impeach

charge (a public official) with crime in office; raise doubts about; indict; Ex. impeach a witness's credibility

impeccable

faultless

impecunious

without money

impede

hinder; retard or obstruct the progress of; block

impediment

hindrance; stumbling-block; speech defect preventing clear articulation; Ex. speech impediment

impel

drive or force onward; drive to take action; urge to action

impending

nearing; approaching; about to happen

impenetrable

not able to be pierced or entered; beyond understanding; impossible to understand; Ex. impenetrable mystery

impenitent

not repentant

imperative

absolutely necessary; that must be done; critically important; expressing command; Ex. It is imperative that; N: something that must be done

imperceptible

unnoticeable; impossible to perceive; undetectable

imperial

like an emperor; related to an empire; CF. imperialism

imperil

put in danger

imperious

domineering; too commanding; haughty; CF. imperial/emperor

impermeable

impervious; not permitting passage through its substance; impossible to permeate

impersonal

not being a person; not showing personal feelings; Ex. impersonal
force/manner/organization

impertinent

insolent; rude; not pertinent; N. impertinence

imperturbable

unshakably calm; placid

impervious

impenetrable; incapable of being damaged or distressed; incapable of being affected (in one's opinions); Ex.
impervious to water/criticism

impetuous

violent; hasty; rash; impulsive; without careful thought; Ex. impetuous decision

impetus

moving force; momentum; force of a moving body; incentive; stimulus; impulse

impiety

irreverence; lack of respect for God or piety

impinge

infringe; encroach; influence; touch; collide with; Ex. The effects are impinging on every aspect of our lives.

impious

irreverent

implacable

incapable of being pacified; impossible to appease; Ex. implacable enemy

implausible

unlikely (to be true); unbelievable; Ex. implausible alibi

implement

put into effect; enforce; carry out; supply with tools; Ex. implement the plan/suggestion; N: tool or instrument

implicate

incriminate; involve incriminatingly; show to be involved (in a crime); Ex. implicate someone in the crime

implication

something hinted at or suggested; implying; implicating

implicit

understood but not stated; implied; unquestioning and complete; Ex. implicit trust

implode

burst inward; CF. vacuum tube

implore

v. ask or beg earnestly; beseech

imply

suggest a meaning not expressed; signify

impolitic

not wise; not expedient; not politic

imponderable

weightless; that cannot undergo precise evaluation; CF. pound

import

significance; importance; meaning

importunate

urging; always demanding; troublesomely urgent or persistent

importune

beg persistently; make repeated requests (in an annoying way)

imposture

assuming a false identity; masquerade; CF. impostor

impotent

weak; ineffective; lacking in physical strength or power

impoverish

make poor; deprive of natural strength or something important; Ex. impoverished soil

imprecation

curse; swearword

impregnable

invulnerable; impossible to capture or enter by force; Ex. impregnable fort/argument; CF. take

impregnate

make pregnant; fill thoroughly; saturate

impromptu

without previous preparation; off the cuff(end of a sleeve); on the spur of the moment

impropriety

improperness; unsuitableness

improvident

thrifless; not providing for the future

improvise

compose on the spur of the moment

imprudent

lacking caution; not prudent; injudicious

impudence

impertinence; insolence

impugn

dispute or contradict (often in an insulting way); attack as false or questionable; challenge; gainsay; CF. fight

impuissance

powerlessness; feebleness

impunity

freedom from punishment or harm; CF. punish

impute

attribute; ascribe; charge; N. imputation

inadvertently

unintentionally; by oversight; carelessly

inalienable

not to be taken away; nontransferable; Ex. inalienable rights

inamorata

woman whom a man loves

inane

silly; senseless; Ex. inane remarks; N. inanity

inanimate

lifeless; not animate

inarticulate

speechless; producing indistinct speech; not articulate; not expressing oneself clearly

inasmuch_as

since; owing to the fact that

inaugurate

begin formally; install in office; induct into office by a formal ceremony; N. inauguration; ADJ. inaugural

incandescent

strikingly bright; shining with intense heat; emitting visible light when heated; Ex. incandescent light bulb; CF. candle

incantation

singing or chanting of magic spells; magical formula; (the saying of) words used in magic; CF. enchant

incapacitate

disable; N. incapacity: lack of capacity

incarcerate

imprison

incarnate

endowed with flesh; invested with bodily form; personified; Ex. devil incarnate; V: give bodily form to; embody

incarnation

act of assuming a human body and human nature; one who personifies something; personification; Ex. previous incarnation/reincarnation

incendiary

arsonist; ADJ: causing fire; of arson; Ex. incendiary bomb

incense

enrage; infuriate(make furious); make extremely angry; outrage; N: aromatic substance burned to produce a pleasant odor

incentive

spur; motive; something which encourages one to greater activity

inception

start; beginning

incessant

uninterrupted; unceasing

inchoate

(of desire, wish, plan) recently begun; not explicit; at the beginning of development; rudimentary; elementary; Ex. inchoate mass

incidence

rate of occurrence; particular occurrence; Ex. high incidence of infant mortality

incident

event; event that causes a crisis

incidental

not essential; minor; N: something incidental

incinerate

burn to ashes

incipient

beginning; in an early stage

incisive

(appreciatively) cutting; sharp; Ex. incisive remarks; V. incise: make a cut into

incite

arouse to action; goad; motivate; induce to exist; Ex. incite a riot/the crowd to rebellion

inclement

stormy; unkind; unmerciful; CF. clement

incline

slope; slant; Ex. steep incline

inclined

tending or leaning toward; bent; V. incline: slant; dispose; be disposed; tend

inclusive

tending to include all; all-inclusive; Ex. inclusive charge

incognito

with identity concealed; using an assumed name; ADJ.

incoherent

unintelligible; muddled; unable to express one's thoughts in an orderly manner; illogical; lacking cohesion; not coherent

incommodious

not spacious; inconvenient

incompatible

inharmonious; N. incompatibility

incongruity

lack of harmony; absurdity; ADJ. incongruous: lacking in harmony; inappropriate

inconsequential

insignificant; unimportant

inconsistency

state of being self-contradictory; lack of uniformity or steadiness; ADJ. inconsistent: displaying a lack of consistency; erratic; contradictory; incompatible

incontinent

lacking self-restraint; not continent; licentious

incontrovertible

indisputable; impossible to dispute; not open to question; unquestionable

incorporate

introduce something into a larger whole; include; embody; give material form to; ADJ.

incorporeal

without a material body; insubstantial

incorrigible

uncorrectable

incredulity

tendency to disbelief

incredulous

withholding belief; skeptical; showing disbelief

increment

increase

incriminate

accuse of or implicate in a crime; serve as evidence against; cause to seem or make guilty of a crime; Ex. incriminating evidence

incrustation

hard coating or crust; V. incrust: encrust; cover with a crust

incubate

hatch; warm (eggs) with the body to promote hatching; maintain at optimal environment conditions for development; be holding in one's body an infection which is going to develop into a disease; N. incubation; CF. incubation:disease

incubus

burden; very worrying problem; mental care; nightmare; male devil; CF. succubus

inculcate

teach (ideas or principles); instill

incumbent

obligatory; imposed as an obligation; currently holding an office; N: person who holds an office

incur

bring upon oneself

incursion

temporary invasion; CF. excursion: short journey

indecision

irresolution; inability to make up one's mind

indecisive

marked by indecision; inconclusive; Ex. indecisive battle

indefatigable

tireless; untiring; showing no sign of getting tired

indelible

not able to be erased

indemnify

make secure against damage or loss; compensate for damage or loss; CF. make uninjured

indentation

notch; deep recess; V. indent; CF. tooth

indenture

bind as servant or apprentice to master; bind by indenture; N: contract binding one party into the service of another for a specified time (as between an apprentice and his master)

indeterminate

uncertain; not clearly fixed; indefinite

indicative

suggestive; implying; serving to indicate

indices

signs; indications; Ex. indices of a student's potential; CF. index: something that reveals or indicates; sign; Ex. cost-of-living index

indict

charge; N. indictment

indifferent

unmoved or unconcerned by; having no interest in; mediocre; neither good nor bad

indigence

poverty

indigenous

native; Ex. plant indigenous to the New World

indigent

poor; destitute

indignation

anger at an injustice; Ex. righteous indignation; ADJ. indignant

indignity

treatment or situation that causes shame or loss of dignity, respect; offensive or insulting treatment; humiliating or degrading treatment; Ex. I suffered the indignity of having to say that in front of them.

indiscriminate

choosing at random; confused; not based on careful distinctions

indisputable

too certain to be disputed; beyond doubt

indissoluble

permanent; impossible to dissolve or disintegrate

indite

write; compose

indoctrinate

cause to accept a doctrine without questioning it; Ex. indoctrinated with mindless anti-communism

indolent

lazy

indomitable

unconquerable; unyielding

indubitable

unable to be doubted; which cannot be doubted; unquestionable

induce

persuade; lead to do something; bring about; N. inducement

induct

place formally in office; install; admit as a member; initiate; N. induction: inducting; process of deriving general principles from particular facts

inductive

pertaining to induction or proceeding from the specific to the general

indulge

yield to; gratify; allow oneself a special pleasure; Ex. indulge one's every whim/a child/in a big cigarette; N. indulgence

indulgent

humoring; yielding; lenient; showing indulgence

industrious

diligent; hard-working; N. industry

inebriate

make drunk; intoxicate; N. intoxicated person

inebriated

habitually intoxicated; drunk; N. inebriety

ineffable

unutterable; not to be uttered; taboo; that cannot be expressed in speech; indescribable; unspeakable; inexpressible; Ex. ineffable name/joy

ineffectual

not effective; not having a desired effect; weak

ineluctable

irresistible; not to be escaped; unavoidable

inept

unsuited; inappropriate; lacking skill; incompetent; CF. inapt: (of statements or ideas) inappropriate

inequity

unfairness; ADJ. inequitable

inerrancy

infallibility

inert

inactive; lacking power to move; unable to move or act; Ex. chemically inert; N. inertia: state of being inert; force which keeps a thing in the position or state

inestimable

impossible to estimate; (apprec) invaluable; of immeasurable worth

inevitable

unavoidable

inexorable

relentless; unyielding; implacable; not capable of being changed by entreaty or efforts; Ex. inexorable price rises

inextricable

from which it is impossible to get free; that cannot be untied; Ex. inextricable troubles; Ex. inextricable two histories

infallible

unerring; never making mistakes

infamous

notoriously bad; notorious; well known for being bad; Ex. infamous behavior; N: infamy: infamous act; evil fame or reputation

infantile

childish; infantlike

infer

deduce; conclude; N. inference

infernal

pertaining to hell; devilish; N. inferno: place of fiery heat or destruction

infest

inhabit in numbers large enough to be harmful; Ex. Mice infested the house; Ex. shark-infested waters

infidel

unbeliever (with respect to a particular religion)

infiltrate

pass into or through; penetrate or enter (an organization) sneakily; Ex. infiltrate the troops into enemy territory; CF. infiltrator

infinitesimal

very small

infirmity

weakness

inflated

exaggerated; pompous; enlarged (with air or gas)

influx

flowing into

infraction

violation (of a rule or regulation); breach

infringe

violate (a law); encroach (the right of another person)

ingenious

marked by inventive skill; clever; resourceful; N. ingenuity

ingenue

ing'enuë; young innocent girl

ingenuous

naive and trusting; young; unsophisticated; candid

ingrained

deeply established; firmly rooted; Ex. ingrained dirt/prejudice

ingrate

ungrateful person (not expressing thanks)

ingratiate

become popular with; bring (oneself) in favor of another; Ex. ingratiate himself with the boss

inherent

firmly established by nature or habit; intrinsic

inhibit

restrain; prohibit; retard or prevent; N. inhibition

inhibited

(of a person) unable to express what one really feels

inimical

(of someone) unfriendly; hostile; (of something) harmful; detrimental; CF. enemy

inimitable

matchless; not able to be imitated

iniquitous

wicked; immoral; unrighteous; N. iniquity; Ex. den of iniquity

initiate

begin; originate; receive into a group; introduce to a new field or activity; Ex. initiate someone into the mysteries of a secret religion; N: one who has been initiated

injurious

harmful; causing injury

inkling

hint; slight indication

innate

inborn

innocuous

harmless

innovation

change; something newly introduced; introduction of something new; V. innovate: begin or introduce (something new); be creative; ADJ. innovative

innuendo

indirect or subtle (derogatory) hint; insinuation; Ex. sexual innuendo

inopportune

untimely; inappropriate or ill-timed; poorly chosen

inordinate

beyond reasonable limits; unrestrained; excessive; Ex. inordinate demands

inquisitive

eager for knowledge; unduly curious

inquisitor

questioner (especially harsh); investigator; person making an inquisition

inroad

hostile invasion; advance that lessens the quantity or difficulty of something; Ex. The long illness made serious inroads on his savings; CF. raid

insalubrious

unwholesome; not healthful; Ex. insalubrious place

insatiable

not easily satisfied; unquenchable; Ex. insatiable appetite

inscrutable

difficult to understand; impenetrable; not readily understood; mysterious

insensate

without feeling; lacking sense; foolish

insensible

unconscious; unresponsive; insensitive; unaware; imperceptible; Ex. insensible of his danger/to pain; Ex. insensible change; CF. not the opposite of sensible

insidious

treacherous; stealthy; sly; working or spreading harmfully in a stealthy manner; Ex. insidious spreading of dry rot

insightful

discerning; perceptive

insinuate

hint; imply; suggest indirectly; creep in; introduce or insert (oneself) by artful means; Ex. insinuate himself into the boss's favor; CF. ingratiate

insipid

lacking in flavor; lacking interest; dull; Ex. insipid food/character

insolence

impudent disrespect; haughtiness; ADJ. insolent; CF. haughty + rude

insolvent

bankrupt; lacking money to pay; N. insolvency

insomnia

wakefulness; inability to sleep

insouciant

without concern or care; unconcerned; indifferent

instigate

start; urge; provoke; incite; Ex. instigate a search/quarrel

institute

organization for a special purpose; V: establish

institution

instituting; (building for the) organization; established custom, practice, or relationship in a society; mental hospital; Ex. institution of marriage

institutionalize

make into an institution; put or confine in an institution

insubordination

disobedience; rebelliousness; ADJ. insubordinate

insubstantial

lacking substance; insignificant; frail; immaterial

insularity

narrow-mindedness; isolation; ADJ. insular: of an island; isolated; narrow-minded; CF. peninsula

insuperable

insurmountable; unbeatable; Ex. insuperable difficulties

insurgent

rebellious; N.

insurmountable

overwhelming; unbeatable; insuperable

insurrection

rebellion; uprising

intangible

not able to be perceived by touch; vague

integral

complete; necessary for completeness; Ex. integral part

integrate

make whole; combine; make into one unit

integrity

honesty; uprightness; wholeness; state of being whole and undivided; completeness

intellect

higher mental powers; person of great intellectual ability

intelligentsia

intellectuals; members of the educated elite (often used derogatorily)

inter

bury; N. interment

interdict

prohibit; forbid; N.

interim

meantime; Ex. in the interim; ADJ. taking place during an interim; Ex. interim paper

interjection

exclamation; Ex. ``Ouch''

interloper

intruder; one who interferes

intermediary

intermediate; acting as a mediator; N: mediator; go-between

interminable

endless

intermittent

periodic; on and off; stopping and starting at intervals

internecine

mutually destructive

interpolate

insert between

interregnum

period between two successive reigns or governments

interrogate

question closely; cross-examine; cross-question

interstice

narrow space between things

intervene

come between; interfere; Ex. intervened to prevent a fight; N. intervention

intimate

hint; suggest; imply; ADJ: marked by close relationship; familiar; private; personal; Ex. intimate knowledge/thoughts in the diary; N: close friend or confidant; CF. intimacy

intimidate

frighten; N. intimidation

intolerant

not willing to accept ways of thinking different from one's own; CF. tolerant; CF. tolerate

intoxicate

make drunk; stimulate or excite; Ex. intoxicated by all the money he might win

intractable

unruly; difficult to manage; Ex. intractable problem/child

intransigence

refusal of any compromise; stubbornness; ADJ. intransigent: uncompromising

intrepid

fearless

intrigue

make secret plans; plot; arouse the curiosity of; N: secret scheme; plot; secret love affair

intrinsic

essential; inherent; built-in

introspective

looking within oneself; N. introspection: self-examination

introvert

one who is introspective or inclined to think more about oneself; ADJ. introverted

intrude

put or force in without being asked; trespass; enter as an uninvited person; Ex. intrude one's own opinion into the report; CF. thrust in

intuition

immediate insight; power of knowing without reasoning; ADJ. intuitive; V. intuit: know by intuition

inundate

flood; overflow; submerge; cover completely; Ex. inundated with work

inured

accustomed; hardened; Ex. inured to the Alaskan cold; V. inure: make used to something undesirable; harden; CF. unfeeling

invalid

one incapacitated(disabled) by a chronic illness; ADJ: incapacitated by illness; not valid; null; V: allow to leave (a military force) because of ill-health

invalidate

weaken; destroy; make invalid; nullify

invective

abuse

inveigh

denounce; utter censure or invective; Ex. inveigh against the evils of drink

inveigle

deceive; lead astray by deception; wheedle(cajole); Ex. inveigle her into joining the club; CF. interest dishonestly

inverse

opposite

invert

turn upside down or inside out; reverse the position or condition of

inveterate

deep-rooted; habitual; CF. grow old

invidious

designed to create ill will or envy; tending to rouse ill will or envy; Ex. invidious comparison

invincible

unconquerable

inviolable

secure from corruption, attack, or violation(or profanation); unassailable; Ex. inviolable oath/rights; N. inviolability

invocation

prayer for help (used in invoking); calling upon as a reference or support; act of invoking

invoke

call and bring into use (a right or law); call on/upon (a higher power or god) for help; ask for; beg for; conjure (a spirit); Ex. invoke the veto power; Ex. invoke one's advisor/God

invulnerable

incapable of injury; impossible to damage or injure

iota

very small quantity

irascible

irritable; easily angered

irate

angry; CF. ire: anger; wrath

iridescent

exhibiting rainbowlike colors; Ex. iridescent oil slick; N. iridescence

irksome

annoying; tedious; V. irk: annoy

ironic

expressing irony; occurring in an unexpected and contrary manner

irony

hidden sarcasm or satire; use of words that seem to mean the opposite of what they actually mean; use of words to convey the opposite of their literal meaning

irreconcilable

impossible to reconcile; incompatible; not able to be resolved

irrefutable

indisputable; incontrovertible; undeniable

irrelevant

not applicable; unrelated

irremediable

incurable; uncorrectable; impossible to remedy

irreparable

not able to be corrected or repaired; impossible to repair

irrepressible

unable to be restrained or held back; impossible to hold back

irreproachable

beyond reproach; blameless; impeccable; Ex. irreproachable conduct

irresolute

uncertain how to act; weak; lacking in resolution; indecisive; N. irresolution

irretrievable

impossible to recover or regain; CF. retrieve

irreverence

lack of proper respect or reverence; ADJ. irreverent

irrevocable

unalterable; irreversible; impossible to revoke

isotope

varying from of an element

isthmus

narrow neck of land connecting two larger bodies of land

itinerant

wandering; traveling from place to place (to perform work); Ex. itinerant preacher

itinerary

plan of a trip; record of a trip

Barron GRE word list - J**jab**

poke abruptly with something sharp; punch with short blows

jabber

chatter rapidly or unintelligibly

jaded

tired or uninterested by surfeit; fatigued; surfeited; worn out; wearied; Ex. jaded appetite

jargon

language used by special group; technical terminology; gibberish; nonsensical or incoherent talk

jaundice

medical condition in which the skin, the white part of the eyes, etc. turn yellow; V: affect with jaundice; affect with prejudice, envy, or hostility; bias

jaundiced

yellowed; prejudiced (envious, hostile, or resentful) from long and disappointing experience of human affairs; Ex. with a jaundiced eye

jaunt

trip; short journey

jaunty

cheerful and pleased with life; lighthearted; animated; easy and carefree; dapper in appearance; Ex. jaunty person/hat

jeopardize

endanger; imperil; put at risk; N. jeopardy: danger

jest

playful remark or act; V. act or speak playfully

jetsam

things thrown from a ship (to lighten the ship)

jettison

throw overboard (from a ship or plane)

jibe

agree; be in harmony with; gibe

jingoist

extremely aggressive and militant patriot; warlike chauvinist; N. jingoism: extreme nationalism

jocose

given to(having a tendency of) joking

jocular

said or done in jest or playfully; marked by joking

jocund

merry

jollity

gaiety; cheerfulness; ADJ. jolly: merry; gay

jostle

shove; bump; push against (someone) rather roughly; Ex. jostled by the crowds

jovial

good-natured; merry; cheerful

jubilation

rejoicing; great joy

judiciary

judicial branch of government

judicious

sound on judgment; wise

jug

pitcher; container for holding liquids

juggernaut

irresistible crushing force; overwhelming advancing force that crushes everything in its path

jumble

mix in a confused way

junction

crisis; point in time; joining point; joint; act of joining

junket

trip especially one taken for pleasure by an official at public expense

junta

group of persons joined in political intrigue; cabal; group of military officers ruling a country after seizing power (by force)

juridical

of the law and its administration; CF. judicial: of courts of law; CF. judiciary

jurisdiction

right and power to apply the law; authority

jurisprudence

science of law

juxtapose

place side by side; CF. next

Barron GRE word list - K**kaleidoscope**

tube in which patterns made by the reflection in mirrors of colored pieces of glass, etc. produce interesting symmetrical effects; series of changing events; Ex. kaleidoscope of European history; CF. beautiful

ken

range of knowledge; Ex. beyond one's ken

kernel

central or vital part; core; whole seed (as of corn)

killjoy

grouch; spoilsport; one who intentionally spoils the pleasure of others

kindle

start a fire; ignite; inspire; arouse

kindred

related; belonging to the same group; similar in nature or character; Ex. kindred languages; N: relative; kin; kinship

kinetic

producing motion; of motion

kismet

fate; destiny; Ex. Kismet is the Arabic word for fate.

kleptomaniac

person who has a compulsive desire to steal

knack

special talent; art

knave

untrustworthy person; rogue; scoundrel; jack; N. knavery

knead

mix; work dough; mix and work into a uniform mass (with the hands); Ex. knead dough

kneel

go down on one's knee(s)

knell

tolling of a bell especially to indicate a funeral, disaster, etc.; sound of the funeral bell; V.

knit

contract into wrinkles; grow together; join together closely; make (a fabric or garment) by intertwining yarn or thread; Ex. knit the brow; Ex. The bones should knit together in a few weeks.

