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Vocabulary Sample List: For Analogies, Antonyms and Synonyms

Purpose of this set of sample questions is to familiarize the test taker with the words that appear on the actual test.

Vocabulary Sample List

Archdeacon n. A high official administrator of the affairs of a diocese.
Archaeology n. The branch of anthropology concerned with the systematic investigation of the relics of man.
Archetype n. A prototype.
Archipelago n. Any large body of water studded with islands, or the islands collectively themselves.
Ardent adj. Burning with passion.
Assassin n. One who kills, or tries to kill, treacherously or secretly.
Assassinate v. To kill, as by surprise or secret assault, especially the killing of some eminent person.
Assassination n. Murderer, as by secret assault or treachery.
Assay n. The chemical analysis or testing of an alloy ore.
Assent v. To express agreement with a statement or matter of opinion.
Assess v. To determine the amount of (a tax or other sum to be paid).
Assessor n. An officer whose duty it is to assess taxes.
Assets n. Pl. Property in general, regarded as applicable to the payment of debts.
Assiduous adj. Diligent.

Boisterous adj. Unchecked merriment or animal spirits.
Bole n. The trunk or body of a tree.
Bolero n. A Spanish dance, illustrative of the passion of love, accompanied by caste nets and singing.
Boll n. A round pod or seed-capsule, as a flax or cotton.
Bolster v. To support, as something wrong.
Bomb n. A hollow projectile containing an explosive material.
Bombard v. To assail with any missile or with abusive speech.
Bombardier n. A person who has charge of mortars, bombs, and shells.
Bombast n. Inflated or extravagant language, especially on unimportant subjects.
Boorish adj. Rude.

Caitiff adj. Cowardly.
Cajole v. To impose on or dupe by flattering speech.
Cajolery n. Delusive speech.
Calculable adj. That may be estimated by reckoning.
Calculus n. A concretion formed in various parts of the body resembling a pebble in Hardness.
Callosity n. The state of being hard and insensible.
Callow adj. Without experience of the world.
Calorie n. Amount of heat needed to raise the temperature of 1 kilogram of water 1 degree centigrade.
Calumny n. Slander.
Calvary n. The place where Christ was crucified.
Calvinism n. The system of doctrine taught by John Calvin.
Came n. A leaden sash-bar or grooved strip for fastening panes in stained-glass windows.
Cameo n. Any small engraved or carved work in relief.

Darwinism n. The doctrine that natural selection has been the prime cause of evolution of Higher forms.
Dastard n. A base coward.
Datum n. A premise, starting-point, or given fact.
Dauntless adj. Fearless.
Day-man n. A day-laborer.
Dead-heat n. A race in which two or more competitors come out even, and there is no Winner.
Dearth n. Scarcity, as of something customary, essential, or desirable.
Death's-head n. A human skull as a symbol of death.
Debase v. To lower in character or virtue.
Debatable adj. Subject to contention or dispute.
Debonair adj. Having gentle or courteous bearing or manner.
Debut n. A first appearance in society or on the stage.
Decagon n. A figure with ten sides and ten angles.
Decagram n. A weight of 10 grams.
Decalogue n. The ten commandments.

Earthenware n. Anything made of clay and baked in a kiln or dried in the sun.
Eatable adj. Edible.
Ebullient adj. Showing enthusiasm or exhilaration of feeling.
Eccentric adj. Peculiar.
Eccentricity n. Idiosyncrasy.
Eclipse n. The obstruction of a heavenly body by its entering into the shadow of another Body.
Economize v. To spend sparingly.
Ecstasy n. Rapturous excitement or exaltation.
Ecstatic adj. Enraptured.
Edible adj. Suitable to be eaten.
Edict n. That which is uttered or proclaimed by authority as a rule of action.
Edify v. To build up, or strengthen, especially in morals or religion.
Editorial n. An article in a periodical written by the editor and published as an official argument.
Educe v. To draw out.
Efface v. To obliterate.
Effect n. A consequence.
Effective adj. Fit for a destined purpose.
Effectual adj. Efficient.
Effeminacy n. Womanishness.
Effeminate adj. Having womanish traits or qualities.
Effervesce v. To bubble up.
Effervescent adj. Giving off bubbles of gas.
Effete adj. Exhausted, as having performed its functions.

