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The GRE is a standardized exam that is required for admission to many graduate schools. The verbal reasoning section of the GRE tests your ability to understand and use words in context. To do well on this section, you need to have a strong vocabulary. This article provides a complete list of GRE words in context, organized alphabetically. Each word is accompanied by a sentence that demonstrates its usage. This list will help you expand your vocabulary and improve your GRE score.

## A

- Abrogate: To repeal or annul a law or treaty.
- The government abrogated the treaty that had been in place for over a century.
- Accolade: A high honor or award.
- The scientist received an accolade for her groundbreaking research.
- Adjudicate: To settle a dispute or controversy.
- The judge adjudicated the case between the two parties.


## B

- Benign: Harmless or not harmful.
- The tumor was benign and did not require treatment.
- Boisterous: Noisy and boisterous.
- The crowd was boisterous and cheered loudly for their team.
- Bona fide: Genuine or authentic.
- The painting was bona fide and was worth a lot of money.


## C

- Calumny: A false or malicious statement that damages someone's reputation.
- The politician was accused of calumny after making false statements about his opponent.
- Capitulate: To surrender or give up.
- The army capitulated to the enemy after a long and bloody battle.
- Castigate: To criticize or scold severely.
- The teacher castigated the student for his poor behavior.

D

- Decimate: To destroy a large part of something, especially a population.
- The earthquake decimated the city, killing thousands of people.
- Defamation: The act of damaging someone's reputation by making false or malicious statements.
- The newspaper was sued for defamation after printing a false story about the politician.
- Demagogue: A person who uses emotional appeals to gain political support.
- The demagogue used fear and anger to win votes.


## E

- Egregious: Extremely bad or offensive.
- The politician's behavior was egregious and caused a public outcry.
- Enervate: To weaken or drain of energy.
- The long hike enervated the hikers and they had to stop to rest.
- Enigmatic: Mysterious or puzzling.
- The Mona Lisa is an enigmatic painting that has been studied for centuries.


## F

- Fastidious: Excessively concerned with cleanliness or order.
- The librarian was fastidious and always kept the library spotless.
- Feckless: Irresponsible or ineffective.
- The politician was feckless and failed to solve any of the problems facing the country.
- Flagitious: Extremely wicked or evil.
- The criminal was convicted of flagitious crimes and sentenced to life in prison.


## G

- Gregarious: Sociable and outgoing.
- The party was gregarious and everyone was having a good time.
- Guileless: Innocent or unsuspecting.
- The child was guileless and believed everything that he was told.
- Gustatory: Relating to taste.
- The food was gustatory and the guests enjoyed every bite.

H

- Hegemony: Dominance or control over a group or area.
- The United States has hegemony over the world economy.
- Heterodox: Different from accepted beliefs or opinions.
- The scientist's theory was heterodox and was not accepted by the scientific community.
- Histrionic: Excessively emotional or dramatic.
- The actor's performance was histrionic and drew criticism from the critics.
- Iconoclast: A person who attacks or criticizes traditional beliefs or institutions.
- The iconoclast challenged the church's teachings and was excommunicated.
- Idiosyncratic: Peculiar or eccentric.
- The professor had an idiosyncratic teaching style that made his classes both challenging and enjoyable.
- Impeccable: Flawless or perfect.
- The diamond was impeccable and worth a fortune.

J

- Jingoism: Extreme patriotism or nationalism.
- The politician's speech was filled with jingoism and appealed to the crowd's sense of national pride.
- Judicious: Wise or sensible.
- The judge made a judicious decision that was fair to both parties.
- Juxtaposition: The placement of two or more things side by side, often for comparison or contrast.
- The juxtaposition of the two paintings highlighted the differences in their styles.

K

- Knavish: Dishonest or untrustworthy.
- The politician was a knavish man who lied to the people he represented.
- Kowtow: To submit or grovel to someone.
- The servant kowtowed to his master and did everything he was told.

L

- Laconic: Using few words.
- The teacher was Iaconic and gave only brief answers to the students' questions.
- Lassitude: A feeling of weariness or laziness.
- The heat of the day caused a feeling of lassitude and the people were too tired to move.
- Lethargic: Slow and sluggish.
- The animal was lethargic and moved slowly through the forest.


## M

- Magnanimous: Generous or forgiving.
- The king was magnanimous and pardoned the rebels who had tried to overthrow him.


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