knoll

little round hill; hillock

knotty

intricate; difficult; tangled; CF. knot

kudos

honor; glory; acclaim or praise for exceptional achievement

Barron GRE word list - L**labile**

likely to change; unstable; Ex. emotionally labile; N. lability

laborious

demanding much work or care; tedious

labyrinth

maze

lace

cord used to draw and tie together two opposite edges (as of a shoe); delicate fabric made of fine threads; V: draw together by tying a lace

laceration

torn ragged wound; V. lacerate: tear (the skin as with broken glass); wound

lachrymose

producing tears; tearful

lackadaisical

lacking interest or effort; lacking purpose or zest; lazy; halfhearted; languid

lackluster

lacking luster(shine; gloss); dull

laconic

brief and to the point; using few words; terse

lag

move or develop more slowly; straggle; Ex. lag behind the rest; N.

laggard

slow; sluggish; N: one who lags; straggler

lagoon

shallow body of water or lake near a sea; lake separated from a sea by sandbars or coral reefs

laity

laypersons; laymen; persons not connected with the clergy

lament

grieve; express sorrow; N. lamentation

lampoon

ridicule; N: written attack ridiculing or satirizing a person, group, or institution

lance

pierce with a lance; cut into; N: spearlike weapon

lancet

small surgical tool for making incisions

languid

lacking energy or vitality; weary; sluggish; listless

languish

lose animation or strength

languor

lack of physical or mental energy; lassitude; depression

lank

long and thin; Ex. Lank, gaunt, Abraham Lincoln

lap

take in food or drink with one's tongue; splash gently; Ex. waves lapping the shore; N: front area from the waist to the knees of a seated person

larceny

theft; Ex. petit larceny

larder

pantry; place where food is kept

largess

generous gift (given to people who do not have enough)

lascivious

lustful

lassitude

languor; weariness; listlessness

latch

fastening or lock consisting of a movable bar that fits into a notch; V: close with a latch

latent

present but not yet noticeable or active; dormant; hidden; N. latency; CF. potential

lateral

of or coming from the side

latitude

freedom from narrow limitations

laud

praise; N. ADJ. laudable: praiseworthy; ADJ. laudatory: expressing praise

lavish

liberal; wasteful; generous or wasteful in giving or using; abundant; profuse; great; Ex. decorated lavishly; V. give in abundance

lax

careless; negligent; not paying enough attention; Ex. lax service

layman

man who is not a cleric; man who is nonprofessional

leash

restraining rope fastened to the collar of an animal (to control it); Ex. a dog on a leash

leaven

add leaven to; cause to rise or grow lighter; enliven; N: agent, such as yeast, that causes dough to rise (by fermentation); element that lightens or enlivens

leave-taking

farewell or departure

lechery

gross lewdness; lustfulness; ADJ. lecherous; N. lecher: lecherous man

lectern

reading desk or stand for a public speaker

leery

(of someone) suspicious; wary; cautious

leeway

room to move; margin; latitude; Ex. leeway for the deadline

legacy

gift made by a will; something handed down from an ancestor

legato

(of music) played smoothly

legend

explanatory list of symbols on a map

legerdemain

sleight(dexterity) of hand; CF. light of hand

legislature

legislating branch of government; CF. legislate: make laws

leniency

mildness; permissiveness; ADJ. lenient: not severe in judgment or punishment

leonine

like a lion

lethal

deadly

lethargic

drowsy; dull; N. lethargy: state of sluggishness and inactivity

levee

earthen or stone embankment to prevent flooding; CF. raise

levitate

rise and float in the air (especially by magical means); CF. light

levity

lack of seriousness or steadiness; frivolity; lightness of manner

levy

impose (a fine); collect (a payment); impose or collect (a tax); Ex. levy a tax on tobacco

lewd

lustful

lexicographer

compiler of a dictionary; CF. lexicography: work of compiling a dictionary

lexicon

dictionary

liability

drawback; handicap; debts; obligation; responsibility; condition of being liable; ADJ. liable: likely; responsible (for paying)

liaison

contact that keeps parties in communication; communication between groups; one that maintains communication; go-between; secret love affair; V. liaise: keep a connection

libel

defamatory written statement; act of writing something that smears a person's character; V. ADJ. libelous

libertine

debauched person; dissolute or licentious person; rou'e; CF. free

libidinous

lustful

libido

psychic and emotional energy or urges behind human activity; sexual desire

libretto

text of an opera or oratorio; CF. book

license

official or legal permission; latitude of action or speech; excessive freedom that causes harm or damage; V.

licentious

amoral; lewd and lascivious; unrestrained

lien

legal claim or right on a property

ligneous

like wood

lilliputian

extremely small; CF. Lilliput in Gulliver's Travels

limber

flexible; supple; pliable; V.

limbo

region near heaven or hell where certain souls are kept; prison (slang); Ex.

Purgatory and Limbo

limn

draw; outline; describe; CF. line ?

limp

walk lamely; ADJ: lacking firmness; weak

limpid

crystal clear

lineage

descent; ancestry

lineaments

features especially of the face; distinctive shape or contour of the face; CF. line

linger

loiter or dawdle; be slow in leaving; delay going; continue or persist; be slow to disappear; Ex. The smell lingered for days.

linguistic

pertaining to language

lionize

treat (a person) as a celebrity

liquidate

settle accounts; pay off (a debt); clear up; eliminate; kill or abolish

list

tilt (as of a ship); lean over (to one side)

listless

lacking in spirit or energy; languid

litany

supplicatory prayer; prayer in which the priest calls out and the people replies in the same words

lithe

flexible; supple; CF. limber

litigation

lawsuit; N. litigant: one party in a lawsuit; V. litigate

litotes

understatement for emphasis; Ex. ``not bad(=pretty good)''

litter

waste material thrown away (as bits of paper scattered untidily); V: cover untidily with scattered litter

livid

lead-colored; black and blue (as from a bruise); ashen; enraged; extremely angry

loath

reluctant; unwilling; disinclined; Ex. Romeo and Juliet were both loath for him to go.

loathe

detest; ADJ. loathsome: arousing loathing; offensive; Ex. loathsome smell

lode

metal-bearing vein(long deposit of an ore)

loft

room or space under the roof; attic

lofty

very high

log

record of a voyage or flight; record of day-to-day activities; section of a trunk; V.

loiter

hang about/around; stand idly about; linger

loll

lounge about

longevity

long life; long duration

lookout

act of keeping watch; high place commanding a wide view; person who keeps watch

loom

appear or take shape (usually in an enlarged, indistinct, or distorted form); Ex. The shadow of the gallows loomed threateningly. N: apparatus for making thread into cloth

lope

gallop slowly

lopsided

heavier or larger on one side than the other; Ex. lopsided way of walking

loquacious

talkative; N. loquacity

lot

object used in making a determination at random; fate; piece of land

lottery

contest in which winners are selected in a drawing of lots

lounge

stand, sit, or lie in a lazy, relaxed way

lout

clumsy person; ADJ. loutish; CF. from countrysides ?

low

moo; make the sound of a cow

lubricate

apply a lubricant to; N. lubricant: substance that reduces friction

lucid

easily understood; clear; intelligible; N. lucidity

lucrative

profitable; producing wealth

lucre

money; profit; Ex. filthy lucre

ludicrous

laughable; ridiculous; trifling

lugubrious

mournful; sorrowful

lull

moment of calm; period of reduced activity; Ex. a lull in the rain; V: cause to become less active; cause to sleep or rest; Ex. lull the opponents into a false sense of security; CF. lullaby

lumber

move heavily or clumsily; Ex. The bear lumbered through the woods; N: timber

lumen

unit of light energy (one candle's worth)

luminary

celebrity (in a specific field); dignitary; object that gives light (as a celestial body)

luminous

shining (esp. in the dark); issuing light; Ex. luminous paint/road signs

lunar

pertaining to the moon

lunatic

insane; Ex. lunatic asylum

lurid

wild; sensational; graphic; gruesome; horrible; Ex. lurid details of the murder

lurk

stealthily lie in waiting; slink; exist unperceived

luscious

pleasing to taste or smell; delicious

lush

(of a plant or grass) growing very well

lust

intense sexual desire; intense eagerness; V.

luster

shine; gloss (of a polished surface)

lustrous

shining; brilliant; Ex. lustrous hair

luxuriant

abundant; growing healthily and in large amounts; excessively ornate; rich and splendid; fertile; Ex. luxuriant forests/prose; CF. luxurious, luxuriate

luxuriate

take pleasure in great comfort

Barron GRE word list - M

macabre

gruesome; grisly; ghastly; CF. of death

mace

ceremonial staff used as a symbol of authority; clublike medieval weapon

macerate

soften by soaking in liquid; waste away; Ex. macerate powdered wood to make paper

Machiavellian

crafty; double-dealing; of the political doctrine of Machiavelli, which holds that craft and deceit are justified in pursuing political power

machinations

evil schemes or plots; schemes or plots to achieve an evil end; V. machinate

maculated

spotted; stained; CF. immaculate

madrigal

pastoral song; song for several singers without instruments

maelstrom

violent whirlpool; violent or turbulent situation; CF. stream

magisterial

authoritative; imperious; commanding; of a magistrate; Ex. magisterial study of Roman law; Ex. magisterial manner

magistrate

official with power to administer the law

magnanimity

generosity; ADJ. magnanimous: generous

magnate

person of prominence or influence; powerful or influential person (in business or industry); Ex. oil magnate

magniloquent

boastful; pompous

magnitude

greatness (in size or extent); extent

maim

mutilate; injure lastingly; disable; cripple; Ex. maimed for life

makeshift

temporary expedient or substitute (in the case of urgent need); Ex. makeshift shelter

maladroit

clumsy; not skillful; awkward; bungling

malady

illness

malaise

uneasiness; vague feeling of ill health (without any particular pain or appearance of disease)

malapropism

comic misuse of a word; CF. Mrs. Malaprop

malapropos

inappropriate; ADV.

malcontent

person dissatisfied with existing state of affairs; discontented person; ADJ: discontented

malediction

curse

malefactor

evildoer; criminal

maleficent

doing evil; N. maleficence

malevolent

wishing evil; exhibiting ill will; N. malevolence

malfeasance

wrongdoing; misconduct (by a public official)

malicious

hateful; spiteful; expressing malice; N. malice: desire to harm others; spite

malign

speak evil of; bad-mouth(criticize spitefully); defame; ADJ: harmful; Ex. malign influence

malignant

tending to cause death; highly injurious; aggressively malevolent; Ex. malignant tumor

malingerer

one who feigns illness to escape duty; V. malingering: feign illness to avoid work

malleable

(of a metal) capable of being shaped by pounding(beating); pliable; (of someone) impressionable(easily influenced); easily controlled; tractable

malodorous

foul-smelling

mammal

vertebrate animal whose female suckles its young

mammoth

gigantic; enormous

manacle

restrain; handcuff; N.

mandate

order; charge; authoritative command; power to govern another country; power to given to a government; region under administration; V: give a mandate to; place under a mandate; Ex. mandated territory

mandatory

obligatory; compulsory; of a mandate

maneuver(manoeuvre)

strategic military or naval movement (done for training purposes); carefully planned process; stratagem; V: carry out a military maneuver; use maneuvers in gaining an end

mange

skin disease (esp. of domestic animals) marked by loss of hair

mangle

tear or cut to pieces; mutilate or disfigure; Ex. badly mangled bodies

mangy

shabby; wretched; suffering from mange; of bad appearance

maniacal

raging mad; insane; N. maniac: insane person; CF. mania: disorder of the mind; intense enthusiasm

manifest

evident; visible; obvious; V: show plainly

manifestation

outward demonstration; manifesting; indication of the presence of something; Ex. manifestation of his pronounced musical bent

manifesto

public declaration of principles; statement of policy

manifold

many in number or kind; numerous; varied

manipulate

operate with one's hands; control or play upon (people, forces, etc.) artfully; maneuver; Ex. how to manipulate publicity and men; ADJ. manipulative

mannered

affected; not natural; Ex. mannered way of speech

mannerism

distinctive behavioral trait; affected style in art (according to a set of styles)

mantle

loose sleeveless outer garment; cloak; something that covers or envelops; the layer of the earth between the crust and the core

manumit

emancipate; free from slavery or bondage

mar

spoil the appearance of

maraud

move in search of plunder; Ex. marauding army

margin

border; room; allowance beyond what is needed; Ex. margin of safety

marginal

of a margin; barely within a limit; Ex. marginal effect/writing ability

marital

pertaining to marriage

maritime

bordering on(adjacent to) the sea; nautical; of the ships or the sea; Ex. Maritime Provinces

marked

noticeable; targeted for vengeance or attack; Ex. marked improvement/man

maroon

leave helpless on a deserted island or coast; ADJ. red brown

marred

damaged; disfigured; V. mar: spoil; disfigure

marrow

soft fatty tissue that fills most bone cavities and is the source of blood cells

marshal

put in order; guide ceremoniously to the correct place; Ex. marshal the children into the museum; N: military officer; official

marsupial

one of a family of mammals that nurse their offspring in a pouch(pocket of skin or leather); CF. kangaroo, opossum, wombat

martial

warlike; of war; Ex. martial art/law

martinet

strict disciplinarian; person who demands total obedience to rules and orders; CF. Jean Martinet

martyr

one who voluntarily suffers death for his or her religion or cause; great sufferer; Ex. martyr to his rheumatism

mash

crush into mash; convert into mash; N: mixture of ground grain and nutrients fed to livestock and fowl

masochist

person who enjoys his own pain; CF. masochism

mason

one who builds or works with stone or brick; N. masonry: work of a mason; stonework or brickwork

masquerade

wear a mask or disguise; pretend; N: costume party or ball at which masks are worn; pretense; disguise

mass

Christian religious ceremony; CF. Mass: ceremony of the Eucharist

masticate

chew

mat

not shiny; matte; having a dull finish; N: flat piece of material used as a floor covering; V.

materialism

preoccupation with physical comforts and things; excessive regard for worldly concerns (rather than spiritual matters)

maternal

motherly; N. maternity: motherhood

matin'ee(matinee)

dramatic or musical performance given in the afternoon

matriarch

woman who rules a family or larger social group

matriculate

enroll (in college or graduate school); CF. matrix

matrimony

state of being married

matrix

point of origin; array of numbers or algebraic symbols; mold or die; Ex. the matrix of Western civilization

maudlin

effusively sentimental

maul

handle roughly; batter; injure by beating; Ex. mauled by his overexcited fans; N: heavy long-handled hammer

mausoleum

monumental tomb; large stately tomb; CF. Mausolos

mauve

pale purple

maverick

rebel; nonconformist (in a group)

mawkish

mushy(sentimental) and gushy; icky-sticky sentimental; excessively and objectionably sentimental

maxim

proverb; truth pithily stated

mayhem

injury to body; crime of willfully maiming or crippling a person; violent disorder; Ex. mayhem in the zoo; CF. maim

meager

scanty; inadequate

mealymouthed

indirect in speech (when something unpleasant must be said); hypocritical; evasive

meander

wind or turn in its course; follow a winding or turning course; move aimlessly and idly

meddlesome

interfering; V. meddle: interfere

mediate

settle a dispute through the services of an outsider; act as an intermediary; produce by mediating; Ex. mediate a cease-fire

mediocre

ordinary; commonplace; neither good nor bad

meditation

reflection; thought; V. meditate

medium

element that is a creature's natural environment; nutrient setting in which microorganisms are cultivated; appropriate occupation or means of expression; channel of communication; compromise; middle position between extremes; intervening substan

medley

mixture

meek

submissive; patient and long-suffering

megalomania

mania for doing grandiose things; mental disorder characterized by delusions of wealth, power, or importance

melancholy

gloomy; morose; blue; N. ADJ. melancholic; CF. melancholia

melee

fight

mellifluous

(of words or a voice) sweetly or smoothly flowing; melodious; having a pleasant tune

memento

token; reminder of the past; keepsake; Ex. memento of your visit

memoir

memoirs; autobiography; biography

memorial

something, such as a monument or holiday, intended to honor the memory of a person or event; ADJ: commemorative

memorialize

commemorate

menace

threat; V: threaten

menagerie

collection of wild animals on exhibition; zoo

mendacious

lying; habitually dishonest; N. mendacity

mendicant

beggar; ADJ: living as a beggar

menial

suitable for servants; lowly; mean; N: someone who does menial work (esp. servant in a house)

mentor

counselor; teacher

mercantile

concerning trade or merchants

mercenary

motivated solely by money or gain; N.

mercurial

capricious; quick and changing; fickle; containing the element mercury; Ex. mercurial temper; CF. mood

meretricious

flashy; tawdry; attractive on the surface but of no real value; Ex. meretricious argument/jewel; CF. prostitute

merger

combination (of two business corporations); act of merging

merit

deserve; ADJ. meritorious: deserving reward or praise

mesmerize

hypnotize; N. mesmerism; CF. Franz Mesmer

metallurgical

pertaining to the art of removing metals from ores; N. metallurgy: science that deals with extracting metals from ores

metamorphosis

change of form; Ex. metamorphosis of caterpillar to butterfly; V. metamorphose: change by metamorphosis

metaphor

implied comparison; CF. simile

metaphysical

pertaining to speculative philosophy; of metaphysics; N. metaphysics: branch of philosophy that examines the nature of reality

mete

measure; distribute; administer; Ex. mete out justice/punishment

meteoric

like a meteor; swift; momentarily brilliant; Ex. meteoric rise to fame; N. meteor

meter

arrangement of words in the form of poetry (by accentual rhythm)

methodical

systematic; N. method: systematic method of procedure

meticulous

excessively careful (with great attention to detail); painstaking; scrupulous

metrical

metric; written in the form of poetry; Ex. metrical translation of Homer

metropolis

large city

mettle

courage (to continue bravely in spite of difficulties); spirit; ADJ. mettlesome

miasma

swamp gas; heavy vaporous atmosphere often emanating from decaying matter; pervasive corrupting influence; noxious atmosphere or influence

microcosm

small representative world; world in miniature; Ex. microcosm of English society

migrant

changing its habitat; wandering; Ex. migrant birds/workers; N: one that migrates

migratory

wandering; V. migrate: move from one region and settle in another; move periodically from one region to another

milieu

social environment; means of expression; Ex. feel out of one's milieu; Ex. His proper milieu is watercolor.

militant

combative; bellicose; N.

militate

work against; Ex. militate against the chances of promotion; CF. serve as a soldier

militia

army composed of ordinary citizens rather than professional soldiers

millennium

thousand-year period (as in the New Testament); hoped-for period of happiness and prosperity

mime

pantomime(act without dialogue); mimicry; mimer; V: mimic; pantomime

mimicry

imitation

minatory

menacing; threatening

mincing

affectedly dainty(delicate); V. mince: cut (esp. meat) into very small pieces; walk with exaggerated primness; walk in an unnatural way, taking little short steps; Ex. The actor minced across the stage; CF. mincemeat; CF. mincer

mingle

mix together in close association

miniature

small model; small painting; ADJ: small

minion

servile dependent; obsequious follower

minuscule(miniscule)

extremely small

minute

extremely small; CF. minutes: official record of the proceedings at a meeting

minutiae

petty or trivial details; CF. minutia

mirage

unreal reflection; optical illusion

mire

entangle; stick in swampy ground; stick or sink in mire; N: bog; deep mud; Ex. sucked deeper into the mire

mirth

merriment; laughter

misadventure

mischance; ill luck; Ex. death by misadventure

misanthrope

one who hates mankind; misanthropist

misapprehension

error; misunderstanding; V. misapprehend

miscellaneous

made up of a variety of parts

miscellany

mixture of writings on various subjects; collection of various items

mischance

ill luck

mischief

behavior (of children) causing trouble with no serious harm; damage; harm; Ex. mischief to the crops; ADJ.

mischievous: causing mischief; playfully troublesome

misconduct

immoral behavior; bad management; V.

misconstrue

interpret incorrectly; misinterpret; misjudge

miscreant

wretch; wrongdoer; villain; Ex. kindness to the miscreant; CF. believe

misdeemeanor

minor crime; misdeed; wrongdoing

miserly

stingy; mean

misgivings

doubts

mishap

unfortunate accident

misnomer

wrong or improper name; incorrect designation

misogamy

hatred of marriage

misogynist

hater of woman; CF. misogyny

missile

object to be thrown or projected

missive

letter; written statement; CF. sent

mite

very small object or insect-like creature; small coin

mitigate

appease; moderate; make or become less in force or intensity

mnemonic

pertaining to memory; assisting the memory; N: device, such as formula or rhyme, used as a mnemonic aid

mobile

movable; not fixed; N. mobility

mock

ridicule; deride; imitate often in derision

mode

prevailing style; current fashion; manner; way of doing something; Ex. in the latest mode; Ex. simple mode of life

modicum

limited quantity; small amount; Ex. He does not have a modicum of sense; CF. moderate

modish

fashionable; conforming to the current fashion

modulate

tone down in intensity; change the intensity or tone of; regulate; change from one musical key to another; Ex. modulate from E to G

mogul

powerful person; Ex. oil moguls; CF. Mogol, Moghul; CF. Mongolian

molecule

the smallest particle (one or more atoms) of a substance that has all the properties of that substance

mollify

soothe an angry person

mollycoddle

pamper; coddle; baby; indulge excessively

molt(moult)

periodically shed or cast off hairs or feathers (for replacement by a new growth)

molten

melted; Ex. molten lava

momentous

very important; N. moment; CF. momentary

momentum

quantity of motion of a moving body; impetus; moving force

monarchy

government under a single ruler

monastic

related to monks or monasteries; removed from worldly concerns

monetary

pertaining to money

mongrel

plant or animal (esp. a dog) of mixed breed; ADJ.

monochromatic

having only one color

monochrome

painting in only one color; ADJ.

monogram

design composed of one or more initials of a name; V.

monograph

scholarly article

monolithic

solidly uniform; unchangeable; unyielding; N. monolith: large block of stone

monotheism

belief in one God

monotony

sameness leading to boredom; monotonousness; ADJ. monotonous; CF. monotone

monumental

massive; impressively large; built as a monument

moodiness

fits of depression or gloom; ADJ. moody: given to changeable moods; subject to periods of depression; gloomy CF. mood: | state of mind or emotion

moratorium

legal delay of payment or action; Ex. declare moratorium on the building of new houses

morbid

given to unwholesome or unhealthy thought; moody; characteristic of disease; Ex. morbid curiosity; N. morbidity; CF. disease

mordant

biting; sarcastic; stinging; (apprec.) incisive; cutting; Ex. mordant pen/wit

mores

conventions; moral standards; moral customs

morgue

mortuary; place where bodies are kept before burial or cremation

moribund

dying; at the point of death; CF. death

morose

ill-humored; sullen; sullenly melancholy

mortar

vessel in which substances are crushed with a pestle

mortician

undertaker; CF. death

mortify

humiliate by embarrassing excessively; shame; punish the flesh; discipline (one's body) by self-denial; Ex. mortified by her blunder; Ex. mortify the flesh; CF. cause to die

mosaic

picture made of small colorful inlaid tiles; ADJ.

