
5000 GRE Words Level 1 - 1: Print One-sided Flashcard

abandon:

n. lacking restraint or control; feeling of extreme emotional intensity; unbounded enthusiasm

abide:

v. endure; put up with; bear; tolerate

abnormal:

a. unusual; not typical; not normal

absurd:

a. preposterous; ridiculously incongruous or unreasonable; foolish

abuse:

n. improper use or handling; misuse

access:

n. approach; entry; entrance

accidental:

a. unexpected; happening by chance, unintentionally

accomplice:

n. partner in crime; associate in wrongdoing

acquaintance:

n. personal knowledge or information about someone or something

activate:

v. make active or more active; stimulate; make radioactive

acute:

a. quickly perceptive; keen; having a sharp point or tip; extremely sharp or severe

adamant:

a. extremely hard; inflexible; stubbornly unyielding

addiction:

n. the compulsive physiological and psychological need for a substance; being abnormally dependent on something

ado:

n. doing; bother; troublesome business; fuss; bustle

adopt:

v. accept; take on; raise; take into one's family

adorable:

a. deserving to be adored; worthy of divine honors

adore:

v. worship with profound reverence; pay divine honors to; regard with the utmost esteem and affection

affected:

a. speaking or behaving in an artificial way; emotionally stirred or moved; infected or attacked

affection:

n. fondness; tender feeling toward another; fondness

affirmative:

a. confirmative; ratifying; giving assent or approval; confirming

agenda:

n. items of business at a meeting; list or program of things to be done or considered

aggressive:

a. making assaults; unjustly attacking; combative; hostile; tending to spread quickly

agitated:

a. disturbed; excited; expressing agitation

agony:

n. the extreme pain of mind or body; anguish; last struggle of life; death struggle

agreement:

n. state of agreeing; harmony of opinion, statement, action, or character

airborne:

a. aloft; flying; in the air

alias:

n. assumed name; another name; a name that has been assumed temporarily

allegiance:

n. loyalty to a nation, sovereign, or cause; fidelity to any person or thing; devotion

allergic:

a. excessively sensitive; susceptible; having an allergy

allergy:

n. hypersensitivity reaction; abnormally high sensitivity to certain substances

alley:

n. a narrow passage, especially a walk or passage in a garden or park, bordered by rows of trees or bushes

ally:

n. confederate; partner; collaborator

altar:

n. raised structure on which sacrifices are offered or incense burned to a deity

ambrosia:

n. something with delicious flavor or fragrance; fruit dessert made of oranges and bananas with shredded coconut

ambush:

n. disposition or arrangement of troops for attacking an enemy unexpectedly from a concealed station

amendment:

n. a change or changes made to the words of a text; revision

amnesia:

n. partial or total loss of memory, usually resulting from shock or illness

amulet:

n. object worn, especially around the neck, as a charm against evil or injury; charm

anemia:

n. condition in which blood lacks red corpuscles; deficiency of red blood cells; lack of vitality

ankle:

n. the joint which connects the foot with the leg; tarsus

anonymous:

a. having no name; having an unknown or unacknowledged name

anticipate:

v. act in advance of; deal with ahead of time; predict

antidote:

n. medicine to counteract a poison or disease; an agent that relieves or counteracts

apology:

n. acknowledgment expressing regret or asking pardon for a fault or offense; explanation or excuse

appalling:

a. causing or fitted to cause dismay or horror; frightful

appeal:

n. attraction; charm; attract; fascinate; challenge

appealing:

a. attractive or interesting; charming

appetite:

n. instinctive physical desire, especially one for food or drink

appropriate:

v. acquire; take possession of for one's own use; set apart for specific use

apron:

n. an article of dress, of cloth or other stuff, worn on the forepart of the body, to keep the clothes clean

archer:

n. bowman, one skilled in the use of the bow and arrow

archives:

n. public records; place where public records are kept

arena:

n. a playing field where sports events take place; a large structure for open-air sports or entertainments

arrogance:

n. overbearing pride; haughtiness; manifest feeling of personal superiority in rank, power, or estimation

arrogant:

a. arising from feeling or assumption of one's superiority toward others

arson:

n. malicious burning of a dwelling house or outhouse of another man, which by the common law is a felony

arsonist:

n. criminal who illegally sets fire to property

artillery:

n. large weapons, such as cannon and missile launchers operated by crews; army branch in use of large weapons

assault:

