## Barrons GRE Vocabulary 2

## antiseptic

(مطهر) substance that prevents infection; substance that restricts the growth of disease-causing microorganisms
Regular washing with antiseptic is often enough to heal a skin infection.

## antithesis

(نقیض) contrast; direct contrast; opposition
This tyranny was the antithesis of all that he had hoped for, and he fought it with all his strength.

## anvil

(سندان) heavy block of iron or steel with a smooth, flat top on which metals are shaped by hammering
The man put the iron block on the anvil.

## apathy

lack of caring; indifference
A firm believer in democratic government, she could not understand the apathy of people who never bothered to vote.

## aperture

(فتحة) opening; diameter of such an opening; hole
She discovered a small aperture in the wall, through which the insects had entered the room.
apex
(قمة) highest point; vertex; summit; climax
He was at the apex of his career: he had climbed to the top of the heap.
aphasia
(حبسة) loss of speech due to injury or illness
After the automobile accident, the victim had periods of aphasia when he could not speak at all or could only mumble incoherently.

## aphorism

(حكمة) definition or concise statement of principle; tersely phrased statement of truth or opinion An aphorism differs from an adage in that it is more philosophical or scientific.

## apiary

(مناحل) place where bees and beehives are kept, especially where bees are raised for their honey Although he spent many hours daily in the apiary, he was very seldom stung by a bee.

## aplomb

(ثقة بالنفس) poise; self-confident assurance
Gwen's aplomb in handling potentially embarrassing moments was legendary around the office; when one of her clients broke a piece of her best crystal, she coolly picked up her own goblet and hurled it into the fireplace.

## apocalyptic

(ملفق) prophetic; involving or portending widespread devastation
The crowd jeered preacher's apocalyptic predictions of doom at the street.

## apocryphal

(ملفق) untrue; of questionable authorship or authenticity; erroneous; fictitious
To impress his friends, Tom invented apocryphal tales of his adventures in the big city.

## apogee

(المروع الأوج) the highest point; point in orbit most distant from the body being orbited When the moon in its orbit is farthest away from the earth, it is at its apogee.

## apolitical

(سياسية) having aversion or lack of concern for political affairs
It was hard to remain apolitical during the Vietnam War; even people who generally ignored public issues felt they had to take political stands.

## apologist

(المدافع) person who argues in defense or justification of something, such as doctrine, policy, or institution
Finally, the fifth item mentioned by the apologist is the rigid monotheism which stamps the whole volume.

## apostate

(المرتد) one who abandons his religious faith or political beliefs
Because he switched from one party to another, his former friends shunned him as an apostate.

## apotheosis

( $\geqslant \gg$ ) elevation to godhood; fact or action of becoming a god; an ideal example of something The apotheosis of a Roman emperor was designed to insure his eternal greatness: people would worship at his altar forever.

## appall

(فز ${ }^{\text {(ف) depress or discourage with fear; grow faint or become weak }}$
The horrifying conditions in the city's jails might appall you.

## apparent

(الرابطة) capable of being seen, or easily seen; open to view; visible to eye
It is apparent to all that he was guilty; do you think anyone still trusts him now?

## apparition

) ghostly figure; sudden or unusual sight; appearance; state of being visible
On the castle battlements, an apparition materialized and spoke to Hamlet, warning him of his uncle's treachery.

## appease

(استرضاء) bring peace, quiet, or calm to; satisfy or relieve
Tom and Jody tried to appease the crying baby by offering him one toy after another, but he would not calm down.

## appellation

(تسمية) name; title; act of naming; act of appealing for aid, sympathy
Macbeth was startled when the witches greeted him with an incorrect appellation. Why did they call him Thane of Cawdor, he wondered, when the holder of that title still lived?.

## append

(إلحاق) attach; add as supplement or appendix
When you append a bibliography to a text, you have just created an supplementary material.

## application

(تط) close attention; work of applying something; verbal or written request for assistance Pleased with how well Tom had whitewashed the fence, Aunt Polly praised him for his application to the task.

## apposite

(محله) strikingly appropriate and relevant; well-suited
He was always able to find the apposite phrase, the correct expression for every occasion.

