1853 Most Difficult Words for CAT and GMAT

Word List with Meanings (but Without Sentence Fragments)

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You now have in your hands a very valuable list of 1,853 most difficult words that can give you an edge over others for your success in CAT. This is my gift to you with my best wishes for your big success in CAT and in life.

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The words are given in bold. The meaning is given after the equal sign (=) following a word. We have used the US spellings. The British spelling of a word, when different from the US spelling, is given in bracket after <u>BRITISH</u> as shown for the word **belabor** below.

belabor (BRITISH = belabour) = to assail verbally, to insist repeatedly or harp on

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Cassette 1 Side A

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amphitheater (BRITISH = amphitheatre) = oval-shaped theater
anathe ma = curse, ban
annul = cancel, nullify
ano dy ne = pain soothing
anoint = consecrate, to apply oil, especially as a sacred rite
anonymity = state of being anonymous, having no name
antediluvian = ancient, obsolete, pre historic
antithesis = direct opposite
apathetic = unconcerned, indifferent
aphasia = inability to speak or use words
aphoris m = maxim, old saying
aplomb = poise, confidence
apocryphal = a doubtful authenticity, not genuine, fictional
apostate = one who abandons one's faith
apotheosis = Deification, glorification
approbation = praise, official approval
archaic = Antiquated, from an earlier time
archipelago = group of islands
ardor (\underline{BRITISH} = ardour) = great emotion or passion
arraign = indict, to call to court to answer a charge
arrogate = seize without right, to demand or claim arrogantly
ascendancy = powerful state
ascribe = to attribute
ashen = resembling ashes, or deathly pale
asinine = stupid
askance = to view with suspicion, scornfully
askew = crooked, tilted
aspersion = slander, false rumor, damaging report
assail = attack
assent = to express agreement
assiduous = hard-working, diligent, persistent
assuage = lessen (pain), to make less severe, ease
astringent = causing contraction, severe, harsh
asunder = apart, into different parts
atone = make amends for a wrong
august = noble, dignified, awe-inspiring, venerable
avow = declare
awry = crooked, askew, amiss
axio m = self-evident truth, premise, postulate
bacchanal = orgy, drunkenly festive
baleful = hostile, malignant, harmful with evil intentions
balk = hesitate, refuse, shirk, prevent
banal = trite, overly common
bane = poison, nuisance, something causing ruin
bastion = fort, fortification, stronghold
beguile = deceive, seduce, mislead
behemoth = monster, huge creature
beleaguer = besiege, to harass, plague
berate = to scold harshly
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bestial = beast-like, brutal

bestow = to give as a gift, grant

bevy = group

bicke \mathbf{r} = quarrel, to have a petty argument

bilious = ill-tempered

bilk = swindle, cheat, defraud

blandish = to coax with flattering, grovel

blight = decay, afflict, destroy

blithe = Joyful, cheerful, or without appropriate thought

bombast = pompous speech

bourgeois = middle class

broach = bring up a topic of conversation

brusque = curt, rough and abrupt in manner

bulwark = fortification

burgeon = sprout or flourish

burly = husky, brawny

cabal = plot, a secret group seeking to overturn something

cadaver = corpse, dead body

cajo le = encourage, coax, flatter

calumny = Slander, false and malicious accusation

canard = hoax, a lie

candor ($\underline{\text{BRITISH}}$ = candour) = frankness, honesty of expression

canvass = survey, examine thoroughly

capricious = fickle, impulsive, whimsical, without much thought

careen = swerve, to lean on one side

castigate = critic ize, punish, chastise

cataclys m = catastrophe, disaster

cathartic = purgative, purifying, cleansing

catholic = universal, worldly

caucus = a small group within an organization or a meeting of such a group

cavil = quibble, raise trivial objections

cede = transfer ownership, to surrender possession of something

censorious = condemning speech, severely critical

chagrin = shame, embarrassment, humiliation

chalice = goblet, cup

chary = cautious, watchful, extremely shy

cherubic = sweet, innocent

chicane ry = trickery, fraud, deception

chide = scold, express disapproval

chime rical = imaginary, impossible

chole ric = easily angered, short-tempered

circumlocution = roundabout expression

circumspect = cautious, wary

circumvent = evade, avoid, to go around

cita del = fortress or stronghold

clamor ($\underline{\text{BRITISH}}$ = clamour) = noisy outcry

cleave = to split or separate, to stick, adhere

clemency = for giveness, merciful leniency

cloister = refuge, to confine, seclude

coalesce = combine, to grow together

coddle = to pamper, baby, treat indulgently

cogent = well-put, convincing, logically forceful
cognate = from the same source, related
cognomen = family name, any name, nickname
colloquy = conference
collusion = conspiracy, collaboration, complicity
commodious = spacious
complicity = guilt by association, knowing partnership in wrong doing
compunction = remorse, regret
concur = To agree