n. a violent attack; an onslaught

asset:

n. properties; advantage; useful or valuable quality

assurance:

n. promise or pledge; certainty; self-confidence; freedom from doubt

assured:

a. made sure; exhibiting confidence or authority; indubitable

asthma:

n. chronic respiratory disease, often arising from allergies

asylum:

n. place of refuge or shelter; protection

attic:

n. story or room directly below the roof of a building, especially a house;

attorney:

n. lawyer; one who is appointed by another to act in his place or stead; proxy

auction:

n. public sale of property to the highest bidder

audition:

v. take part in a trial performance; evaluate in a trial performance

authentic:

a. not counterfeit or copied; valid; trustworthy

authorization:

n. act of giving authority or legal power; establishment by authority; sanction or warrant

authorize:

v. empower; give permission for; sanction

autopsy:

n. examination of dead body; post-mortem

awe:

n. mixed emotion of reverence, respect, dread, and wonder; fear, as of something evil

bacon:

n. back and sides of a pig salted and smoked

badge:

n. a distinctive mark, token, or sign worn on the person

bait:

v. harass; tease; lure, entice, or entrap

bald:

a. hairless; lacking a natural or usual covering

ballroom:

n. large room used mainly for dancing

bane:

n. something causes misery or death; curse; fatal injury or ruin

bankrupt:

a. penniless, without any money; financially ruined

banner:

n. flag; sign; a newspaper headline that runs across the full page

barb:

n. sharp projection from fishhook; openly cutting remark

barbecue:

n. a rack to hold meat for cooking over hot charcoal usually out of doors

barge:

n. flatboat; long, large boat for transporting freight that is unpowered and towed or pushed by other craft

bark:

n. a sound made by a dog; harsh sound uttered by a dog

barn:

n. an outlying farm building for storing grain or animal feed and housing farm animals

barrier:

n. obstacle; structure built to bar passage; boundary or limit

batch:

n. quantity of bread baked at one time; a collection of things or persons to be handled together

beacon:

n. signal fire to notify of the approach of an enemy, or to give any notice, commonly of warning

beam:

n. ray of light; a long piece of metal or wood; long piece fixed or movable in structure, machine, or tool

beat:

v. whip; strike; defeat; hit repeatedly

beaver:

n. amphibious rodent about two feet in length; fur of the beaver; tall hat, originally made from beaver fur

behold:

v. have in sight; see clearly; look at; perceive by the visual faculty

benign:

a. kindly; favorable; not malignant

betray:

v. be unfaithful; reveal unconsciously or unwillingly

beverage:

n. liquids for drinking, usually excluding water; refreshment

bizarre:

a. fantastic; violently contrasting; strangely unconventional in style or appearance

blackmail:

n. extortion of money or value from a person by threat of exposing a criminal act or discreditable information

blade:

n. the flat part of the leaf, of any plant, especially of gramineous plants; cutting part of an instrument

bless:

v. make or pronounce holy; consecrate; make happy

blizzard:

n. a severe snowstorm with strong winds

blur:

n. something hazy and indistinct to the sight or mind; dim, confused appearance; moral stain or blot

bodyguard:

n. guard to protect or defend person; lifeguard

bogus:

a. counterfeit or fake; not authentic; not genuine

bolt:

v. dash or dart off; move or jump suddenly

boost:

v. raise; advance; push or shove upward

booster:

n. device for increasing power or effectiveness; enthusiastic promoter, as of a sports team or school

booze:

n. drink greedily or immoderately, especially alcoholic liquor

bore:

v. drill; make a hole in or through, with or as if with a drill

bouquet:

n. small cluster or arrangement of flowers; an arrangement of flowers that is usually given as a present

bout:

n. a contest between antagonists; contest or fight; a period of time spent in a particular way, as in illness

brace:

n. something which holds anything tightly or supports it firmly, as bandage, cord, or rod;

brake:

n. a piece of mechanism for retarding or stopping motion by friction

breach:

n. breaking of contract or duty; breaking of waves or surf; fissure or gap

brilliant:

a. full of light; shining; bright; sharp and clear in tone

brink:

n. edge, margin, or border of a steep place verge

brutal:

a. like a brute; savage; cruel; inhuman; merciless

brutality:

n. quality of being brutal; inhumanity; savageness; pitilessness

bubble:

n. foam; dome-shaped covering made of transparent glass or plastic; fantastic or impracticable idea or belief

buckle:

