

GRE Vocabulary List – 500 Basic Words

abash	
abate	
aberrant	
abject	
abrasive	
abscond	
abstain	
abysmal	
acquiesce	
acrid	
adherent	
admonish	
adulterate	
adversity	
advocate	
aesthetic	
affable	
affectation	
aggravate	
aggregate	
aghast	
alchemy	
allege	
allusion	
amalgamate	
ambience	
ambiguous	
ameliorate	
amenable	
amiable	
amorous	
amorphous	
amortize	

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anarchy

ancillary

androgynous

anesthetic

animosity

anomalous

anomaly

antecedent

anthology

antipathy

antithesis

apprise

approbation

arbitrary

arcane

archaic

archetype

ardent

ardor

arduous

arrest

articulate

assimilate

assuage

astute

audacious

augment

austere

authoritarian

aver

aversion

avid

avow

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bedlam

belabor

beleaguer

belie

bellicose

belligerent

beneficent

benign

bent

bereave

boisterous

bolster

bombast

brevity

broach

buff

burgeon

burnish

buttress

candor

capricious

cardinal

castigation

catalyst

caustic

cavalier

censure

centrifuge

chauvinist

circumspect

coalesce

coercive

cogent

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cognizant	
color	
commensurate	
complaisance	
complement	
compliant	
conciliatory	
condemn	
condolence	
condone	
connoisseur	
conspicuous	
conspire	
consternation	
contemptuous	
contentious	
contiguous	
contrite	
convention	
converge	
conversion	
copious	
corroborate	
corrosion	
covert	
covet	
cower	
credulous	
culpable	
cultured	
cunning	
curmudgeon	
cursory	

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cynical

damp

daunt

dearth

debacle

debased

debauchery

decibel

decimate

defer

deference

deign

deleterious

demure

denigrate

denounce

deride

derision

derivative

detraction

deviance

deviation

diabolic

diatribe

dichotomy

diffuse

digress

dilapidated

din

disabuse

discomfit

discordant

discourse

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discreet

discrepancy

discrete

discretion

disingenuous

disinterest

disparage

disparate

dispersed

dissemble

dissolution

distill

distraught

divest

divulge

dogma

dynamo

eccentric

eclectic

eloquent

elucidate

empirical

emulate

enervate

engender

enigmatic

enumerate

ephemeral

episodic

epitome

equivocal

equivocate

eradicate

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espouse	
estimable	
ethereal	
eulogy	
euphemism	
evanescent	
exacerbate	
exculpate	
exemplar	
exonerate	
expel	
extemporaneous	
extend	
extraneous	
facetious	
facilitate	
fallacy	
fancy	
fawn	
fervent	
fidelity	
filibuster	
flag	
flamboyant	
flip	
flounder	
flout	
flush	
forbearance	
forestall	
forswear	
forte	
fortuitous	

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founder

fraud

frugality

furtive

garner

genial

glib

goad

gratis

gratitude

hankering

hegemony

heretical

hyperbole

idiosyncrasy

idolatrous

illusory

imminent

impassive

impediment

impenetrable

imperturbable

impetuous

implacable

improbable

impudent

impunity

incipient

incorrigible

incubation

incumbent

indefatigable

indifferent

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indignation	
indolent	
indomitable	
inept	
inerrancy	
inert	
ingenuity	
inherent	
innocuous	
inopportune	
inquisitive	
insipid	
insular	
intemperance	
intimate	
intransigent	
intrepid	
introspection	
inundate	
inured	
irascible	
irony	
itinerant	
itinerate	
judicious	
lackluster	
lament	
latent	
lethargic	
lucid	
luminous	
magnate	
makeshift	

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malevolent	
malleable	
manifest	
marginal	
martial	
maverick	
membrane	
metamorphose	
meticulous	
milk	
misanthrope	
misappropriate	
misconstrue	
miscreant	
miserly	
mitigate	
mollify	
monotonous	
morose	
multifaceted	
myriad	
nominal	
nonplused	
novel	
obdurate	
oblique	
obsequious	
obstinate	
obtuse	
obviate	
odious	
ominous	
onerous	

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opaque

ornery

ostentatious

ostracism

paradigm

paradox

parody

partisan

patent

pedagogy

pedantic

penchant

penultimate

penury

perennial

peripheral

perjury

personable

pertinent

peruse

pervasive

petulant

pine

pious

placate

placebo

plasticity

platitude

plethora

plod

plummet

poignant

pompous

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porous	
pragmatic	
precarious	
precipitate	
precursor	
preempt	
presumption	
presumptuous	
prime	
pristine	
proclivity	
prodigal	
profuse	
proliferate	
prone	
propagate	
propensity	
provincial	
prudent	
prune	
pursuant	
qualify	
qualm	
query	
queue	
quintessential	
rarefy	
raucous	
recalcitrant	
recluse	
reconciliation	
reconnaissance	
rectify	

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refute

relegate

relish

remedial

remonstrate

remuneration

renaissance

renege

reproach

repudiate

rescind

resolute

respite

restitution

resurrect

retard

reticent

reverent

rhetoric

rubric

rue

salient

salutary

salve

sanction

sanction

sap

satire

saturate

savor

schism

secrete

sedative

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serenity

sever

shard

singular

slight

slothful

soliloquy

solvent

somber

sordid

sparing

sparse

spendthrift

sporadic

spurious

squalid

stanza

static

staunch

stint

subliminal

subpoena

subtle

succinct

sundry

superfluous

supplant

surreptitious

synergy

tacit

taciturn

tact

tangential

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tantalize

tautology

temper

temperate

tenacity

tender

tentative

tenuous

terse

tirade

torque

tout

tranquil

travesty

trepidation

trivial

unfettered

unremitting

vacillate

veracity

veritable

vexation

viable

vigilant

vigor

vilify

viscous

vitality

volatile

voracious

waffle

waft

wane

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warranted

waver

weather

whimsical

zealous