Cassette 1 Side B

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conflagration = large fire, big, destructive fire
confluence = flowing together, meeting of two streams, meeting place
confound = bewilder, to baffle, perplex
congeal = solidify, as a liquid freezing, to become thick or solid
conjecture = hypothesis, speculation, prediction
conjure = summon, to evoke a spirit, cast a spell
consanguinity = related by blood, kinship
consecrate = make holy, dedicate to a goal, to declare sacred
construe = interpret or to explain
continence = self-control, self-restraint
contrite = apologetic, deeply sorrowful and repentant for a wrong
contusion = A bruise
conundrum = enigma, puzzle or problem with no solution, riddle
convivial = sociable, festive, fond of eating, drinking, and people
convoke = convene, summon, to call together
coquette = woman who flirts
corroborate = to confirm, verify
coterie = small group, group of people with a common interest or purpose
countenance = facial expression, to favor, support
cower = showing fear, to cringe in fear
crass = crude, unrefined
craven = cowardly
credence = Belief, acceptance of something as true or real
creed = Belief or principle
cringe = cower, to shrink in fear
culpable = blameworthy, guilty, responsible for wrong
cupidity = greed
curmudgeon = boor, cranky person
dally = procrastinate, to act playfully or waste time
debase = to degrade, or lower in quality or stature
debauch = to corrupt, seduce from virtue or duty
debutante = a girl debuting into society
decadence = deterioration, decay (e.g. moral or cultural)
decapitate = kill by beheading
deciduo us = shedding leaves, short-lived, temporary
decorous = seemly, proper, tasteful, socially correct
decry = castigate, to be little, openly condemn
deference = courteously yielding to another, respect, honor
defile = pollute, to make unclean or dishonor
deft = skillful, dexterous
defunct = extinct, no longer existing, dead
deleterious = harmful, destructive, detrimental
deluge = a flood, to submerge, overwhelm
demagogue = An unprincipled politician, leader
demean = to degrade, humiliate, humble
demur = take exception, to express doubts or objections
denigrate = defame, to slur or blacken someone's reputation
depravity = immorality, sinfulness
deprecate = belittle, disparage
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deride = To ridicule, to mock, make fun of
desecrate = profane, to abuse something sacred
desiccate = dehydrate, to dry completely
despondent = depressed, feeling discouraged and dejected
desultory = without direction in life, at random, rambling, unmethodical
diatribe = long denunciation, bitter verbal attack
dichotomy = a division into two parts
didactic = instructional
dilettante = amateur, dabbler
disabuse = correct, to free from a misconception
disburse = pay out
disconsolate = inconsolable, unable to be consoled, extremely sad
discrete = separate, distinct
discursive = rambling, wandering from topic to topic
disdain = to regard with scorn and contempt
disingenuous = deceptive, sly and crafty
dis jointed = disconnected, incoherent, being separated
disparage = belittle, speak disrespectfully about
disparate = various, dissimilar, different in kind
disparity = difference, contrast, dissimilarity
dispirit = discourage, to dishearten, make dejected
dissipate = scatter
distend = swell, inflate, bloat
distraught = distressed, very worried
docile = domesticated, trained, tame
dotage = senility, mental decline
dour = sullen and gloomy, stern and severe
droll = amusing in a wry
dulcet = melodious, pleasant sounding
duplicity = deceit, treachery, dishonesty, double-dealing
duress = coercion, imprisonment
\mathbf{e}\mathbf{b}\mathbf{b} = \text{recede} to fade away
ebullient = exuberant, full of enthusiasm and high spirits
eclectic = joyful
edify = instruct morally and spiritually
efface = To obliterate
effrontery = insolence
effulgent = brilliant
elicit = provoke
elucidate = make clear, clarify
emaciated = underfed, gaunt
embroil = involve, cause to fall into disorder
emend = correct
encomium = warm praise
encumber = burden, to hinder, restrict motion
endemic = Peculiar to some specified country or people
enervate = weaken, sap strength from
engender = generate, to produce
enigmatic = puzzling, inexplicable
enjoin = urge, order, command
ennui = boredom, lack of interest and energy
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enthrall (BRITISH = enthral) = mesmerize, to captivate, enchant
entreat = plead, beg
epicure = gourmet, person with refined taste in food and wine
epigram = saying, short, witty saying or poem
epithet = name, appellation, phrase
equine = pertaining to horses
erode = wear away, to diminish
errant = wandering, mistaken
eschew = avoid, to abstain from
espouse = to support or advocate
estranged = alienated, separated
euthanasia = mercy-killing
evanescent = fleeting, very brief, short-lived
evince = attest, demonstrate, to show clearly

Cassette 2 Side A

exacerbate = worsen exasperate = irritate, vex **execrable** = very bad, abominable, utterly detestable **exemplary** = outstanding, serving as an example **exhort** = strongly urge **exhume** = uncover, to remove from a grave **exonerate** = free from blame **exorcise** = to expel evil spirits **expedient** = advantageous, convenient, efficient **expiate** = atone, make amends for **expunge** = erase, eliminate completely **extenuate** = To diminish the gravity or importance of **extol** = praise highly **extraneous** = not essential, unnecessary **extricate** = Disentangle, free exuberant = joyous, happy **exude** = emit, ooze exult = rejoice **facetious** = joking, sarcastic, witty **facile** = very easy **fallow** = unproductive, unplowed **fastidious** = meticulous, careful with details **fathom** = understand, to measure the depth of **fatuous** = inane, stupid **fealty** = Loyalty **fecund** = fertile, fruitful, productive **feign** = pretend, give a false impression **fetid** = foul-smelling, putrid, stinking **fickle** = always changing one's mind **fidelity** = Loyalty **filch** = steal something of little value **filial** = of a son or daughter **fitful** = irregular **flagrant** = outrageous, shameless **fledgling** = just beginning, struggling **flippant** = Having a light, pert, trifling disposition **florid** = ruddy, with too much decoration **flout** = to show disregard for the law or rules **foible** = weakness, minor fault foist = palm off a fake**foment** = instigate **fortuitous** = happening by luck, fortunate **foster** = encourage **fracas** = noisy fight **fraught** = filled **frenetic** = harried, neurotic **frond** = bending tree **fulminate** = denounce, menace **fulsome** = excessive, insincere

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furtive = stealthy
gainsay = to deny
gargantuan = large
garner = gather
garrulous = talkative, loquacious, wordy
gauche = awkward, crude
genre = kind, category
gibe = heckle
glib = insincere manner
glower = stare angrily
goad = encourage
gossamer = thin and flimsy
gouge = overcharge, scoop out
grimace = expression of disgust
grovel = crawl, obey
guile = deceit, trickery
hack neyed = trite
hapless = unlucky
harangue = a pompous speech
harbinger = forerunner
haughty = arrogant
hedonis m = the pursuit of pleasure in life
heinous = shocking, wicked
hermetic = airtight, sealed
he w = to cut with an ax
hiatus = interruption
hone = sharpen
illimitable = limitless
imbue = infuse, dve, wet
immure = build a wall around
impair = injure
impassive = calm, without feeling
impeccable = faultless
impecunious = indigent, having no money
imperious = domineering
impertinent = insolent, rude
imperturbable = calm
impervious = Impenetrable
impetuous = quick to act without thinking
implausible = unlikely, inconceivable
impolitic = unwise
importune = urgent request
impregnable = totally safe from attack
impugn = critic ize
ina dvertent = unintentional
ina ne = vacuous, stupid
incandescent = brilliant
incarcerate = to put in a jail
incendiary = burning easily, flammable
inchoate = just begun
incipient = beginning to exist
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incisive = keen, penetrating