Fabulous adj. Incredible.
Facet n. One of the small triangular plane surfaces of a diamond or other gem.
Facetious adj. Amusing.
Facial adj. Pertaining to the face.
Facile adj. Not difficult to do.
Facilitate v. To make more easy.
Facsimile n. An exact copy or reproduction.
Faction n. A number of persons combined for a common purpose.
Faction n. Turbulent.
Fallacious adj. Illogical.
Fallacy n. Any unsound or delusive mode of reasoning, or anything based on such Reasoning.
Fallible adj. Capable of erring.

Fallow n. Land broken up and left to become mellow or to rest.
Famish v. To suffer extremity of hunger or thirst.
Fanatic n. A religious zealot.
Fancier n. One having a taste for or interest in special objects.
Fanciless adj. Unimaginative.
Fastidious adj. Hard to please.

Gallant adj. Possessing a brave or chivalrous spirit.
Galore adj. Abundant.
Galvanic adj. Pertaining or relating to electricity produced by chemical action.
Galvanism n. Current electricity, especially that arising from chemical action.
Galvanize v. To imbue with life or animation.
Gamble v. To risk money or other possession on an event, chance, or contingency.
Gambol n. Playful leaping or frisking.
Gamester n. A gambler.
Gamut n. The whole range or sequence.
Garnish v. In cookery, to surround with additions for embellishment.
Garrison n. The military force stationed in a fort, town, or other place for its defense.
Garrote v. To execute by strangling.
Garrulous adj. Given to constant trivial talking.
Gaseous adj. Light and unsubstantial.
Gastric adj. Of, pertaining to, or near the stomach.
Gastritis n. Inflammation of the stomach.
Gastronomy n. The art of preparing and serving appetizing food.

Habitable adj. Fit to be dwelt in.
Habitant n. Dweller.
Habitual adj. According to usual practice.
Habitude n. Customary relation or association.
Hackney v. To make stale or trite by repetition.
Haggard adj. Worn and gaunt in appearance.
Halcyon adj. Calm.
Hale adj. Of sound and vigorous health.
Handwriting n. Penmanship.
Hanger-on n. A parasite.
Happy-go-lucky adj. Improvident.

Ichthyology n. The branch of zoology that treats of fishes.
Ichthyosaurs n. A fossil reptile.
Icily adv. Frigidly.
Iciness n. The state of being icy.
Icon n. An image or likeness.
Iconoclast n. An image-breaker.
Idealize v. To make to conform to some mental or imaginary standard.
Idiom n. A use of words peculiar to a particular language.
Idiosyncrasy n. A mental quality or habit peculiar to an individual.
Idolize v. To regard with inordinate love or admiration.
Ignoble adj. Low in character or purpose.
Iliad n. A greek epic poem describing scenes from the siege of Troy.
Illegal adj. Not according to law.
Illegible adj. Undecipherable.

Jaundice n. A morbid condition, due to obstructed excretion of bile or characterized by yellowing of the skin.
Jeopardize v. To imperil.
Jingo n. One of a party in great Britain in favor of spirited and demonstrative foreign policy.
Jocose adj. Done or made in jest.
Jocular adj. Inclined to joke.
Joggle n. A sudden irregular shake or a push causing such a shake.
Journalize v. To keep a diary.
Jovial adj. Merry.
Jubilation n. Exultation.
Judgment n. The faculty by the exercise of which a deliberate conclusion is reached.

Judicature n. Distribution and administration of justice by trial and judgment.
Judicial adj. Pertaining to the administration of justice.
Judiciary n. That department of government which administers the law relating to civil and Criminal justice.
Judicious adj. Prudent.

Kingship n. Royal state.
Kinsfolk n. Pl. Relatives.
Knavery n. Deceitfulness in dealing.
Knead v. To mix and work into a homogeneous mass, especially with the hands.
Knickknack n. A small article, more for ornament than use.
Knight errant n. One of the wandering knights who in the middle ages went forth in search of adventure.
Knighthood n. Chivalry.

