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GRE Word List - 1

introspection	examining one's own thoughts and feelings
philanthropist	one who loves mankind
antidote	medicine used against a poison or a disease
strive	to make great efforts, to struggle
ambidextrous	able to use the left hand or the right equally well
retrospective	Looking back on past
precursors	a person or thing that precedes, as in a process or job.
introvert	one who turns towards himself
gerontocracy	government ruled by old people
ambiguous	doubtful; uncertain
braggart	boastful
aggravate	make worse; irritate
entice	attract, lure
alleviate	make (pain) easier to bear
adorn	add beauty; decorate
equilibrium	state of being balanced
abhor	to hate; to detest
connote	Suggest or imply in addition to the precise, literal meaning
endeavor	to make an effort, to try very hard
agile	active; quick-moving
renovate	restore something to better condition
curriculum	course of study
malevolent	malicious; evil; having or showing ill will
amalgamate	mix; combine; unite societies
xenophile (zen-uh-fahyl)	a person who is attracted to foreign peoples cultures

drowsiness	feeling sleepy half asleep
stray	wander lose one's way
disrobe	undress
acumen	Keen, quick, accurate insight or judgment
suffocate	cause or have difficulty in breathing
sporadic	happening from time to time
scent	smell (especially pleasant)
sequence	succession connected line of
audacious	Bold
affinity	close connection; relationship
animosity	strong dislike
heterogeneous	made up of different kinds
fragile	easily injured broken or destroyed
legacy	Bequest or inheritance
massacre	cruel killing of a large number of people
appease	make quiet or calm
submerge	put under water liquid sink out of sight
adulteration	making unpure; poorer in quality
combustion	process of burning
premature	doing or happening something before the right time
shunned	avoided, kept away from
anguish	severe suffering
apt	well-suited; quick-witted
conceal	hide keep secret
grumble	to complain
indigenous	native
offhand	Without preparation or forethought
loll	rest to sit or stand in a lazy way hang (dog's tongue)
correlate	have a mutual relation
somersault	rolling backward or forward (not sideways) movement
abscond	to go away suddenly (to avoid arrest)

edible	fit to be eaten/not poisonous
extinguish	end the existence of/wipe or put out
inquest	Legal or judicial inquiry, especially before a jury and especially made by a coroner into the cause of someone's death
surcharge	additional load/charge
accolade	praise; approval
conjoin	to join together
timid	shy easily frightened
opaqueness	dullness/not allowing light to pass through
disallow	refuse to allow or accept as a correct
abide	be faithful; to endure
impermeable	that cannot be permeated
console	give comfort or sympathy to
warrant	authority written order guarantee
acclaimed	welcomed with shouts and approval
extinct	no longer active
reminiscent	suggest something in the past
catalyst	substance that causes speeding up
embezzle	use in a wrong way for one's own benefit
shallow	little depth; not earnest
clientele	customers
brittle	easily broken
negligent	taking too little care
affable	polite and friendly
salvage	the saving of property from loss
moribund	in a dying state; near death
relapse	fall back again
dangle	hand or swing loosely
ascend	go or come up
asterisk	the mark * (e.g.. omitted letters)
yarn	tale story fibers for knitting
arrogance	proud; superior manner of behaviour

divergence	getting farther apart from a point
allegiance	duty support loyalty
vigorous	strong energetic
dwarf	person much smaller the usual size
livid	Furiously angry, enraged
rejuvenation	becoming young in nature or appearance
fragrant	sweet-smelling
judicious	sound in judgment; wise
hospitable	liking to give hospitality
odor	smell
scribble	write hastily
ameliorate	improve; make better
poseur	a person who attempts to impress by acting unlike himself
sawdust	tiny bits of wood
narcissism	Self-love
dullard	a stupid, insensitive person
succumb	yield, die
sluggard	lazy slow-moving person
flop	fail/move/fall clumsily
ingest	take in by swallowing
reiterate	say or do again several times
derivative	unoriginal; obtained from another source
defer	postpone
eloquence	fluent speaking skillful use of language
clot	half-solid lump formed from liquid
commuter	person who travels regularly
weigh	measure how heavy something is
steeply	rising or falling sharply
torque	twisting force causing rotation
benefactor	person who has given help
moderation	quality of being limited; not extreme

plea	request
invincible	too strong to be defeated
enduring	lasting
flimsy	lacking solidarity, strength
tadpole	form of a frog when it leaves the egg
turmoil	trouble disturbance
sanity	health of mind soundness of judgment
cryptic	secret with a hidden meaning
gallant	brave, behaves well with women
endorse	write one's name on the back of
sponge	porous rubber for washing live at once expense
volatile	changeable inconstant fickle unstable explosive
alloy	to debase by mixing with something inferior
reconcile	settle a quarrel restore peace
fission	splitting or division (esp. of cells)
commemorate	keep the memory of
gait	a manner of walking, stepping, or running
dormant	in a state of inactivity but awaiting development
shard	A piece of broken pottery
chisel	steel tool for shaping materials
encapsulate	enclose in capsule
complaisant	trying to please; obliging
grievous	causing grief or pain; serious dire grave
hypocrisy	falsely making oneself appear to be good
enzyme	catalyst
eradicate	get rid of pull up by the roots
infuriate	fill with fury or rage
Lambaste	attack verbally
sanction	approval (by authority) penalty
engulf	swallow up
euphoria	elation state of pleasant excitement