mote

small speck (esp. of dust)

motif

theme; recurrent thematic element in a musical or literary work; single or repeated pattern; figure

motility

ability to move spontaneously; ADJ. motile: moving spontaneously

motley

multi-colored (as of a garment worn by a jester); mixed; heterogeneous; CF. jester: one who jests (as a paid fool at medieval courts)

mottled

blotched in coloring; spotted; Ex. mottled face; V. mottle: mark with blotches of different colors

motto

brief statement used to express a principle

mountebank

charlatan; boastful pretender

muddle

confuse; mix up confusedly; N: state of confusion

muggy

(of weather) warm and damp

mulct

defraud a person of something; swindle; Ex. mulct the boy of his legacy

multifarious

varied; greatly diversified; Ex. multifarious activities

multiform

having many forms

multilingual

having many languages; fluent in several languages

multiplicity

state of being numerous or multiple; large number; Ex. multiplicity of details; ADJ. multiple: of more than one element

mundane

worldly as opposed to spiritual; everyday; of the ordinary; Ex. mundane existence; CF. world

munificent

very generous in giving; Ex. munificent benefactor; N. munificence

mural

wall painting

murky

dark and gloomy; thick with fog; vague; Ex. murky night/fog; N. murk: partial or complete darkness; gloom

murmur

low, indistinct, continuous sound; V. CF. mumble

muse

ponder at length; N: source of inspiration (esp. of a poet)

musky

having the odor of musk; N. musk: odorous substance secreted by an Asian deer

muster

gather; assemble (troops); Ex. muster up one's strength for the ordeal; N.

musty

stale (in odor or taste); spoiled by age; CF. moist

mutability

ability to change in form; fickleness; ADJ. mutable: able to change; fickle; CF. mutate; CF. mutant

mute

silent; without speech; not pronounced; unable to speak; N: one who is incapable of speech; V: soften the sound, color, shade of

muted

silent; muffled; toned down; Ex. muted traffic noise

mutilate

maim; injure lastingly; deprive of a limb or an essential part

mutinous

unruly; rebellious; Ex. mutinous teenagers; N. mutiny: open rebellion; CF. mutineer

mutter

utter (complaining words) indistinctly in low tones

myopic

nearsighted; lacking foresight; N. myopia

myriad

very large number; ADJ. CF. ten thousand

mystic

of hidden meaning and spiritual power; Ex. mystic ceremonies; N. CF. mysticism

Barron GRE word list - N

nadir

lowest point; point on the celestial sphere diametrically opposite the zenith

naivet'e(naivety)

quality of being unsophisticated; simplicity; artlessness; gullibility; ADJ. naive(na"ive): ingenuous; lacking worldliness; simple; credulous

narcissist

conceited person; N. narcissism; CF. narcissus

narrative

related to telling a story; N: narrated account; story; V. narrate: tell (a story); CF. narration

nascent

incipient; coming into being or existence; Ex. nascent ability in music

natal

connected with birth; CF. prenatal; CF. postnatal

natation

swimming

natty

neatly or smartly dressed; dapper; smart; Ex. natty dresser

nausea

feeling of sickness and desire to vomit; disgust; CF. seasickness

nauseate

cause to become sick; fill with disgust; fill nausea

nauseous

causing nausea; feeling nausea

nautical

pertaining to ships or navigation

navigable

(of a body of water) wide and deep enough to allow ships to pass through; (of a ship or aircraft) able to be steered

nebula

diffuse mass of interstellar dust or gas; galaxy

nebulous

vague; hazy; cloudy; of a nebula; Ex. nebulous proposal

necromancy

black magic; sorcery; dealings with the dead; art that professes to communicate with the spirits of the dead so as to predict the future; CF. necromancer; CF. necro+divination; CF. necro-: death; Ex. necropolis

nectar

drink of the gods; sweet liquid collected by bees

nefarious

very wicked

negate

cancel out; nullify; cause to have no effect; deny; N. negation

negligence

neglect; failure to take reasonable care; ADJ. negligent: neglectful; lax; not taking enough care

negligible

so small, trifling, or unimportant as to be easily disregarded

nemesis

someone seeking revenge; source of downfall or ruin; CF. Nemesis

neologism

new or newly coined word or phrase

neophyte

recent convert; new member of a religious group; beginner; CF. plant

nepotism

favoritism (to a relative); CF. nephew

nether

lower; Ex. nether garments/regions

nettle

irritate; annoy; vex; ADJ. nettlesome

nexus

connection

nib

beak(bill); pen point

nicety

precision; accuracy; minute distinction or difference; Ex. to a nicety: exactly; precisely; Ex. distinguish between niceties

niggardly

meanly stingy; parsimonious; N. niggard: stingy person

niggle

spend too much time on minor points (esp. when finding fault); find fault; Ex. niggle over details; ADJ. niggling

nihilist

one who considers traditional beliefs to be groundless and existence meaningless; absolute skeptic; revolutionary terrorist; CF. nihilism: belief that nothing has meaning or value; belief that destruction of existing political or social institutio

nimble

quick in movement; agile; quick in understanding; Ex. nimble climber/mind

nip

snip off; stop something's growth or development; bite; make numb with cold; Ex. nip the plan; Ex. A guard dog nipped the postman; Ex. fingers nipped by the extreme chill

nirvana

in Buddhist teachings, the ideal state in which the individual loses himself in the attainment of an impersonal beatitude

nocturnal

done or active at night; Ex. nocturnal animals/raids; CF. nocturne

noisome

foul smelling; very unpleasant; unwholesome

nomadic

wandering; N. nomad: tribe who migrates from place to place

nomenclature

terminology(system of specialized words); system of names or naming things

nominal

in name only; of a name; trifling; (of a sum of money) very small; CF. nominate: propose as a candidate; appoint

nonchalance

indifference; lack of concern; composure; ADJ. nonchalant: unconcerned; cool; indifferent; Ex. nonchalant attitude to his debts

noncommittal

neutral; refusing commitment to a particular opinion; unpledged; undecided

nondescript

undistinctive; ordinary; ordinary-looking; Ex. nondescript fellow in a crowd

nonentity

person of no importance; nonexistence

nonplus

put at a loss; bring to a halt by confusion; perplex; CF. no more

nonsense

speech or writing with no meaning; foolish behavior or language; Ex. make (a) nonsense of: spoil; cause to fail

noose

loop formed in a rope

nostalgia

homesickness; longing for the past; Ex. nostalgia for the clothes of 1920s; ADJ. nostalgic

nostrum

questionable medicine; quack medicine; CF. our (remedy)

notable

conspicuous; worthy of note; remarkable; important; distinguished; noted

notch

V-shaped cut in a surface; V.

notoriety

disrepute; ill fame

nourish

provide with food necessary for life and growth

nourishment

something that nourishes; food

nova

star that suddenly becomes much brighter and then returns to its original brightness

novelty

something new; newness; ADJ. novel: new; original

novice

beginner

noxious

harmful; CF. obnoxious

nuance

shade of slight difference in meaning or color; subtle distinction

nubile

marriageable; of marriageable age; CF. connubial

nugatory

worthless; futile

nullify

make invalid; make null; invalidate

numismatist

person who collects coins; N. numismatics: study or collection of money, coins, and medals

nuptial

related to marriage or the wedding ceremony; N. nuptials: wedding ceremony

nurse

suckle; take care of (as a nurse); bear in mind; Ex. nursing mother; Ex. nurse a hope/grudge against someone

nurture

nourish; feed; educate; rear; care for while it is growing or developing; foster; cultivate; N: something that nourishes; rearing

nutrient

nourishing substance; ADJ: providing nourishment

nutrition

process of nourishing or being nourished; CF. malnutrition

nutritious

providing nourishment

Barron GRE word list - O

oaf

stupid awkward person; CF. elf

oath

solemn promise; blasphemous use of sacred words to express strong feelings; swear-word; Ex. ``For Christ's sake''

oatmeal

crushed oats used for making porridge

obdurate

stubborn; refusing to change one's belief

obeisance

bow (to show respect and obedience)

obelisk

tall column tapering(becoming gradually narrower toward the end) and ending in a pyramid

obese

excessively fat; N. obesity

obfuscate

confuse; muddle; cause confusion; make needlessly complex; make so confused as to be difficult to understand

obituary

death notice (esp. in a newspaper); ADJ.

objective

not influenced by emotions; fair; N: goal; aim

obligatory

binding; required; compulsory; V. oblige: constrain; make grateful; do a favor; accommodate

oblique

indirect; slanting (deviating from the perpendicular or from a straight line); Ex. oblique reference

obliterate

destroy completely; wipe out; Ex. obliterate the village

oblivion

obscurity; condition of being completely forgotten; forgetfulness

oblivious

inattentive or unmindful; unaware; wholly absorbed; forgetful(having the habit of forgetting)

obloquy

slander; disgrace; infamy

obnoxious

offensive; disagreeable; Ex. obnoxious smell

obscure

dark; vague; unclear; not well known; Ex. obscure meaning/village; V: darken; cover; make unclear; Ex. obscure the moon/meaning

obsequious

slavishly attentive; servile; full of servile compliance; sycophantic

obsequy

funeral ceremony

obsessive

related to thinking about something constantly; of an obsession; preoccupying; N. obsession: compulsive preoccupation with a fixed idea; compulsive idea; V. obsess: preoccupy the mind of excessively

obsidian

black volcanic rock

obsolete

outmoded; no longer used

obstetrician

physician specializing in delivery (assisting in giving birth) of babies; N. obstetrics; CF. midwife

obstinate

stubborn; hard to control or treat; Ex. obstinate cough; N. obstinacy

obstreperous

boisterous; noisy and uncontrollable

obtrude

push (oneself or one's ideas) forward or intrude; impose (oneself or one's ideas) on others; butt in; stick out or extrude; thrust out; Ex. obtrude A on B; ADJ. obtrusive; N. obtrusion; CF. unobtrusive

obtuse

blunt; not sharp; stupid; slow in understanding

obviate

make unnecessary; get rid of; Ex. obviate the need

Occident

the West

occlude

shut; close; obstruct; Ex. A blood clot occluded an artery.

occult

mysterious; secret; supernatural; beyond human comprehension; CF. mysterious to human ?; OP. bare

oculist

physician who specializes in treatment of the eyes

odds

chances; probability; disagreement; Ex. The odds are that it will rain. Ex. at odds with

odious

arousing strong dislike; hateful (causing hatred); vile

odium

detestation; quality of being odious; hatefulness; disrepute (resulting from hateful conduct)

odoriferous

giving off an odor

odorous

having an odor

odyssey

long, eventful, adventurous journey

offensive

attacking; insulting; distasteful; V. offend: violate; hurt the feelings of; N. offense: offending; violating of a moral or social code; crime; attack; Ex. first offense

offhand

casual; done without prior thought or preparation

officious

meddlesome; excessively pushy in offering one's services; overly eager in offering unwanted services or advices; Ex. officious bellboy

ogle

look at amorously; make eyes at; Ex. old men ogling young girls

olfactory

concerning the sense of smell

oligarchy

government by a privileged few

ominous

threatening; of an evil omen

omnipotent

all-powerful; having unlimited power

omnipresent

universally present; ubiquitous

omniscient

all-knowing

omnivorous

eating both plant and animal food; devouring everything

onerous

burdensome

onomatopoeia

words formed in imitation of natural sounds

onslaught

vicious assault; fierce attack; Ex. unexpected onslaught of the enemy

onus

burden; responsibility

ooze

(of a thick liquid) pass or flow slowly; N: mud or thick liquid as at the bottom of a river

opalescent

iridescent; lustrous; like an opal; N. opalescence

opaque

dark; not transparent; N. opacity

opiate

medicine to induce sleep or deaden pain; something that relieves emotions or causes inaction; sleep-producing drug containing opium

opportune

timely; well-chosen

opportunist

individual who sacrifices principles for expediency by taking advantage of circumstances; N. opportunism

opprobrium

infamy; disgrace arising from shameful conduct; vilification(slander); scorn; contempt; Ex. opprobrium hurled against him; ADJ. opprobrious: expressing contempt; shameful or infamous

optician

maker and seller of eyeglasses

optimist

person who looks on the bright side; N. optimism

optimum

most favorable; optimal; N: most favorable condition

optional

not compulsory; left to one's choice; N. option: act of choosing; choice; freedom or power to choose; something available as a choice; Ex. have no option; Ex. two options

optometrist

one who fits glasses to remedy visual defects

opulence

extreme wealth; luxuriousness; abundance; ADJ. opulent: possessing great wealth; abundant

opus

work (esp. musical composition); Ex. magnum opus: masterpiece; CF. opera

oracular

of an oracle; prophetic; uttered as if with divine authority; mysterious or ambiguous; hard to understand; N. oracle: wiser person; prophecy made by an oracle

orator

public speaker

oratorio

dramatic poem set to music; long musical work with singing but without acting; CF. cantata

ordain

decree or command; grant holy orders; predestine; install as a minister, priest, or rabbi; N. ordainment; CF. ordination

ordeal

severe trial or affliction; difficult experience; trial(test of patience or endurance); affliction

ordinance

decree; authoritative order

ordination

ceremony conferring holy orders; ceremony of ordaining a priest

orgy

wild drunken revelry; unrestrained indulgence in an activity; Ex. orgy of shopping

orient

get one's bearings; adjust; make familiar with a situation; orientate

orientation

act of finding oneself in society; orienting

orifice

mouthlike opening; small opening (esp. to a cavern or passage of the body); CF. mouth

ornate

excessively or elaborately decorated

ornithologist

scientific student of birds; N. ornithology: scientific study of birds

orthodox

traditional; (of someone) conservative in belief; adhering to an established doctrine

orthography

correct spelling; CF. ortho-: straight; correct; Ex. orthodontics

oscillate

vibrate pendulumlike; waver

osseous

made of bone; bony

ossify

change or harden into bone; become hard and unchanging in one's ideas

ostensible

apparent; appearing as such; professed(pretended); pretended; Ex. ostensible purpose of the expedition

ostentatious

showy; trying to attract attention; pretentious; N. ostentation: showy display

ostracize

banish from a group; exclude from public favor; ban; Ex. His friends ostracized him. N. ostracism

oust

expel; drive out; force out; N. ouster: ousting

outcast

one that has been excluded from a society; ADJ.

outfit

clothing or equipment for a special purpose; Ex. cowboy outfit

outgoing

sociable; eager to mix socially with others

outlandish

bizarre; peculiar; unconventional

outlaw

fugitive from the law (excluded from legal protection); V: declare (someone) to be an outlaw; deprive of the protection of the law; declare illegal; Ex. Drinking has been outlawed.

outlook

point of view; view from a particular place; expectation for the future; prospect; Ex. outlook on life; Ex. pleasing outlook; Ex. weather outlook

outmoded

no longer in fashion or use; no longer stylish; old-fashioned

outrage

act of extreme violence or viciousness; resentful anger; V: commit an outrage on; produce anger in; ADJ. outrageous: offensive

outskirts

fringes; outer borders (as of a city); Ex. outskirts of Boston

outspoken

candid; blunt

outstrip

outrun; surpass; outdo

outwit

outsmart; defeat by behaving more cleverly

ovation

enthusiastic applause

overbearing

bossy; domineering and arrogant; decisively important; Ex. overbearing manner/importance; V. overbear: dominate

overblown

inflated; exaggerated

oversee

watch over and direct; supervise; N. oversight: unintentional failure to notice or do something; supervision

overt

open to view; public; not secret; CF. covert

overthrow

topple; N.

overture

musical introduction to a long musical piece; first offer or proposal (to begin talks in the hope of reaching an agreement); Ex. overtures for peace

overturn

turn over; capsize; topple

overweening

arrogant; presumptuous

overwhelm

(of water) cover completely; defeat completely by much greater force; Ex. overwhelmed by grief

overwrought

nervous or excited; extremely agitated; hysterical; wrought-up; CF. wrought: made or done

ovoid

egg-shaped; CF. ovum; CF. ovulate

Barron GRE word list - P**pachyderm**

thick-skinned animal

pacifist

one opposed to force; antimilitarist; ADJ. N. pacifism: opposition to war as a means of resolving disputes

pacify

soothe; make calm or quiet; subdue; bring peace to

padre

chaplain (in the armed forces)

paeon

song of praise or joy; Ex. paeans celebrating the victory

painstaking

taking pains; showing hard work; taking great care; very careful and through

palatable

agreeable; pleasing to the taste

palate

roof of the mouth; sense of the taste

palatial

of or suitable for a palace; magnificent

paleontology

study of prehistoric life or fossils; CF. paleo-: ancient or prehistoric; Ex. paleography: study of ancient written documents

palette

board on which painter mixes pigments(coloring matters)

palimpsest

parchment or piece of writing material used for second time after original writing has been erased

pall

become boring; grow tiresome

pallet

small poor bed; Ex. straw pallet

palliate

ease pain (without curing); make less severe or offensive (a crime or illness)

pallid

pale; wan; Ex. pallid complexion

palm

conceal in the palm of the hand; palm off: pass off; Ex. palm off some bad oranges onto the lady/the painting as a real Renoir

palpable

tangible; (of something bad) easily perceptible; obvious; Ex. palpable blunder

palpitate

throb; beat rapidly; flutter; tremble; Ex. Her heart began to palpitate.

paltry

insignificant; petty; trifling; contemptible; Ex. paltry sum; CF. trash

pan

criticize harshly

panacea

cure-all; remedy for all diseases

panache

flair; manner of doing things without any difficulty (causing admiration); flamboyance; bunch of feathers (on a helmet); Ex. with great panache;

pandemic

widespread; affecting the majority of people; N: pandemic disease; CF. all people

Pandemonium

wild tumult(commotion); wild noisy disorder; CF. Paradise Lost

pander

cater to (the low desires of others)

panegyric

formal praise; encomium; Ex. I don't deserve such panegyrics.

pang

sudden sharp feeling of pain

panoramic

denoting an unobstructed and comprehensive view; N. panorama: unbroken view of a wide area

pantomime

acting without dialogue; V.

papyrus

ancient paper made from stem of papyrus plant

parable

short simple story teaching a moral

paradigm

model; example that serves as a model; pattern; list of all the inflectional forms of a word

paradox

something apparently contradictory in nature (that may nonetheless be true); statement that looks false but is actually correct

paragon

model of perfection; Ex. paragon of virtue

parallel

similar; analogous; corresponding; N: parallel line; person or thing that is parallel (to another); similarity; Ex. know of no parallel to the case; Ex. without parallel; V: be similar to; make parallel; Ex. Your experience parallels mine; CF. unp

parallelism

state of being parallel; similarity; analogy

parameter

limit; independent variable; Ex. parameters of the problem; Ex. within the parameters of the budget

paramount

foremost in importance; supreme; CF. para-: beyond; above; Ex. paranormal

paramour

illicit lover

paranoia

psychosis marked by delusions of grandeur or persecution; N: ADJ: paranoid, paranoiac

paraphernalia

equipment; odds and ends used in a particular activity; personal belongings; Ex. photographic paraphernalia; CF. married woman's property exclusive of her dowry

paraphrase

restate a passage in one's own words while retaining thought of author; N: restatement of a text in other words

parasite

animal or plant living on another; toady; sycophant; CF. para-: beside

parched

extremely dry; very thirsty; V. parch: make or become extremely dry (by exposure to heat)

parchment

writing material made from the skin of a sheep or goat

pare

cut away the outer covering or skin of (with a knife); trim; Ex. pare apples/expenses

pariah

social outcast; Ex. Mariah the pariah

parish

area in the care of a single priest and served by one main church

parity

equality; close resemblance; CF. disparate

parlance

language; manner of speaking; idiom; Ex. in legal/common parlance

parley

conference (between opponents); CF. speak

parochial

narrow in scope or outlook; provincial; related to parishes

parody

humorous imitation; spoof; takeoff; travesty; V.

paroxysm

fit or attack of pain, laughter, rage; sudden outburst

parquet

floor made of wood strips inlaid in a mosaic like matter; CF. strip: long narrow piece

parry

ward off a blow; deflect; Ex. He parried the unwelcome question very skillfully; N.

parsimony

stinginess; excessive frugality; ADJ. parsimonious

partial

incomplete; favoring one side over another; having a liking for something

partiality

state of being partial; inclination; favorable bias; special fondness; preference

partisan

one-sided; prejudiced; committed to a party (with dislike of any others); N: strong supporter of a party; guerrilla

partition

divide into parts

parvenu

upstart; newly rich person

pass'e

old-fashioned; past the prime

pass_off

present falsely; represent falsely to be

passive

not active; acted upon; receiving an action without acting in return; accepting without resistance

paste

smooth viscous mixture as of flour (powder made by crushing grain) and water (used as an adhesive); V: cause to adhere by applying paste

pastiche

imitation of another's style in musical composition or in writing; work of art openly imitating the works of other artists

pastoral

rural; of rural life; idyllic; of a pastor

pastry

paste of flour and water (eaten when baked)

patent

obvious; easily seen; open for the public to read; of or protected by a patent; Ex. patent to everyone; N.

pathetic

causing sadness, compassion, pity; touching

pathological

pertaining to disease; N. pathology: study of disease

pathos

tender sorrow; pity; quality in art or literature that produces these feelings; Ex. pathos that runs through the novel

patina

green crust on old bronze works or copper; tone slowly taken by varnished painting

patois

local or provincial dialect

patriarch

father and ruler of a family or tribe

patrician

noble; aristocratic; N: person of high rank; aristocrat; CF. member of the governing classes in ancient Rome; CF. plebian

patrimony

property inherited from a father

patronize

support; act superior toward; treat in a condescending manner; be a customer of; N. patron: one that supports; regular customer; N. patronage; CF. boycott

paucity

scarcity; dearth

pauper

very poor person

peccadillo

slight offense or fault; CF. sin

pecuniary

pertaining to money

pedagogue

teacher; CF. child leader

pedagogy

teaching; art of education

pedant

scholar who overemphasizes book learning, trivial details of learning, or technicalities

pedantic

bookish; showing off learning; marked by an excessive ostentatious concern for book learning; N. pedantry

peddle

travel about selling (wares); CF. foot

pedestal

support or base as for a pillar or statue

pedestrian

ordinary; dull; unimaginative(lacking in imagination); going on foot; Ex. pedestrian prose; N.

pediatrician

physician specializing in children's diseases; N. pediatrics

pedigree

ancestry; lineage

peer

one who has equal standing with another; nobleman; V: look intently; N. peerage; CF. peeress

peerless

having no equal; incomparable

peevish

bad-tempered; irritable; V. peeve: make angry

pejorative

(of a word or phrase) suggesting that someone is of little value; negative in connotation; having a belittling effect; Ex. Many women now considers ``housewife" a pejorative expression, because it patronized them.