incognito = disguised

incommunicado = unable to communicate with others

incontrovertible = Indisputable

inculcate = instill, indoctrinate, to teach

incumbe nt = obligatory, required

incursion = raid

indict = charge with a crime

indigenous = Native

indigent = very poor

indolent = lazy

indo mitable = invincible, fearless

indubitable = unquestionable

inexorable = relentless, inflexible

Cassette 2 Side B

infallible = incapable of making a mistake

infernal = hellish

infirmity = ailment, disease

ingrate = ungrateful person

ingratiate = pleasing, flattering, endearing

inimical = adverse, hostile, unfriendly

innocuous = Harmless

innuendo = indirect and subtle criticism

inscrutable = cannot be fully understood

insinuate = to suggest, imply, say indirectly

insipid = flat, dull, lacking flavor

insolent = insulting

insular = narrow-minded, isolated

insupe rable = insurmountable

insurgent = rebellious

insurrection = uprising, rebellion

inter = bury

interdict = prohibit

interloper = intruder, meddler in others' affairs

interminable = unending

internecine = mutually destructive

intransigent = uncompromising

intrepid = fearless

inundate = flood

invective = verbal insult

inveigh = to rail against, protest strongly

inveterate = habitual, chronic, long-standing

invidious = incurring ill-will

irascible = irritable

itinerant = Wandering, unsettled

jaded = spent, bored with one's situation

juggernaut = unstoppable force

kismet = fate

knell = sound of a funeral bell

lachry mose = tearful

lampoon = satirize, to attack with satire

larceny = theft of property

largess = generous donation

legerdemain = trickery

levity = Frivolity, humor

libertine = one without moral restraint

licentious = lewd, immoral

limpid = transparent, clearly understood

lissome ($\underline{BRITISH}$ = lissom) = agile, supple

lithe = moving and bending with ease

loathe = abhor, hate

loquacious = Talkative

lugubrious = sad, sorrowful

lurid = glowing, shocking

macabre = gruesome **machination** = plot or scheme maelstrom = whirlpool, agitated state of mind mala propis m = comical misuse of a word**malcontent** = one who is forever dissatisfied malediction = curse malefactor = evildoer, culprit **malodorous** = fetid, foul-smelling manifold = multiple, diverse martial = warlike, pertaining to the military martinet = strict disciplinarian masochist = one who enjoys painmaudlin = weepy, sentimental mave rick = a person who resists adherence to a group **ma wkish** = sickeningly sentimental **meander** = to wander aimlessly without direction mendicant = beggar**me rc uria l** = changeable, volatile, quick **mettle** = courage, capacity for bravery **minatory** = threatening **mirth** = jollity, laughter **miscreant** = one who behaves criminally **missive** = letter or note **modicum** = a small amount **mollify** = to calm or make less severe **moot** = disputable, previously decided **mordant** = biting, sarcastic **mores** = moral standards, customs moribund = near death **mote** = speck, small particle **motley** = diverse, many colored multifarious = diverse, many-sided **munificent** = generous $\mathbf{m}\mathbf{v}\mathbf{r}\mathbf{i}\mathbf{a}\mathbf{d} = \text{innumerable}$ **nascent** = incipient, coming into existence **natal** = related to birth **necromancy** = sorcery, black magic **Nemesis** = implacable foe, often victorious opponent **neologism** = new word or expression **neophyte** = beginner **nether** = located under or below **nettle** = irritate **niggardly** = stingy **noisome** = harmful, stinking **no nentity** = person of no significance **obdurate** = unyielding **obeisance** = homage, deference **obfuscate** = bewilder, muddle, to confuse **oblique** = indirect **obliterate** = destroy **obloquy** = slander, abusive language

obsequious = fawning, servile, overly submissive
obsequy = funeral ceremony
obstinate = stubborn
obstreperous = noisy, unruly, troublesome
obtuse = stupid, dull
occlude = block, to shut
odious = despicable, hateful
onerous = burdensome
opprobrious = abusive, disgraceful
ordain = appoint
ossify = harden
ostensible = apparent, seeming
ostentatious = pretentious, showy
overweening = arrogant, forward

Cassette 3 Side A

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pacifist = one who opposes all violence
paean = a song of praise
palaver = babble, nonsense
pall = to become dull or weary
palliate = to make less serious, ease
pallid = pale, sallow, lacking color or liveliness
palpable = touchable, obvious, real
paltry = scarce, pitifully small or worthless
panache = flamboyance, flair
pandemic = spread over a whole area or country
panegyric = praise
panoply = full suit of armor
paragon = model of excellence or perfection
pariah = outcast
parley = conference, discussion
parry = avert, ward off, reflect
partisan = supporter
pathos = emotion, feeling of sadness
patrician = aristocrat
patrimony = inheritance or heritage derived from one's father
peccadillo = a minor fault
pedagogue = dull, formal teacher
pedant = a person who is too interested in formal rules and small unimportant details
pe jorative = insulting, having bad connotations
pellucid = transparent, easily understood
penance = voluntary suffering to repent for a wrong
penchant = inclination
penitent = repentant
pensive = sad
perdition = damnation, complete ruin
pere mptory = dictatorial
perennial = enduring, lasting
perfidious = treacherous ( of a person )
perfunctory = careless, done in a routine way
peripatetic = moving from place to place
pernicious = destructive
pert = flippant, bold
pertinacious = persevering
pertinent = Relevant, applicable
philistine = barbarian, narrow-minded person
phlegmatic = sluggish, someone who is calm
pillory = punish by ridicule
pique = sting, arouse interest
pithy = concise, to the point
pittance = alms, trifle
placid = Serene, calm
platitude = trite remark, stale
plebeian = common, vulgar
plethora = overabundance
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poignant = pungent, sharp, emotionally moving
pole mic = a controversy
portend = omen
portly = large, dignified
potentate = sovereign, king
prattle = chatter, foolish talk
precept = principle, law
precipice = cliff, edge
precipitous = steep
precocious = advanced
precursor = forerunner
predilection = inclination, preference
premeditate = plan in advance
preponderance = predominance
preposterous = ridiculous, illogical
presage = omen, indicate in advance
privation = lack of usual necessities or comforts
probity = integrity, complete honesty
proclivity = inclination, tendency
prodigal = wasteful
prodigious = marvelous, enormous
profligate = licentious, prodigal, corrupt
progenitor = ancestor
progeny = children
prognosis = forecast
prognosticate = foretell
prolix = long-winded, wordy
promontory = headland, cape
promulgate = publish, disseminate
propensity = inclination
propinquity = nearness, kinship
propitiate = satisfy, to win over
propitious = auspicious, favorable
prosaic = uninspired, flat, dull
proscribe = prohibit, to condemn
proselytize (BRITISH = proselytise) = recruit, convert
protean = changing readily
protract = To prolong, extend
provident = having foresight, thrifty
prude = puritan
prudent = cautious, careful
prurient = exhibiting lewd desires
puerile = Childish
pugnacious = combative, quarrelsome
pulchritude = beauty
punctilious = careful in observing rules of behavior or ceremony
pungent = sharp smell or taste
purport = claim to be
pusillanimous = cowardly
quaff = to drink heartily
quagmire = difficult situation
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quandary = dilemma, difficulty
quell = suppress, allay
querulous = complaining
quibble = to argue about insignificant and irrelevant details
quiescent = still, motionless, at rest
Quixotic = impractical, romantic
raconteur = story teller
rampant = unbridled, raging
rancor (BRITISH = rancour) = resentment, dislike
rant = rage, scold
rapacious = grasping, avaricious, greedy
rapprochement = reconciliation
raze = destroy
recalcitrant = resisting authority or control