renowned	celebrated; famous
colloquial	involving or using conversation.
evoke	call up bring out
mischievous	harmful; causing mischief
implicit	implied though; not plainly expressed
abysmal	extreme bad
dote	show much fondness center one's attention
riddle	puzzling person or thing
misogynist	one who hates women/females
disproof	proof to the contrary
sadastic	Cruel
impromptu	without preparation
inclined	directing the mind in a certain direction
erratic	irregular in behaviour or opinion
meticulous	giving great attention to details
ambivalent	having both of two contrary meanings
pertain	belong as a part have reference
auxiliary	helping; supporting
constrict	make tight or smaller
luminary	star; light-giving body
ossified	turned to bone; hardened like bone; Inflexible
tonic	something giving strength or energy
perish	be destroyed decay
presentiment	anticipatory fear; premonition
indistinct	not easily heard; seen clearly marked
dupe	cheat make a fool of
abstruse	difficult to comprehend; obscure
turbulence	being uncontrollably violent
connoisseur	a person with good judgement (e.g.. in art)
aberration	straying away from what is normal
extralegal	outside the law

pest	destructive thing or a person who is nuisance
parenthesis	sentence within another one something separated
sophisticated	complex; subtle; refined
ail	to cause pain, uneasiness, or trouble to.
limp	lacking strength; walking unevenly
arcane	known or understood by very few
mite	A very small amount, portion, or particle
edify	instruct; correct morally
recuperate	become strong after illness loss exhaustion
satiate	satisfy fully
yeoman	man owning small estate; middle-class farmer
fidelity	loyalty accuracy
pluck	pull the feathers off pick (e.g.. flowers)
perjury	willful FALSE statement unlawful act
paradigm	a model example or pattern
gullible	easily gulled
sobriety	quality or condition of being sober
tractable	easily controlled or guided
writ	written order
mesmerize	hypnotize
predominate	have more power than others
articulate	speak distinctly; connect by joints
fleet	number of ships; quick-moving
solvent	of the power of forming a solution
dislodge	move force from the place occupied
partisan	one-sided committed to a party biased or prejudiced
spear	weapon with a metal point on a long shaft
vivacious	lively high-spirited
beguile	mislead or delude; cheat; pass time
coagulation	change to a thick and solid state
foolproof	incapable of failure or error

liberality	free giving; generosity
elaborate	worked out with much care in great detail
brass	yellow metal (mixing copper and zinc)
permeate	spread into every part of
malleable	yielding easily shaped; moldable; adapting
suffice	be enough
lampoon	publicly mock or ridicule
immutable	that cannot be changed
forgery	counterfeit
patron	regular customer person who gives support
cordial	warm and sincere
retrograde	receding
cumbersome	burdensome; heavy and awkward to carry
sheath	cover for the blade of a weapon or a tool
repel	refuse to accept/cause dislike
unscathed	unharmed unhurt
superimpose	put something on the top
boisterous	noisy; restraint
implosion	collapse; bursting inward
centurion	leader of a unit of 100 soldiers
knit	draw together; unite firmly
pivotal	of great importance (others depend on it)
enigma	something that is puzzling
buoyant	able to float; light-hearted
jabber	talk excitedly; utter rapidly
treacherous	not to be trusted, perfidious
bewilder	puzzle; confuse
stride	walk with long steps
garrulous	too talkative
redeem	get back by payment compensate
calipers	metal supports attached to the legs measuring instrument

impede	hinder; get in the way of
resuscitation	coming back to consciousness
apartheid	brutal racial discrimination
concur	agree in opinion happen together
indulgent	inclined to indulge
recitals	a number of performance of music
woo	try to win
misanthrope	person who hates mankind
evasive	tending to evade
eulogy	formal praise panegyric
foster	nurture; care for
pilferer	to steal, especially in small quantities
refine	make or become pure cultural
dexterity	skill (esp. in handling)
bogus	sham; counterfeit; not genuine
incongruous	out of place; not in harmony or agreement
multifarious	varied; motley; greatly diversified
skit	short piece of humorous writing
repulsive	causing a feeling of disgust
hapless	unlucky

GRE Word List - 2

convoluted	complicated;coiled; twisted
indefatigability	not easily exhaustible; tirelessness
fawn	To seek favor or attention by flattery and obsequious
wince	show bodily or mental pain
feud	bitter quarrel over a long period of time
cognizant	being fully aware of
substantiation	giving facts to support (statement)
euthanasia	easy and painless death
irate	angry
underbid	make a lower bid then somebody else
alcove	recess/partially enclosed place

frantic	wildly excited with joy; pain; anxiety
peccadillo	small sin small weakness in one's character
pervade	spread through every part of
decree	order given by authority
concoct	invent, prepare by mixing together
turquoise	greenish-blue precious stone
miser	person who loves wealth and spends little
valiant	brave
derogatory	insulting; tending to damage
tarnished	lost brightness
reverent	feeling or showing deep respect
imminent	likely to come or happen soon
voluptuous	arousing sensual pleasures
suppress	prevent from being known put an end to
irrevocable	final and unalterable
soggy	heavy with water
vindictive	having a desire to revenge
wanton	unrestrained; willfully malicious; unchaste
pinch	be too tight take between the thumb and finger
earthenware	dishes made of baked clay
unearth	discover and bring to light
savor	taste flavor something
hoax	mischievous trick played to deceive
vitriolic	corrosive; sarcastic
loquacious	talkative; garrulous
defiance	open disobedience or resistance
candid	frank; straight-forward
warmonger	person who stirs up war
gust	outburst of feeling; sudden rain wind fire etc.
coalescing	coming together and uniting into one substance
precursory	preliminary; anticipating
counterfeit	forgery
gush	burst out suddenly/talk ardently

quandary	state of doubt or perplexity
chortle	loud chuckle of pleasure or amusement
compunction	feeling of regret for one's action
plunge	move quickly suddenly and with force
revere	have deep respect for
swerve	change direction suddenly
abraded	rubbed off; worn away by friction
punitive	Punishing
dawdler	person who is slow waste of time
noxious	harmful
torment	severe pain or suffering
squander	spend wastefully
exculpate	to clear from a charge of guilt
stifled	suppressed, kept back
antithetical	direct opposing
deplete	use until none remains
apropos	by the way
recompense	make payment to reward punish
coerce	compel to force to make obedient
aseptic	surgically clean
implacable	incapable of being placated; unpleasable
holster	leather case for a pistol
proliferate	grow reproduce by rapid multification
propagation	increasing the number; spreading; extending
personable	pleasing in appearance attractive
reciprocity	granting of privileges in return for similar
vigilance	watchfulness self-appointed group who maintain order
distraught	distracted violently upset in mind
ineptitude	quality of being unskillful
lustrous	being bright; polished
condense	increase in density strength make laconic
extol	to praise highly
forestall	prevent by taking action in advance; preempt