pell-mell

in confusion; disorderly; Ex. dash pell-mell

pellucid

transparent; limpid(crystal clear); clear in meaning; easy to understand

pen

fenced enclosure for animals; confining space; Ex. sheep pen; V: confine in a pen; enclose

penance

self-imposed punishment for sin; Ex. do penance for one's sins; CF. penitent

penchant

strong inclination; strong liking (esp. for something that is disapproved of by other people); Ex. penchant for fast cars

pendant(pendent)

hanging down from something; pending; N: ornament (hanging from a necklace etc.)

pending

not yet decided or settled; impending; Ex. pending decision; PREP. while awaiting; until; Ex. delay the decision pending his return

pendulous

hanging; suspended

penetrate

enter into; pierce; permeate; see through; grasp the inner significance of; understand

penitent

repentant; N.

penology

study of prison management and criminal rehabilitation

pensive

dreamily or deeply thoughtful; sadly thoughtful; thoughtful with a hint of sadness; contemplative; CF. think over

penumbra

partial shadow (in an eclipse); CF. almost shadow

penury

extreme poverty; stinginess; ADJ. penurious: very poor; stingy

peon

landless agricultural worker; bond servant; menial worker; N. peonage

perceptive

insightful; showing a good ability at perceiving and understanding; aware; wise; of perception

percussion

striking one object against another sharply; Ex. percussion instrument; N: striking together of two bodies; sound caused by percussion

perdition

damnation; complete ruin; hell

peregrination

journey; V. peregrinate

peremptory

demanding and leaving no choice; imperative; Ex. peremptory decree/knock

perennial

something long-lasting; perennial plant; ADJ: lasting through the year or many years; lasting for a long time; enduring

perfidious

treacherous; disloyal; N. perfidy: treachery

perforate

pierce; put a hole through

perfunctory

done routinely and with little care; superficial; not thorough; lacking interest, care, or enthusiasm; Ex. perfunctory kiss

perigee

point of moon's orbit when it is nearest the earth; CF. apogee

perimeter

outer boundary; length of the outer boundary; circumference

peripatetic

walking about from place to place (to work); moving; Ex. peripatetic school of philosophy

peripheral

of a periphery; marginal; outer; of minor importance; not central; Ex.

peripheral nerve/interest

periphery

outside edge especially of a round surface; perimeter; Ex. periphery of the town

perjury

false testimony while under oath; V. perjure oneself: testify falsely under oath

permeable

that can be permeated; penetrable; porous; allowing liquids or gas to pass through; V. permeate: spread or flow throughout; charge

permissive

allowing much freedom; lenient; Ex. permissive society

pernicious

very harmful; deadly; very destructive; Ex. pernicious effect/anemia

peroration

conclusion of an oration; perorating; V. perorate: conclude a speech; speak at great length

perpetrate

commit an offense; do (something wrong)

perpetual

everlasting

perpetuate

make perpetual; make something last for a long time; preserve from extinction; N. perpetuity

perquisite(perk)

any gain above stipulated salary; Ex. perquisites such as free meals and a car

persevere

continue steadily in spite of difficulties

persist

continue in existence; last; continue in a course of action in spite of opposition; Ex. persist in/with something; ADJ.

persistent

personable

attractive (in personality or appearance)

personify

represent (an inanimate object) as a person; be the embodiment or perfect example of; Ex. She is evil/patience personified; N. personification

perspicacious

(of someone) having insight; penetrating; astute

perspicuity

clearness of expression; freedom from ambiguity

perspicuous

(of something) plainly expressed; easy to understand; Ex. perspicuous comments

pert

(esp. of a girl or young woman) impertinent; forward; trim; jaunty; Ex. pert young miss/hat

pertinacious

holding tenaciously to an action; stubborn; persistent

pertinent

suitable; to the point; relevant

perturb

disturb greatly

peruse

read through with care; N. perusal

pervasive

spread throughout; V. pervade: (of smells, ideas, feelings) spread throughout; charge; permeate

perverse

purposely continuing to do something wrong; stubbornly wrongheaded; perverted; directed away from what is right; wicked and unacceptable; Ex. perverse satisfaction; Ex. Hannibal Lecter in a perverse mood; N. perversity

perversion

corruption; turning from right to wrong

pervert

corrupt; turn from right to wrong; misuse; Ex. perverted sexual desire/scientific knowledge; N: person whose sexual behavior is not natural

pessimism

belief that life is basically bad or evil; gloominess; tendency to take the gloomiest possible view of a situation; ADJ. pessimistic

pestilential(pestilent)

causing plague; tending to cause death; baneful; N. pestilence: fatal epidemic disease (esp. bubonic plague)

pestle

tool for mashing or grinding substances in a hard bowl or mortar

petrify

turn to stone; cause to become stonelike; stun or paralyze

petty

trivial; unimportant; very small; small-minded; petty-minded

petulant

touchy; peevish; ill-tempered

phalanx

formation of infantry carrying overlapping shields and long spears; group of men packed together (for attack or defense)

pharisaical

pertaining to the Pharisees, who paid scrupulous attention to tradition; self-righteous; hypocritical

pharisee

Pharisee: member of an ancient Jewish group that emphasized strict observance of the Mosaic law (considering themselves very holy); hypocritical self-righteous person

phenomena

observable facts; subjects of scientific investigation; SG. phenomenon: observable fact; very unusual person, thing, or event; marvel; wonder; CF. phenomenons; ADJ. phenomenal: very unusual; extraordinary; of a phenomenon; Ex. phenomenal strength

philanderer

faithless lover; flirt

philanthropist

lover of mankind; doer of good; N. philanthropy

philatelist

stamp-collector; N. philately: stamp collecting

Philistine

narrow-minded person, uncultured and exclusively interested in material gain; uncultured person who is indifferent to artistic and cultural values; member of an ancient people in Palestine; OP. aesthete

philology

study of language or words

phlegmatic

calm and unexcitable; not easily disturbed; CF. phlegm: sticky mucus produced in the respiratory tract

phobia

morbid fear

phoenix

symbol of immortality or rebirth; Ex. phoenix rising from its ashes

phylum

major classification, second to kingdom, of plants and animals; category ranking below a kingdom and above a class; division

physiognomy

face (as showing the character and the mind); art of judging human character from facial features

physiological

pertaining to the science of the function of living organisms; N. physiology

piebald

of different colors; mottled; spotted in different colors (esp. in black and white); Ex. piebald horse; CF. pie+bald

piecemeal

one part at a time; gradually; in stages; Ex. read a novel piecemeal

pie

piebald; variegated(many-colored); multicolored

piety

devoutness; reverence for God; ADJ. pious

pigment

coloring matter (usually powder to be mixed with water or oil)

pilfer

steal things of small value; filch; snitch

pillage

plunder

pillory

punish by placing in a wooden frame or pillory; subject or expose to criticism and ridicule; N.

pinch

squeeze between the thumb and a finger, or other edges; Ex. I had to pinch myself to make sure I wasn't dreaming.

N: amount that can be held between the thumb and a finger

pine

long for; yearn; languish from longing or grief; decline

pinion

restrain or immobilize by binding the wings or legs; N: bird's wing

pinnacle

small boat

pinnacle

peak; highest point; acme; Ex. pinnacle of fame

pious

devout; religious; N. piety

piquant

pleasantly tart-tasting; spicy; pleasantly stimulating; Ex. piquant situation when my old enemy asked for my help

pique

irritation; resentment from wounded pride (eg. loss in a contest); V: provoke; arouse; annoy; cause to feel resentment; Ex. pique her curiosity

piscatorial

pertaining to fishing; CF. Pisces

pitfall

hidden danger; concealed trap

pith

core or marrow; spongelike substance in the center of stems; essence; substance

pithy

concise and meaningful; substantial; meaty

pittance

small amount (of money); small allowance or wage

pivotal

of a pivot; central; critical; crucial

placate

pacify; bring peace to; conciliate; appease

placebo

harmless substance prescribed as a dummy pill

placid

peaceful; calm; Ex. placid child/lake

plagiarize

steal another's ideas or writings and pass them off as one's own; Ex. ideas plagiarized from my article; N. plagiarism; CF. kidnap

plaintive

expressing sorrow; mournful; Ex. plaintive song

plait

braid; interwine; interweave strands or lengths of; make by weaving strands together; Ex. plaited hair; N: braided length as of hair or fabric; CF. pigtail, ponytail

plane

carpenter's tool for smoothing and leveling wood; V. CF. flat

plaster

paste that hardens to a smooth solid and is used for coating walls; V.

plasticity

ability to be molded; ADJ. plastic: capable of being shaped or molded; Ex. plastic material such as clay

platitute

trite remark; commonplace statement; ADJ. platitudinous

platonic

purely spiritual; theoretical; without sensual desire

plaudit

praise; enthusiastic approval; round(succession or series) of applause; ADJ. plauditory; CF. applaud

plausible

conceivably true; having a show of truth but open to doubt; specious

plebeian

common; vulgar; pertaining to the common people; N: common people in ancient Rome; CF. patrician

plebiscite

direct vote by the entire electorate (on an important issue)

plenary

(of power) complete; full; fully attended by all qualified members; Ex. plenary power

plenitude

abundance; plenty; great amount; completeness; fullness; CF. plenary, plenty

plethora

excess; overabundance; Ex. a plethora of excuses

pliable

flexible; easily influenced; yielding; adaptable

pliant

flexible; easily influenced

plight

difficult condition; condition or state (esp. a bad state or condition); predicament

ploy

strategem to gain an advantage; tactic; Ex. management ploy

pluck

courage; V: pull off or out; pull out the hair or feathers of; ADJ. plucky: courageous; brave

plumage

feathers of a bird;

plumb

exactly vertical; N: weight on the end of a line; V: examine very carefully or critically in order to understand; measure depth (by sounding); Ex. plumb the depth of

plumber

one who installs and repairs pipes and plumbing(pipes)

plume

feather, esp. large or showy one; something that rises into the air (like the shape of a feather); Ex. plume of smoke: 滚几备抚

plummet

fall sharply; fall straight down; Ex. Stock prices plummeted.

plump

pleasantly fat; nicely rounded

plutocracy

society ruled by the wealthy

podiatrist

doctor who treats ailments of the feet; chiropodist; N. podiatrics

podium

pedestal; raised platform

poignancy

quality of being deeply moving; keenness of emotion; ADJ. poignant: touching; deeply moving; (of sorrow, grief, etc.) painful; keenly distressing to the mind; Ex. poignant memory/anxiety; CF. prick

poise

good judgment with composure; balance; V: place in a carefully balanced position

polar

of a pole; characterized by opposite extremes; Ex. polar opposites

polarity

state of having two opposite qualities

polarize

split into opposite extremes or camps

polemic

attack or defense of an opinion; controversy or refutation; argument in support of point of view; N. polemics: art of debate or controversy

polemical(polemic)

aggressive in verbal attack; disputatious (rather than simply expressing opinions)

politic

prudent; judicious; well judged; expedient; well devised

polity

(particular form of) political organization; form of government of nation or state; Ex. student polity

polygamist

one who has more than one spouse at a time; CF. bigamy; CF. polyandry

polyglot

speaking several languages; multilingual; Ex. polyglot person/society; N.

pomposity

self-important behavior; acting like a stuffed shirt(pompous person); ADJ. pompous: self-important

ponderous

having great weight; weighty; unwieldy; lacking lightness; dull; Ex. ponderous body/style of writing

pontifical

pertaining to a bishop or pope; pompous or pretentious; CF. pontiff: pope; bishop

pore

study industriously; ponder; scrutinize; Ex. pore over the book; N.

porous

full of pores; like a sieve

porridge

soft food made by boiling oatmeal

portend

foretell; presage; be a sign or warning of; N. portent: sign; omen; forewarning

portly

stout; corpulent

pose

assume a particular posture; put forward; present; affect a particular attitude (to impress others); Ex. pose a threat; N.

poseur

person who pretends to be sophisticated, elegant, etc., to impress others; person who poses; CF. pose

posterity

descendants; future generations; Ex. go down to posterity; CF. posterior, anterior

posthumous

after death (as of child born after father's death or book published after author's death); coming or occurring after one's death; Ex. posthumous fame/novel

postmortem

autopsy; ADJ: occurring after death; of a postmortem

postulate

self-evident truth; something assumed without proof; V: assume the truth of (as a basis of an argument)

posture

assume an affected pose; act artificially; N: pose; attitude

potable

suitable for drinking; drinkable

potent

powerful; convincing; persuasive; greatly influential

potentate

monarch; sovereign

potential

expressing possibility; latent; N: capacity for growth

portion

dose (of liquids); liquid dose

potpourri

heterogeneous mixture; medley; mixture of dried flower petals a pot (to give a pleasant smell to a room)

poultice

soothing application applied to sore and inflamed portions of the body

pr'ecis

abstract; concise summing up of main points; concise summary of a text

practicable

feasible

practical

based on experience; of or acquired through practice (rather than theory); useful; Ex. practical man

pragmatic

practical (as opposed to idealistic); concerned with practical worth or impact of something; Ex. pragmatic test of the skill

pragmatist

practical person; N. pragmatism: pragmatic way of dealing with things

prance

move about in a spirited manner (proudly and confidently)

prank

mischievous trick

prate

talk idly; speak foolishly; boast idly

prattle

talk idly; babble; N. CF. prate

preamble

introductory statement

precarious

unsafe; lacking in stability; uncertain; risky; Ex. precarious living

precedent

preceding (in time, rank, etc.)

precept

practical rule guiding conduct; Ex. mother's precept

precinct

division of a city for election or police purposes; precincts: space that surrounds a building; Ex. precincts of the college

precipice

cliff; dangerous position; Ex. on the edge of the precipice

precipitant

something that causes a substance in a chemical solution to separate out in solid form; OP. solvent

precipitate

hurl downward; throw headlong; hasten; cause to happen sooner; condense and fall as rain or snow; cause (a solid substance) to be separated from a solution; ADJ. hasty; rash; premature; sudden

precipitous

steep; overhasty; precipitate

precise

exact

preclude

make impossible; prevent; exclude; eliminate

precocious

advanced in development; N. precocity

precursor

forerunner; predecessor

predator

predatory animal or bird; predatory person; creature that seizes and devours another animal; person who robs or exploits others; ADJ. predatory: living by preying on other organisms; plundering; N. predation

predecessor

former occupant of a post

predetermine

determine in advance; predestine; settle or decide beforehand; influence markedly

predicament

difficult situation; tricky or dangerous situation; dilemma

predilection

preference; partiality

predispose

give an inclination toward (in advance); make susceptible to; Ex. predispose people to certain cancer; N. predisposition

preeminent

outstanding; superior

preempt

prevent in advance; head off (forestall); forestall by acting first; appropriate for oneself before others; supplant; take the place of; displace; Ex. preempt any attempts; ADJ. preemptive

preen

make oneself tidy in appearance; feel self-satisfaction or pride; (of a bird) smooth or clean (feathers) with the beak; Ex. preen oneself on; CF. prune

prefatory

introductory; of a preface

prefigure

be a sign of; foreshadow

prehensile

capable of grasping or holding (esp. by wrapping around); Ex. prehensile tails

prelate

church dignitary; priest of high position in the church (esp. bishop)

prelude

introduction; introductory performance or event; forerunner

premeditate

plan in advance; Ex. premeditated murder

premise

assumption; postulate; proposition upon which an argument is based

premonition

forewarning; presentiment; foreboding

premonitory

serving to warn

preponderance

superiority of power, quantity, etc.; V. preponderate: be greater in power, weight, or importance; ADJ. preponderant

prepossessing

attractive; CF. preoccupying ?

preposterous

absurd; completely unreasonable; ridiculous

prerogative

privilege; unquestionable right; CF. ask before

presage

foretell; be a warning or sign of; N: presentiment; foreboding; omen

prescience

ability to foretell the future; knowledge of actions before they occur; ADJ. prescient

presentiment

premonition; foreboding; feeling something will happen; anticipatory fear

prestige

respect or admiration; impression produced by achievements or reputation; ADJ: causing admiration; ADJ.

prestigious: having prestige

presume

take for granted; assume; act overconfidently; take liberties; presume on/upon: take unfair advantage of (someone's kindness or connection); N. presumption

presumptuous

going beyond what is right; excessively forward; arrogant; taking liberties

pretend

feign; pretend to: claim to possess; make pretensions to; Ex. I don't pretend to much expertise; N. pretense

pretension

pretentiousness; claim (without foundation); Ex. I make no pretensions to skill as an artist.

pretentious

ostentatious; showy; pompous; making unjustified claims; overambitious; Ex. pretentious films that claim to be art

preternatural

beyond what is normal in nature; supernatural; Ex. preternatural strength/forces

pretext

excuse

prevail

be widespread; triumph over; gain victory; prevail on: persuade; induce; Ex. Justice has prevailed; Ex. prevail on someone to do something

prevalent

widespread; generally accepted

prevaricate

lie; hide the truth (by equivocating)

prey

target of a hunt; victim; V: hunt and eat as prey; victimize; Ex. Cats prey on mice.

prim

proper to the point of affectation; very precise and formal; exceedingly proper

primal

first in rank or importance; being first in time; original; Ex. man's primal innocence

primary

first in rank or importance; principal; earliest in time; Ex. primary stages; N. CF. first

primate

group of mammals including humans

prime

period of ideal or peak condition; earliest or beginning stage; Ex. in the prime of life; Ex. prime of the year(spring); ADJ: first in importance or rank; first; V: make ready; prepare

primogeniture

seniority by birth; state of being the first-born child; right of the eldest child (to inherit the entire property of one or both parents)

primordial

existing at the beginning (of time); rudimentary

primp

groom oneself with care; adorn oneself

pristine

unspoiled; remaining in a pure state; characteristic of earlier times; primitive; Ex. an old book in pristine condition

privation

lack of the basic necessities or comforts of life; hardship; want; CF. deprive

privy

secret; hidden; not public; made a participant in something secret; Ex. privy chamber government; Ex. be privy to a discussion; CF. private

prize

pry; move with a lever; value highly; esteem; Ex. his most prized possession; N: something captured during war-time (esp. an enemy ship)

probe

explore with a probe or tools; investigate; N: slender instrument used to explore a wound or body cavity; device designed to investigate an unknown region; thorough investigation; Ex. space probe

probity

uprightness; honesty; incorruptibility

problematic

causing a problem; open to doubt; doubtful; unsettled; questionable; Ex. Whether the arena will ever be completed is problematic.

proclivity

inclination; natural tendency (esp. towards something bad)

procrastinate

postpone; delay or put off

procurement

obtaining; V. procure: obtain by effort; obtain (a prostitute) for another

prod

poke (with a pointed object); stir up; urge; goad to action; N: pointed object used to prod; prodding

prodigal

wasteful; reckless with money; profuse; Ex. a mind prodigal of ideas; N. prodigality

prodigious

enormous; marvelous; extraordinary; Ex. prodigious amount/memory

prodigy

highly gifted child; person with exceptional talents; marvel; wonder

profane

violate; desecrate (something holy); treat unworthily; be profane for; ADJ: secular; nonreligious; irreverent for holy things

profligate

wasteful (of money); dissipated; wildly immoral; dissolute; N: profligate person; N. profligacy

profound

deep; not superficial; complete; Ex. profound thinker/remark/silence/deafness; N. profundity

profusion

great amount; plenty; overabundance; excess; lavish expenditure; Ex. profusion of choices; ADJ. profuse: plentiful; copious; giving or given abundantly; extravagant

progenitor

ancestor

progeny

children; offspring; descendants

prognosis

forecasted course of a disease; prediction; CF. prognostic

prognosticate

predict (according to present indications)

prohibitive

so high as to prohibit purchase or use; tending to prevent the purchase or use of something; prohibiting; inclined to prevent or forbid; Ex. prohibitive tax

projectile

missile; fired or thrown object (such as stone or bullet)

proletarian

member of the working class; blue collar guy; N. proletariat: working class (who have to work for wages)

proliferate

grow rapidly (in numbers); spread; multiply; N. proliferation

prolific

producing offspring or fruit in abundance; fertile; fecund; abundantly fruitful; producing abundant works; Ex. prolific writer

prolixity

tedious wordiness; verbosity; ADJ. prolix: wordy; verbose; diffuse

prologue

introduction (to a poem or play)

prolong

lengthen; extend; draw out

prominent

protruding(sticking out); conspicuous; notable; eminent

promiscuous

mixed indiscriminately; indiscriminate; not choosing carefully; indiscriminate in the choice of sexual partners; irregular, particularly sexually; Ex. promiscuous life/girl; N. promiscuity

promontory

headland

promote

advance in rank; advance; help to flourish; advocate; help actively in forming; publicize or popularize; Ex. Milk promotes health; Ex. promote a match/bill; Ex. promote a new product

prompt

cause; urge; provoke; provide a cue (for an actor); ADJ: done without delay; done at the right time; punctual; on time; N: reminder or cue

promulgate

announce; proclaim a doctrine or law; make known by official publication

prone

inclined to; likely to (suffer); prostrate; lying with the front downward; Ex. prone to disease/make mistakes; Ex. accident-prone

prong

pointed projecting part

pronounced

distinct; very noticeable; Ex. pronounced limp

prop

support placed under or against something; V.

propagate

increase in number by producing young; multiply; spread; Ex. Most plants propagate by seed; Ex. newspaper propagating their ideas

propellant(propellent)

substance which propels or drives forward (such as an explosive charge or a rocket fuel)

propensity

natural inclination

prophetic

of a prophet or prophecy; having to do with predicting the future; N. prophecy; V. prophesy; N. prophet

prophylactic

used to prevent disease; N: something prophylactic; condom; N. prophylaxis: prevention of disease

propinquity

nearness (in space or relationship); proximity; kinship

propitiate

appease; conciliate; make peaceful; ADJ. propitiatory

propitious

favorable; auspicious; advantageous; fortunate; Ex. propitious day/sign

proponent

supporter; backer; opposite of opponent

propound

put forth for consideration or analysis; set forth; Ex. propound a problem/theory

propriety

fitness; quality of being proper; correct conduct; conformity to prevailing customs and usages; CF. proprietor, proprietary

propulsive

driving forward; N. propulsion

prosaic

lacking in imagination; dull and unimaginative; matter-of-fact(concerned with facts, not imagination or feelings); factual; CF. prose

proscenium

part of stage in front of curtain; front arch of a stage

proscribe

prohibit; ostracize; banish; outlaw

proselytize

(induce someone to) convert to a religion or belief; N. proselyte: new convert to a doctrine or religion

prosody

art of versification; study of the metrical structure of verse

prosper

become successful (esp. financially); thrive; grow well; Ex. children prospering under his care

prosperity

good fortune and financial success; physical well-being

prosperous

successful; rich; affluent; well-to-do; well-off

prostrate

stretch out full on ground; make prostrate; enervate; Ex. prostrating illness; ADJ: lying face down; having lost all strength

prot'eg'e

person receiving protection and support from a patron

protagonist

leader or noticeable supporter of an idea; chief character in a play or story

protean

able to take on many forms; versatile; CF. Proteus: sea god to change his shape at will

protocol

diplomatic etiquette; ceremony and etiquette observed by diplomats; first copy of a treaty before its ratification; Ex. Protocol demands that the queen meet him at the airport.