Cassette 3 Side B

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recant = retract a statement
recidivism = habitual criminal activity
recondite = known to only a few
recreant = coward, betrayer of faith
refractory = obstinate
regal = royal
relegate = assign to an inferior position
renege = break a promise
replete = complete
reprehensible = blameworthy, unacceptable
reproach = blame
reprobate = morally unprincipled person
reprove = to criticize or correct
repudiate = to reject as having no authority
requie m = rest, a mass for the dead
requite = to return in kind
rescind = revoke, cancel
respite = interval or relief
resplendent = shining, splendid
restitution = act of compensating for loss or damage
restive = nervous, uneasy
retort = quick replay
retrench = reorganize, to regroup
retrieve = reclaim
retrograde = regress
revelry = merrymaking
revere = honor
revile = to criticize with harsh language
revulsion = aversion
ribald = coarse, vulgar
rife = widespread, abundant
risque = off-color, racy
rostrum = stage for public speaking
ruminate = reflect upon
rustic = rural
sacrosanct = sacred
sagacious = wise
sallow = sickly yellow in color
sanguine = cheerful
sapient = wise, shrewd
sardonic = scornful
saunte \mathbf{r} = walk in a leisurely manner
savant = scholar
schism = a division or separation
scintilla = very small amount
scintillate = sparkle
scoff = ridicule
scurrilous = abusive, insulting
secular = worldly, nonreligious
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sedition = treason, resistance to authority
sententious = concise, trying to appear wise
sequester = to remove or set apart
seraphic = angelic, pure
serendipity = making fortunate discoveries
servile = slavish. obedient
simia n = monkey like
simper = smile foolishly, smirk
sinecure = well paid position with little responsibility
skulk = sneak about
slake = to calm down or moderate
sloth = laziness
slovenly = sloppy
sobriety = composed
sobriquet = nickname
sodden = soaked
sojourn = trip, visit
solace = consolation
solecism = ungrammatical construction
solicito us = considerate, concerned
soliloquy = A monologue
solstice = furthest point
sombe \mathbf{r} (BRITISH = sombre) = Gloomy
somnambulist = sleepwalker
somnolent = Sleepy
soporific = sleep inducing
sordid = foul, ignoble, dirty and unpleasant
spawn = produce
specious = false but plausible
sporadic = occurring irregularly
sportive = playful
spurn = reject
squalid = filthy
staid = demure, sedate, boring
steadfast = loyal, immovable
stentorian = extremely loud
stigma = mark of disgrace
stilted = formal, stiff, unnatural
stoic = indifferent to pain or pleasure
stolid = impassive
stratagem = trick
stricture = negative criticism
stultify = inhibit, enfeeble
stymie = hinder, thwart
suave = smooth
sublimate = to repress impulses
sublime = lofty, excellent
subterfuge = cunning, ruse
succulent = juicy, delicious
sully = stain
supercilious = arrogant
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surplant = replace
surly = rude, crass
surmise = to guess
surmount = overcome
surreptitious = secretive
sustenance = supplying the necessities of life
swarthy = dark (as in complexion)
Sybarite = pleasure-seeker, lover of luxury
sycophant = flatterer, flunky
taciturn = who does not talk much
talon = claw of an animal
tantamount = equivalent
tawdry = gaudy, cheap
temerity = boldness

Cassette 4 Side A

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ample = enough, specious, abundant
amplify = enlarge, increase, intensify
ancillary = supplementary, subsidiary, subordinate
ano maly = deviation from the rule, irregularity
artifact (BRITISH = artefact) = an object made by human, of historical interest
artisan = a skilled handicraftsman
authoritarian = dictator, extremely strict, bossy
autocrat = dictator or a high ranking government officer
bifurcated = divided into two branches, forked
blatant = glaring, obvious, showy
bountiful = abundant, plentiful
brazen = bold, shameless, impudent
breach = breaking of a rule, agreement, or law
caricature = cartoon, exaggerated portrait
carnivorous = meat-eating
catalyst = something that causes change without being changed
centripetal = tending toward the center
chaotic = in utter disorder
chauvinist = a man who thinks men are better than women
complement = To make complete, perfect
composure = Calmness of appearance
compress = to reduce, squeeze
constituent = electorate, component, part
constraint = something that limits what you can do
correlation = mutual relationship, association
corrugate = to wrinkle or draw into folds
depose = testify, to remove from a high position
depreciate = To lessen the worth of
determinate = Definitely limited or fixed, conclusive
dexterous = skillful, adroit
dwindle = To diminish or become less
earthv = crude
entity = being, existence
equity = impartiality, justice
equivocal = Ambiguous, open to two interpretations
eulogy = high praise
exotic = Foreign, romantic
extemporaneous = unrehearsed
fabricate = construct
fallible = Capable of erring
felicito us = very appropriate, pertinent
flair = a natural aptitude
flaunt = to show off
flora = plants
fraudulent = Counterfeit
fusion = union, coalition
germinate = To begin to develop into an embryo or higher form
heterogeneous = composed of unlike parts, different
hypothetical = theoretical, speculative
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immune = Exempt, as from disease **imprudent** = unwise **inception** = The beginning inconsequential = Value less **indefatigable** = never getting tired **indicative** = suggestive, implying **indisputable** = not disputed, unquestioned **infantile** = childish, immature **ingenuous** = naïve and unsophisticated **injurious** = harmful **innovate** = to invent, modernize integrity = decency, honest, wholeness **intermittent** = starting and stopping **introspective** = looking within oneself **introvert** = To turn within **invoke** = request assistance or protection iota = A small mark or part **irreverent** = disrespectful **jaundice** = disease of yellowish discoloration of skin **lackluster** (BRITISH = lacklustre) = dull, dreary, colorless **laudable** = Praiseworthy **lexicon** = A dictionary **litigation** = lawsuit lunar = related to the moon**luscious** = Rich, sweet, and delicious **metaphor** = figure of speech comparing two different things microcos m = The world on a small scale**migratory** = Wandering from place to place with the seasons mishap = Misfortunemne monic = related to memory**monotony** = A lack of variation **omnivorous** = eating everything **opportunist** = One who takes advantage of circumstances **orifice** = a small opening **overt** = open to view paradox = seemingly in contradiction**parasite** = one who lives at another's expense **patent** = the right to make or sell a new invention **pedia tricia n** (BRITISH = paediatrician) = a child doctor **perusal** = reading carefully **plenitude** = Abundance polyglot = Speaking several tongues **propagate** = To spread **reactionary** = related to, or favoring reaction **reciprocate** = To give and take mutually **regimen** = government rule, systematic plan **rehabilitate** = To restore to a former status **re miniscence** = remembrance of past events renegade = rebel, dissident **resilient** = the quality of springing back

retroactive = applying to an earlier time

sensual = related to the physical senses
strident = rough, harsh, caustic, loud
subliminal = subconscious, imperceptible
superannuated = retired