stipulate	state or put forward as a necessary condition
lament	show feeling of great sorrow
provoke	make angry vex
plummet	fall plunge steeply
subpoena	written order requiring a person to appear in a low court
accrue	accumulate
idolatry	excessive admiration of
apprehensive	grasping understanding fear unhappy feeling about future
nihilism	total rejection of all religious and moral beliefs
soot	black powder in smoke
valorous	brave
complaisance	tending to comply obliging willingness to please
illicit	unlawful; forbidden
viscous	sticky/semi-fluid
aversion	strong dislike
haughty	arrogant; conceited
concord	agreement or harmony
latent	present but not yet active; developed or visible
topple	be unsteady and overturn
supersede	take the place of
entangle	put into difficulties
variegate	To mark with different shade or colors
inept	unskillful; said or done at the wrong time
deviance	being different in moral standards (from normal)
enunciate	pronounce (words)/express a theory
polemic	a controversial argument / a person engaged in such an argument
pristine	primitive unspoiled pure as in earlier times unadulterated
impediment	something that hinders (e.g. stammer)
floe	a sheet of floating ice
malevolence	wishing to do evil
prevalent	common
undermine	weaken gradually at the base make something under
arduous	steep difficult ascent; laborious

slack	sluggish; dull; not tight
calisthenics	exercises to develop strong bodies
placate	soothe pacify calm
palate	roof of the mouth; sense of taste
regicide	crime of killing a king
iconoclast	person who attacks popular beliefs
pungency	sharpness stinging quality
aloof	reserved; indifferent
indomitable	not easily discouraged or subdued
finesse	delicate way of dealing with a situation
whimsical	full of odd and fanciful ideas
tamper	interfere with
recluse	person who lives alone and avoids people
hush	make or become silent
felon	person guilty of murder
frugal	careful; economical
shun	keep away from avoid
mendacious	lying; habitually dishonest
apprise	give notice to inform
muffler	cloth worn round the neck; silencer
bigot	stubborn; narrow-minded person
imperative	urgent; essential
enthral	take the whole attention, enslave
smolder	burn slowly without flame
dismal	sad; gloomy; miserable
perilous	dangerous
lavish	giving or producing freely liberally or generously
trickle	flow in drops
diabolical	having the qualities of a devil
vehemence	forcefulness
disencumber	free from encumbrance
impending	imminent; about to happen; expected
stickler	person who insists on importance of something

stigma	mark of shame or disgrace
avow	admit; declare openly
castigation	severe punishment
benevolence	wish or activity in doing good
incessant	Constant
squat	crouch/settle without permission
indulge	gratify; give way to satisfy allow oneself
deter	discourage hinder
incredulous	skeptical; unwilling to believe
tenacity	firmness persistency adhesiveness tending to hang on
exuberance	state of growing vigorously being full of life
apostate	one who abandons long-held religious or political convictions
gist	the point general sense
transient	temporary fleeting
connotation	suggestion in addition to
engrave	impress deeply
berate	scold sharply
conciliatory	reconciling; soothing; comforting; mollifying
subdue	overcome bring under control
soar	rise fly high
empirical	relying on experiment
procrastination	keeping on putting off
tassel	bunch of threads
immaculate	pure; faultless
astute	clever quick at seeing to get an advantage
flaunting	show off complacently
impair	worsen; diminish in value
prone	prostrate; inclined to (undesirable things)
coy	shy/modest (especially of a girl)
pillage	plunder (especially in war)
incurability	cannot be cured or corrected
extrovert	cheerful person
approbation	approval

efface	rub or wipe out, obliterate
taciturn	unspoken, silent
mollify	make calmer or quieter
exorbitant	much too high or great
sober	self-controlled
truce	(agreement) stop of fighting for a time
conviction	convincing firm belief
bolster	give greatly needed support
precepts	rules establishing standards of conduct
castigate	to chastise; correct by punishing
curtail	make shorter than was planned
fallacious	based on error
espouse	To take in marriage
nonchalant	not having interest
flamboyant	brightly colored; florid
gorge	eat greedily/narrow opening with a stream
vex	annoy distress trouble
grandiloquent	using pompous words
poncho	large piece of cloth
impassive	unmoved; feeling no sign of passion
pitfall	covered hole as a trap unsuspected danger
coddle	treat with care and tenderness
inscrutable	incapable of being discovered or understood
shrill	sharp; piercing
arboreal	of connected with trees
boorish	crude; rude
lull	become quiet or less active
timorous	fearful timid afraid
imperturbable	calm not capable of being excited
perch	take up a high position
prudence	careful forethought
cohort	a group or band of people
sagacious	having sound judgment; perceptive; wise like a sage

ignoble	not noble; inferior
intersperse	place here and there
oblivious	unaware; having no memory
rescind	repeal/annul/cancel
nebulous	cloud-like; hazy; vague; indistinct
disseminate	distribute (esp. ideas)
heed	attention/give notice to
laudatory	expressing or giving praise
bask	in enjoy warmth and light
fluke	lucky; stroke
ebullient	overflowing with enthusiasm showing excitement
pliant	easily bent
endearing	making dear or liked
precarious	uncertain risky dangerous
inferno	hell
palpitate	tremble beat rapidly and irregularly
embellish	make beautiful
ominous	threatening
fluster	make nervous or confused
matriculation	be admitted enter a university as a student
susceptibility	sensitiveness
graze	touch or scrape lightly in passing
quell	suppress subdue
divulge	make known something secret
dubious	feeling doubt
malapropism	misuse of a word (for one that resembles it)
maverick	rebel; nonconformist
irascible	irritable; easily angered
incise	engrave; make a cut in
ostracism	shut out from society refuse to meet talk
ambrosial	extremely pleasing to taste
sidestep	step to one side
extort	obtain by threats violence