## appraise

(تقيب) estimate value of; evaluate, especially in official capacity
It is difficult to appraise the value of old paintings; it is easier to call them priceless.

## appreciate

(نقرJ) be thankful for; increase in worth; be thoroughly conscious of
I am truly thankful for the stocks, which would appreciate in value considerably in future years.

## apprehend

(اعتقال) take into custody; arrest a criminal; grasp mentally; perceive
The police will apprehend the culprit and convict him.

## apprehensive

(تخوف) capable of apprehending; knowing; conscious; relating to the faculty of apprehension;
sensible; feeling; perceptive
Here I walked about for a long time, feeling very strange, and mortally apprehensive of some one coming in and kidnapping me.

## apprise

(يطلع) inform; give notice to; make aware
If you apprise him the dangerous weather conditions, he has to postpone his trip.

## approbation

(استحسان) expression of warm approval; praise
She looked for some sign of approbation from her parents, hoping her good grades would please them.

## apropos

(بالمناسبة) with reference or regard; in respect
I'll admit - this list is completely in apropos of nothing.

## aptitude

inherent ability; quickness in learning and understanding
The counselor gave him an aptitude test before advising him about the career he should follow.

## aquiline

(معقوف) curved or hooked like an eagle's beak
He can be recognized by his aquiline nose, curved like the beak of the eagle.

## arable

fit for growing crops, as by plowing
The first settlers wrote home glowing reports of the New World, praising its vast acres of arable land ready for the plow.

## arbiter

person with power to decide a dispute; judge
As an arbiter in labor disputes, she has won the confidence of the workers and the employers.

## arbitrary

(التعسفي) randomly chosen; determined by chance or impulse, and not by reason or principle He threw an arbitrary assortment of clothes into his suitcase and headed off, not caring where he went.

## arboreal

(الأثرية) tree-dwelling; treelike; living in trees
Learn about the arboreal emblems that represent the provinces and territories of Canada.

## arboretum

(المشتل) place where different tree varieties are exhibited
Walking along the tree-lined paths of the arboretum, Rita noted poplars, firs, and some particularly fine sycamores.

## arcade

(ممر) covered passageway, usually lined with shops; simple arched opening in a wall; vault or vaulted place
The arcade was popular with shoppers because it gave them protection from the summer sun and the winter rain.

## arcane

(غامضة) secret; mysterious; known only to the initiated
Secret brotherhoods surround themselves with arcane rituals and trappings to mystify outsiders.

## archaeology

(علم الآثار) study of artifacts and relics of early mankind
The professor of archaeology headed an expedition to the Gobi Desert in search of ancient ruins.

## archaic

(قديمة) no longer current or applicable; antiquated
"Methinks," "thee," and "thou" are archaic words that are no longer part of our normal vocabulary.

## archetype

prototype; original model or type after which other similar things are patterned
The Brooklyn Bridge was the archetype of the many spans that now connect Manhattan with Long Island and New Jersey.

## archipelago

(أرخبيل) group of closely located islands
When I looked at the map and saw the archipelago in the South Seas, I longed to visit them.

## archives

(أرشيف) public records; place where public records are kept
These documents should be part of the archives so that historians may be able to evaluate them in the future.

## arduous

(شاقة) demanding great effort or labor; difficult
Her arduous efforts had sapped her energy.

## aria

operatic solo; solo vocal piece with instrumental accompaniment
Of course, throwing a pop star at an aria is a particularly uninspired solution.

## arid

(القاحلة) dry; lacking moisture, especially having insufficient rainfall to support trees or plants
The cactus has adapted to survive in an arid environment.

## aristocracy

hereditary nobility; privileged class
Americans have mixed feelings about hereditary aristocracy.

## armada

(أرمادا) a fleet of warships; a large group of moving things
Queen Elizabeth's navy defeated the mighty armada that threatened the English coast.

## aromatic

(العطرية) fragrant or sweet-smelling; caused by fragrant odor
Medieval sailing vessels brought aromatic herbs from China to Europe.