Cassette 4 Side B

superficial = shallow and phony

supple = Easily bent

synchronous = happening at the same time

tainted = contaminated, corrupt

talis man = an object supposed to bring good luck

theocracy = government by the priests

therapeutic = medicinal

tortuous = with bends or turns

transcend = To surpass

trans mute = To change in nature or form

tribute = a gift or statement showing respect

turbulence = violent agitation

uno btrusive = inconspicuous, not blatant

vent = small opening, outlet

verisimilitude = appearance of being true

versatile = adaptable, all-purpose

vica rio us = substitute, surrogate

viscous = sticky, gluey, thick

warranty = guarantee of a product's soundness

wax = increase, grow

weather = endure the effects of weather or other forces

yoke = join together, unite

temporal = limited by time, secular, not lasting forever

tenacious = persistent

tendentious = biased

tenet = doctrine, principle

tensile = capable of being stretched

tenuous = thin, insubstantial

tepid = lukewarm

terse = concise, brief

tether = tie down, tie with a rope

thrall = slave

thwart = to block or prevent from happening

timorous = fearful, timid

tirade = scolding speech

toady = fawner, sycophant

torpid = lethargic, inactive

transient = fleeting, temporary

translucent = clear, lucid, almost transparent

travesty = caricature, farce, parody

trenchant = incisive, penetrating

trepidation = fear

trite = commonplace, insincere

truculent = fierce, savage, tending to argue a lot

truism = self-evident truth

tryst = meeting, rendezvous

tumult = commotion

turbid = muddy, clouded

turgid = Swollen, not flowing

turpitude = Depravity, evil **tyro** = beginner **umbrage** = resentment **unctuous** = insincere **unkempt** = messy in appearance **unsullied** = spotless **usurp** = seize, to appropriate **usury** = overcharge, lending money at illegal rates of interest **vacillate** = To waver **vacuo us** = inane, empty, not showing intelligence or purpose **vapid** = vacuous, insipid **venal** = willing to do wrong for money **vendetta** = grudge, feud **venerable** = respected because of age **verdant** = green, lush $\mathbf{vex} = \mathbf{annoy}$, to irritate **vicissitude** = changing fortunes **vie** = compete **vignette** = scene, decorative design **vilify** = defame **vindicate** = free from blame **virile** = manly **virulent** = deadly, poisonous vitiate = spoil, ruin **vitriolic** = scathing, burning **vociferous** = adamant, clamoring **volition** = free will **voluminous** = bulky, extensive, or great quantity wallow = indulge, luxuriate wan = sickly palewane = dissipate, wither wary = guarded, careful welte $\mathbf{r} = \text{confusion}$, hodgepodge whet = stimulate, to sharpen wily = shrewd, clever winsome = charming wizened = shrive led wraith = ghost**wry** = twisted, amusing zephyr = gentle breeze, west wind

Cassette 5 Side A

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amphibian = creature that lives on land and water
anachronis m = Anything occurring or existing out of its proper time
angular = Sharp-cornered or sharp angled
anthropomorphous = Nonhuman having or resembling human form or quality
apothegm = a short saying
appraise = assess, evaluate the value
arable = suitable for cultivation
asperity = roughness of temper
assay = to analyze or estimate
audit = formal examination of final records
augury = prophecy or prediction of events
aver = to declare to be true
aversion = intense dislike
aviary = cage where birds are kept
banter = to tease playfully and in good humor
beatific = supremely happy, angelic, saintly
benighted = un enlightened
benison = Blessing
blanch = bleach, whiten, to take the color out
bludgeon = to hit someone several times with a heavy object
bolster = To support or make something strong
burnish = To make brilliant or shining
canny = clever and able to think quickly, especially about money or business
carnal = of the flesh, sensual
carp = to find faults, complain constantly
cavalcade = a procession or sequence
celerity = quick moving or acting
cession = Surrender, as of possessions or rights
champ = to chew noisily
chastise = to criticize or punish someone
chattel = piece of personal property
churlish = rude, ungracious
circumscribe = To confine within bounds
clairvoyant = who can see the future, having ESP
collate = to sort or put in proper order
complaisant = Agreeable, friendly
consequential = important
contumacious = rebellious
cuisine = cookery, style of cooking
culmination = climax, final stage
curator = in charge of a library or museum
daunt = to frighten, subdue
declivity = a place that declines or slopes downwards
deranged = insane, delirious, maniacal
derivative = copied or adapted, not original
descry = To discern, to discover or reveal
diffidence = shyness, lack of confidence
dirge = lament with music, funeral hymn
discomfit = To put to confusion, discomfort
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discordant = harsh-sounding, badly out of tune
dissimulate = to disguise
distaff = the female branch of a family