prototype

original work used as a model by others

protract

prolong; lengthen in time; draw out

protrude

stick out; jut; project; Ex. protruding teeth

protuberance

protrusion; swelling; bulge

provenance

place of origin; origin or source of something; Ex. Gunpowder is of Chinese provenance; CF. come

provender

dry food for livestock; fodder

proverb

adage; someone or something well known for notoriety; ADJ. proverbial: of a proverb; widely known; ADV. proverbially

providence

quality of being provident; divine care; god's care; Providence: god; Ex. It seemed like providence that the doctor happened to be there; ADJ. providential: of divine providence; fortunate

provident

providing for future needs; displaying foresight; thrifty; preparing for emergencies; OP. improvident

provincial

pertaining to a province; limited in outlook; narrow; unsophisticated

provision

act of providing; something provided; preparatory measure; provisions: necessary supplies (esp. food); stipulation; condition in an agreement; Ex. According to the provisions of the agreement

provisional

tentative; temporary

proviso

stipulation; condition in an agreement; provision

provocative

arousing anger or sexual interest; annoying; Ex. provocative in tight jeans; V. provoke: incite to anger; cause (an unpleasant action or feeling); N. provocation

proWess

extraordinary ability; military bravery; Ex. prowess in battle

proximity

nearness; ADJ. proximate

proxy

authorized agent; authority to act for another

prude

excessively modest or proper person (who is easily shocked by improper things, esp. of a sexual nature); N. prudery; ADJ. prudish: excessively concerned with propriety

prudent

cautious; careful; prudential

prune

cut away; trim

prurient

having or causing lustful desires and thoughts; arousing immoderate sexual desire

pry

inquire impertinently (someone else's private affairs); use leverage to raise or open something; prize; N. prying: tool for prying

pseudonym

pen name; fictitious name assumed by an author; ADJ. pseudonymous

psyche

soul; mind

psychiatrist

doctor who treats mental diseases

psychic

of psyche; mental; of or possessing extraordinary mental powers

psychopathic

pertaining to mental dearrangement; N. psychopath: person with an antisocial personality disorder

psychosis

mental disorder; ADJ. N. psychotic

psychosomatic

of the influence of the mind on the body (esp. with respect to disease)

pterodactyl

extinct flying reptile; CF. wing+finger

pucker

gather into wrinkles or folds; N: wrinkle or fold

pudding

hot sweet dish

puerile

childish; immature; CF. puer: boy

pugilist

boxer; CF. pugilism: boxing

pugnacity

combateness; disposition to fight; ADJ. pugnacious: (of people) belligerent; combative in nature

puissant

powerful; strong; potent; N. puissance: power

pulchritude

beauty; comeliness; ADJ. pulchritudinous

pulmonary

pertaining to the lungs

pulpit

raised platform used in preaching (in a church)

pulsate

throb; beat regularly; vibrate regularly

pulse

rhythmical throbbing of arteries; brief sudden change in a normally constant quantity; V: pulsate

pulverize

crush or grind into very small particles

pummel

pommel; beat or pound with fists

punctilious

minutely attentive (perhaps too much so) to fine points; stressing niceties of conduct or form; N. punctilio, punctiliousness: careful attention payed to every small exact detail

pundit

authority on a subject; expert; learned person

pungent

stinging; acrid; sharp in taste or smell; (of speech or writing) caustic; N. pungency

punitive

punishing; Ex. punitive measures

puny

tiny; weak; insignificant

purchase

secure grasp or hold; firm grasp or footing

purgatory

place of spiritual expiation; temporary state or place in which the souls must expiate their sins

purge

remove or get rid of something or someone unwanted; eliminate; free from blame or guilt; cleanse or purify (esp. of sin, guilt, or defilement); N.

purport

intention; purpose; meaning; V: claim; profess; Ex. order which purports to be signed by the general

purported

alleged; claimed; reputed or rumored; Ex. purported Satanists

purse

pucker; contract (lips) into wrinkles; N: wallet

purveyor

furnisher of foodstuffs; caterer; V. purvey: supply (eg. food); furnish; CF. provide

pushy

disagreeably aggressive

pusillanimous

cowardly; lacking courage; fainthearted

putative

supposed; reputed; generally regarded as such; Ex. putative father of the child

putrefy

make or become putrid; N. putrefaction

putrescent

becoming putrid; putrefying

putrid

decayed and foul-smelling; foul; rotten; decayed; N. putridity

puzzle

baffle or confuse by a difficult problem; ponder over a problem in an effort to solve; clarify or solve by reasoning; Ex. puzzle out the answer; N.

pyromaniac

person with an insane desire to set things on fire

Barron GRE word list - Q

quack

charlatan; impostor

quadruped

four-footed animal; ADJ. CF. biped

quaff

drink with zest; drink with relish(zest; hearty enjoyment); CF. sip

quagmire

bog; marsh; soft, wet, boggy land; predicament; complex or dangerous situation from which it is difficult to free oneself

quail

cower; shrink back in fear; lose heart

quaint

odd in an old-fashioned way; odd; old-fashioned; picturesque

qualified

limited; restricted; V. qualify: limit the meaning of; modify

qualify

reach a necessary standard; limit the meaning of something stated

qualms

uneasy feelings; misgivings; uneasy fears especially about matters of conscience; Ex. I have no qualms about giving this assignment to Helen.

quandary

dilemma; state of uncertainty; Ex. She is in a quandary about whether to go.

quarantine

isolation of a person, place, or ship to prevent spread of infection; V: isolate in quarantine

quarry

dig into (to get stone); N: mine;

quash

crush; suppress; squash; subdue; annul; Ex. quash a rebellion/the decision of the low court

quay

dock; wharf; pier; landing place (for boats)

queasy

experiencing nausea; nauseated; easily nauseated; squeamish; Ex. feel a little queasy

queer

strange; eccentric; deviating from the normal

quell

suppress; put an end to; put down forcibly; extinguish; quiet; Ex. "Army Quells Rebellion" in newspaper; CF. kill

quench

assuage or satisfy (thrust); slake; douse or extinguish; put out; suppress

querulous

given to complaining; complaining; fretful; whining

query

inquiry; question; V.

queue

line (of waiting people or vehicles)

quibble

minor objection or complaint; V: raise minor objections; carp; cavil

quicksilver

mercury

quiescent

dormant; temporarily inactive; at rest; N. quiescence

quietude

tranquillity; calmness

quintessence

purest and highest embodiment; perfect example; apotheosis; most essential element; Ex. quintessence of wit; ADJ. quintessential; CF. fifth essence

quip

taunt; clever sarcastic remark; V.

quirk

sudden sharp turn or twist; startling twist; caprice; idiosyncrasy; peculiarity of behavior; Ex. by a quirk of fate

quisling

traitor who aids invaders; CF. Vidkun Quisling

quiver

tremble; shake; N.

quixotic

idealistic but impractical; CF. Don Quixote

quizzical

curious; suggesting puzzlement (without saying); questioning; teasing; mocking; bantering; Ex. quizzical glance

quorum

minimal number of members necessary to conduct a meeting

quotidian

daily; commonplace; customary; Ex. quotidian routine

Barron GRE word list - R**rabble**

mob; noisy crowd

rabid

of or suffering rabies; like a fanatic; extremely zealous; furious; CF. rabies: hydrophobia

rabies

disease passed on by the bite of an infected animal (causing madness and death)

raconteur

story-teller; one who tells stories with wit and skill

raffle

lottery; V: award as a prize in a raffle; Ex. raffle off a new car

rag

scrap of cloth; ADJ. ragged: old and torn; seeming unfinished and imperfect; Ex. ragged debut/performance

ragamuffin

dirty child in torn clothes; person wearing tattered clothes

rail

complain bitterly; scold; rant; Ex. the weaker railing against injustices

raiment

clothing; garments; Ex. I have no raiment fit to wear.

rake

immoral or dissolute person

rakish

jaunty; stylish; sporty; morally corrupt; dissolute; Ex. He wore his hat at a rakish and jaunty angle.

rally

come or bring together; call up or summon (forces, vital powers, etc.); revive or recuperate (after illness or difficulty); N: act of rallying; mass gathering

ram

male sheep; V. strike or drive against with a heavy impact

ramble

wander aimlessly (physically or mentally); digress

ramification

branching out; subdivision; one branch of a system; one of the results following from an action or decision; Ex. ramifications of a business/the decision

ramify

branch out; divide into branches or subdivisions

ramp

slope; inclined plane or roadway (connecting two levels)

rampant

growing or spreading uncontrollably; growing in profusion; unrestrained; Ex. rampant lawlessness/weed

rampart

defensive mound of earth

ramshackle

(of a building or vehicle) poorly constructed; rickety; falling apart

rancid

having the odor of stale or decomposing fat; rank

rancor

long-lasting hatred; bitterness; Ex. negotiation without rancor; ADJ. rancorous

random

without definite purpose, plan, or aim; haphazard; Ex. random shots; Ex. chosen at random

rank

offensive in odor or flavor

rankle

irritate; fester; annoy

ransack

search thoroughly; pillage (going through a place); Ex. Enemy soldiers ransacked the town.

rant

speak violently or excitedly; rave; talk excitedly showing anger; scold; make a grandiloquent speech; Ex. The priest ranted about the devil.

rapacious

voracious; ravenous; taking everything one can; excessively grasping; plundering; subsisting on live prey; Ex. rapacious birds

rappro

close relationship; emotional closeness; harmony

rapt

engrossed; absorbed; enchanted; Ex. rapt listener

rapture

great joy and delight; ecstasy; ADJ. rapturous

rare

(of air) thin in density; rarefied; Ex. rare air of the mountains

rarefied

made less dense (of a gas); V. rarefy: make less dense; N. rarefaction

rasp

(of a sound) grate on (eg. nerves); make a harsh noise; have an unpleasant effect; rub with something rough; Ex. The cat's tongue rasped my hand.

raspy

making a harsh noise; grating; harsh

ratify

approve formally; confirm; verify

ratiocination

reasoning; act of drawing conclusions from premises; V. ratiocinate: reason logically

ration

fixed portion; V: distribute as rations

rational

(of a person) having reason; (of ideas) based on reason; logical

rationale

fundamental reason or principle (on which a system or principle is based); fundamental reason or justification; grounds for an action

rationalize

make rational; devise false reasons for (one's behavior); offer an excuse; give a plausible reason for an action in place of a true, less admirable ones; N. rationalization

raucous

(of voice) harsh and unpleasant; (of people) disorderly and boisterous; Ex. raucous shouts

ravage

devastate; plunder; despoil; Ex. crops ravaged by storms

rave

overwhelmingly favorable review; V: talk wildly as if mad; Ex. raving lunatic

ravel

fall apart into tangles; entangle; unravel or untwist

ravenous

extremely hungry; voracious

ravine

narrow valley with steep sides; gorge; CF. gully, canyon

raze

destroy completely; Ex. raze the city to the ground

reactionary

strongly opposed to social or political change; opposing progress; politically ultraconservative; N. OP. radical

realm

kingdom; field or sphere; Ex. not within the realms of possibility

reaper

one who harvests grain; Ex. the Grim Reaper; V. reap: cut and gather (crop); harvest a crop

rebate

return of part of a payment; discount; V.

rebuff

reject bluntly; snub; beat back; Ex. She rebuffed his invitation; N.

rebuke

scold harshly; criticize severely

rebus

representation of words in the form of pictures or symbols; puzzle in which pictures or letters stand for words; Ex. ``R U 18" is a rebus for ``Are you 18".

rebuttal

refutation; response with contrary evidence; V. rebut: refute; disprove

recalcitrant

disobedient or resisting authority even after being punished; obstinately stubborn; determined to resist authority; unruly; Ex. recalcitrant child

recant

disclaim or disavow; retract a previous statement; openly confess error; Ex. recant one's faith/a statement

recapitulate

summarize

recast

reconstruct (a sentence, story, statue, etc.); fashion again

receptive

quick or willing to receive (ideas, suggestions, etc.); Ex. receptive to the proposal

recess

pause; temporary cessation; alcove; secret inner place; Ex. parliament in recess; V. CF. recessive

recession

withdrawal; retreat; time of low economic activity

recidivism

habitual return to crime (even after being punished); N. recidivist

recipient

receiver

reciprocal

mutual; given and received in return; exchangeable; interacting; Ex. reciprocal trade agreement

reciprocate

do or give something in return; repay in kind; give or take mutually; interchange; move

recital

act of reciting publicly; detailed account; performance of music or dance (by a solo performer)

recite

repeat aloud (something learned); describe; Ex. recite his complaints; N. recitation

reckon

count; calculate; regard as; think; suppose

recline

lie down

recluse

hermit; loner; ADJ. reclusive

reconcile

make friendly again (after quarrel); make consistent (two ideas in opposition); correct inconsistencies; Ex. reconcile one's political principles with one's religious beliefs

recondite

abstruse; not easily understood; profound; secret

reconnaissance

survey of enemy by soldiers; reconnoitering; V. reconnoiter: make a preliminary inspection of (esp. to gather military information)

recount

narrate or tell (a story); count over again

recourse

resorting to help when in trouble; Ex. without recourse to

recreant

disloyal; cowardly; N: disloyal and cowardly person

recrimination

countercharges; V. recriminate

rectify

set right; correct; CF. rect-: right

rectitude

moral correctness; moral uprightness; moral virtue; correctness of judgment

recumbent

reclining; lying down completely or in part

recuperate

recover; return to health; regain; Ex. recuperate losses

recurrent

occurring again and again

redolent

odorous; fragrant; suggestive (of an odor); Ex. redolent of onions/mystery

redoubtable

formidable; causing fear

redress

remedy; compensation; Ex. seek redress for the damage to your car; V: put right; remedy or rectify (a wrong); make amends for

reduce

diminish; bring to a weaker or more difficult condition; demote; lower in rank; separate into components by analysis; Ex. reduced to the ranks; Ex. reduce the house to rubble; N. reduction

redundant

superfluous; more than is necessary; verbose; excessively wordy; repetitious

reek

emit (an unpleasant odor or smoke); give off an unpleasant odor; give out smoke; Ex. reeking chimney; N: unpleasant odor; stench

refectory

dining hall; room where meals are served (in a school)

referendum

direct vote by all the people

refraction

bending of a ray of light

refractory

unmanageable; disobedient and stubborn; Ex. refractory horse

refrain

abstain from; resist; forbear; N: chorus

refulgent

effulgent; brilliant; brightly shining; gleaming; Ex. refulgent moon

refurbish

renovate; make clean, bright, or fresh (make new) again; make bright by polishing; Ex. refurbish an old theater; CF. furbish: polish

refuse

anything discarded or rejected as worthless; trash

refute

disprove; prove to be false; N. refutation

regal

royal; of a monarch; Ex. regal manner

regale

entertain

regatta

boat or yacht race

regeneration

spiritual rebirth; Ex. regeneration of the prisoners; V. regenerate: give or obtain new life; reform spiritually

regent

a person who governs in place of a ruler who is ill, absent, or still a child; ADJ. Ex. the Prince regent

regicide

murder of a king or queen

regime

method of system or government

regimen

prescribed course of diet or exercise; prescribed diet and habits; Ex. daily regimen of a dancer

regiment

military unit; V: subject to strict order; Ex. regimented society

rehabilitate

restore to proper condition (health or useful life); restore the former rank of

reimburse

repay; pay back

reinstate

restore to a previous condition or position

reiterate

repeat

rejoinder

reply; retort; comeback; V. rejoin: say in reply

rejuvenate

make young again

relapse

return to a former state (esp. after improvement); N.

relegate

put into a lower or worse place; banish to an inferior position; delegate; assign; Ex. relegate the old furniture to the children's room; Ex. relegated to the second division

relent

become less severe; give in(surrender); ADJ. relentless: unyielding; continuously severe

relevant

having importance; pertinent; referring to the case in hand; N. relevance, relevancy

relic

surviving remnant (from an extinct culture); memento; keepsake; relics: corpse; Ex. ancient relics; Ex. relics of his travel; Ex. His relics are buried at X.

religious

of religion; (of a person) pious; having reverence for a deity

relinquish

give up something (with reluctance); yield; release; Ex. relinquish power/the claim to the land/his hold on my arm

relish

enjoy; savor; N: enjoyment; zest

remediable

reparable

reminiscence

recollection; V. reminisce: recollect the past

reminiscent

suggestive of something (in the past); of reminiscence

remiss

negligent; careless about a duty

remission

temporary moderation (of disease symptoms); remitting of a debt or punishment; cancelation of a debt; pardon; Ex. The disease went into remission; Ex. Christians pray for the remission of sins.

remit

transmit (money) in payment; free someone from a debt or punishment

remittance

remitting of money; amount of money remitted

remnant

remainder

remonstrate

protest; objection; V. remonstrate: say in protest

remorse

deep regret for wrongdoing; guilt; self-reproach

remunerative

(of work) compensating; rewarding; profitable; well-paid; V. remunerate: reward; pay (someone) for work or trouble

rend

split; tear apart; N. rent; CF. heartrending: causing deep sorrow

render

give; deliver; provide; represent in verbal or artistic form; depict; perform; make; translate; Ex. render the song beautifully

rendezvous

meeting place; meeting at a set time or place; V.

rendition

rendering; translation; artistic interpretation of a song, etc

renegade

deserter; traitor; ADJ.

renege

break a promise; deny; go back on; Ex. renege on the contract/paying off the debt

renounce

abandon; give up (by formal announcement); disown; repudiate; Ex. renounce one's claim to the property/one's religion; N. renunciation

renovate

restore to good condition; renew

renown

fame; ADJ. renowned

rent

tear made by rending; rip; split

reparable

capable of being repaired

reparation

compensation (for loss or wrong); amends; Ex. make reparation for the damage; CF. repair

repartee

quick clever reply

repast

meal; feast; banquet

repeal

revoke; annul

repel

drive away; disgust; Ex. repel the attack/moisture; Ex. repelled by the dirty room; CF. repulsion

repellent

driving away; disgusting; offensive; repulsive; unattractive; N.

repercussion

rebound; reaction; reverberation; Ex. serious repercussion

repertoire

list of works of music, drama, etc., a performer is prepared to present; CF. repertory

repine

fret; complain; be annoyed; Ex. repine over the undone work

replenish

fill up again

replete

fully filled; filled to the brim or to the point of being stuffed; abundantly supplied; Ex. report replete with errors

replica

copy

replicate

reproduce; duplicate

repose

resting; state of being at rest; calmness; V: lie at rest; relax; put or place; Ex. repose our hopes in a single man

repository

storehouse

reprehensible

deserving blame; blameworthy; V. reprehend: blame

representational

(of a style of art) showing things as they actually appear in real life

repress

hold back (the natural expression of); restrain; crush; oppress; Ex. repressed child; Ex. repress a laugh/rebellion

reprieve

postponement or cancelation of a punishment; temporary stay; V: postpone or cancel the punishment of

reprimand

reprove severely; rebuke; N.

reprisal

retaliation

reprise

musical repetition; repeating of a piece of music; repeat performance; recurrent action; Ex. reprise in the finale; Ex. constant reprises

reproach

blame (not angrily but sadly); express disapproval or disappointment; N. ADJ. reproachful

reprobate

morally disapproved person; person hardened in sin, devoid of a sense of decency; CF. disapproved by God ?

reprobation

severe disapproval; CF. approbation

reprove

censure; rebuke; N. reproof

repudiate

disown; disavow; deny

repugnance

disgust; strong dislike; loathing; ADJ. repugnant: arousing disgust; repulsive

repulse

reject with rudeness or coldness (an offer or friendship); drive back (an enemy attack); CF. repulse \neq cause repulsion

repulsion

distaste; disgust; act of driving back; ADJ. repulsive: causing disgust; tending to drive away; V. repel (not `repulse')

reputable

respectable; having a good reputation

reputed

supposed; Ex. reputed father of the child; V. repute: consider; N. repute: reputation; esteem

requiem

mass for the dead; dirge

requisite

necessary requirement; something required; ADJ: required; necessary

requisition

formal demand or request; Ex. requisition for more computing equipment; V.

requite

make return for; repay; reciprocate; revenge; N. requittal

rescind

repeal; annul; cancel (a law, decision, or agreement)

resentment

indignation; bitterness; displeasure; V. resent: feel anger about

reserve

self-control; self-restraint; formal but distant manner; reticence; Ex. without reserve: freely and openly; ADJ. reserved: shy and uncommunicative

residual

remaining; left over; of a residue; N: residue

residue

remainder; balance

resign

give up (a position, right, or claim); submit (oneself) passively

resignation

patiently submissiveness; statement that one is quitting a job; ADJ. resigned: acquiescent

resilient

elastic; having the power of springing back; able to recover quickly (as from misfortune)

resolution

determination; resoluteness; ADJ. resolute: firm or determined in purpose

resolve

decide; settle; solve; separate; make a determined decision; N. resolution

resonant

(of a sound) echoing; resounding(sounding loudly); deep and full in sound; producing resonance; Ex. resonant voice; N. resonance

resort

turn to for help; Ex. resort to violence; N.

resound

(of a place) be filled with sound; (of a sound) sound loudly; sound back; echo; Ex. hall resounded with laughter

resourceful

clever and imaginative (in dealing with difficult situations); N. resource, resourcefulness

respiration

breathing; exhalation; ADJ. respiratory

respite

time for rest; interval of relief; delay in punishment; reprieve

resplendent

brilliant; splendid in appearance; dazzling; glorious

responsiveness

state of reacting readily to appeals, orders, etc.; ADJ. responsive: readily reacting; Ex. responsive to treatment

restitution

returning something (lost or stolen) to the rightful owner; reparation; indemnification; compensation for loss, damage, or injury

restive

impatiently restless (induced by external coercion or restriction); restlessly impatient; obstinately resisting control; Ex. restive horses because of wolves; CF. not a general synonym for 'restless'

restraint

moderation or self-control; controlling force; restriction

resumption

taking up again; recommencement; V. resume: begin or take up again; take or occupy again; Ex. Kindly resume your seats.