## arraign

(استجاب) officially charge someone in a court of law
After his indictment by the Grand Jury, the County Criminal Court should arraign the accused man.

## array

(مجموعة) set out for display or use; place in orderly arrangement
He requested to array the whole regiment on the parade ground.

## arrears

(المتأخرات) being in debt; unpaid, overdue debt or an unfulfilled obligation
He was in arrears with his payments on the car.

## arroyo

(المتغطرسة ارويو) deep gully; a dry gulch; brook or creek; watercourse
Until the heavy rains of the past spring, this arroyo had been a dry bed.

## arsenal

(ارسنال) storage place for military equipment; stock of weapons
People are forbidden to smoke in the arsenal for fear that a stray spark might set off the munitions stored there.

## artery

(الثريان) one of the vessels or tubes which carry either venous or arterial blood from the heart; major transit corridor
The Yangtze River is the main artery of traffic in center China.

## articulate

(التعبير) expressing oneself easily in clear and effective language
Her articulate presentation of the advertising campaign impressed her employers.

## artifice

(حيلة) subtle but base deception; trickery; cleverness or skill; ingenuity
The Trojan War proved to the Greeks that cunning and artifice were often more effective than military might.

## artisan

manually skilled worker; craftsman, as opposed to artist
A noted artisan, Arturo was known for the fine craftsmanship.

## artless

) free of artificiality; natural; open and honest Sophisticated and cynical, Jack could not believe Jill was as artless and naive as she appeared to be.

## ascendancy

(صعود) superiority or decisive advantage; domination
Leaders of religious cults maintain ascendancy over their followers by methods that can verge on brainwashing.

## ascertain

(التأكد) find out for certain; discover with certainty; make sure of Please ascertain her present address.

## ascetic

(التقنف) leading a life of self-discipline and self-denial; austere
The wealthy, self-indulgent young man felt oddly drawn to the strict, ascetic life led by members of some monastic orders.

## ascribe

(صقة) inscribe or dedicate; attribute to a specified cause, source, or origin; assign as a quality Other people ascribe his exclusion from the canon to an unsubtle form of racism.

## aseptic

(العقيم) preventing infection; having cleansing effect
Hospitals succeeded in lowering the mortality rate as soon as they introduced aseptic conditions.

## ashen

ash-colored; very pale; consisting of ashes
Her face was ashen with fear.

## asinine

(أبلد) utterly stupid or silly; inanely foolish
Your asinine remarks prove that you have not given this problem any serious consideration.

## askance

(بارتياب) with sideways or indirect look; Turned to side, especially of eyes
Looking askance at her questioner, she displayed her scorn.

## askew

(بميل) turned or twisted toward one side; at an angle
When he placed his hat askew upon his head, his observers laughed.

## asperity

(الحده) sharpness of temper; roughness or harshness, as of surface, sound, or climate These remarks, spoken with asperity, stung the boys to whom they had been directed.

## aspirant

(الطامحة) one who aspires, as to advancement, honors, or a high position
Although I am an aspirant for public office, I am not willing to accept the dictates of the party bosses.

## aspire

(يطمح) seek to attain; long for; strive toward an end
If you aspire to a career in professional sports, please enroll in a graduate program in sports management.

## assail

(بهاجم) assault; attack with or as if with violent blows
These days nightmares assail him regularly.

## assay

(فحص) analyze; evaluate; examine by trial or experiment; put to test
When they assay the ore, they find that they have discovered a very rich vein.

## assent

(موافقة) express agreement to what is alleged or proposed; accept
It gives me great pleasure to assent to your request.

## assiduous

(مجتهـ) constant in application or attention; diligent; unceasing or persistent
He was assiduous, working at this task for weeks before he felt satisfied with his results.

## assimilate

(استيعاب) incorporate and absorb into mind; make similar; cause to resemble
The manner in which the United States was able to assimilate immigrants during the 19th and early 20th century will always be a source of pride to Americans.

## assuage

(تهنئة) ease or lessen pain; satisfy or appease
Jilted by Jane, Dick tried to assuage his heartache by indulging in ice cream.