distarr – the remaie branch of a far

dolt = a stupid person

domineer = to rule over something in a tyrannical way

doughty = brave, dauntless

dross = waste matter, worthless impurities

dyspeptic = suffering from indigestion, gloomy and irritable

effluvium = noxious smells

effusive = expressing emotion without restraint

elation = exhilaration, joy

eloquence = fluent and effective speech

emollient = cream for softening, making supple

ensconce = to hide safely, settle comfortably

enunciate = verbalize, articulate

epilogue = The close of a narrative or poem

epito me = A simplified representation

equestrian = one who rides on horseback

excoriate = to denounce

exculpate = to clear of blame or fault

expatiate = to discuss in detail, elaborate

expatriate = who does not live in one's own country

expurgate = to purify by removing obscenities

extrinsic = not inherent or essential, coming from without

extrovert = an outgoing person

fell = to chop, cut down

fervid = fervent, passionate

fetter = to restrain, to bind

finicky = meticulous, fussy

fissure = a crack or break

flaccid = limp, flabby, weak

flamboyant = Characterized by extravagance

fluster = confuse

forbearance = Patient endurance or toleration of offenses

forte = A strong point

fractious = wayward, unruly, disorderly

frenzied = feverishly fast, hectic

funereal = mournful, appropriate to a funeral

gall = bitterness, nerve

gambol = Playful leaping or frisking

gaunt = thin, emaciated

gustatory = relevant to the sense of tasting

hallow = to make holy

hoarv = white, old

holocaust = widespread destruction

ignominious = Shameful

impious = not devout in religion

implacable = doubtful, dubious

improvident = lacking foresight or thrift

incarnadine = blood-red in color

indenture = bound to another by contract

interstice = a small space between things

iridescent = showing many colors

jettison = to throw overboard, abandon

jingois m = extremely aggressive and militant patriotism

lackadaisical = Listless, idle

languor = Lassitude of body or depression

lapidary = relating to precious stones

latitude = freedom from narrow limitations

lionize = treat as a celebrity

loiter = dawdle, loaf

lull = moment of calm

Cassette 5 Side B

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maritime = Situated on or near the sea
megalo mania = mental state with delusions of wealth and power
mendacious = Untrue
me retricio us = Alluring by false or gaudy show
molt = to shed hair, skin periodically
monastic = related to monks
morbid = abnormally gloomy
naiveté = a lack of worldly wisdom
nihilism = a belief in nothing, extreme skepticism
no ma dic = moving from place to place
non sequitur = an irrelevant conclusion
nuptial = relating to marriage
objurgate = to chide, scold
opalescent = iridescent, displaying colors
ornithologist = scientist who studies birds
orotund = pompously said
palette = board for mixing paints
pastiche = imitation of another's style
patricide = murder of one's own father
peculation = theft of money or goods
pedime nt = triangular gable on a roof or façade
penumbra = partial shadow in an eclipse
permeable = penetrable
philology = study of words
plaintiff = injured person in a lawsuit
plangent = plaintive, resounding sadly
politic = expedient, prudent, well devised
potable = suitable for drinking
presentiment = sense of foreboding
primordial = existing at the beginning, rudimentary
pummel = beat, attack
putrid = dirty, rotten
quintessence = The most essential part of anything
rams hackle = dilapidated, falling to pieces
ratiocination = reasoning
raucous = Harsh sounding
ravenous = extremely hungry
rectitude = moral uprightness
refectory = dining hall
re media ble = capable of being corrected
re monstrate = to protest or object
retinue = group of attendants
rococo = ornate, highly decorated
roil = to disturb or cause disorder
salubrious = healthy
serenity = calm, peacefulness
serrated = toothed, with a zigzag edge
sinuous = Curving in and out
slough = to discard or shed
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sluggard = lazy, inactive person

sophist = person good at arguing deviously

sopho mo ric = immature and overconfident

staccato = marked by abrupt, clear-cut sounds

succinct = Concise

synthetic = artificial, imitation

threno dy = a sad poem or song, dirge

tre mulo us = trembling, fearful

tundra = treeless plain found in Arctic or sub arctic regions

upbraid = to scold sharply

vagrant = An idle wanderer

variegated = many-colored

vaunted = boasted, bragged

veracious = truthful, accurate

verity = Truth

vernal = related to spring

wrangle = loud quarrel

Cassette 6 Side A

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abase = lower, humiliate
abash = humiliate, embarrass
abdicate = give up power or position
abeyance = postponement, temporary suspension
abhor = detest, loathe
abjure = renounce, to formally reject or abandon
ablution = cleansing, washing
abortive = unsuccessful, interruptive while incomplete
abrogate = cancel, to abolish by authority
absolve = acquit, to forgive or free from blame
abstruse = difficult to comprehend
abut = touch, border on
abvsmal = deficient, sub par
accede = yield, express approval, agree to
acclimate = accustom oneself to a climate
acclivity = ascent, incline
accolade = applause, praise
accost = to approach and speak to someone
accoute r (\underline{\text{BRITISH}} = accoutre) = equip
acme = summit, highest point
acquiesce = to agree, comply passively
acrid = harsh, bitter, pungent, caustic
acrimonious = caustic, bitter
actuate = induce, start
acumen = sharpness of insight
ada mant = insistent, uncompromising, unvielding
adduce = offer as example
adjunct = addition, something added, attached, or joined
admonish = warn gently, caution, or reprimand
adroit = skillful, accomplished, highly competent
adulation = applause, high praise
advent = arrival
adventitious = accidental
aegis = that which protects
affect = influence
affray = public brawl
agape = openmouthed, wonder
aggrandize = exaggerate, to make larger or greater in power
aghast = horrified
alacrity = swiftness, speed, cheerful willingness, eagerness
allay = to reassure; to lessen, ease, or soothe
allege = assert without proof
allegory = fable, symbolic representation
alliteration = repetition of the same sound
allude = refer to indirectly
amenable = agreeable
amiss = wrong, out of place
amity = Friendship
amorous = strongly attracted to love; showing love
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amorphous = shapeless
amortize = to diminish by installment payments
amuck = murderous frenzy
anarchist = terrorist
anima dversion = critical remark
animus = hate
annals = historical records
apocalyptic = ominous, doomed
apoplexy = stroke
appall (\underline{BRITISH} = appal) = horrify
apparition = phantom
appellation = title, name
apposite = apt
apropos = Appropriate
arbiter = judge
archetype = original model
argot = slang
aria = operatic song
array = arrangement
arroyo = gully
artifice = trick
aseptic = sterile
atelier = workshop
avuncular = like an uncle
azure = sky blue
badger = To pester
badinage = banter, teasing conversation
bagatelle = nonentity, trifle
bandy = discuss lightly
bard = poet
baroque = ornate
bask = take pleasure in, sun
bauble = A trinket, trifle
beatitude = state of bliss
begrudge = resent, envy
beholden = in debt
bereft = deprived of
beset = harass, surround
besmirch = slander, sully
bica me ral = having two legislative branches
bivouac = encampment
blase = bored with life
bode = portend
bogus = forged, false
brackis h = salty
bucolic = rustic
burlesque = farce
cache = hiding place
cadaverous = haggard
callow = inexperienced
canine = pertaining to dogs
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captious = fond of finding fault in others
carafe = bottle
cardinal = chief

Cassette 6 Side B

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carrion = decaying flesh
cascade = small waterfall
casuistry = clever argument to trick people
caute rize (\underline{BRITISH} = cauterise) = to sear
chafe = abrade
chaste = pure, virgin
chasten = castigate
cipher = zero
cleft = split
clique = a small group
cloven = split
codicil = supplement to a will
cogitate = ponder
cognizant = aware
cohere = To stick together
cohort = an associate
comport = to conduct oneself
conch = spiral shell
concordat = Agreement
condescend = patronize, talk down to, to treat someone as though you are better
condime nt = seasoning
condolence = sympathy for the family or friends of a person who has recently died
coniferous = bearing cones
consort = spouse
contagion = infectious agent
contingent = conditional
contort = twist
controvert = dispute
cordon = bond, chain
corollary = consequence
corpulent = fat
cortege = procession
coruscate = sparkle
covenant = agreement, pact
crestfallen = dejected
crevice = crack
cruet = small bottle
cull = pick out, select
culve rt = drain
curry = seek favor by flattery
cynosure = celebrity
dank = damp
dauntless = courageous
deadpan = expressionless
debonair = sophisticated, affable
decant = pour
decrepitude = enfeeblement
defa matio n = slander
deflect = turn aside
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defray = pay
deign = condescend
delirium = mental confusion, ecstasy
delve = dig, explore (of ideas)
demeanor (BRITISH = demeanour) = behavior
demented = deranged
demure = sedate, reserved
denizen = dweller
denouement = resolution
deposition = testimony
depredation = preying on, plunder
derelict = negligent
desolate = forsaken
desuetude = disuse
dialectic = pertaining to debate
diminution = Reduction
disconcert = confuse
discretion = prudence
dishevel = muss
disinter = unearth
disinterested = Impartial
disputatious = fond of arguing
disquisitio n = e laborate treatise
dissolute = profligate, immoral
dissonance = Discord
distrait = preoccupied, absent-minded
doggerel = poor verse
dolorous = gloomy
dregs = residue, riffraff
drone = speak in a monotonic voice
duenna = governess
ecclesiastical = churchly
eclat = brilliance
educe = draw forth, evoke
effete = worn out
effusion = pouring forth
elegiac = sad
emblazon = imprint, brand
embryonic = rudimentary
emeritus = retired, but retaining title
enamored (\underline{BRITISH} = enamoured) = charmed, captivated
enclave = area enclosed within another region
engross = captivate
epoch = era
escapade = adventure
eviscerate = disembowel
ex officio = by virtue of position
excision = removal
exegesis = interpretation
exigency = urgency
exiguous = scanty
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expletive = oath