resurge

rise again; flow to and fro; N. resurgence; ADJ. resurgent: (of ideas or beliefs) experiencing revival; surging again

resurrect

revive

resuscitate

revive; bring back to life or consciousness; Ex. resuscitate the drowned child

retain

keep; maintain possession of; employ (esp. a lawyer or advisor); N. retainer: servant; fee paid to retain an advisor

retaliate

repay in kind (usually for bad treatment); V. retaliate

retard

delay (in development); ADJ. retarded: (as of a child) slower in development

retentive

holding; able to retain things (esp. facts in the mind); having a good memory

reticent

inclined to silence; uncommunicative; reserved; Ex. He was reticent about the reasons; N. reticence

retinue

following; attendants

retiring

shy and reserved (of a person); modest; Ex. her retiring personality

retort

quick sharp reply; V.

retract

withdraw; take back; draw back; Ex. retract a statement/an offer/claws; N. retraction; CF. retractile

retrench

cut down; cut down expenses; economize

retribution

deserved punishment for wrongdoing; punishment for offenses; compensation; vengeance; CF. pay back

retrieve

recover; put right; find and bring in; regain; Ex. retrieve the situation

retroactive

taking effect before its enactment (as a law) or imposition (as a tax); (of a law) having effect on the past as well as the future

retrograde

go backwards; recede; degenerate; deteriorate; ADJ.

retrospective

looking back on the past; N. retrospection; V. retrospect

revelry

boisterous merrymaking; V. revel: engage boisterous festivities; enjoy greatly; N: boisterous festivity or celebration

reverberate

echo repeatedly; resound; Ex. The thunder reverberated across the valley.

reverend

deserving reverence; N: priest

reverent

respectful; worshipful; V. revere: regard with reverence; N. reverence: profound respect

reverie

daydream; abstracted musing

revert

relapse; backslide; turn back to; return to the former owner; N. reversion

revile

attack with abusive language; vilify(slander)

revoke

cancel; retract; CF. irrevocable

revulsion

sudden strong feeling of disgust; sudden violent change of feeling; negative reaction; Ex. revulsion from the scenes of torture

rhapsodize

speak or write in an exaggeratedly enthusiastic manner; Ex. rhapsodize over the beauty of the scenery

rhapsody

excessively enthusiastic expression of feeling; musical composition of irregular form (as if made up as one plays it)

rhetoric

art of effective communication; art of using language effectively and persuasively; style of speaking or writing; grandiloquent language; Ex. political rhetoric; ADJ. rhetorical; CF. rhetorical question: question to which no answer is expected as

ribald

marked by vulgar lewd humor; wanton; profane; N. ribaldry: ribald language or joke

rickety

(of buildings) likely to break or fall apart; of rickets; CF. rickets; CF. vitamin

D

riddle

pierce with holes; permeate or spread throughout; Ex. The gunman riddled the car with bullets; Ex. The whole report is riddled with errors; N. large sieve (separating earth from stone)

rider

amendment or clause added to a legislative bill

rife

(of something bad) widespread; abundant; current

rift

narrow opening in a large mass; break in a friendly relation; Ex. through a rift in the clouds; OP. reconciliation

rig

arrangement of masts and sails; V: equip (a ship) with rigging; ADJ. rigging: ropes that hold up a ship's sails

righteous

morally upright; just

rightful

legally correct; Ex. rightful owner

rigid

hard and unbending; stiff and unyielding; fixed in behavior or views; strict; rigorous; Ex. rigid rule

rigor

severity; Ex. rigors of the Russian winter

rile

irritate; vex; muddy

rip

tear or be torn quickly and violently; Ex. The sail ripped under the force of the wind; N.

rivet

metal pin used for fastening metal plates together; V: fasten with a rivet; engross

riveting

holding one's attention; absorbing; engrossing

rivulet

small stream; CF. rill < rivulet < river

robust

strong; vigorous

rococo

ornate; highly decorated; N. CF. 18th century

roil

make liquids murky by stirring up sediment; disturb

rolling

(of land) rising and falling in long gentle slopes; happening continuously by stages; Ex. rolling devolution of power to local governments

romp

play or frolic boisterously; gambol; N.

rooster

cock; adult male chicken

roseate

rosy; optimistic; Ex. roseate views

roster

list (of names)

rostrum

raised platform for speech-making; pulpit

rote

repetition; memorization through repetition without understanding; Ex. learn poetry by rote

rotund

(of a person) fat and round

rotunda

circular building or hall covered with a dome

rotundity

roundness; sonorousness of speech

rou'e

lecherous man

rousing

lively; inducing excitement; stirring; V. rouse: waken; arouse from sleep or depression; excite; stir up

rout

put to rout; stampede; drive out; N: complete defeat and disorderly retreat

rubble

fragments (esp. from a destroyed building)

rubric

title or heading (in red print); directions for religious ceremony; protocol

ruddy

reddish; (of the face) reddish and healthy-looking

rudimentary

elementary; not developed; crude; N. rudiment: fundamental element or principle; Ex. rudiments of the language

rue

regret; lament; mourn; Ex. He will rue the day; N. ADJ. rueful

ruffian

violent scoundrel; bully

rumble

make or move with a deep rolling sound (as thunder or stomach)

ruminant

animal that ruminates; ADJ.

ruminare

chew over and over (mentally or, like cows, physically); mull over(ponder)

rummage

ransack; thoroughly search

run-down

(of a place) dilapidated; in a bad condition; (of a person) weak or exhausted

runic

mysterious; set down in an ancient alphabet; N. rune: one of the letters of an alphabet used by ancient Germanic peoples (cut on stone or wood); magic charm

ruse

trick to deceive; stratagem

rustic

pertaining to country people; unsophisticated; simple; crude; uncouth; (of furniture) rough with the bark left on; N. rural person; rustic person

rusticate

banish to the country; dwell in the country

rustle

make slight sounds like silk moving or being rubbed together

ruthless

pitiless; merciless; cruel

Barron GRE word list - S**saboteur**

one who commits sabotage; destroyer of property; N. sabotage: destruction of property (usually carried out secretly)

saccharine

cloying sweet; characteristic of sugar or saccharin

sacrilegious

desecrating; profane; N. sacrilege: desecration, misuse, or theft of something sacred

sacrosanct

inviolably sacred; most sacred; inviolable

sadistic

inclined to cruelty; N. sadism: delight in cruelty

saga

Scandinavian myth; any legend; long heroic narrative

sagacious

wise; perceptive; shrewd; having insight; N. sagacity

sage

person celebrated for wisdom; wise person; ADJ: wise

salacious

lascivious; lustful; Ex. salacious monk

salient

prominent; projecting beyond a line; conspicuous; Ex. salient features

saline

salty

sallow

(of the skin) yellowish and unhealthy-looking; sickly in color; Ex. sallow complexion due to jaundice

salubrious

healthful; conducive to health or well-being; socially desirable; Ex. salubrious area; CF. health

salutary

tending to improve; beneficial; wholesome; Ex. The punishment had a salutary effect on the boy; CF. health

salvage

rescue (goods or property) from loss; N: saving; property saved

sanctimonious

displaying ostentatious or hypocritical devoutness; N. sanctimony: hypocritical piety

sanction

approve; ratify; N: permission; penalty intended to enforce compliance

sanctuary

place of refuge; shelter; shrine; holy place; Ex. The outlaw was granted sanctuary in the church.

sanguinary

bloody; with much bloodshed

sanguine

optimistic; cheerful; hopeful; of the color of blood; red

sap

diminish; weaken; undermine the foundations of (a fortification); Ex. The element kryptonite sapped his strength.

sarcasm

cutting ironic remark; scornful remarks; stinging rebuke; ADJ. sarcastic

sardonic

scornfully mocking; disdainful; sarcastic; cynical; Ex. sardonic smile

sartorial

pertaining to tailors or tailoring; Ex. a man of great sartorial elegance; CF. sartor: tailor

sate

satisfy to the full; satisfy to excess; cloy

satellite

small body revolving around a larger one

satiate

satisfy fully (physical needs such as hunger); sate; N. satiety:

condition of being satiated

satire

form of literature in which irony, sarcasm, and ridicule are employed to attack human vice and folly

satirical

using satire; mocking

saturate

soak thoroughly; imbue; impregnate; charge; fill to capacity

saturnine

morose; gloomy; Ex. Do not be misled by his saturnine countenance.

satyr

half-human, half-bestial being in the court of Dionysus (resembling a goat), portrayed as wanton (unrestrained) and cunning; lecher; CF. faun; CF. goat: lecherous man

saunter

stroll (go for a leisurely walk) slowly; N.

savant

scholar; learned person; CF. savoir: know

savor

enjoy; have a distinctive flavor, smell, or quality; N: taste or smell; distinctive quality

savory

pleasant in taste; tasty; pleasing, attractive, or agreeable; Ex. savory reputation

scabbard

case for a sword blade; sheath

scad

a great quantity; Ex. scads of clothes

scaffold

temporary platform for workers (to work at heights above the ground); bracing framework; platform for execution

scale

climb up; ascend; remove or come off in scales; N: flake of epidermis; ascending or descending series of musical tones

scanty

meager; insufficient

scapegoat

someone who bears the blame for others; whipping boy; CF. escape+goat

scavenge

hunt through discarded materials for usable items or food; search, especially for food; N. scavenger: one who scavenges; animal that feeds on refuse and carrion

scenario

plot outline; screenplay(script for a movie); opera libretto; outline of possible future events

schematic

of a schema or scheme; relating to an outline or diagram; using a system of symbols; N. schema: diagrammatic representation; outline

scheme

systematic plan; plot; clever dishonest plan; orderly arrangement of elements; Ex. health insurance scheme; Ex. a scheme to escape taxes; Ex. a color scheme; Ex. a story with no scheme; V: contrive a scheme

schism

division into factions (esp. within a religious body); split

scholarly

full of learning; erudite; like a scholar; Ex. scholarly journal

scintilla

trace; minute amount; shred; least bit; Ex. There is not a scintilla of truth; CF. spark

scintillate

sparkle; flash; be animated; be full of life; Ex. scintillating conversation

scion

detached plant shoot used in grafting; descendant

scoff

laugh (at); mock; ridicule; Ex. scoff at their threats

scorch

sear; N.

score

number of points; written form of a musical composition; reason; group of 20; notch or incision; Ex. full/vocal score; Ex. Don't worry on that score; V: mark with lines or notches; Ex. score the paper to make it easy to fold

scotch

stamp out(put an end to); thwart; hinder; Ex. scotch the rumor; CF. cut; CF. 劝悼阑临捞绰 狼固

scourge

lash; whip (formerly used for punishment); source of severe punishment; V: whip; afflict

sowl

frown angrily; N: angry frown

scrap

small bit or fragment; discarded waste material; fight; Ex. a scrap of paper/cloth; V: break into parts for disposal; discard as worthless; fight; quarrel

scrappy

quarrelsome

scraps

leftover food

screech

unpleasant high sharp sound; shriek; V.

scrimmage

disorderly fight between two or more people

scruple

hesitate for ethical reasons; fret about; Ex. She did not scruple to read his diary; N: uneasy feeling arising from conscience; conscience

scrupulous

conscientious; extremely thorough; Ex. scrupulous worker

scrutinize

examine closely and critically; N. scrutiny

scuffle

struggle confusedly; move off in a confused hurry; N. CF. scuffling twins ?

scurrilous

abusive; obscene; indecent; Ex. scurrilous remark

scurry

move hastily; hurry; move briskly

scurvy

contemptible; despicable; N: disease caused by deficiency of Vitamin C

scuttle

sink (a ship) by cutting holes in the hull; scrap; discard; N: small hatch in a ship's deck or hull

seamy

sordid; base; filthy; unwholesome; Ex. seamy side of city life

sear

burn the surface of; char or burn; brand; parch; cause (a plant) to wither

season

enhance the flavor of by adding a spice, etc.; inure; harden; N. seasoning: something used in seasoning

seasonable

occurring at the proper time or season; opportune; Ex. seasonable intervention in the dispute

seasonal

of a particular season; Ex. seasonal rise in employment

seasoned

experienced

secession

withdrawal; V. secede: withdraw formally from membership

seclusion

isolation; solitude; V. seclude: set apart from others; isolate

secrete

conceal; hide away or cache; produce and release a substance into an organism; CF. secretive

sect

separate religious body; faction; group of people with common beliefs within a larger group

sectarian

of a sect; narrow-minded; parochial; N: member of a sect; narrow-minded person

secular

worldly; not pertaining to church matters or religion; temporal

sedate

composed (with no excitement); grave; V: administer a sedative to; CF. sedative

sedentary

requiring sitting; done while sitting; not moving from one place to another; settled; Ex. sedentary job/population

sedition

conduct or language inciting rebellion; rebellion; resistance to authority; insubordination; ADJ. seditious

seduce

lead away from proper conduct; entice; ADJ. seductive

sedulous

diligent; assiduous; paying attention; N. sedulity

seedy

run-down; decrepit; disreputable; having many seeds; Ex. seedy downtown hotel

seemly

(of behavior) proper; appropriate

seep

pass slowly through small openings; ooze; trickle; N. seepage

seethe

be violently disturbed; boil; (of a liquid) move about wildly as if boiling; Ex. The nation was seething with discontent.

seine

seine net; net for catching fish

seismic

pertaining to earthquakes

selective

careful in choosing; having an effect only on certain things; not general; Ex. eclectic weed killer

self-indulgence

excessive indulgence of one's own desire

self-righteous

sure of one's own righteousness; moralistic

semblance

outward appearance; guise; Ex. We called in the troops to bring a/some semblance of order to the city.

seminal

related to seed or semen; germinal; creative; providing a basis for further development; influencing future developments; Ex. seminal research in a new field

seminary

school for training future ministers; secondary school, especially for young women

senility

old age; feeble-mindedness of old age; ADJ. senile: resulting from old age; showing the weakness of body or mind from old age; Ex. senile dementia

sensitization

process of being made sensitive or acutely responsive to an external agent or substance; V. sensitize: make or become sensitive

sensual

devoted to the pleasures of the sense; carnal; voluptuous; Ex. sensual woman/curves/lips

sensuous

giving pleasure to the senses; pertaining to the physical senses; operating through the senses; sensuous feeling of soft velvet on the skin

sententious

pithy; terse; concise; aphoristic

sentient

capable of sensation and conscious; aware; sensitive; Ex. sentient creature; N. sentience

sentimental

swayed by sentiment; appealing to the sentiments

sentinel

sentry; lookout

septic

of or causing sepsis; putrid; producing putrefaction; N. sepsis: poisoning of part of the body (producing pus)

sepulcher

tomb; V: place in a sepulcher; ADJ. sepulchral

sequester

isolate; segregate; seclude; retire from public life

sere

sear; parched; dry

serendipity

gift for finding valuable things by accident; accidental good fortune or luck; CF. The Three Princes of Serendip

serenity

calmness; placidity; ADJ. serene

serpentine

winding; twisting; of or like a serpent; Ex. serpentine course of the river; N. serpent: snake

serrated

having a sawtoothed edge; Ex. serrated leaf

servile

slavish; cringing; N. servility

servitude

slavery; compulsory labor imposed as a punishment

sever

separate; cut off (a part) from a whole; break up (a relationship); N. severance; CF. severance pay: extra pay given an employee upon leaving a position

severity

harshness; intensity; sternness; austerity; ADJ. severe: harsh; strict; extremely violent or intense

sextant

navigation tool used to determine a ship's latitude and longitude (by measuring the altitudes of stars)

shack

crude cabin

shackle

chain; fetter; confine with shackles; N.

shade

slight difference in degree; nuance; degree of color; Ex. shades of meaning/grey

sham

pretend; feign; ADJ: not genuine; fake; Ex. sham jewelry; N: something that is not what it appears; impostor; pretense; Ex. The agreement was a sham.

shambles

(place or scene of) complete disorder or ruin; wreck; mess; Ex. After the hurricane, the coast was a shambles.

Shangri-la

imaginary remote paradise on earth; CF. Lost Horizon

shard

fragment generally of broken pottery (glass, clay bowl, or cup)

shaving

very thin piece, usually of wood (cut from a surface with a sharp blade)

sheaf

bundle of stalks of grain; any bundle of things tied together

shear

remove (fleece or hair) by cutting; remove the hair or fleece from; cut with or as if with shears; N: shears; pair of scissors

sheathe

place into a case; insert into or provide with a sheath; Ex. He sheathed his dagger; N. sheath: case for a blade

shed

small roofed structure for storage and shelter; V: pour forth; lose by natural process; repel without allowing penetration; radiate; cast; Ex. shed tears/light/water/skin/leaves

sheer

pure; thin and transparent; very steep

sherbet

flavored dessert ice

shift

change position or place; exchange (one thing) for another; change in direction or position; Ex. shift the stolen goods; N. group of workers which takes turns with other groups; working period of such a group

shimmer

shine with a flickering light; glimmer intermittently; Ex. The moonlight shimmered on the water; N.

shirk

avoid (responsibility, work, etc.); malingering

shoddy

made of inferior material; sham; not genuine; inferior; dishonest; Ex. shoddy goods/trick

shoot

new growth from a plant

shove

push forward; push roughly; Ex. pushing and shoving to get on the bus; N.

shrew

scolding woman; very small mouselike animal

shrewd

clever; astute

shriveled

make or become shrunken and wrinkled (often by drying)

shudder

shake uncontrollably; tremble; V.

shuffle

mix together; jumble; move (something) from one place to another; slide (the feet) along the ground while walking; Ex. shuffle papers from one pile to another; N.

shun

keep away from; avoid deliberately; Ex. She has been shunned by her neighbors.

shunt

move (a railway train) from one track to another; turn aside; divert; sidetrack; Ex. shunt traffic around an accident; N.

shyster

lawyer using questionable methods; unscrupulous practitioner

sibling

brother or sister

sibylline

prophetic; oracular; N. sibyl: woman prophet (in the ancient world)

sidereal

relating to stars; Ex. sidereal day

sidetrack

switch (a railroad car) to a siding; divert from a main issue; N. CF. siding: short section of railroad track connected by switches with a main track

sift

put through a sieve to separate fine from coarse particles; sort or examine carefully

significant

expressing a meaning; important; Ex. significant smile; N. significance: importance; meaning; V. signify: denote; mean; signal; make known; matter; be significant

silt

sediment deposited by running water (at the entrance to a harbor or by a bend in a river)

simian

monkeylike; N: ape or monkey

simile

comparison of one thing with another, using the word like or as

simper

smirk; smile in a silly way; smile affectedly

simplistic

oversimplified

simulate

feign; imitate

sinecure

well-paid position with little responsibility; CF. sine cure: without care; CF. San Serif

sinewy

(of meat) tough; strong and firm; muscular; N. sinew: tendon; strong cord connecting a muscle to a bone

singular

being only one; individual; unique; extraordinary; odd; Ex. singular beauty/behavior

sinister

evil; ominous

sinuous

twisting; winding; bending in and out; not morally honest

siren

apparatus for making sounds; womanlike creature

skeptic

sceptic; doubter; person who suspends judgment until he has examined the evidence supporting a point of view; ADJ. skeptical; N. skepticism; scepticism

skiff

small light sailboat or rowboat

skim

read or glance through quickly; touch lightly in passing; brush; remove from the surface of a liquid

skimp

provide or use scantily; live very economically; Ex. skimp on necessities; ADJ. skimpy: inadequate in amount; scanty; stingy; niggardly

skinflint

miser; stingy person

skirmish

minor fight; minor battle in war; V.

skittish

inconstant; capricious; frivolous; not serious; Ex. charming but skittish young woman; CF. skit

skulduggery(skullduggery)

dishonest behavior or action; Ex. skulduggery in the election

skulk

move furtively and secretly; Ex. He skulked through the less fashionable sections of the city.

slack

moving slowly; sluggish; inactive; (of a rope) loose; negligent; lax; Ex. slack season; Ex. slack in one's work; N. V.

slacken

slow up; loosen; make or become slack

slag

glassy residue from smelting metal; dross; waste matter

slake

satisfy (thirst); quench; sate

slander

defamation; utterance of false and malicious statements; V. ADJ. slanderous

slap

hit quickly with the flat part of the hand; N. CF. smack

slapdash

hasty and careless; haphazard; sloppy(carelessly done)

slaughter

killing of animals for food; massacre; V: butcher (animals) for food; kill in large numbers

slavish

of or like a slave; servile; showing no originality; copied very closely; Ex. slavish devotion/copy of the original

sleazy

shabby and dirty; flimsy; insubstantial; Ex. sleazy back-street hotel/fabric

sledge

large sled drawn by work animals

sleek

smooth and shining (as from good health); V.

sleeper

one that achieves unexpected success; something originally of little value or importance that in time becomes very valuable

sleigh

large vehicle drawn by a horse over snow or ice

sleight

dexterity; CF. sleight of hand: legerdemain; quickness of the hands in doing tricks

slew

large quantity or number; Ex. slew of errands left

slick

make smooth or glossy; N: smooth surface; Ex. oil slick; ADJ: smooth; glossy; deftly executed; adroit; glib

slight

insult to one's dignity; snub; V: treat as if of small importance; insult; snub; ADJ. small in size; of small importance

slink

move furtively; ADJ. slinky: stealthy; furtive; sneaky (as in ambush)

slipshod

slovenly; careless; sloppy; untidy; shabby; Ex. slipshod work

slither

slip or slide

sloth

slow moving tree-dwelling mammal; laziness; ADJ. slothful: lazy; indolent

slough

(of a snake) shed or cast off (dead outer skin); N: outer layer that is shed

slovenly

untidy; careless in work habits; slipshod; N. sloven: one who is habitually untidy or careless

sluggard

lazy person

sluggish

lazy; slow; inactive; lethargic; CF. slug: nail with no shell

sluice

artificial channel for directing or controlling the flow of water (with a gate to regulate the flow)

slur

pronounce indistinctly; speak indistinctly; mumble

sly

clever in deceiving; secretive; not telling one's intentions

smart

intelligent; quick and energetic; fashionable; Ex. smart pace/restaurant; V: cause or feel a sharp pain; N: smarting pain

smattering

slight knowledge; small scattered number or amount; Ex. smattering of German

smear

spread or cover with a sticky substance; N: mark made by smearing

smelt

melt (ore) for separating and removing the metal; melt or blend ores changing their chemical composition

smirk

conceited smile; offensively self-satisfied smile (often at someone else's misfortune); V.

smolder

smoulder; burn slowly without flame; be liable to break out at any moment; exist in a suppressed state; Ex. smoldering anger

smother

kill from lack of air; suppress; cover thickly; Ex. smothered in little stickers

smudge

dirty mark with unclear edges made by rubbing; V.

smug

self-satisfied; complacent

sneak

move, give, or take in a quiet, stealthy way; N: one who sneaks; ADJ. sneaky

snicker

half-stifled (suppressed) laugh; V.