cling	to resist separation
epitome	brief summary representative example a typical model
arabesque	a complex ornate design
ferocity	savage cruelty
cantankerous	bad-tempered/quarrelsome
chaste	pure
corroboration	additional strengthening evidence
expurgate	to remove obscenity purify censor
insensible	unconscious; unresponsive; unaffected
garner	to gather and save to store up
fidget	move restlessly make nervous
impervious	not allowing to pass through (of materials)
rift	split crack dissension
efficacy	production of a desired result
Conduce	To bring about
attune	bring into harmony
convoke	call together summon
enmity	hatred being an enemy
credulous	ready to believe things
palpability	can be felt or touched

GRE Word List - 3

plead	address a court of law as an advocate
feral	Existing in a wild or untamed state
gourmand	a person who is devoted to eating and drinking to excess
morbid	diseased; unhealthy (e.g.. about ideas)
superfluous	more then is needed or wanted
equipoise	equal distribution of weight equilibrium
veer	change direction
benign	kind and gentle
lackluster	(of eyes) dull
chastisement	punishment
breach	opening; broken place; breaking
rarefy	to make thin to make less dense to purify or refine

dissent	have a different opinion refuse to assent
neophyte	person who has been converted to a belief
reticence	uncommunicativeness
pious	dutiful to parents; devoted to religion
trudge	walk heavily
thrift	care economy thriving prosperous
daunt	intimidate make fearful
veneration	regard with deep respect
grave	serious requiring; consideration
frenetic	frantic; frenzied
disheveled	untidy
temperate	showing self-control
impiety	lack of reverence or dutifulness
blas ^{phemy}	bored with pleasure or dissipation
scalding	hot enough to boil
irresolute	hesitating; undecided
rave	act with excessive enthusiasm
heresy	belief contrary to what is generally accepted
guile	deceit; cunning
fret	worry; irritation; wear away
chicanery	legal trickery/false argument
telltale	That gives warning or information
feckless	lacking purpose or vitality ineffective careless
ardor	enthusiasm
debacle	a breakup overthrow sudden disaster
tawdry	cheap gaudy showy tacky
striated	striped grooved or banded
jocular	meant as a joke
exoneration	set someone clear (e.g.. from blame)
contentious	argumentative pugnacious combative quarrelsome
cajole	use flattery or deceit to persuade
resilience	quality of quickly recovering the original shape
disdain	look on with contempt

taunt	contemptuous reproach hurtful remark
alacrity	eager and cheerful; readiness
abeyance	suspended action
apotheosis	deification glorification to godliness
hoodwink	trick; mislead
glimmer	weak/unsteady light
terse	brief and to the point
ulterior	situated beyond
jagged	notched
myriad	very great number
inimitable	defying; imitation; unmatchable
conundrum	a riddle dilemma enigma
incite	stir up; rouse
falter	waver/move in an uncertain manner
drawl	slow way of speaking
clamor	shout complain with a lot of noise
nexus	a connection or link
render	deliver provide represent
clinch	come to grips/settle conclusively
abet	help/encourage somebody (in doing wrong)
decorum	propriety properness
quiescence	state of being passive/motionless
discreet	careful/prudent
ale	fermented alcoholic beverage similar to but heavier than beer
sash	long strip worn round the waist
ruffian	violent cruel man
tepid	lukewarm
itinerate	to travel from place to place to peregrinate
doleful	dismal; mournful
innocuous	causing no harm
exhaustive	complete; thorough
abrogate	repeal or annul by authority
recant	take back as being FALSE give up

crush	press lose shape subdue overwhelm
talon	claw of a bird of prey
quack	person dishonestly claiming to something
emaciate	make thin and weak
sever	break off
sodden	soaked; saturated
mephitic	Poisonous; noxious
sketchy	shortly, roughly, quickly
intrepid	fearless; brave; undaunted
preternatural	not normal or usual
pariah	an outcast a rejected and despised person
unfeigned	not pretended sincere
servile	like a slave lacking independence
ossify	to turn to bone to settle rigidly into an idea
prim	neat; formal
churlish	(adj) boorish
fixate	stare at
commodious	having plenty of space for what is needed
flinch	draw; move back; wince
insurrection	rising of people to open resistance to
recast	cast or fashion anew
thwart	obstruct/frustrate
transgress	break go beyond (a limit)
engrossing	taken up all the time or attention writing in large or formal
vilify	slander say evil things
intransigence	unwillingness to compromise stubbornness intractability
covert	disguised
heinous	odious (of crime)
infuse	put; pour; fill
ubiquitous	present everywhere
quixotic	fanciful, fantastic, imaginary
fracas	noisy; quarrel
putrefaction	becoming rotten

torpid	dull and slow
assuage	make something (pain desire) less
insinuate	suggest unpleasantly; make a way for something gently
sycophant	person who flatter to the rich and powerful
urbane	elegant refined in manners
ebullience	exuberance outburst of feeling
austere	severely moral and strict simple and plain
inadvertent	not paying proper attention
assail	attack violently
stingy	spending using unwillingly
equivocal	having a double or doubtful meaning; suspicious
proclivity	inclination
cower	crouch shrink back
colander	bowl-shaped vessel with many holes used to drain off water
maul	hurt by rough handling
provisional	of the present time only
burnish	to polish; rub to a shine
penury	extreme poverty
dirge	a song of grief or lamentation
ire	anger
vain	without use result conceited
ruddy	reddish, healthy-looking
forfeit	suffer the loss of something
engender	cause produce give rise to
occluded	blocked up
rotund	rich and deep; plump and round
puerile	childish
savant	person of great learning
profuse	abundant/lavish
enervate	weaken deprive of strength attenuate
adamant	kind of stone; inflexible
dynamo	a generator something that produces electric current
equivocate	try to deceive by equivocal language