## assumption

(افتراض) something taken for accepted as true without proof; taking over or taking possession of The young princess made the foolish assumption that the regent would not object to power.

## asteroid

(كويكب) small planet; any small celestial bodies that revolve around the sun
With Vista at opposition, the asteroid is at its closest point to Earth in its orbit.

## astigmatism

eye defect that prevents proper focus
As soon as his parents discovered that the boy suffered from astigmatism, they took him to the optometrist for corrective glasses.

## astral

(عقولة) relating to stars; star-shaped
She was amazed at the number of astral bodies the new telescope revealed.

## astringent

) (الثاعر) causing contraction; having the effect of drawing tissue together; stern or austere The juice from the last pressing being very dark and astringent, is put with the inferior wine.

## astronomical

enormously large or extensive; relating to astronomy
The government seems willing to spend astronomical sums on weapons development.

## asunder

(اربا) into separate parts or pieces; apart
A fierce quarrel split the partnership asunder: the two partners finally sundered their connections because their points of view were poles apart.

## asylum

place of refuge or shelter; protection
The refugees sought asylum from religious persecution in a new land.

## asymmetric

(غير المتماتلة) not identical on both sides of a dividing central line
Because one eyebrow was set markedly higher than the other, William's face had a particularly
asymmetric appearance.

## atavism

(تأسل) resemblance to remote ancestors rather than to parents; deformity returning after passage of two or more generations
The doctors ascribed the child's deformity to an atavism.

## atheistic

(تشريح) denying existence of God; godless
His atheistic remarks shocked the religious worshippers.
atone
(تكفير) make amends, as for sin or fault; pay for; turn away from sin He knew no way in which he could atone for his brutal crime.

## atrocity

(فظاعة) brutal deed; atrocious condition, quality, or behavior; monstrousness
Unfortunately, the normal social reaction to atrocity is to banish it from our awareness.

## atrophy

(ضمور) wasting away; decrease in size; reduction in the functionality of an organ caused by disease It confirms earlier research showing a link between brain atrophy and low levels of B12.

## attentive

(الإلحادية) alert and watchful; considerate; thoughtful
Spellbound, the attentive audience watched the final game of the tennis match, never taking their eyes from the ball.

## attenuate

make slender, fine, or small; weaken; lessen density of By withdrawing their forces, the generals hoped to attenuate the enemy lines.

## attest

(تشهـ) testify; authenticate, affirm to be true
Having served as a member of the Grand Jury, I can attest that our system of indicting individuals is in need of improvement.

## attire

(ملابس) clothing; dress
I will attire my Jane in satin and lace, and she shall have roses in her hair; and I will cover the head I love best with a priceless veil.

## attribute

(سمة) essential quality; reputation; honor
His outstanding attribute was his kindness.

## attrition

gradual decrease in numbers; reduction in work force without firing employees; wearing away of opposition by means of harassment
In the 1960s urban churches suffered from attrition as members moved from the cities to the suburbs.

## atypical

(شاذة) not normal; unusual or irregular; not representative of a group, class, or type The child psychiatrist reassured Mrs. Keaton that playing doctor was not atypical behavior for a child of young Alex's age.

## audacious

(جريئة) fearlessly, often recklessly daring; bold
Audiences cheered as Luke Skywalker and Princess Leia made their audacious, death defying leap to freedom, escaping Darth Vader's troops.

## audit

(التنقيق) examination of accounts; adjustment or correction of accounts
When the bank examiners arrived to hold their annual audit, they discovered the embezzlements of the chief cashier.

## augment

(زيادة) make greater, as in size, extent, or quantity
Armies augment their forces by calling up reinforcements.

## augury

(بشارة) sign of something coming; art or practice of foretelling events by signs or omens
He interpreted the departure of the birds as an augury of evil.

## august

(أغسطس) impressive; majestic; inspiring awe or admiration
Visiting the palace at Versailles, she was impressed by the august surroundings in which she found herself.

## auroral

(الشفق) characteristic of dawn; dawning, eastern, like new beginning; relating to the atmospheric phenomenon auroras
The auroral display was particularly spectacular that evening.