Laggard adj. Falling behind.
Landholder n. Landowner.
Landlord n. A man who owns and lets a tenement or tenements.
Landmark n. A familiar object in the landscape serving as a guide to an area otherwise easily lost track of.
Landscape n. A rural view, especially one of picturesque effect, as seen from a distance or an elevation.
Lapse n. A slight deviation from what is right, proper, or just.
Lascivious adj. Lustful.
Lassie n. A little lass.
Latent adj. Dormant.
Latency n. The state of being dormant.

Magnificence n. The exhibition of greatness of action, character, intellect, wealth, or Power.
Magnificent adj. Grand or majestic in appearance, quality, or action.
Magnitude n. Importance.
Maharaja n. A great hindu prince.
Maintain v. To hold or preserve in any particular state or condition.
Maintenance n. That which supports or sustains.
Maize n. Indian corn: usually in the united states called simply corn.
Makeup n. The arrangements or combination of the parts of which anything is composed.
Malady n. Any physical disease or disorder, especially a chronic or deep-seated one.
Malaria n. A fever characterized by alternating chills, fever, and sweating.
Malediction n. The calling down of a curse or curses.
Malefactor n. One who injures another.

Navigate v. To traverse by ship.
Nebula n. A gaseous body of unorganized stellar substance.
Necessary adj. Indispensably requisite or absolutely needed to accomplish a desired result.
Necessitate v. To render indispensable.
Necessity n. That which is indispensably requisite to an end desired.
Necrology n. A list of persons who have died in a certain place or time.
Necromancer n. One who practices the art of foretelling the future by means of communication with the dead.
Necropolis n. A city of the dead.
Nectar n. Any especially sweet and delicious drink.
Nectarine n. A variety of the peach.
Needlework n. Embroidery.
Needy adj. Being in need, want, or poverty.

Obelisk n. A square shaft with pyramidal top, usually monumental or commemorative.

Obese adj. Exceedingly fat.
Obesity n. Excessive fatness.
Obituary adj. A published notice of a death.
Objective adj. Grasping and representing facts as they are.
Objector n. One who objects, as to a proposition, measure, or ruling.
Obligate v. To hold to the fulfillment of duty.
Obligatory adj. Binding in law or conscience.
Oblique adj. Slanting; said of lines.
Obliterate v. To cause to disappear.
Oblivion n. The state of having passed out of the memory or of being utterly forgotten.
Obnoxious adj. Detestable.

Packet n. A bundle, as of letters.
Pact n. A covenant.
Pagan n. A worshiper of false gods.
Pageant n. A dramatic representation, especially a spectacular one.
Palate n. The roof of the mouth.
Palatial adj. Magnificent.
Paleontology n. The branch of biology that treats of ancient life and fossil organisms.
Palette n. A thin tablet, with a hole for the thumb, upon which artists lay their colors for painting.
Palinode n. A retraction.
Pall v. To make dull by satiety.
Palliate v. To cause to appear less guilty.
Pallid adj. Of a pale or wan appearance.
Palpable n. Perceptible by feeling or touch.
Palsy n. Paralysis.

Quadrate v. To divide into quarters.
Quadruple v. To multiply by four.
Qualification n. A requisite for an employment, position, right, or privilege.
Qualify v. To endow or furnish with requisite ability, character, knowledge, skill, or possessions.
Qualm n. A fit of nausea.
Quandary n. A puzzling predicament.
Quantity n. Magnitude.
Quarantine n. The enforced isolation of any person or place infected with contagious disease.
Quarrelsome adj. Irascible.
Quarter n. One of four equal parts into which anything is or may be divided.
Quarterly adj. Occurring or made at intervals of three months.

Rapine n. The act of seizing and carrying off property by superior force, as in war.
Rapt adj. Enraptured.
Raptorial adj. Seizing and devouring living prey.
Ration v. To provide with a fixed allowance or portion, especially of food.
Rationalism n. The formation of opinions by relying upon reason alone, independently of authority.
Raucous adj. Harsh.
Ravage v. To lay waste by pillage, rapine, devouring, or other destructive methods.
Ravenous adj. Furiously voracious or hungry.
Ravine n. A deep gorge or hollow, especially one worn by a stream or flow of water.
Reaction n. Tendency towards a former, or opposite state of things, as after reform, revolution, or inflation.
Reactionary adj. Pertaining to, of the nature of, causing, or favoring reaction.