gnaw	waste away; bite steadily
wean	to turn away (from a habit)
pry	get something inquire too curiously
beatify	to bless; make happy or ascribe a virtue to
discrete	distinct
hegemony	predominance
glut	supply to much fill to excess
crease	line made by crushing white line on the ground in cricket
ascertain	get to know
foray	to venture
guileless	honest; straightforward
sting	something sharp
splice	join (two ends)
penitent	feeling or showing regret
elegy	a lament a melancholy composition
reticent	reserved; untalkative; silent; taciturn
pusillanimous	cowardly; craven
obtuse	blunt/stupid
paucity	scarcity a lacking of
retinue	following; attendants
diatribe	bitter and violent attack in words
cogitate	think deeply mediate
consummate	perfect/make; perfect/complete
stolid	showing no emotion impassive
effrontery	boldness impudence arrogance
dissolution	disintegration looseness in morals
derision	ridicule mockery deriding
indolence	laziness
pyre	large pile of wood for burning
erudite	learned; scholarly
mercurial	quick changeable in character fleeting
corporeal	physical of or for the body
pedestrian	commonplace trite unremarkable

equable	steady; regular
admonitory	containing warning
luculent	easily understood; lucid; clear
coeval	of the same period; coexisting
insularity	narrow-mindedness; isolated
auspicious	favorable successful prosperous
secular	material (not spiritual) living outside monasteries
streak	long thin move very fast
nascent	coming into existence; emerging
decry	disapprove of
penchant	strong inclination a liking
pulchritude	Physical beauty
onus	responsibility, burden
vanquish	conquer
extirpate	to destroy exterminate cut out excise
assiduous	diligent hard-working; sedulous
privation	hardship
accretion	the growing of separate things into one
covetous	eagerly desirous
defalcate	(v) to embezzle or misappropriate
baneful	causing harm or ruin; pernicious; destructive
indelible	that cannot be rubbed out
palliate	lessen the severity of
cogent	strong; convincing
dearth	shortage
pellucid	transparent easy to understand
condone	forgive
lumber	move in a clumsy/noisy way
discredit	refuse to believe
recidivism	relapse into antisocial or criminal behavior
lurk	be out of view ready to attack
coda	passage that completes a piece of music
cornucopia	abundant supply

veneer	surface appearance covering the TRUE nature
petrify	to make hard rocklike
censure	expression of blame or disapproval a rebuke
elicit	draw out
serration	having a toothed edge
dainty	pretty/delicate(food)/difficult to please
caustic	biting sarcastic
highbrow	(person) with superior tastes
odious	repulsive; hateful
abjure	promise or swear to give up
chauvinist	a blindly devoted patriot
tyro	a beginner
inane	silly; senseless
dilate	speak comprehensively become wider large
deprave	make morally bad;corrupt
denigrate	blacken; belittle; sully; defame
duplicity	deliberate deception
protracted	prolonged
taut	tightly stretched
turbid	muddy having the sediment stirred up
fledgling	an inexperienced person.
punctilious	Meticulous
bellicose	inclined to fighting
ignominious	shameful; dishonorable; undignified; disgraceful
interim	as an installment
avid	eager; greedy
florid	very much ornamented naturally red (e.g.. of face)
malign	to speak harmful untruths about someone
inundate	flood cover by overflowing
attenuate	make thin; weaken; enervate
consume	get to the end of
phlegmatic	calm; sluggish; temperament; unemotional
sanctimony	self-righteousness hypocritical with FALSE piety

inimical	harmful or unfriendly
prevaricate	to equivocate to stray from the truth
ingenuous	naive; young; artless; frank; honest; sincere
veracity	truth
barren	not good enough; unable to have young ones without value
plaque	flat metal on a wall as a memorial
lien	legal claim until a debt on it is repaid
exigency	emergency an urgent situation
chagrin	vexation
aver	affirm; assert; prove; justify
credulity	too great a readiness to believe things
snub	treat with contempt
libel	statement that damages reputation
forbearance	patience; willingness to wait
volubility	fluency verbosity easy use of spoken language
conceit	over-high opinion of too much pride
idiosyncrasy	personal mannerism
obdurate	hardened and unrepenting; stubborn; inflexible
dud	no use person something that fails

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facile	easily done
contiguous	touching neighboring near
jejune	insubstantial/dull/immature
waft	scent waving movement carry lightly through
resigned	unresistant; submissive
abut	border on
finagle	to practice deception or fraud; scheme.
repudiate	disown refuse to accept or pay
tocsin	a signal, especially of alarm
verisimilitude	appearing TRUE or real
fringe	edge ornamental border part of hair over the forehead
chastened	corrected punished
somatic	of the body

pernicious	harmful; injurious
husk	worthless; outside part of anything
insipid	without taste or flavor
coax	get somebody to do something by kindness
dolt	stupid fellow
penurious	poor/stingy
parley	negotiation
effluvia	outflow in a stream of particles a noxious odor or vapor
incursion	a raid; a sudden attack
obfuscate	to darken; make obscure; muddle
preclude	prevent make impossible
disingenuous	sophisticated artful trying to deceive cunning
encumbrance	burden things that get on the way of
obtain	to be established accepted or customary
morose	ill-tempered; unsocial
gloat	over look at with selfish delight
quirk	habit or action peculiar to something
extempore	without previous thought or preparation
disparate	essentially different
regale	to delight or entertain to feast
scorch	become discolored/dry up/go at high speed
perpetrate	be guilty commit (a crime)
foil	prevent from carrying out
salubrious	healthful
malingering	to fake illness or injury in order to shirk a duty
grouse	Complain or grumble (verb)
Palpable	Obvious
discern	see with an effort but clearly
waffle	talk vaguely and without much result
transitory	brief
perfunctory	done as a duty without care
pundit	pedant authority on a subject
extant	still in existence