## auspicious

(الميمون) attended by favorable circumstances; marked by success; prosperous
With favorable weather conditions, it was an auspicious moment to set sail.

## authenticate

(مصادقة) prove genuine; establish authenticity of
An expert was needed to authenticate the original Van Gogh painting, distinguishing it from its imitation.

## authoritative

(حجية) having weight of authority; peremptory and dictatorial
Impressed by the young researcher's well-documented presentation, we accepted her analysis of the experiment as authoritative.

## autocratic

(الاستبدادية) having absolute, unchecked power; dictatorial
Someone accustomed to exercising authority may become autocratic if his or her power is unchecked.

## automaton

(إنسان) mechanism that imitates actions of humans
Long before science fiction readers became aware of robots, at this book writer was presenting a story of automaton who could outperform men.

## autonomous

(تشريح) self-governing; not controlled by others or by outside forces; independent
Although the University of California at Berkeley is just one part of the state university system, in many ways it is autonomous, for it runs several programs that are not subject to outside control.

## autopsy

(تشريح) examination of dead body; post-mortem
The medical examiner ordered an autopsy to determine the cause of death.

## auxiliary

helper, additional or subsidiary
To prepare for the emergency, they built an auxiliary power station.

## avalanche

(الانهيار) great mass of falling snow and ice
The park ranger warned the skiers to stay on the main trails, where they would be in no danger of being buried beneath a sudden avalanche.

## avarice

greediness for wealth; insatiable desire of gain
King Midas is a perfect example of avarice, for he was so greedy that he wished everything he touched would turn to gold.

## avenge

(انتقاما) take vengeance for something, or on behalf of someone
Hamlet vowed he would avenge his father's murder and punish Claudius for his horrible crime.

## aver

(جزم) declare to be true; affirm
The witnesses aver that he was holding a gun.

## averse

reluctant; disinclined; turned away or backward; unwilling
The reporter was averse to revealing the sources of his information.

## aversion

(كره) firm dislike; turning away; avoidance of a thing, situation, or behavior because of dislike Risk aversion is one of the most serious problems and largest cost of our human space flight.

## avert

(القفص) prevent; turn or cause to turn off or away
She had to avert her eyes from the dead cat on the highway.

## aviary

(عقولة منتبهة) large cage, building, or enclosure in which birds are reared or kept The aviary at the zoo held nearly 300 birds.

## avid

(تجنب متعطشا) greedy; eager for; marked by keen interest and enthusiasm
He was avid for learning and read everything he could get.

## avocation

(هواية) activity taken up in addition to one's regular work or profession, usually for enjoyment His hobby proved to be so fascinating and profitable that gradually he abandoned his regular occupation and concentrated on his avocation.

## avow

(يعترفوا) declare openly; acknowledge openly, boldly, and unashamedly
Lana began to avow that she never meant to steal Debbie's boyfriend.

## avuncular

(عمي) in manner of uncle, pertaining to uncle; kind, genial, benevolent or tolerant Avuncular pride did not prevent him from noticing his nephew's shortcomings.

## awe

mixed emotion of reverence, respect, dread, and wonder; fear, as of something evil The tourists gazed with awe at the tremendous expanse of the Grand Canyon.

## awful

(فظيعة) causing fear, dread, or terror; extremely bad or unpleasant; terrible He says the budget is in awful shape and we need to take steps to fix it.

## awry

(منحرف) in a position that is turned toward one side; away from correct course
He held his head awry, giving the impression that he had caught cold in his neck during the night.

## axiom

(اكسيوم) self-evident truth requiring no proof
Before a student can begin to think along the lines of Euclidean geometry, he must accept certain principle or axiom.

## azure

(الثرثرة) sky blue; light purplish-blue
Azure skies are indicative of good weather.

## babble

(تشريح) talk foolishly or idly; utter meaningless confusion of words or sounds
The little girl likes to babble about her doll.

## bacchanalian

drunken; relating to reveling and drunkenness
Emperor Nero attended the bacchanalian orgy.

## badger

(الغرير) pester; annoy persistently; persuade through constant efforts
She is forced to change her telephone number because obscene phone calls badger her.