snip

short quick cut with scissors; V: cut with scissors

snivel

complain or whine tearfully; run at the nose; snuffle; Ex. Don't come back sniveling to me.

snub

ignore or behave coldly toward; Ex. I made a suggestion but she snubbed me; N.

snuffle

sniffle; sniff repeatedly (in order to keep liquid from running out of the nose)

soar

rise or fly high in the air; Ex. The rocket soared into the sky.

sober

serious; solemn; not drunken; abstemious or temperate; V: make or become sober

sobriety

moderation (especially regarding indulgence in alcohol); seriousness

sodden

thoroughly soaked; dull or stupid as if from drink

sojourn

temporary stay; V: stay for a time

solace

comfort in sorrow or trouble; consolation; V: comfort or console in time of sorrow or trouble

solder

repair or make whole by using a metal alloy; N: metal alloy (usually tin and lead) used in the molten state to join metallic parts

solecism

nonstandard grammatical construction; construction that is flagrantly incorrect grammatically; violation of social etiquette

solemnity

seriousness; gravity

solicit

entreat; request earnestly; seek to obtain; Ex. solicit votes; CF. solicitor: one who solicits; chief law officer

solicitor

lawyer in the lower court of law

solicitous

anxious; worried; concerned; eager; Ex. solicitous to do something; N. solicitude

soliloquy

talking to oneself (esp. in a play); CF. monologue: soliloquy; long speech by one person (often monopolizing a conversation)

solitude

state of being alone; seclusion; ADJ. solitary: existing or living alone (esp. by choice); remote or secluded; single; sole; Ex. solitary life/inn; Ex. no solitary piece of proof

solstice

point or time at which the sun is farthest from the equator

soluble

able to be dissolved in a liquid; able to be worked out or solved

solvent

substance that dissolves another; ADJ: capable of dissolving another substance

somatic

pertaining to the body; bodily; physical

somber

dark; gloomy; melancholy; depressing; CF. shadow

somnambulist

sleepwalker; V. somnambulate; N. somnambulism

somnolent

half asleep; drowsy; N. somnolence

sonic

of sound or its speed in air; CF. subsonic, supersonic

sonnet

14-line poetic verse form with a fixed rhyme pattern

sonorous

resonant; producing a full deep sound; producing sound

soothsayer

one who foretells the future

sophist

teacher of philosophy; quibbler; employer of fallacious reasoning; N. sophism: plausible but fallacious argument

sophisticated

worldly wise and urbane; refined; complex; N. sophistication; V. sophisticate

sophistry

seemingly plausible but fallacious reasoning; sophism

sophomoric

immature; half-baked; like a sophomore

soporific

sleep-causing; marked by sleepiness; drowsy

sordid

filthy; foul; base; vile; Ex. sordid bed/story

sound

in good condition; showing good judgment or good sense; thorough; complete; Ex. sound mind/investment/training

sour

having a sharp or acid taste; acid; tart; bad-tempered; V.

sovereign

ruler in a monarchy; ADJ: (of a country) independent and self-governing; having supreme power; supreme; excellent

sovereignty

complete independence and self-government (of a country); supremacy of authority; power to govern

sow

plant or scatter seed

spangle

small shiny metallic piece sewn to clothing for ornamentation

spare

give; use; refrain from harming; save from experiencing; exempt; Ex. spare me 5 minutes; Ex. Take this money and spare my life; Ex. The emperor was spared the onus; ADJ: kept in reserve; free for other use; unoccupied; Ex. spare time

sparse

not thick; thinly scattered; scanty

Spartan

without attention to comfort; lacking luxury and comfort; sternly disciplined; Ex. spartan living condition/life

spasmodic

fitful; periodic; of or like a spasm; N. spasm: sudden involuntary muscular contraction; sudden burst of energy or emotion

spat

squabble; minor dispute; minor quarrel

spate

sudden flood or rush; Ex. spate of accidents

spatial

relating to space

spatula

broad-bladed instrument used for spreading or mixing

spawn

lay eggs (in large numbers); produce offspring (in large numbers); N: eggs of aquatic animals

specious

seemingly reasonable but incorrect; misleading (often intentionally)

speck

small piece or mark; Ex. speck of dust in the eye

spectral

ghostly; N. specter: spectre; ghost; phantom

spectrum

colored band produced when a beam of light passes through a prism; broad and continuous range; Ex. whole spectrum of modern thoughts

speechless

unable for the moment to speak (because of strong feeling); Ex. speechless with anger

spendthrift

someone who wastes money; CF. thrift: accumulated wealth

sphinx-like

enigmatic; mysterious

spin

rotate swiftly; make (thread) by twisting (cotton, wool, etc.); N.

splice

join together end to end to make one continuous length; fasten together; unite; Ex. splice two strips of tape; N.

spoilsport

one who spoils the pleasure of others

spontaneity

lack of premeditation; naturalness; freedom from constraint; ADJ. spontaneous: self-generated; unpremeditated; happening without being planned

spoof

parody

spoonerism

accidental transposition of sounds in successive words; Ex. ``Let me sew you to your sheet" for ``Let me show you to your seat"; CF. William Spooner

sporadic

occurring irregularly; intermittent

sportive

playful; frolicsome; merry; CF. sport: play or frolic; CF. sportsmanlike

sprout

begin to grow; give off shoots or buds; N: new growth on a plant; shoot

spruce

neat and trim in appearance; smart; Ex. Be spruce for your job interview; V.

spry

(esp. of older people) vigorously active; nimble

spurious

false; counterfeit; forged; illogical; Ex. spurious arguments

spurn

reject disdainfully; scorn; Ex. She spurned all offers of help.

squabble

minor quarrel; bickering; V: engage in a minor quarrel; Ex. squabbling children

squalor

condition of being squalid; filth; degradation; dirty neglected state; ADJ. squalid: dirty; sordid; morally repulsive; Ex. squalid story

squander

waste; spend foolishly

squash

crush; quash; suppress

squat

short and thick; stocky; Ex. ugly squat tower; V. N.

squeamish

easily shocked or sickened by unpleasant things; fastidious; Ex. A nurse should not be squeamish.

squelch

produce a splashing sound (when stepping through mud); crush; squash;

staccato

played in an abrupt manner; marked by abrupt sharp sound; Ex. staccato applause

stagnant

(of water) not flowing (often bad-smelling); motionless; stale; not developing; inactive; dull; Ex. stagnant industrial output

staid

serious and sedate; sober; Ex. staid during the funeral ceremony

stalemate

deadlock; situation in which further action is blocked

stalwart

physically strong; brawny; steadfast; strong in mind or determination; Ex. stalwart supporter; N: stalwart follower

stamina

power of endurance; strength; staying power

stammer

speak with involuntarily pauses or repetitions

stamp

step on heavily (so as to crush or extinguish); put an end to; imprint or impress with a mark, design, or seal; shape with a die; characterize; Ex. machine stamping out car bodies; Ex. newspaper stamping him as a liar; N. stamping; implement us

stampede

sudden frenzied rush (of panic-stricken animals or people); V: participate in or cause stampede; Ex. stampede before the price rises

stanch

stop or check flow of blood; Ex. stanch the gushing wound

standstill

condition of no movement or activity; stop

stanza

division of a poem (composed of two or more lines)

start

move suddenly or involuntarily; Ex. start at the sight of a snake

stately

formal; ceremonious; grand in style or size; majestic

static

having no motion; unchanging; lacking development; N. stasis: stable state

statute

law enacted by the legislature

statutory

created by statute or legislative action; regulated by statute; Ex. statutory age limit

steadfast

steadily loyal; unswerving; steady

stealth

action of moving secretly or unseen; slyness; sneakiness; secretiveness; ADJ. stealthy

steep

soak; saturate; Ex. steep the fabric in the dye bath; ADJ: precipitous

stellar

pertaining to the stars; of a star performer; outstanding; Ex. stellar attraction of the entire performance

stem

stop or check (the flow of); Ex. stem the bleeding from the slashed artery; N: main axis of a plant; stalk

stem_from

arise from; originate from

stench

strong foul odor; reek; stink

stentorian

(of the voice) extremely loud; CF. Stentor: a loud herald in the Iliad

stereotype

one regarded as embodying a set image or type; fixed and unvarying representation; standardized mental picture often reflecting prejudice; Ex. stereotype of the happy slave; V: make a stereotype of; represent by a stereotype; Ex. It is wrong to ster

sterile

incapable of producing young; free from microorganism; V. sterilize

stickler

perfectionist; person who insists things be exactly right

stifle

suppress; extinguish; inhibit; smother or suffocate

stigma

token of disgrace; brand; V. stigmatize: mark with a stigma; characterize as disgraceful

stilted

bombastic; stiffly pompous; Ex. stilted rhetoric; CF. stiff: formal

stink

stench; V: emit a strong foul odor

stint

supply; allotted amount of work; assigned portion of work; limitation; Ex. two-year stint in the army; Ex. without stint

stipend

pay for services

stipple

paint or draw with dots or short strokes

stipulate

state as a necessary condition (of an agreement); make express conditions; specify; Ex. He stipulated payment in advance

stock

standard; kept regularly in stock or supply; typical; routine; common; Ex. stock sizes of paper; Ex. stock excuse/character; N: goods for sale in a shop; OP. unique

stockade

wooden enclosure or pen; fixed line of posts used as defensive barrier

stodgy

dull; stuffy; boringly conservative; Ex. stodgy book

stoic

stoical; impassive; unmoved by joy or grief; N. CF. stoicism

stoke

stir up a fire or furnace; feed plentifully

stolid

dull; impassive; showing little emotion when strong feelings are expected

stoop

bend forward and down; lower or debase oneself; fall to a lower standard of behavior by doing something; condescend; Ex. stoop to lying

stout

rather fat; strong in body; sturdy; resolute; determined; strong in determination; Ex. stout stick/supporter

straggle

stray or fall behind (a main group); spread out in a scattered group; Ex. straggling marathon racer; Ex. straggling branch

strangle

kill by choking or suffocating; suppress

stratagem

deceptive scheme; clever trick

stratified

divided into classes; arranged into strata; V. stratify

stratum

layer of earth's surface; layer of society; PL. strata

strew

spread randomly; sprinkle; scatter; Ex. flower girl strewing rose petals

striated

marked with parallel bands; striped; grooved; Ex. striated rocks; V. striate; N. stria: thin groove or line

stricture

severe and adverse criticism; critical comments; limit or restriction

strident

loud and harsh; insistent; N. stridency

stringent

(of rules) binding; rigid; marked by scarcity of money; Ex. stringent economic conditions

strut

supporting bar; CF. airplane wing building support

studied

carefully contrived; calculated; unspontaneous; deliberate; thoughtful; Ex. studied remark

studious

given to diligent study

stultify

make stupid in mind; cause to appear or become stupid or inconsistent; suppress; frustrate or hinder; Ex. stultifying effect of uninteresting work; Ex. stultify free expression

stumble

trip and almost fall; proceed unsteadily; act falteringly; N.

stump

base of a tree trunk left after the rest has been cut down; V: walk in a heavy manner; baffle; puzzle

stun

make unconscious or numb as by a blow; amaze; astound

stupefy

stun; make numb (as with a drug); amaze

stupor

state of being stupefied; state of apathy; daze; lack of awareness

sturdy

strong and firm (in the body)

stygian

unpleasantly dark; gloomy; hellish; deathly; CF. Styx: the chief river in the subterranean land of the dead

stymie

thwart; present an obstacle; stump

suavity

urbanity; polish; ADJ. suave: smooth and courteous

subaltern

subordinate

subdue

less intense; quieter; Ex. subdued lighting; Ex. subdue: conquer; make less intense; quiet; Ex. subdue one's anger

subjective

influenced by personal feelings; occurring or taking place within the mind; unreal; Ex. subjective sensation of the ghostly presence

subjugate

conquer; bring under control

sublimate

refine; purify; replace (natural urges) with socially acceptable activities; change between a solid state and a gaseous state

sublime

causing deep feelings of wonder, joy, respect, etc.; exalted; noble and uplifting; utter

subliminal

below the threshold of conscious perception; Ex. subliminal advertisement

submerge

place under water; dip; go under water; cover completely (as with water); Ex. submerged in work

submissive

willing to obey orders; yielding; timid

subordinate

occupying a lower rank; inferior; submissive; N. V: put in a lower rank or class

suborn

persuade to act unlawfully (especially to commit perjury); N. subornation

subpoena

writ(written command issued by a court) summoning a witness to appear in court; V: summon with a subpoena

subsequent

following in time or order; later

subservient

behaving like a slave; servile; obsequious; subordinate; N. subservience

subside

sink to a lower level; settle down; sink to the bottom (as a sediment); descend; grow quiet; become less; moderate; abate

subsidiary

serving to assist; subordinate; secondary; of a subsidy; N.

subsidy

direct financial aid by government, etc.; V. subsidize: assist with a subsidy

subsistence

existence; means of subsisting; means of support; livelihood; V. subsist: exist; maintain life (at a meager level)

substantial

of substance; material; solid; essential or fundamental; ample; considerable; well-to-do; wealthy

substantiate

support (a claim) with evidence; establish with evidence; verify

substantive

substantial; essential; pertaining to the substance; substantial; considerable; Ex. substantive issues

subsume

include (as a member of a group); encompass

subterfuge

stratagem(deceptive scheme); pretense; evasion; Ex. resort to a harmless subterfuge

subtlety

perceptiveness; ingenuity; delicacy; ADJ. subtle: delicate; so slight as to be difficult to detect; able to make fine distinctions; clever; Ex. subtle mind/differences in meaning

subversive

tending to overthrow or ruin; V. subvert: overthrow completely (an established system); destroy completely; CF. undermine ?

succor

assist (someone in difficulty); aid; comfort; N.

succulent

juicy; full of juice or sap; full of richness; N: succulent plant such as a cactus

succumb

yield (to something overwhelming); give in; die; Ex. succumb to the illness

suckle

give or take milk at the breast or udder

suffocate

die or kill from lack of air; suppress

suffragist

advocate of the extension of voting rights (for women); CF. suffrage

suffuse

spread through or over (with a color or liquid); charge; Ex. A blush suffused her cheeks.

suitor

man who is courting a woman

sullen

silently showing ill humor or resentment; dark; gloomy

sully

defile; soil; tarnish; Ex. sully one's hands in menial labor

sultry

(of weather) hot; sweltering; sensual; voluptuous

summation

act of finding the total; summing-up; summary (esp. one given by the judge at the end of a trial)

sumptuous

grand suggesting great expense; lavish; rich; Ex. sumptuous feast

sunder

separate; part; CF. asunder

sundry

miscellaneous; various; several; N. sundries: small miscellaneous items

superannuated

retired or disqualified because of age; outmoded; obsolete

supercilious

haughty; arrogant; condescending; patronizing; CF. eyebrow, cilium

supererogatory

superfluous; more than needed or demanded

superficial

of the surface; not deep; shallow; not thorough; trivial; Ex. superficial analysis/knowledge

superfluous

excessive; overabundant; unnecessary; N. superfluity

superimpose

place over something else

supernumerary

person or thing excess of what is necessary; extra; ADJ: additional to the usual or necessary number

supersede

replace; cause to be set aside; make obsolete; N. supersession

supine

lying on back; passive; inactive; Ex. The defeated pugilist lay supine; Ex. supine acceptance of the decision

supplant

take the place of unfairly; usurp; replace

supple

flexible; limber; pliant

suppliant

entreating; beseeching; N.

supplicant

one who supplicates; ADJ.

supplicate

petition humbly; pray to grant a favor

supposition

assumption; hypothesis; surmise; V. suppose

supposititious

assumed; counterfeit; hypothetical

suppress

put an end to forcibly; subdue; stifle; overwhelm; inhibit the expression of; check; prevent from being published or made public; Ex. suppress a smile; Ex. suppress the magazine/truth

surfeit

satiate; feed or supply to excess; stuff; indulge to excess in anything; N: surfeiting; excessive amount; Ex. surfeit of food

surge

powerful movement of or like a wave; V.

surly

bad-tempered; rude; cross

surmise

guess; N.

surmount

overcome

surpass

exceed

surreptitious

done secretly; secret; furtive; sneaky; hidden

surrogate

substitute; person or thing used in place of another; Ex. surrogate mother; ADJ.

surveillance

close observation of a person (esp. one under suspicion); watching; guarding

susceptible

impressionable; easily influenced; sensitive; having little resistance as to a disease; likely to suffer; receptive to; capable of accepting; Ex. susceptible to persuasion/colds; Ex. The agreement is not susceptible of alteration; N. susceptibility

suspend

cause to stop for a period; interrupt; hold in abeyance; defer; hang from above; exclude for a period from a position; Ex. suspended state; Ex. suspend judgment; Ex. suspended from the team; N. suspension

suspense

state of being undecided; anxiety or apprehension resulting from uncertainty

sustain

suffer (harm or loss); experience; support; prop; maintain; keep in existence; nourish (to maintain life); Ex. sustain the family/the trapped miners

sustenance

sustaining; means of livelihood, support, food, nourishment; something that maintains life; food

suture

stitches sewn to hold the cut edges of a wound or incision; material used in sewing; V: sew together a wound

swagger

walk or behave with an over-confident manner

swamp

wetland; marsh; V: flood; overwhelm; drench in with liquid

swarm

large group of insects moving in a mass; crowd of people or animals; V: move in a crowd or mass

swarthy

(of a skin or complexion) dark; dusky; Ex. swarthy Italian ?

swathe

swath; wrap around; bandage; Ex. one's head swathed in bandages

sway

swing from side to side; influence (someone) to change one's opinion; N.

swear

vow; promise; use profane oaths; use offensive words

swear-word

word considered offensive; Ex. ``bloody''

swell

long wave of water that moves continuously without breaking; V.

swelter

(of a person) suffer from oppressive heat; be oppressed by heat

swerve

deviate; turn aside sharply from a straight course; Ex. swerve from the principle; Ex. The car swerved to the right.

swill

drink greedily

swindler

cheater

swipe

hit with a sweeping motion; N.

sybarite

lover of luxury; person devoted to pleasure and luxury; CF. Sybaris: an ancient Greek city in Italy

sycophant

servile flatterer; bootlicker; yes man; ADJ. sycophantic

syllogism

logical formula consisting of a major premise, a minor premise and a conclusion; deceptive or specious argument

sylvan

pertaining to the woods or the country

symbiosis

interdependent relationship (between groups, species) often mutually beneficial; ADJ. symbiotic; CF. together + life

symmetry

arrangement of parts so that balance is obtained; congruity; ADJ. symmetrical

synchronous

similarly timed; simultaneous with; occurring at the same time; V. synchronize

synoptic

providing a general overview; summary; N. synopsis

synthesis

combining parts or separate things into a whole; the whole so formed; PL. syntheses; V. synthesize

synthetic

not natural; artificial; resulting from synthesis; Ex. synthetic fiber; N.

Barron GRE word list - T

tablet

small round piece of medicine; flat piece of stone or metal bearing an inscription; Ex. stone tablet on the wall

tacit

understood (without actually being expressed); not put into words; Ex. tacit agreement

taciturn

habitually silent; talking little

tact

skill or sensitivity in dealing with people without causing offence

tactful

careful not to cause offence; OP. tactless

tactile

pertaining to the organs or sense of touch

taint

contaminate; cause to lose purity; modify with a trace of something bad; Ex. tainted reputation; N: stain; touch of decay or bad influence; CF. touch

takeoff

burlesque; act of leaving the ground

talisman

charm; object believed to give supernatural powers to or protect its bearer

talon

claw of bird

tan

convert (hide) into leather; make brown by exposure to the sun

tangential

only slightly connected; not central; peripheral; digressing; showing divergence; CF. tangent

tangible

able to be touched; real; concrete; palpable; possible to realize or understand; Ex. tangible proof

tanner

person who turns animal hides into leather

tantalize

tease; excite by exposing something desirable while keeping it out of reach; torture with disappointment; CF. Tantalus: Greek mythological figure

tantamount

equivalent in effect or value; Ex. This invasion is tantamount to a declaration of war; CF. amount

tantrum

fit of bad temper; fit of petulance; caprice; Ex. The child went into tantrums.

taper

very thin candle; gradual decrease in the width of a long object; V. make or become gradually narrower toward one end

tarantula

venomous spider

tardy

slow; sluggish; not on time; late; Ex. tardy arrival

tarnish

make or become dull or discolored; N.

tarry

linger; delay in starting or going; dawdle

tart

sharp to the taste; acid-tasting; caustic; sarcastic; Ex. tart apple/reply

tatter

torn piece of cloth; ADJ. tattered: (of clothes) old and torn; (of a person) dressed in old torn clothes

taunt

deride or provoke; challenge in derision; N.

taut

tight; strained; tense; ready; OP. slack

tautological

needlessly repetitious; Ex. ``It was visible to the eye"; N. tautology: needless repetition of the same sense; statement that is always true

tawdry

cheap and gaudy; Ex. tawdry jewelry

tawny

brownish yellow

taxonomist

specialist in classifying (animals, etc.); CF. taxonomy: science of classification

tedium

boredom; weariness; ADJ. tedious

teetotalism

practice of abstaining totally from alcoholic drinks; N. teetotaler;; ADJ. teetotal; CF. T + total

temerity

boldness; nerve; rashness; Ex. temerity to ask for a pay increase after only three day's work

temper

moderate; make less severe; tone down or restrain; toughen (steel) as by alternate heating and cooling

temperament

characteristic frame of mind; disposition; emotional excess; ADJ. temperamental: of temperament; having frequent changes of temper; Ex. temperamental dislike of sports; Ex. temperamental actress

temperate

moderate; restrained; self-controlled; moderate in respect to temperature; CF. temperance: moderation and self-restraint; abstinence of alcoholic drinks; Ex. temperance society

tempestuous

stormy; violent; impassioned; N. tempest: violent storm

tempo

speed of music

temporal

of time; not lasting forever; limited by time; temporary; secular; worldly

temporize

gain time as by postponing an action; avoid committing oneself

tenacious

holding fast (as to a belief); persistent

tenacity

firmness; persistence

tenancy

possession of land or building by rent; period of a tenant's occupancy

tenant

one that pays rent to use property owned by another

tend

have a tendency; take care of; minister; serve at; apply one's attention; attend

tendentious

promoting a particular point of view; biased; having an aim; designed to further a cause; Ex. tendentious rather than truth-seeking; CF. tend: move in a certain direction

tender

offer formally; extend; Ex. tender one's resignation/the exact fare; N: formal offer; money; Ex. legal tender; ADJ: young and vulnerable; sensitive to the touch; sore; soft; delicate; Ex. child of tender years; Ex. tender wound

tenet

doctrine; dogma

tensile

capable of being stretched; of tension; Ex. tensile rubber

tension

stretching; condition of being stretched; mental strain; strained relationship between groups or people

tentative

not fully worked out or developed; provisional; experimental; uncertain; hesitant; not definite or positive; Ex. tentative agreement/reply

tenuous

thin; slim; rare

tenure

holding of an office or real estate; time during which such an office is held

tepid

lukewarm; slightly warm; half-hearted; not eager; Ex. tepid reaction to the new film; Ex. tepid supporter

terminal

part that forms the end; railroad or bus station; ADJ. forming an end; ending in death; fatal; Ex. terminal cancer

termination

end; V. terminate

terminology

terms used in a science or art; study of nomenclature

terminus

last stop of railroad; end

terrestrial

on or relating to the earth

terse

concise; abrupt; pithy

tertiary

third in order or rank

tessellated

mosaic; inlaid; Ex. tessellated pattern

testator

maker of a will; CF. testatrix

testy

irritable; impatient and bad-tempered; short-tempered; N. testiness

tether

tie (an animal) with a rope or tether; N: rope or chain to which an animal is tied; limit of one's endurance; Ex. the end of one's tether

thematic

of a theme; relating to a unifying motif or idea

theocracy

government run by religious leaders

theoretical

based on theory; not practical or applied; hypothetical

therapeutic

curative; N. therapy

thermal

pertaining to heat; producing heat; warm; Ex. thermal bath; N: rising current of warm air

thesis

opinion put forward and supported by reasoned arguments

thespian

pertaining to drama; N: actor or actress

thrall

slave; bondage; slavery; Ex. Her beauty held him in thrall; CF. enthrall

thrash

beat with a whip or flail; defeat utterly; talk about thoroughly in order to find the answer; move wildly or violently; Ex. The fishes thrashed about in the net.