mundane	worldly as opposed to spiritual commonplace everyday
deluge	great flood heavy rush of water
visceral	of the internal organs of the body
lachrymose	causing tears; tearful
ascribe	consider to be the origin of or belonging to
sullied	to be stained or discredited
excise	to cut out cut away
temerity	boldness brashness intrepidity
extenuate	reduce the strength of lessen seriousness partially excuse
grovel	crawl; humble oneself
collusion	secret agreement for a deceitful purpose
squalid	foul filthy
undulate	to move in wavelike fashion fluctuate
fagged	too tired
shrewd	astute; showing sound judgement
hollow	not soled with hole
harbinger	One that indicates or foreshadows what is to come; a forerunner.
august	majestic; venerable
conspicuous	easily seen remarkable
epiphany	A Christian feast celebrating the manifestation of the divine nature of Jesus to the Gentiles as represented by the Magi.
rife	widespread
evince	to show clearly to indicate
Pastiche	work (usually artistic) which imitates
gaucherie	socially awkward; tactless behavior
snare	trap
rancorous	feeling bitterness; spitefulness
finical	too fussy about food clothing etc.
mellifluous	sweetly flowing
macabre	gruesome; suggesting death
uncouth	rough awkward
amortize	end (a debt) by setting aside money
obviate	to make unnecessary get rid of
levity	lack of seriousness

ascetic	practicing self-denial; austere; stark
delineate	to portray depict sketch out
paeon	song of praise or triumph
nadir	lowest; weakest point
emote	stir up excite
fervor	warmth of feelings earnestness
congeal	make or become stiff and solid
verve	spirit vigor enthusiasm
gauche	hence; awkward
lope	move along with long strides
expostulate	argue earnestly to dissuade correct or protest
discourse	speech lecture
lionize	treat as a famous person
dilettante	a lover of an art or science
noisome	offensive; disgusting (smell)
bandy	discuss lightly or glibly; exchange (words) heatedly
dogmatic	positive certain arbitrary without room for discussion
epicurean	devoted to pleasure (sensuous enjoyment)
sumptuous	magnificent
craven	cowardly
lassitude	weariness; tiredness
ostentation	display to obtain admiration or envy
sanguine	cheerful; confident; optimistic
irksome	tiresome
prodigal	wasteful; reckless with money
brash	hasty rush; cheeky; saucy
requite	repay give in return
imperious	commanding; haughty; arrogant
didactic	intended to instruct
presage	warning sign
sophomoric	being immature
trifling	unimportant
drone	male bee person who isn't self-employed

verdant	fresh and green
ensconce	To settle (oneself) securely or comfortably
intransigent	uncompromising
prodigious	enormous; wonderful
palatial	magnificent
agog	eager/excited
desiccant	substance used to absorb moisture
philistine	a smug ignorant person one who lacks knowledge
broach	bring up; announce; begin to talk about
wile	a trick
heretic	recreant, protestant, skeptic
supine	lying on the back slow to act passive
reactionary	opposing progress
raconteur	person who tells anecdotes
ferment	substance become excited
qualm	feeling of doubt temporary feeling of sickness
hauteur	haughtiness
perfidious	treacherous; faithless
festoon	a decorative chain or strip hanging between two points
rumple	make rough
propitious	auspicious; presenting favorable circumstances
remonstrate	to protest object
roll	call calling of names
curmudgeon	bad-tempered person
bequest	arrangement to give something at death
inchoate	not yet fully formed; rudimentary; elementary
facetious	humorous; funny; jocular
fatuous	without sense foolish; self-satisfaction
reproach	scold upbraid
wan	looking ill, not bright
rapacious	greedy (esp for money)
stymie	to hinder obstruct or block
baleful	harmful; ominous causing evil

obtrusive	projecting; prominent; undesirably noticeable
preen	tidy/show self-satisfaction
jibe	gibe; make fun of
extricable	that can be freed
figurehead	carved image on the prow of a ship
benison	blessing
provident	frugal; looking to the future
rivet	fix take up secure metal pin
barrage	artificial obstacle built across a river
fetid	stinking
burgeon	grow forth send out buds
overweening	presumptuously; arrogant; overbearing
discountenance	refuse to approve of
vacillation	being uncertain hesitating
eschew	avoid
pedantic	bookish showing off learning
impetuous	having sudden energy; impulsive
rueful	dejected
equanimity	calmness of temperament
hubris	arrogant; pride
kibosh	block, halt, stop
mendicant	a beggar
soporific	producing sleep
atonement	repayment death of Jesus
ford	shallow place in a river (to cross)
forswear	renounce; disallow; repudiate
excoriation	severe criticism
macerate	make or become soft by soaking in water
supplicate	make a humble petition to
saturnine	gloomy; dark; sullen; morose
skiff	small boat
boggle	To hesitate as if in fear or doubt
profundity	depth

blithe	cheerful; casual; carefree
slur	join sounds/words (indistinct)
contemn	to scorn or despise
blandness	polite manner; comforting; uninteresting
cloture	closing device (in Parliament) to end a debate by voting
hallow	to make holy; consecrate
tortuous	devious/not straightforward
egress	way out exit
scabbard	sheath for the blade
rant	use extravagant language
vacuity	idleness
dereliction	deserting and leaving to fall into ruins
seminal	like a seed constituting a source; originative
petrous	like a rock hard stony
prudish	easily shocked; excessively modest
mendacity	dishonesty
machination	plot; scheme (esp. evil)
restive	refusing to move reluctant to be controlled
perspicacity	quick judging and understanding
labyrinthine	to entangle the state of affairs
esoteric	abstruse intended only for a small circle of
perfidy	treachery breaking of faith
entreat	ask earnestly
prune	dried plum silly person
incumbents	official duties
contrite	filled with deep sorrow for wrongdoing
maladroit	tactless; clumsy
probity	uprightness incorruptibility principle
manacle	chains for the hands or feet
indigence	poverty
fervid	showing earnest feeling
imbroglio	complicated and embarrassing situation
stigmatize	describe somebody scornfully