## badinage

(الهزل) teasing conversation; good-humored, playful conversation
Her friends at work greeted the news of her engagement with cheerful badinage.

## baffle

(إرباك) frustrate as by confusing or perplexing; impede force or movement of
The new code will baffle the enemy agents.

## bait

(القفص) harass; tease; lure, entice, or entrap
The school bully will bait the smaller children, terrorizing them.

## baleful

portending evil; harmful in intent or effect.
The fortune teller made baleful predictions of terrible things to come.

## balk

(بيت) stop short and refuse to go on; refuse obstinately or abruptly
When the warden learned that several inmates were planning to escape, he took steps to balk their attempt.

## ballast

(مؤذ) heavy substance used to add stability or weight
The ship was listing badly to one side; it was necessary to shift the ballast in the hold to get her back on an even keel.

## balm

(ترفض) something that relieves pain
Friendship is the finest balm for the pangs of disappointed love.

## balmy

(الصابورة) mild and pleasant; fragrant
A balmy breeze refreshed us after the sultry blast.

## bandy

(شاف) discuss lightly or glibly; exchange words heatedly
While the president was happy to bandy patriotic generalizations with anyone who would listen to him, he refused to exchange words with unfriendly reporters at the press conference.

## bane

(عاديا) something causes misery or death; curse; fatal injury or ruin
Lucy's little brother was the bane of her existence: his attempts to make her life miserable worked so well that she could have poisoned him.

## bantering

(باندي) good-natured ridiculing; cleverly amusing in tone
They resented his bantering remarks because they thought he was being sarcastic.

## bar

(بار) a counter where you can obtain food or drink; cafe; strip; stick
For low paid male workers - many from South Asia - the cafeterias are a social focus - the equivalent of a bar or pub in non-Muslim countries, a place to meet friends and workmates.

## barb

(عنة) sharp projection from fishhook; openly cutting remark
If you were a politician, would you prefer being caught on the barb of a fishhook?

## bard

(المزاح) poet, especially lyric poet
The ancient bard Homer sang of the fall of Troy.

## bargain

(صفقة) agreement between parties concerning the sale of property
"A part of me you must become," he answered steadily; "otherwise the whole bargain is void."

## baroque

(شوكة الباروك) complex or bizarre, especially in ornamentation; irregular in shape Accustomed to the severe lines of contemporary buildings, the architecture students found the flamboyance of baroque architecture amusing.

## barrage

(ابل) artificial obstruction; heavy curtain of artillery fire; rapid, concentrated discharge of missiles The company was forced to retreat through the barrage of heavy cannons.

## barterer

(المقايض) trader; one who trades goods for other goods without involving money
The barterer exchanged trinkets for the natives' furs. It seemed smarter to trade than to pay cash.

## bask

(تشمس) luxuriate; take pleasure in warmth
Relaxing on the beach, they bask so completely that fell asleep.

## bastion

(معقل) fortress; projecting part of fortification; well-fortified position
The villagers fortified the town hall, hoping this improvised bastion could protect them from the guerillas' raids.

## bate

(باتي) let down; restrain; lessen force or intensity of; moderate
Until it was time to open the presents, the children had to bate their curiosity.

## bauble

(فاجر) small, showy ornament of little value; child's plaything or toy
The child was delighted with the bauble she had won in the grab bag.

## bawdy

(الإلحادية فاجر ) indecent; obscene; humorously coarse
Jack took offense at Jill's bawdy remarks. What kind of young man did she think he was?

## bearing

(و إذ تضع) carrying another part; patient endurance; suffering without complaint; act of producing or giving birth
The U.S. Mint is set to unveil a new $\$ 1$ coin bearing the image of President Abraham Lincoln.

## beatific

(الإبتهاج) completely happy and contented; showing or producing exalted joy
The beatific smile on the child's face made us very happy.

## beatitude

(الطوبى) blessedness; state of extreme happiness
Growing closer to God each day, the mystic achieved a state of indescribable beatitude.

## bedizen

(كسا بغير ذوق) ornament something in showy, tasteless, or gaudy finery
We usually bedizen witch doctors in all their gaudiest costumes.

