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## **GRE Test Preparation : Vocabulary (Word to Meaning)**



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## GRE Test Prep : Vocabulary (Word to Meaning)

### Description:

What is the meaning of each word?

**Question 1: acoustics**

**Answer:** science dealing with sound.

**Question 2: alchemy**

**Answer:** chemistry of changing baser metals into gold.

**Question 3: analogy**

**Answer:** parallelism or similarity.

**Question 4: anemia**

**Answer:** deficiency of red blood corpuscles.

**Question 5: anesthetic**

**Answer:** substance producing condition of no sensation.

**Question 6: anodyne**

**Answer:** drug that reduces pain.

**Question 7: aperture**

**Answer:** opening or gap.

**Question 8: aphasia**

**Answer:** loss of speech.

**Question 9: incline**

**Answer:** slope or slanting plane.

**Question 10: inconsistency**

**Answer:** incompatibility or lack of uniformity.

**Question 11: increment**

**Answer:** increase.

**Question 12: move faster or speed up.**

**Answer:** accelerate

**Question 13: make impure by mixing with baser ingredients.**

**Answer:** adulterate

**Question 14: collect into a mass.**

Answer: agglomerate

**Question 15: collide with or dash against.**

Answer: impinge

**Question 16: put into effect.**

Answer: implement

**Question 17: burst inwards.**

Answer: implode

**Question 18: grinding down or rubbing off.**

Answer: abrasive

**Question 19: theoretical and not concrete.**

Answer: abstract

**Question 20: sharply pungent.**

Answer: acrid

**Question 21: opalescent or displaying rainbow-like colors.**

Answer: iridescent

**Question 22: pertaining to motion.**

Answer: kinetic

**Question 23: hidden potential, not manifest.**

Answer: latent

**Question 24: person who abets in a criminal deed or partner in guilt.**

Answer: accomplice

**Question 25: person with morbid dread of heights.**

Answer: acrophobe

**Question 26: supporter or follower.**

Answer: adherent

**Question 27: person who abets in a criminal deed or partner in guilt.**

Answer: accomplice

**Question 28: person with morbid dread of heights.**

Answer: acrophobe

**Question 29: supporter or follower.**

**Answer:** adherent

**Question 30:** tyrant or absolute ruler.

**Answer:** despot

**Question 31:** one who devotes himself to religion or cause.

**Answer:** devotee

**Question 32:** amateur or person who superficially pursues fine arts.

**Answer:** dilettante

**Question 33:** one who suffers or dies for a cause.

**Answer:** martyr

**Question 34:** person who enjoys pain being inflicted on himself.

**Answer:** masochist

**Question 35:** woman who rules family or group.

**Answer:** matriarch

**Question 36:** substitute or authorized agent.

**Answer:** proxy

**Question 37:** person who is excessively proper.

**Answer:** prude

**Question 38:** doctor specializing in mental disorders.

**Answer:** psychiatrist

### Vocabulary : Must-Know Roots

#### Description:

Choose the correct meaning for each root given below. Learning these roots will help you make out the meanings of unfamiliar words by breaking them down into their word parts.

**Question 1:** ac as in acerbic

**Answer:** sharp

**Explanation:** acerbic : *a.* sharp ; harsh

acerate : *a.* sharp as a needle

acid : *a.* sharply bitter

acrimonious : *a.* caustic ; bitter

acidulous : *a.* somewhat acid ; sharp

**Question 2:** **ev** as in medieval  
**Answer:** era, age  
**Explanation:** medieval : *a.* of the Middle Ages  
primeval : *a.* of the earliest era  
coeval : *a.* of the same era

**act** as in activate  
**Question 3:**  
**Answer:** do  
**Explanation:** activate : *v.* cause to act or do work  
action : *n.* process of doing something  
active : *a.* energetic

**Question 4:** **civi** as in civilization  
**Answer:** citizen  
**Explanation:** civilization : *n.* culture and life style of citizens  
civil : *a.* of common people or citizens  
civilian : *n.* a citizen not in armed forces

**Question 5:** **clam** as in acclamation  
**Answer:** cry out  
**Explanation:** acclamation : *n.* shouted approval  
clamorous : *a.* loud and noisy  
declamatory : *a.* speaking impressively  
proclamation : *n.* public announcement

**Question 6:** **clud** as in occlude  
**Answer:** close  
**Explanation:** conclude : *v.* close ; finish  
occlude : *v.* to close or block the way  
preclude : *v.* to close beforehand  
secluded : *a.* of a private place closed to many