molt	lose hair/feathers before new growing
overhaul	examine thoroughly to learn about the condition
germane	relevant; pertinent to
specious	illogical of questionable truth or merit
goad	something urging a person to action
vestige	trace or sign
cravat	piece of linen worn as a necktie
eddy	circular or spiral movement (e.g.. of wind)
cordon	line (of police acting as a guard)
forage	food for horses and cattle
poignant	deeply moving keen
depredation	plundering
flax	pale yellow (hair) a plant
parsimonious	too economical; miserly
exploit	brilliant achievement develop use selfishly
subsume	include under a rule
aleck	one who considers himself smarter than others
petulant	unreasonably; impatient
rubicund	red and healthy
severance	severing
ineluctable	certain; inevitable
platitude	a trite or banal statement unoriginality
lugubrious	mournful; excessively sad
insouciant	unconcerned; carefree
halcyon	calm and peaceful
officious	too eager or ready to help offer advice
gouge	tool for cutting grooves in wood
interdict	prohibit forbid
onerous	needing effortl burdensome
predilection	special liking mental preference
flout	reject mock to go against (as in going against tradition)
demagogue	person appealing not to reasons
belligerent	(person nation) waging war

chary	cautious; wary
feint	pretend
profligate	wasteful prodigal licentious extravagant
impute	to attribute to a cause or source ascribe
upbraid	scold reproach
cabal	a scheme or plot a group of plotters
deprecate	protest against; express disapproval of
obsequious	too eager to obey or serve
inveterate	deep-rooted. long-established
retard	check hinder
spurious	false; counterfeit
propitiatory	conciliatory; appeasing; mitigating
maudlin	sentimental in a silly or tearful way
shunt	send from one track to another lay aside evade discussion
aplomb	self-confidence
dulcet	melodious; harmonious
tautology	a repetition a redundancy
inured	accustomed to adapted

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nemesis	deserved and unavoidable punishment for wrong doing
gregarious	living in societies liking the company
denouement	an outcome or solution; the unraveling of a plot
hone	stone used for sharpening tools
cursory	quick; hurried
forge	workshop for the shaping of metal to shape metal lead
impecunious	having little or no money
sordid	wretched; comfortless; contemptible
argot	jargon; slang
plethora	glut
sinuous	winding; undulating serpentine
vigilant	member of a vigilance committee
libertine	immoral person
desultory	aimless; haphazard; digressing at random

propinquity	nearness in time or place affinity of nature
salacious	obscene
augury	omenl sign
harangue	a long passionate speech
odium	intense hatred or dislike
turgid	excessively ornate swollen or bloated
recalcitrant	disobedient
harrow	to distress; create stress or torment
mulct	to deprive (someone) of something, as by fraud, extortion, etc.
homiletics	act of preaching
eclat	Great brilliance, as of performance or achievement
foible	defect of character (a person is wrongly proud)
epistle	letter
deposition	dethronement; depositing
inculcate	fix firmly by repetition
tangential	suddenly changeable
gainsay	to deny; to oppose
middling	fairly good but not very good
countervail	counterbalance
moot	open to discussion or debate; doubtful
repertoire	A stock of plays, dances, or pieces that a company or a performer knows or is prepared to perform
nary	not any; no;
pinchbeck	An alloy of zinc and copper used as imitation gold; A cheap imitation
stentorian	extremely loud and powerful
finicky	finical
resort	to frequently visit
profane	worldly having contempt for God
divestiture	taking off getting rid of giving up
gossamer	soft light; delicate material
churl	bad-tempered person
temperance	abstinence from alcohol self-control moderation
truculence	aggressiveness ferocity
inveigh	to attack verbally; denounce; deprecate

diffidence	shyness
atavistic	something reverting to an earlier type
levee	formal reception/embankment
astringent	substance that shrinks
pucker	wrinkle
trepidation	alarm excited state of mind
opprobrious	showing scorn or reproach
diaphanous	transparent; gauzy
nugatory	trifling/worthless
rebuff	snub
distract	distracted
tenuous	insubstantial flimsy weak
detumescence	diminishing or lessening of swelling
glean	gather facts in small quantities
disinter	dig up from the earth
vitiate	lower the quality weaken the strength
foppish	like a man who pays too much attention to his clothes
panegyric	formal praise eulogy
flak	criticism; anti-aircraft guns
ramify	to be divided or subdivided to branch out
plod	continue doing something without resting
refractory	stubborn; unmanageable; intractable
fecund	fertile
encomium	warm or glowing praise eulogy panegyric
expedient	likely to be useful for a purpose
pugnacious	fond of in the habit of fighting
vituperate	curse abuse in words
trenchant	forceful effective vigorous extremely perceptive incisive
disconcert	upset the self-possession of
quail	lose courage turn frightened
obloquy	abusively; detractive language; sharp criticism; vituperation
discomfit	confuse embarrass
impudent	rash; indiscreet