extant = existing

extirpate = seek out and destroy

extrude = force out

facet = aspect

factious = causing disagreement

factitious = artificial

factotum = handyman

faux pas = false step, mistake

febrile = feverish, delirious

ferment = turmoil

ferret = rummage through

fervor ($\underline{\text{BRITISH}}$ = fervour) = intensity

fester = decay

Cassette 7 Side A

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festive = joyous
fete = to honor
fiat = decree
firebrand = agitator
flagellate = whip
flail = whip
foray = raid
fortitude = patience, courage
fret = worry
fritter = squander
frivolity = playfulness
fruition = realization, completion
galvanize = excite to action
gamut = range
garnis h = decorate
genealogy = ancestry
genesis = beginning
genuflect = kneel in reverence
ghastly = horrible
glean = gather
gnome = dwarf-like being
gorge = stuff, satiate
gory = bloody
grapple = struggle
grisly = gruesome
guffaw = laughter
gusto = Keen enjoyment
guttural = throaty
haggard = gaunt
halcyon = serene
hale = healthy
hamper = obstruct
harbor (\underline{BRITISH} = harbour) = give shelter, conceal
harridan = hag or an ugly old woman
harry = harass
heedless = careless
hegira = a journey to a more pleasant place
hibernal = wintry
histrionic = overly dramatic
homily = sermon
horde = group
hortatory = inspiring good deeds
hovel = shanty, cabin
hoy den = tomboy, boisterous girl
hubris = arrogance
hummock = knoll, mound
humus = soil
ichthyology = study of fish
idyllic = natural, picturesque
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immolate = sacrifice

impale = pierce

impetus = stimulus, spark

impinge = encroach, touch

imponde rable = difficult to estimate

imprimatur = sanction

impunity = exemption from harm

impute = charge

inalienable = that which cannot be taken away

incantation = chant

incapacitate = disable

inclement = harsh

incriminate = accuse

incubus = nightmare

ineffable = inexpressible

ineluctable = inescapable

infidel = nonbeliever

influx = inflow

infraction = violation

inimitable = peerless

iniquitous = unjust, wicked

inopportune = untimely

inordinate = excessive

insensate = without feeling

insouciant = nonchalant

insubordinate = disobedient

integument = a covering

inveigle = lure

irresolute = hesitant, uncertain

je june = barren

jostle = push, brush against

ken = range of comprehension

knave = con man

knead = massage

lacerate = tear, cut

lackey = servant

laity = laymen

lambent = softly radiant

lave = wash

lax = loose, careless

lectern = reading desk

limn = portray, describe

litany = list

litotes = understatement for emphasis

lout = goon

lupine = wolf-like

luxuriant = lush

maim = injure

manacle = shackle

marauder = plunderer

masticate = chew

matriarch = matron
maul = rough up
mausoleum = tomb
mayhem = mutilation
medley = mixture
melee = riot
mellifluous = sweet sounding
menial = humble, degrading
mete = distribute
miasma = toxin
mien = appearance, demeanor
minion = subordinate
minutiae = trivia
mire = marsh

Cassette 7 Side B

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miscegenation = intermarriage between races
miscellany = mixture of items
modish = chic
molten = melted
monolithic = large and uniform
mortify = humiliate
mottled = spotted
mountebank = charlatan
muffle = stifle, quiet
mulct = defraud
muse = ponder
muster = to gather one's forces
noncommittal = neutral, circumspect
nonplus = bring to a halt by confusion
nubile = marriageable
nugatory = useless, worthless
oaf = awkward person
obelisk = tall column, monument
obituary = eulogy
oblation = offering, sacrifice
obliquity = perversity
odoriferous = pleasant odor
offal = inedible parts of a butchered animal
offertory = church collection
ogle = flirt
onus = burden
opprobrium = disgrace
opus = literary work of musical composition
orison = prayer
paleontologist (\underline{BRITISH} = palaeontologist) = one who studies fossils
palpitate = beat, throb
pandemonium = din, commotion
pander = cater to people's baser instincts
panto mime = mime
papvrus = paper
paramour = lover
parapet = rampart, defense
paroxys m = outburst, convulsion
parsimonious = stingy
parvenu = newcomer, social climber
passe = outmoded
pastoral = rustic
peculate = embezzle, steal
pedantic = bookish
pell-mell = in a confused manner
penurious = stingy
peregrination = wandering
perforce = by necessity
perigee = point when moon is nearest to the earth
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perjury = lying
peroration = conclusion of an oration
petrify = calcify, shock
petty = trivial
petulant = irritable, peevish
picaresque = roguish, adventurous
pied = mottled, brindled
piquant = tart-tasting, spicy
platonic = nonsexual
plebiscite = referendum
plumb = measure
polity = methods of government
poltroon = coward
portend = signify, augur
prate = babble
preamble = introduction
preternatural = abnormal
prim = formal, prudish
primogeniture = first-born child
primp = groom
proboscis = snout
prod = urge
profusion = overabundance
propellant = rocket fuel
prophylactic = preventive
propound = propose
proscenium = platform, rostrum
prosody = study of poetic structure
provender = dry food, fodder
proviso = stipulation
puissant = strong
purblind = obtuse, dim-sighted
purgatory = limbo, netherworld
purloin = To steal
purvie w = range, understanding
putative = reputed
quail = shrink, cower
quaint = old-fashioned
qualms = misgivings
quarry = prey, game
quay = wharf
queasy = squeamish
quip = joke
quirk = eccentricity
quizzical = odd
quorum = majority
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Cassette 8 Side A