threadbare

worn through till the threads show; shabby and poor; hackneyed; Ex. threadbare excuses

threat

sign or warning (of coming danger); Ex. threat of rain; V: express a threat; give warning of (something bad); Ex. The cloud threatens rain.

thresh

beat (cereal plants) with a machine or flail to separate the grains from the straw

thrifty

careful about money; economical; N. thrift

thrive

prosper; flourish

throb

(of a heart or machine) beat rapidly or violently; N. Ex. hearthrob: heartbeat; sweetheart

throes

violent anguish

throng

crowd (of people or things); V.

throttle

strangle; regulate the speed of with a throttle; N: valve that regulates the flow; CF. throat ?

thwart

block or hinder; baffle; frustrate

tickle

touch (the body) lightly so as to cause laughter; please

tightwad

miser; excessively frugal person

tiller

handle used to move boat's rudder (to steer)

timbre

quality of a musical tone produced by a musical instrument (which distinguishes it from others of the same pitch)

timidity

lack of self-confidence or courage

timorous

fearful; timid; demonstrating fear

tinge

give a slight degree of a color or quality to; N: slight degree of a color or quality; Ex. tinged with grey/jealousy

tint

slight degree of color; V: give a tint to

tipple

drink (alcoholic beverages) frequently; N: alcoholic drink

tirade

long angry denunciatory speech; diatribe; harangue; extended scolding; denunciation

titanic

gigantic; N. titan

tithe

tax of one-tenth (contributed to a church); V: pay a tithe

titillate

tickle; excite pleasantly; Ex. not to titillate the audience but to enlighten it

title

name (of a book, film, etc.); mark of rank; formal appellation as of rank or office (such as Lord or General); right or claim to possession; championship; Ex. title as head of the family; Ex. title to the estate

titter

nervous giggle; nervous laugh; V.

titular

of a title; in name only; nominal; having the title of an office without the obligations; Ex. titular head of the company

toady

servile flatterer; yes man; sycophant; V: be a toady to; fawn

toga

Roman outer robe

token

outward sign; Ex. a token of our gratitude

toll

sound (a large bell) slowly at regular intervals; N: sound of a bell; fixed tax or charge

tome

large volume; book

tonsure

shaving of the head especially by person entering religious orders; V.

topography

physical features of a region (such as the shape and height); CF. topo-: place

topple

become unsteady and fall down

torpedo

underwater explosive apparatus; V.

torpor

lethargy; sluggishness; dormancy; ADJ. torpid: lethargic; lazy; inactive; (of an animal) dormant; hibernating

torque

twisting force; force producing rotation

torrent

rushing stream; flood; Ex. The rain fell in torrents.

torrid

(of weather) hot or scorching; passionate; Ex. torrid love affairs

torso

trunk of statue with head and limbs missing; human trunk

tortuous

winding; full of curves; Ex. tortuous mountain road

toss

throw lightly; move or lift (the head) with a sudden motion; flip (a coin) to decide something

totem

animal, plant, or natural object serving as a symbol of a clan or family; representation of this; Ex. totem pole

totter

shake or move unsteadily; sway as if about to fall

touching

causing a feeling of pity or sympathy; pathetic; V. touch: cause to feel pity or sympathy; ADJ. touched

touchstone

stone used to test the fineness of gold alloys; criterion; standard

touchy

oversensitive; easily offended; irascible; delicate; needing delicate handling; Ex. touchy situation

tout

promote or publicize (one's goods or service); praise excessively (as a form of advertisement); CF. advertise

toxic

poisonous; N. toxicity

tract

propaganda pamphlet (esp. by a religious or political group); expanse of land; region of indefinite size; system of related organs; Ex. digestive tract

tractable

docile; easily managed; (of something) easily changed or molded; N. tractability

traduce

expose to slander

trajectory

path taken by a projectile; Ex. trajectory of a bullet

tramp

walk with a heavy step; travel on foot; N: vagrant; one who travels aimlessly about; long walk; sound of heavy walking

trample

step heavily with the feet; crush under the feet

trance

hypnotic state; ecstatic state; detachment from one's physical surrounding
(as in contemplation or daydreaming); CF. transition

tranquillity

calmness; peace

transcendent

exceeding ordinary limits; superior; surpassing; V. transcend: go beyond; exceed; surpass; N. transcendancy

transcendental

going beyond common thought or ideas; impossible to understand by practical experiences or practices; known only by studying thoughts or intuition; OP. empirical; CF. transcendentalism

transcribe

copy; write a copy of; N. transcription

transgression

violation of a law; sin; V. transgress: go beyond (a limit); violate; do wrong

transient

staying for a short time; momentary; temporary; N: one that is transient

transition

going from one state of action to another

transitory

transient; impermanent; fleeting; N. transitoriness

translucent

partly transparent

transmute

transform; change; convert to something different

transparent

permitting light to pass through freely; easily detected; obvious; clear; Ex. transparent lie

transpire

(of a fact) become known; be revealed; happen; give off (watery waste matter) through pores

transport

strong emotion; rapture; Ex. in a transport/transports of; V: move to strong emotion; enrapture

transpose

reverse the order or position of

trappings

outward decorations; ornaments (as an outward sign of rank)

traumatic

(of an experience) deeply shocking; pertaining to an injury caused by violence; N. trauma: serious wound; emotional shock that causes lasting psychological damage

travail

strenuous work; toil; painful labor; labor of childbirth

traverse

go through or across

travesty

copy or example of something that completely misrepresents the true nature of the real thing; comical parody or imitation; treatment aimed at making something appear ridiculous; Ex. travesty of justice; OP. paragon

tread

walk; trample; N: grooved face of a tire; horizontal part of a step

treasure

keep as precious; cherish

treatise

article treating a subject systematically and thoroughly

trek

travel; journey; V: make a long difficult journey

tremor

trembling; slight quiver (as of the earth or from nervous agitation)

tremulous

trembling; wavering

trenchant

cutting; incisive; keen

trepidation

fear; nervous apprehension

tribulation

suffering; ordeal; distress; trial

tribunal

court of justice

tribune

official of ancient Rome elected by the plebians to protect their rights; protector of the people

tribute

tax levied by a ruler; payment made by one nation to another in acknowledgment of submission; mark of respect (such as praise or gift); Ex. pay tribute to

trickle

flow in drops or in a thin stream; N.

trickster

person who cheats people

trident

three-pronged spear

trifle

something of little importance or value; small amount; Ex. a trifle; V: treat without seriousness; flirt

trifling

trivial; unimportant

trigger

set off; start

trilogy

group of three related works (connected by a shared subject but each complete in itself)

trim

make neat or tidy by clipping; reduce by removing what is unnecessary; ornament; decorate (round the edges); Ex. trim the cost; Ex. jacket trimmed with fur; N. ADJ: tidy; in good order

trinket

knickknack; bauble; cheap jewelry

trite

hackneyed; commonplace

trivia

trifles; unimportant matters

troth

pledge of good faith especially in betrothal; betrothal; Ex. by my troth

trough

long narrow container for feeding farm animals; lowest point (of a wave, business cycle, etc.); long narrow depression as between waves

truculence

aggressiveness; ferocity; ADJ. truculent: aggressive; pugnacious; fierce

truism

self-evident truth

truncate

cut the top off; shorten

trunk

main wooden stem of a tree; human body excluding the head and limbs; torso; prehensile nose of an elephant

tryst

meeting arranged by lovers; arrangement between lovers to meet

tumid

(of a part of the body) swollen; distended; bombastic; pompous

tumult

commotion of a great crowd; riot; noise; uproar; ADJ. tumultuous: noisy and disorderly

tundra

rolling treeless plain in Siberia and arctic North America

turbid

(of a liquid) having the sediment disturbed; muddy; thick

turbulence

state of violent agitation; ADJ. turbulent: violently agitated or disturbed

tureen

deep dish for serving soup

turgid

swollen; distended (as from liquid)

turmoil

extreme confusion; great commotion and confusion; Ex. throw the country into turmoil

turncoat

traitor

turpitude

depravity; baseness; Ex. moral turpitude

tutelage

guardianship; training; function of a tutor; instruction

tutelary

protective; pertaining to a guardianship; Ex. tutelary deities

tycoon

wealthy and powerful businessperson; wealthy leader; magnate; Ex. business tycoon

typhoon

tropical hurricane or cyclone

tyranny

oppression; cruel government; ADJ. tyrannical: of a tyrant or tyranny; despotic; V. tyrannize: treat tyrannically; oppress

tyro

beginner; novice

Barron GRE word list - U**ubiquitous**

being everywhere; omnipresent; N. ubiquity

ulcer

sore place appearing on the skin inside or outside the body; Ex. stomach ulcer; ADJ. ulcerous; V. ulcerate

ulterior

intentionally hidden; beyond what is evident; situated beyond; unstated and often questionable; Ex. ulterior motive

ultimate

final; not susceptible to further analysis; fundamental; Ex. The sun is the ultimate source of energy.

ultimatum

last demand; last warning; last statement of conditions that must be met; Ex. They have ignored our ultimatum.

umbrage

resentment; anger; sense of injury or insult; Ex. take umbrage at his rudeness

unaccountable

unexplicable; impossible to account for; unreasonable or mysterious

unanimity

complete agreement; ADJ. unanimous

unassailable

not open to attack; impregnable; not subject to question

unassuaged

unsatisfied; not soothed

unassuming

modest; Ex. the champion's unassuming manner

unbridled

violent; uncontrolled; Ex. unbridled rage/greed

uncanny

strange; mysterious; Ex. uncanny knack

unceremonious

not done politely without due formalities

unconscionable

unscrupulous; not guided by conscience; excessive; beyond reason; Ex. unconscionable demand

uncouth

boorish; clumsy in speech or behavior; outlandish

unction

the act of anointing with oil; Ex. extreme unction

unctuous

oily; bland; insincerely suave

underhand(underhanded)

done slyly and secretly (being dishonest)

underlying

lying below; fundamental

undermine

weaken gradually; sap; dig a mine beneath

underscore

underline; emphasize

understate

state with less truth than seems warranted by the facts; Ex. He understated the seriousness of the crime; N. understatement; OP. overstate

undertaker

funeral director; one whose business is to arrange burials

undulating

moving with a wavelike motion; V. undulate; CF. und: wave

unearth

dig up; discover (facts) by careful searching; Ex. He unearthed some secrets about her; OP. conceal

unearthly

not earthly; supernatural; weird; ghostly

unequivocal

plain; clear; obvious

unerringly

infallibly; ADJ. unerring: making no mistakes

unexceptionable

entirely acceptable; not offering any basis for criticism

unfaltering

steadfast; firm; not changing

unfeigned

genuine; real

unfetter

liberate; free from chains; V. unfetter

unfledged

immature; not having the feathers necessary to fly; CF. fledgling

unfrock

defrock; strip a priest or minister of church authority

ungainly

(of someone) awkward in movement; clumsy; (of something) unwieldy; Ex. ungainly dancer/instrument

unguent

ointment

uniformity

sameness; monotony; ADJ. uniform: the same all over

unilateral

one-sided; involving or affecting only one side; Ex. unilateral declaration

unimpeachable

that cannot be impeached; beyond doubt or question; blameless and exemplary

uninhibited

unrepressed; free in behavior and feelings

unintimating

unfrightening

unique

without an equal; single in kind

unison

unity of pitch (in musical performance); complete accord; Ex. The choir sang in unison.

universal

characterizing or affecting all; general; present everywhere; of the universe; cosmic; Ex. universal agreement; Ex. a subject of universal interest

unkempt

disheveled; uncared for in appearance; not combed; CF. comb

unmitigated

(of something bad) not moderated; unrelieved or immoderate; without qualification; absolute; Ex. unmitigated disaster

unobtrusive

inconspicuous; not blatant

unprecedented

having no previous example; novel; unparalleled

unprepossessing

unattractive

unravel

disentangle; solve

unregenerate

making no attempt to change one's bad practices

unrequited

not requited; not reciprocated; Ex. unrequited love

unruly

disobedient; lawless; difficult to control

unsavory

distasteful; disagreeable; morally offensive; Ex. unsavory activity/reputation

unscathed

unharmed; Ex. escape the accident unscathed

unseemly

unbecoming; not proper in behavior; indecent; Ex. leave with unseemly haste

unsightly

ugly; unpleasant to look at

unsullied

untarnished; CF. sully

untenable

(of a position, esp. in an argument) indefensible; not able to be maintained

untoward

unexpected and adverse; unfortunate or unlucky; Ex. untoward encounter

unwarranted

unjustified; having no justification; groundless; baseless; undeserved

unwieldy

awkward (to carry or move); cumbersome; unmanageable

unwitting

not knowing; unaware; unintentional; Ex. She was their unwitting accomplice; Ex. unwitting insult; CF. wit: know

unwonted

unaccustomed; unusual; Ex. He arrived with unwonted punctuality.

upbraid

reprimand; severely scold

upright

(sitting or standing) straight up; honest; moral

uproar

noisy confusion

uproarious

marked by commotion or uproar; very noisy (esp. with laughter); hilarious; causing loud laughter; extremely funny

upshot

outcome; final result

urbane

suave; refined in manner; elegant

urchin

mischievous child (usually a boy); CF. urchin: hedgehog; CF. porcupine: pig with spikes ?; CF. sea urchin

urge

drive or force forward (by causing impulses); drive to take action; impel; entreat earnestly; Ex. urge horses; N: impulse that prompts action

urgent

compelling immediate action; pressing; persistent; importunate; Ex. urgent in his demands

ursine

bearlike; pertaining to a bear

usage

act or manner of using; accepted practice; way in which words are actually used

usurp

seize another's power or rank (without legal authority); supplant; appropriate; N. usurpation; CF. take for one's own use

usury

lending money at illegal high rates of interest

utopia

ideal place, state, or society; ADJ. utopian

uxorious

excessively submissive or devoted to one's wife; CF. uxor: wife

Barron GRE word list - W

wade

walk through a substance, such as water, that impedes movement

waffle

speak equivocally about an issue; N.

waft

move gently (in air or in seas) by wind or waves; Ex. leaves wafting past the window

wag

shake repeatedly from side to side; Ex. The dog wagged its tail; N: humorous person; wit

wage

begin and continue (a war)

waggish

humorous; mischievous; tricky

waif

homeless child or animal; Ex. waifs and strays

waive

give up temporarily; yield; N. waiver: waiving a right or claim; document that waives a right or claim

wake

trail of ship or other object through water; path of something that has gone before; Ex. hunger followed in the wake of the war

wallow

roll in mud; indulge in; (of a ship) roll in a rough sea; become helpless; Ex. wallow in the mud/luxury

wan

having a pale or sickly color; pallid

wanderlust

strong longing to travel

wane

decrease in size or strength (after being full); grow gradually to an end; Ex. The moon waxes and wanes every month; N.

wangle

achieve by cleverness or trick; wiggle out; fake; Ex. She tried to wangle an invitation to the party.

wanton

unrestrained; gratuitously cruel; willfully malicious; unchaste; sexually improper; promiscuous; Ex. wanton spending/killing; CF. having no just cause

warble

(of a bird) sing; babble; N.

ward

administrative division of a city; division in a hospital or prison; incompetent person placed under the protection of a guardian; V: guard; ward off: avert

warp

twist out of shape; N.

warrant

justification; written order that serves as authorization (esp. a judicial writ); Ex. search/death warrant; V: justify; guarantee

warranted

justified; authorized

warranty

guarantee; assurance by seller

warren

tunnels in which rabbits live; overcrowded living area; crowded conditions in which people live

wary

very cautious; watchful

wastrel

waster; profligate

waver

move or swing back and forth; be uncertain or unsteady in decision or movement; Ex. wavering between accepting and refusing

wax

increase gradually (as the moon); grow

waylay

ambush; lie in wait for and attack

wean

accustom a baby not to nurse; accustom (the young of a mammal) to take nourishment other than by suckling; give up a cherished activity; cause to gradually leave (an interest or habit); Ex. wean oneself from cigarettes

weary

tired after long work; V.

weather

pass safely through (a storm or difficult period); endure the effects of weather or other forces

weird

eerie; strange; unnatural

well-bred

of good upbringing; well-mannered and refined

welt

raised mark from a beating or whipping

welter

wallow (as in mud or high seas); lie soaked (as in blood); Ex. The victims weltered in their blood.

wheedle

deceive, persuade, or obtain by flattery; cajole; coax; Ex. wheedle a promise out of her

whelp

young animal (esp. of the dog or cat family); young wolf, dog, tiger, etc.

whet

sharpen; stimulate; Ex. whet someone's appetite

whiff

puff or gust (of air, scent, etc.); short-lasting smell; hint; Ex. whiff of perfume/scandal

whim

sudden capricious idea; fancy

whimsical

capricious; fanciful; amusingly strange

whimsy

whim; tendency to behave amusingly strangely; Ex. story full of whimsy

whine

complain (in a sad voice); make a high sad sound (as in pain or supplication)

whinny

neigh like a horse; CF. neigh: make the sound which horses make

whit

small amount; smallest speck; Ex. not a whit of

whittle

pare; cut away thin bits (from wood); fashion in this way; reduce gradually; trim

wholesome

conducive to mental or physical health; healthful

whorl

ring of leaves around stem; ring; circular arrangement; Ex. whorls on the fingers

wiggle

wiggle; move from side to side with irregular twisting motions

willful

wilful; intentional; headstrong

willowy

flexible; pliant; slender; CF. willow

wilt

lose freshness; droop

wily

crafty; cunning; artful; N. wile: deceitful stratagem

wince

move back suddenly; shrink back; flinch; Ex. She winced as she touched the cold body.

windfall

fallen fruit; unexpected lucky event

winnow

sift; separate the chaff from grain by blowing; separate good parts from bad; CF. wind

winsome

charming (in a childlike way); agreeable; gracious; engaging

wisp

small bunch (of hair); faint streak (of smoke)

wispy

thin; slight; barely discernible

wistful

sadly thoughtful (because of desires or memories); sadly pensive; vaguely longing

withdrawn

introverted; retiring; remote remote/distant in manner; aloof

wither

(of a plant) dry up from loss of moisture; lose freshness; shrivel; decay

withhold

refuse to give; hold back; Ex. withholding tax

withstand

stand up against; resist successfully

witless

lacking intelligence or wit; foolish; idiotic

witticism

witty saying; wisecrack(clever joking remark)

wizardry

sorcery; magic

wizened

shriveled; withered; Ex. wizened apple/old lady

woe

great sorrow; deep inconsolable grief; affliction; suffering; Ex. financial woes

woeful

sad; (of something bad) deplorable; deplorably bad; Ex. woeful housing conditions

wont

(the stated person's) habit or custom; habitual procedure; ADJ. wonted: customary

worldly

engrossed in matters of this earth; not spiritual; of the material world

wrangle

quarrel noisily; obtain through arguing; herd cattle; N.

wrath

anger; fury

wreak

inflict; Ex. wreak one's vengeance on

wrench

twist; pull; strain; Ex. He wrenched the gun out of her hands.

wrest

obtain by pulling violently; pull away; take by violence; Ex. wrest victory from their grasp

wretch

miserable person; bad or despicable person; ADJ. wretched: miserable; bad; contemptible; vile

wring

twist (to extract liquid); extract by twisting; wrench painfully (necks or hands)

wrinkle

small ridge on a smooth surface (face or cloth); V.

writ

written command issued by a court (telling someone to do or not to do something)

writhe

twist in coils; contort in pain

wrongheaded

stubbornly wrong

wry

(esp. of an expression of the face) twisted; with a humorous twist (expressing displeasure)

Barron GRE word list - X**xenophobia**

fear or hatred of foreigners; N. xenophobe

Barron GRE word list - Y**yen**

strong desire; longing; urge; Ex. yen for travel

yeoman

man or farmer owning small estate; middle-class farmer

yield

amount produced; crop; income on investment; profit obtained from an investment; V: produce; give in; surrender

yoke

join together; unite; N: crossbar used to joining two draft animals

yokel

rustic; country bumpkin;

yore

time long past; Ex. in the days of yore

Barron GRE word list - Z**zany**

comic; crazy; N: clown; comical person (given to outlandish behavior)

zeal

eager enthusiasm (to a cause or ideal); ADJ. zealous

zealot

one who is zealous; fanatic; person who shows excessive zeal

zenith

point directly overhead in the sky; summit; acme; highest point

zephyr

gentle breeze; west wind

zest

outer skin of an orange used for giving a special taste to food; spice; interest; flavor; spirited enjoyment; Ex. add a certain zest to the affair; Ex. zest for life

خدمات سایت مرجع آزمون های دکتری

خدمات دانلود

فایل های زبان دکتری

فایل های استعداد تحصیله

فایل های مقاله نویسه

فایل های مصاحبه دکتری

خدمات تخصصی

جدیدترین اخبار آزمون دکتری

پرسش و پاسخ با مشاوره تخصصی

انجمن گفتگو

معرفه منابع پیشنهادی

کانال تلگرام سایت مرجع دکتری

([Telegram.me/PhdGoal](https://t.me/PhdGoal))