v. fold or collapse; bend out of shape, as under pressure or from heat

budge:

v. move off; move or stir slightly; alter a position or attitude

bug:

n. general name applied to various insects

bulb:

n. the rounded part of a cylindrical structure; electric lamp consisting of a glass ball

bully:

n. noisy, blustering fellow; one who is threatening and quarrelsome; insolent, tyrannical fellow

bum:

n. one who is devoted to a particular activity; murmuring or humming sound; lazy or shiftless person

bumper:

n. something as bars at edges to absorb shock and prevent serious damage

bust:

n. the occasion for excessive eating or drinking; complete failure; sculpture of the head and shoulders of a person

bypass:

n. the channel used to conduct gas or liquid around another pipe or a fixture

cadet:

n. younger of two brothers; student at a military school who is training to be an officer

canary:

n. pale yellowish color; wine made in the Canary Islands; canary bird; quick and lively dance

canyon:

n. narrow chasm with cliff walls, cut into the earth by running water; a gorge

capacity:

n. mental or physical ability; ability to accommodate

carnival:

n. festivity; traveling amusement show usually including rides, games, and sideshows

carol:

n. round dance; a song of joy; a song of praise or joy, especially for Christmas

carve:

v. make something by cutting into especially wood or stone; sculpt

cascade:

n. small waterfall; sudden downpour

category:

n. group; class; a collection of things sharing a common attribute

catholic:

a. broadly sympathetic; universal; related to Roman Catholic Church

cavalry:

n. part of military force which serves on horseback

cavern:

n. cave; large underground chamber, as in a cave

cavity:

n. hole; cavern; hollow area within the body

celebrated:

a. famous; well-known; having illustrious past

celebrity:

n. a widely known person

cellar:

n. room or rooms under a building, and usually below the surface of the ground

cemetery:

n. place or ground set apart for the burial of the dead; graveyard

cereal:

n. grass such as wheat, oats, or corn, the starchy grains of which are used as a food

cerebral:

a. relating to the brain or cerebrum; intellectual rather than emotional

chaos:

n. disorder; condition or place of great disorder or confusion; disorderly mass

chap:

n. crack, as in earth surface; splitting of skin, caused by cold or exposure; one of the jaws or cheeks; man or boy

charitable:

a. benevolent; kind and not judging people in a negative way

charity:

n. activity or gift that benefits the public at large

charter:

v. license; authorize; hold under a lease or rental agreement of goods and services

chase:

v. pursue to kill or take; hunt; follow as if to catch

chateau:

n. impressive country house or castle in France; large country house

chevron:

n. badge consisting of stripes meeting at an angle, worn on the sleeve of military or police uniform to indicate rank

chic:

n. good form; style; elegance under being fashionable

chimera:

n. monster represented as vomiting flames, and as having lion head, goat body, and dragon tail

choir:

n. band or organized company of singers, especially in church service

chop:

v. hew; cut by striking with a heavy sharp tool, such as an ax

chorus:

n. any utterance produced simultaneously by a group

chubby:

a. of a person, slightly overweight, somewhat fat and hence soft; rounded, and plump

chuck:

v. toss or throw smartly out of hand; make noise or call, as a hen calls her chickens

chump:

n. short, thick, heavy piece of wood; stupid or foolish person

chunk:

n. a thick mass or piece, amount

cider:

n. beverage made from juice pressed from apples

civilian:

a. of or relating to non-military life

clam:

v. be moist or glutinous; stick or adhere; produce or cause to clang

clamp:

n. any of various devices used to join, grip, support, or compress mechanical or structural parts

clarity:

n. clearness of thought or style; brightness; splendor

clientele:

n. clients of professional person; the body of customers or patrons

closure:
n. act of shutting; closing

clot:
n. thick, viscous, or coagulated mass or lump, as of blood; compact group

clumsy:
a. awkward; showing lack of skill or aptitude

coalition:
n. partnership; league; state of being combined into one body

coincidence:
n. two or more things occurring at the same time by chance

collision:
n. crash; conflict of opposed ideas or attitudes or goals

colossal:
a. of extraordinary size; huge; gigantic

coma:
n. state of profound insensibility from which it is difficult or impossible to rouse a person

commence:
v. have a beginning or origin; originate; start; begin

commitment:
n. pledge, undertaking; an act of binding yourself to a course of action

commotion:

n. disturbed or violent motion; agitation; public disturbance; riot; excitement

compact:

a. closely and firmly united or packed together; briefly giving a gist of something

compassion:

n. the sensation of sorrow excited by the distress or misfortunes of another; pity; commiseration

compassionate:

a. having a temper or disposition to pity; sympathetic; merciful

compatible:

a. harmonious; having similar disposition and tastes

compelling:

a. overpowering; drivingly forceful; urgently requiring attention

compliment:

n. praise; commendation; say something to someone that expresses praise

compromise:

v. adjust or settle by making mutual concessions; endanger the interests or reputation of

compulsive:

a. having the power to compel; exercising or applying compulsion.