**Question 7:** **fort** as in fortuitous  
**Answer:** luck, chance  
**Explanation:** fortuitous : *a.* happening by chance ; accidental  
misfortune : *n.* bad luck ; disaster  
fortunate : *a.* having good luck

**Question 8:** **fract** as in fractious  
**Answer:** break  
**Explanation:** fractious : *a.* tending to break rules ; uncontrollable  
fraction : *n.* small part of a whole amount  
fracture : *n.* a broken bone  
infraction : *n.* breaking of a rule

**Question 9:** **fug** as in fugitive

**Answer:** flee

**Explanation:** fugitive : *n.* a person who flees or escapes  
refuge : *n.* a shelter from pursuit  
refugee : *n.* one who seeks protection from persecution

**Question 10:** **morph** as in amorphous

**Answer:** shape, form

**Explanation:** anthropomorphic : *a.* in human form or shape  
morphology : *n.* study of forms of animals, plants or words  
amorphous : *a.* shapeless  
metamorphosis : *n.* a change in form or shape

**Question 11:** **mut** as in mutation

**Answer:** change

**Explanation:** mutation : *n.* a change in form  
mutability : *n.* quality of being changeable ; fickleness  
immutable : *a.* not changeable

**Question 12:** **nat** as in innate

**Answer:** born

**Explanation:** nativity : *n.* the process of being born ; coming into the world  
natal : *a.* relating to birth  
innate : *a.* inborn ; inherent

**Question 13:** **seque** as in consequential

**Answer:** follow

**Explanation:** sequence : *n.* related items that follow one another in an order  
sequel : *n.* that which follows  
consequential : *a.* of the result that follows a cause or principle

**Question 14:** **solv** as in absolve

**Answer:** loosen, free

**Explanation:** absolve : *v.* free from blame  
dissolve : *v.* disperse (a gathering) ; disappear gradually  
solvable : *a.* free from difficulty ; able to be answered

**Question 15:** **somn** as in somnolent

**Answer:** sleep

**Explanation:** somnolent : *a.* sleepy  
sommambulist : *n.* one who walks in his sleep  
insomnia : *n.* inability to sleep

### **Vocabulary : Must-Know Prefixes**

**Question 1:** **ab** as in aberration

**Answer:** away from

**Explanation:** aberration : *n.* deviation ; away from normality  
abduction : *n.* kidnapping ; taking away from  
abjure : *v.* renounce ; getting away from

**Question 2:** **ante** as in antedate

**Answer:** prior to, before

**Explanation:** antedate : *v.* prior to date ; precede in time  
antecedent : *n.* something that comes prior to some event  
antediluvian : *a.* time prior to Noah's flood ; ancient

**Question 3:** **anti** as in antidote

**Answer:** opposite, against

**Explanation:** antidote : *n.* substance that counteracts the effects of poison  
antipathy : *n.* strong opposition ; dislike ; hatred  
antipodes : *n.* places on opposite sides of the earth  
antithesis : *n.* an exact opposite ; a contrast

**Question 4:** **abs** as in abscond

**Answer:** away from

**Explanation:** abscond : *v.* depart illegally ; get away secretly from  
absolve : *v.* clear of guilt ; away from blame  
abstinence : *n.* restraint ; keeping away from food or alcohol

**Question 5:** **bi** as in bipartite

**Answer:** two, twice

**Explanation:** bipartite : *a.* consisting of two parts  
biennial : *a.* every two years  
bifurcate : *v.* split into two directions

**Question 6:** **cata** as in cataclysm

**Answer:** down

**Explanation:** cataclysm : *n.* violent disaster  
cataract : *n.* large waterfall  
catapult : *v.* hurl ; throw down

**Question 7:** **arch** as in archive

**Answer:** chief, main, first

**Explanation:** archive : *n.* collection of original documents  
archetype : *n.* original model  
archbishop : *n.* chief bishop

**Question 8:** **intra** as in intravenous

**Answer:** within

**Explanation:** intramural : *a.* within the walls of institution or community  
intramolecular : *a.* within the molecule intramontane : *a.* within a mountainous region intramundane : *a.* within the material world  
intrauterine : *a.* within the uterus intravenous : *a.* within the veins or administered into veins

**Question 9:** in as in inchoate

**Answer:** not

**Explanation:** inadvertent : *a.* not intentional  
inchoate : *a.* not fully developed  
incongruous : *a.* not appropriate  
indigence : *n.* poverty  
indolent : *a.* not active ; lazy