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Safeguard v. To protect.
Sagacious adj. Able to discern and distinguish with wise perception.
Salience n. The condition of standing out distinctly.
Salient adj. Standing out prominently.

Saline adj. Constituting or consisting of salt.
Salutary adj. Beneficial.
Salutatory n. The opening oration at the commencement in American colleges.
Salvage n. Any act of saving property.
Salvo n. A salute given by firing all the guns, as at the funeral of an officer.
Sanctimonious adj. Making an ostentatious display or hypocritical pretense of holiness or piety.
Sanction v. To approve authoritatively.
Sanctity n. Holiness.
Sanguine adj. Having the color of blood.
Sanguineous adj. Consisting of blood.
Sapid adj. Affecting the sense of taste.
Sapience n. Deep wisdom or knowledge.

Tact n. Fine or ready mental discernment shown in saying or doing the proper thing.
Tactician n. One who directs affairs with skill and shrewdness.
Tangency n. The state of touching.
Tangent adj. Touching.
Tangible adj. Perceptible by touch.
Tantalize v. To tease.
Tantamount adj. Having equal or equivalent value, effect, or import.
Tapestry n. A fabric to which a pattern is applied with a needle, designed for ornamental hangings.
Taut adj. Stretched tight.
Taxation n. A levy, by government, of a fixed contribution.
Taxidermy n. The art or process of preserving dead animals or parts of them.
Technique adj. Technical.

Unaccountable adj. Inexplicable.
Unaffected adj. Sincere.
Unanimous adj. Sharing the same views or sentiments.
Unanimity n. The state or quality of being of one mind.
Unavoidable adj. Inevitable.
Unbearable adj. Unendurable.
Unbecoming adj. Unsuitable to the wearer, place, or surroundings.
Unbelief n. Doubt.
Unbiased adj. Impartial, as judgment.
Unbridled adj. Being without restraint.
Uncommon adj. Rare.
Unconscionable adj. Ridiculously or unjustly excessive.
Unconscious adj. Not cognizant of objects, actions, etc.
Unctuous adj. Oily.
Undeceive v. To free from deception, as by apprising of the real state of affairs.
Undercharge v. To make an inadequate charge for.
Underexposed adj. Insufficiently exposed for proper or full development, as negatives in photography.

Vaccinate v. To inoculate with vaccine virus or virus of cowpox.
Vacillate v. To waver.
Vacuous adj. Empty.
Vacuum n. A space entirely devoid of matter.
Vagabond n. A wanderer.
Vale n. Level or low land between hills.
Valedictorian n. Student who delivers an address at graduating exercises of an educational institution.
Valedictory n. A parting address.
Valid adj. Founded on truth.
Valorous adj. Courageous.
Vapid adj. Having lost sparkling quality and flavor.
Vaporizer n. An atomizer.
Variable adj. Having a tendency to change.
Variance n. Change.
Variant n. A thing that differs from another in form only, being the same in essence or

Waif n. A homeless, neglected wanderer.
Waistcoat n. A vest.

Waive v. To relinquish, especially temporarily, as a right or claim.

Warlike adj. Belligerent.

Weak-kneed adj. Without resolute purpose or energy.

Weal n. Well-being.

Wean v. To transfer (the young) from dependence on mother's milk to another form of nourishment.

Wearisome adj. Fatiguing.

Wee adj. Very small.

Well-bred adj. Of good ancestry.

Well-doer n. A performer of moral and social duties.

Well-to-do adj. In prosperous circumstances.

Whereabouts n. The place in or near which a person or thing is.

Xenophobia fear or hatred of foreigners; N. xenophobe

yeoman man or farmer owning small estate; middle-class farmer
yield amount produced; crop; income on investment; profit obtained from an investment; V: produce; give in; surrender

yoke join together; unite; N: crossbar used to joining two draft animals

yokel rustic; country bumpkin;

Yearling n. A young animal past its first year and not yet two years old.

Zealot n. One who espouses a cause or pursues an object in an immoderately partisan manner.

Zeitgeist n. The intellectual and moral tendencies that characterize any age or epoch.

Zenith n. The culminating-point of prosperity, influence, or greatness.

Zephyr n. Any soft, gentle wind.

Zodiac n. An imaginary belt encircling the heavens within which are the larger planets.

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