## bedraggle

(bedraggle) wet thoroughly; stain with mud; soil or wet by dragging in dirt, mud, moist places The severe storms bedraggle so heavily that we have to change into dry clothing.

## beeline

direct, quick route; direct, straight course
As soon as the movie was over, Jim made a beeline for the exit.

## befuddle

(تربك) confuse thoroughly; becloud and confuse, as with liquor; make stupid with alcohol
His attempts to clarify the situation only befuddle her further.
beget
produce; give rise to
One good turn may deserve another; it does not necessarily beget another.

## beguile

(سلىى) mislead; delude; deceive by guile
With flattery and big talk of easy money, the con men beguile Kyle into betting his allowance on the shell game.

## behemoth

(الحموله) huge creature; something enormous in size or power
Just two weeks after Sam Stein first reported Citigroup's anti-union assault on the Employee Free
Choice Act, the financial behemoth is taking their fight directly to the workers.

## belabor

(استفض) discuss repeatedly; attack verbally; work hard upon
The debate coach warns her students if they belabor her point they will bore the audience.

## belated

(المتأخر) having been delayed; done or sent too late
He apologized for his belated note of condolence to the widow of his friend and explained that he had just learned of her husband's untimely death.

## beleaguer

(حاصر) besiege or attack; harass; surround with troops
The babysitter is surrounded by a crowd of unmanageable brats who relentlessly beleaguer her.

## belie

(تكذب) contradict; give a false impression
His coarse, hard-bitten exterior does belie his inner sensitivity.

## belittle

(التقليل) disparage or depreciate; put down
Parents should not belittle their children's early attempts at drawing, but should encourage their efforts.

## bellicose

(العدو انية) warlike or hostile in manner or temperament; showing or having impulse to be combative His bellicose disposition alienated his friends.

## belligerent

inclined or eager to fight; aggressive
Whenever he had too much to drink, he became belligerent and tried to pick fights with strangers.

## bemoan

(حسرتهم) regret strongly; express disapproval of
Although critics bemoan the serious flaws in the author's novels, each year his latest book tops the best-seller list.

## bemused

(مرتبك) confused; lost in thought; preoccupied
Jill studied the garbled instructions with a bemused look on her face.

## benediction

(الدعاء) blessing; invocation of divine blessing; expression of good wishes
The appearance of the sun after the many rainy days was like a benediction.

## benefactor

(متبرع) gift giver; person who gives people or institutions with financial help Scrooge later became Tiny Tim's benefactor and gave him gifts.

## beneficial

(مفيدة) helpful; tending to promote physical well-being
Tiny Tim's cheerful good nature had a beneficial influence on Scrooge's charitable disposition.

## beneficiary

(المستفيد) person entitled to benefits or proceeds of an insurance policy or will
In Scrooge's will, he made Tiny Tim his beneficiary, everything he left would go to young Tim.

## benefit

(المنافع) advantage; something that aids or promotes well-being ; welfare; gain
Another benefit for business is the elimination of currency risk in the Euro area - the possibility that you might lose money in cross border trade because of exchange rate movements.

## benevolent

(الخيرية) generous in providing aid to others; charitable
Mr. Fezziwig was a benevolent employer, who wished to make Christmas merrier for young Scrooge and his other employees.

## benign

(حمية) kindly; favorable; not malignant
Though her benign smile and gentle bearing made Miss Marple seem a sweet little old lady, in reality she was a tough-minded lady.

## bent

(عازمة) determined to do or have
We are bent on going to the theater no matter how heavy the snow is.

## bequeath

(توريث) leave to someone by a will; hand down
Though Maud had intended to bequeath the family home to her nephew, she died before changing her will.

## berate

(توبيخ) rebuke or scold angrily and at length
He feared she would berate him for his forgetfulness.

## bereavement

(الفجيعة) grievous loss; particularly, the loss of a relative or friend by death
His friends gathered to console him upon his sudden bereavement.

## bereft

(مجردة) deprived of; lacking; desolate because of loss
The foolish gambler soon found himself bereft of funds.