con:

ad. against the affirmative side; in opposition; on the negative side

concede:

v. admit; yield; give up physical control of another

conceive:

v. form or develop in mind; devise; become pregnant with; begin or originate in a specific way

concussion:

n. shaking or agitation; shock; injury to an organ, especially the brain, produced by a violent blow

condemn:

v. blame; denounce; express strong disapproval of

confide:

v. disclose; reveal; tell in confidence

confront:

v. be face to face with; oppose in hostility or competition; deal with

confrontation:

n. state of being confronted, especially a meeting face to face; clash of opinions and ideas

conjure:

v. call on or summon by sacred name or in a solemn manner; implore earnestly; practice magical arts

consolation:

n. act of consoling; state of being consoled; refreshment of spirit; comfort

console:

v. cheer from distress or depression; alleviate grief and raise spirits of; relieve; comfort

conspiracy:

n. plot; intrigue; agreement to perform together an illegal, wrongful, or subversive act

constellation:

n. some stars seen from the Earth as a group and often having a name

contagious:

a. infectious; of or relating to communicable diseases

contempt:

n. state of being despised or dishonored; disgrace; disobedience to, or open disrespect of

continent:

n. one of the large landmasses of the earth

contingency:

n. condition of being dependent on chance; uncertainty; possibility

contract:

v. constrict; make smaller; compress or concentrate

convert:

n. change something into another form; transform

convertible:

a. capable of being converted; susceptible of change; transmutable; transformable

convict:

v. find or declare guilty

conviction:

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

coop:

n. barrel or cask for liquor; enclosure or cage, as for poultry or small animals

corny:

a. producing corn or grain; furnished with grains of corn; strong, stiff, or hard, like a horn;

corporal:

a. belonging or relating to the body; bodily; noncommissioned officer, next below a sergeant

corporate:

a. united or combined into one body; collective; belonging to a corporation or incorporated body

cosmic:

a. of the universe; vast

costume:

n. dress; attire; a set of clothes appropriate for a particular occasion or season

couch:

n. sofa; arrange or dispose as in a bed

counterfeit:

v. make a copy of, usually with the intent to defraud; forge

coup:

n. sudden stroke; sudden appropriation of leadership or power; a takeover

covert:

a. secretive, not openly shown

coy:

a. quiet; still; tending to avoid people and social situations; reserved

cram:

v. pack; force, press, or squeeze into an insufficient space

cramp:

n. something that confines or contracts; restraint; hindrance

cramped:

a. jammed; stuffed; uncomfortably small or restricted

crank:

n. device for rotary motion, by handle or arm; bend, turn, or winding, as of a passage; twist or turn in speech

cranky:

a. having a bad disposition; having eccentric ways; odd; full of bends and turns; crooked

crate:

n. large basket, used for moving china or similar wares; box or case whose sides are of wooden slats with interspaces

crave:

v. ask with earnestness or importunity; ask with submission or humility; beg

craving:

n. vehement or urgent desire; longing for; consuming desire; yearning

creed:

n. definite summary of what is believed; confession of faith for public use

creek:

n. a small stream, often a shallow tributary to a river; brook

cripple:

n. person or animal that is partially disabled or unable to use a limb or limb

crook:

v. bend, turn, or curve; curvature; flexure

crooked:

a. having or marked by bends or angles; not straight or aligned; curved

crude:

a. being in an unrefined or natural state; raw; lacking tact or taste; blunt or offensive

crumb:

n. small fragment or piece, especially a small piece of bread or other food; broken or cut off

crunch:

v. chew with force and noise; crush, grind or tread noisily

cryptic:

a. having hidden meaning; mystifying; using code or cipher

cub:

n. young animal; awkward, rude, ill-mannered boy; a stall for cattle

cubicle:

n. sleeping place partitioned off from a large dormitory; small compartment, as for work or study