quaff	drink deeply
untoward	unfortunate inconvenient
sermon	reproving a person for his faults
voluble	fluent
sublime	extreme; astounding
rabble	mob crowd the lower classes of populace
calumny	slander; aspersion
peremptory	urgent; imperative; unchallenged; ending debate
strut	a supporting bar
blandishment	flattery; coaxing
cant	insincere talk/jargon
bereft	rob or dispossess of something (material)
fetter	to shackle put in chains
prosaic	straightforward.; lacking in imagination and spirit
turpitude	wickedness shamefulness
glib	ready and smooth but not sincere
raffish	showing vulgar in nature or appearance; tawdry
ensign	flag/badge
contumacious	insubordinate rebellious
asperity	roughness; harshness; ill temper; irritability
meretricious	attractive on the surface but of little value
simper	(give a) silly/self-conscious smile
idyll	a carefree episode or experience
teetotal	oppose to alcohol
incense	make angry
veritable	real rightly named
invective	abusive language; curses
mien	demeanor
implicate	to be involved
endemic	epidemic
hirsute	hairy; shaggy
unencumbered	easy-going trifle
sophistry	fallacious; reasoning faulty logic

impugned	challenged to be doubted
surfeit	satiated feed to fulness or to excess
quotidian	banal; everyday
umbrage	offense resentment
miseenscene	the stage setting or scenery of a play
felicitous	suitably expressed; well chosen; apropos
hack	cut roughly; hired horse
toady	obsequious flatterer
peregrination	traveling about wandering
mettle	quality of endurance or courage
ineffable	too great to be described in words
ecumenical	representing the whole Christian world
incipient	beginning
canvass	discuss thoroughly sort of touting
plaintive	mournful; melancholy; sorrowful
pine	waste away through sorrow or illness
ostensible	seeming appearing as such professed
tout	To solicit customers, votes, or patronage
piquant	agreeably pungent; stimulating
tamp	tap or drive down by repeated light blows
forbear	refrain from; be patient; ancestor
slate	kind of blue-grey stone propose criticize
minatory	menacing; threatening
stanch	to stop the flow of a fluid
fledged	able to fly trained experienced
plumb	get to the root of
deferential	showing respect
sundry	various miscellaneous; separate
stipple	paint with dots
blatant	noisy and rough
aspersion	slander
demur	to hesitate; raise objections
consternation	surprise and fear; dismay

spurn	have nothing to do reject or refuse
cadge	to beg; to get by begging
bedizen	to adorn especially in a cheap showy manner
purvey	provide supply
desuetude	cessation of use disuse
suppliant	asking humbly beseeching
presumption	arrogance
brummagem	Cheap and showy
countenance	to favor or approve of
belabor	beat hard
obstreperous	noisy; loud
redoubtable	formidable causing fear
balk	obstacle purposely to get on the way of
supercilious	disdainful characterized by haughty scorn
trite	not new
virago	a loud domineering woman a scold or nag
stygian	hence; dark; gloomy
rebus	puzzle in which pictures stand for words
orison	prayer
preponderance	greatness in number strength weight
reprobate	person hardened in sin; one devoid of decency
hermetic	sealed by fusion
expiation	ending; expiring
vagary	strange act or idea
sententious	short and pithy full of maxims/proverbs
trencherman	person who eats a lot
hew	make by hard work cut (by striking)
proscribe	denounce as dangerous
dissemble	speak or behave so as to hide something (in mind)
portent	omen marvelous threatening
imperviousness	not permitting penetration or passage; impenetrable
picaresque	involving clever rogues or adventurers
pileous	Covered with hair

venal	ready to do something dishonest
doggerel	trivial poorly constructed verse
splenetic	bad-tempered; irritable
peripatetic	wandering
imprecation	an invocation of evil a curse
froward	intractable not willing to yield or comply stubborn
profligacy	shameless immorality
lithe	bending; twisting
mettlesome	courageous; high-spirited
petrified	taken away power (to think feel act)
succor	assistance relief in time of distress
fulsome	disgusting offensive due to excessiveness
ferret	discover by searching search
travesty	parody/imitation
duress	threats to compel somebody
puissance	strength
acarpous	effete no longer fertile; worn out
pie	of mixed colors
effete	infertile; worn out; weak
edacious	voracious; devouring
constrain	compel
sobriquet	nickname
wend	to go proceed
fulmination	bitter protest
nibble	show some inclination to accept (an offer)
ponderous	heavy; bulky; dull
brook	to tolerate; endure
palaver	To flatter; to cajole
pique	hurt the pride or self-respect stir (curiosity)
slake	to assuage to satisfy allay
salutary	remedial wholesome causing improvement
detraction	slandering verbal attack aspersion
welter	turmoil a bewildering jumble

repast	meal
abraid	to awaken or rouse
nostrum	a quack remedy; an untested cure
stint	to be thrifty to set limits
pith	essential part force soft liquid substance
suborn	induce by bribery or something to commit perjury
nonplused	greatly surprised
refulgent	shining; brilliant
expatiate	to roam wander freely
fustian	bombastic
garble	make unfair selection from facts
recondite	little known; abstruse
scurvy	mean; contemptible
mince	pronounce or speak affectedly euphemize
epithet	adjective
sedulous	persevering
prolix	tiring because too long
importune	beg urgently solicit (of a prostitute)
involute	complex
bilge	bulge; the protuberance of a cask
cavalcade	a procession
sere	make hard and without feeling
droll	jesting
descry	catch sight of see something in the distance
brazen	made of brass
repine	at be discontented with
limn	paint portray
wag	merry person
lucubrate	write in scholarly fashion
coruscate	sparkle
crass	without refinement or sensitivity; gross.
consequential	pompous self important
foment	put something warm (to lessen the pain)

testiness	witness/evidence
recreancy	cowardice a cowardly giving up
arrant	in the highest degree
quibble	try to avoid by sophistication
lam	a hasty escape; flight.
Archaic	marked by the characteristics of an earlier period
imbibe	to consume (liquids) by drinking; drink
repose	rest;sleep
perfunctorily	performed merely as a routine duty; hasty and superficial
impasse	a position or situation from which there is no escape; deadlock
pulchritudinous	physically beautiful; comely.
eupeptic	good digestion
Chicane	deception
brobdingnagian	gigantic
Exodus	a going out; a departure
Rejoinder	response
Furtive	taken, done