cuddle:

v. lie close or snug; crouch; nestle; embrace closely

cuff:

n. fold at the end of the sleeve; part of sleeve turned back from the hand; any ornamental appendage at the wrist

cuisine:

n. kitchen or cooking department; food; manner or style of cooking; cookery

cult:

n. religion or religious sect generally considered to be extremist or false; community of religious worship and ritual

curb:

v. bend or curve; guide and manage, or restrain

curt:

a. having been shortened; effectively cut short; rudely brief or abrupt, as in speech or manner

cushion:

n. soft pillow or pad usually used for sitting, reclining, or kneeling

custody:

n. keeping or guarding; care, watch, inspection, for keeping, preservation, or security

cute:

a. ingenious; delightfully pretty or dainty

cynical:

a. skeptical of motives of others; selfishly calculating; negative or pessimistic

dandy:

n. man who affects extreme elegance in clothes and manners; something very good or agreeable

darn:

v. mend, with interlacing stitches of yarn or thread by the needle; sew together with yarn or thread

dart:

v. move suddenly and rapidly

debris:

n. remains of something that has been destroyed or broken up

debut:

n. beginning or first attempt; first appearance before the public

decoy:

n. lure or bait; means used to mislead or lead into danger

decree:

n. order from one having authority; decision, order, or sentence by a court

deed:

n. something that is carried out; act or action; feat or exploit

defendant:

n. one required to make answer in an action or suit

definition:

n. clarity of outline; concise explanation

deliberate:

v. consider; think about carefully; weigh

delirious:

a. having a delirium; wandering in mind; insane; raving; wild

delta:

n. an area of flat land where a river spreads out into several smaller rivers before entering the sea

delusion:

n. false belief; mistaken or unfounded opinion

dent:

n. cavity; a depression scratched or carved into a surface

deposition:

n. testimony under oath; the act of depositing, especially laying down of matter by natural process

deputy:

n. one appointed as the substitute of another, and empowered to act for him; substitute in office

desirable:

a. worthwhile; worth doing or achieving; advisable

despicable:

a. fit or deserving to be despised; contemptible; mean; vile; worthless

destruction:

n. havoc; event that completely destroys something

detour:

n. a turning; circuitous route; deviation from a direct course

devastating:

a. destructive; highly critical; causing or capable of causing complete destruction

devious:

a. departing from the correct and accepted way; misleading; not straightforward

devotion:

n. faithfulness; ardent, often selfless affection and dedication

diabetes:

n. a polygenic disease characterized by abnormally high glucose levels in the blood

diabolical:

a. extremely evil or cruel; expressive of cruelty or befitting hell

dictate:

v. prescribe; rule as a dictator

dilemma:

n. predicament; state of uncertainty or between equally unfavorable options

diplomatic:

a. relating to diplomacy; marked by tact and sensitivity in dealing with others

dirk:

n. a kind of dagger or poniard

disaster:

n. catastrophe; great harm, damage, or death, or serious difficulty

disastrous:

a. extremely bad; terrible; dreadful

discharge:

v. relieve of a burden or of contents; unload; pour forth or release; complete or carry out; give off

discreet:

a. free from ostentation or pretension; distinct; distinguishable

discretion:

n. knowing how to avoid embarrassment or distress; the trait of judging wisely and objectively

disguise:

n. dress or exterior put on for purposes of concealment or of deception

dispatch:

n. act of sending off something; the property of being prompt and efficient; message usually sent in haste

distinction:

n. excellence or eminence; note or mark of difference

distinguished:

a. prominent; celebrated, well-known, or eminent because of past achievements

distracted:

a. having the attention diverted;
suffering conflicting emotions;
distraught

distraught:

a. deeply agitated, as from
emotional conflict; mad; insane

distress:

n. discomfort; cause strain,
anxiety, or suffering to

disturbance:

n. disorder; turmoil; mental or
emotional unbalance or disorder

dock:

v. deprive someone of benefits;
remove or shorten the tail of an
animal

dodge:

v. avoid a blow by moving or
shifting quickly aside; a shifty or
ingenious trick

dome:

n. building or house, especially as
the great hall, church, or temple;
anything shaped like a cupola

don:

v. put clothing on one's body

dose:

n. quantity of medicine given;
sufficient quantity; portion

drool:

v. drivel, or drop saliva; let run
from the mouth; talk nonsense;
silly talk or write