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rabid = mad. furious
raiment = clothing
rankle = cause bitterness, resentment
realm = kingdom, domain
reconnaissance = surveillance
recrimination = countercharge, retaliation
recumbent = reclining
redolent = fragrant
redoubtable = formidable, steadfast
redundant = repetitious
reek = smell
refraction = bending, deflection
regale = entertain
re miss = Negligent
re mnant = residue, fragment
re morse = guilt
rend = to tear apart
render = deliver, provide
rendezvous = a meeting
rendition = version, interpretation
reparation = amends, atonement
repartee = witty conversation
repellent = causing aversion
repercussion = consequence
repine = fret
reprieve = temporary suspension
reprimand = rebuke
reprisal = retaliation
retaliate = revenge
retribution = reprisa1
reverent = respectful
reverie = daydream
rigor = harshness
rime = white frost
risible = laughable
roseate = rosy, optimistic
roster = list of people
rout = vanquish
rubicund = ruddy, having healthy reddish color
ruffian = brutal person, bully
rummage = hunt
ruse = trick
sacerdotal = priestly
salutary = good, wholesome
sanctimonious = self-righteous
sang-froid = coolness under fire
sanguinary = gory, murderous
sapid = interesting
sarcophagus = stone coffin
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sartorial = pertaining to clothes
sate = satisfy fully
saturnine = gloomy
satyr = demigod, goat-man
savoir-faire = tact, polish
savor (\underline{BRITISH} = \underline{Savour}) = \underline{enjoy}
scarify = criticize
scurry = move briskly
scuttle = to sink
sebaceous = like fat
seclusion = solitude
sedulous = diligent
see the = fume, resent
semblance = likeness
senescence = old age
sepulcher (\underline{\text{BRITISH}} = sepulchre) = tomb
sequacious = eager to follow, ductile
serried = saw-toothed
shibboleth = password
shoal = reef
shrew = virago
sidereal = pertaining to the stars
sinewy = fibrous, stringy
skinflint = miser
skittish = excitable
skullduggery (BRITISH = skulduggery) = trickery
slander = defame
sleight = dexterity
slithe r = slide
smattering = superficial knowledge
smirk = smug look
snivel = whine
solvent = financially sound
somatic = pertaining to the body
spas mo dic = intermittent
spate = sudden outpouring
spectral = ghostly
splenetic = peevish
spry = nimble
spume = foam
stanza = division of a poem
stoke = prod, fuel
stratum = layer
stupor = lethargy
sub rosa = in secret
substantiate = verify
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Cassette 8 Side B

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substantive = substantial
succor (BRITISH = Succour) = help, comfort
succumb = yield, submit
suffuse = pervade, permeate
sultry = sweltering
sunder = split
sundry = various
supernume rary = subordinate
suture = surgical stitch
sylvan = rustic
tantalize = tease
taper = candle
tarn = small lake
tarry = linger
taurine = bull-like
taut = tight, stretched
temperate = moderate
tempo = speed
tentative = provisional
tenure = status given after a period of time
terrapin = turtle
testy = petulant
the spia \mathbf{n} = \operatorname{actor}
throes = anguish
throng = crowd
timbre = tonal quality, resonance
Titanic = huge
tithe = donate one-tenth
titular = in name only, figure head
tocsin = a larm bell, signal
touchstone = standard
tra duce = slander
travail = work, drudgery
tribunal = court
troglodyte = cave dweller
truck le = yield
tutelage = guardianship
tyranny = oppression
unassuming = modest
uncouth = uncultured, crude
undulate = surge, fluctuate
uniformity = sameness
unsavory (BRITISH = unsavoury) = distasteful, offensive
unscathed = unhurt
unseemly = unbecoming, improper
untenable = cannot be achieved
ursine = bear-like
uxorious = a doting husband
vagary = whim
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vainglorious = conceited

valor(BRITISH = valour) = bravery

vanguard = leading position

vassal = subject

vehement = adamant

veneer = false front, façade

venial = excusable

venturesome = bold, risky

viand = food

victuals = food

visage = facial expression

viscid = thick, gummy

vitreous = glassy

vituperative = abusive

votary = fan, afic ionado

vouchsafe = confer, bestow

vulpine = fox-like

waggish = playful

wastrel = spendthrift

waylay = ambush

wean = remove from nursing, break a habit

wheedle = coax

whimsical = capricious

wince = cringe

winnow = separate

wither = shrivel

wont = custom

wrath = anger, fury

wreak = inflict

wrest = snatch

writhe = contort

yen = desire

yore = long ago

Cassette 9 Side A

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aberration = different from normal or usual
abettor = encourager
abnegation = repudiation, self-sacrifice
abominate = to hate
abra de = to rub off a surface
abstemious = Characterized by self denial or abstinence
accretion = grow in size or increase in amount
acerbity = bitterness of speech or temper
acetic = related to vinegar
acidulous = sour in taste or manner
acquiescence = Passive consent
acquittal = release from blame (as by a court)
actuarial = calculating
acuity = sharpness
addiction = compulsive, habitual need
addle = To make inefficient or unable to think
adjuration = solemn urging
adjure = to request solemnly
admonition = Genteelly point out mistake
agility = nimbleness
agitation = excitement, uneasiness
alimentary = supplying nourishment
allure = appeal, attract
allusion = indirect reference
alluvial = soil deposits left by rivers
amalgamate = To mix or join together to become one
amazon = female warrior
ambrosia = food of the Greek gods that provided immortal youth & beauty, anything sweet
    and pleasing
andirons = metal supports in a fireplace
anneal = to gradually heat and cool in order to soften, reduce brittleness
annuity = An annual payment or income
antecede = To precede
anthropoid = manlike
apiary = A place where bees are kept
apogee = The climax
apothecary = One who keeps drugs for sale and puts up prescriptions
appurtenances = subordinate possessions
aquiline = like an eagle, bent, booked, curved
arcade = a roofed passage between shops
archaeology = the study of ancient cultures by looking for and examining their buildings,
    tools
aromatic = fragrant
arrant = Notoriously bad
asceticism = doctrine of self-denial
assessment = estimation
astronomical = enormously large or extensive
athwart = across, opposition
aureole = sun's corona, halo
auroral = pertaining to the aurora borealis
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auscultation = act of listening to the heart or lungs to discover abnormalities

austerity = quality of being self disciplined

baffle = to frustrate or unable to understand

bandanna = large, bright-colored handkerchief

barb = sharp projection from fishhook

barrage = a lot of questions or criticism

barter = to give in exchange rather than paying money

bassoon = reed instrument of the woodwind family

bate = let down, restrain

bawdy = indecent, obscene

bedizen = dress with vulgar finery

bedraggle = wet thoroughly

befuddle = confuse thoroughly

behoove = to be fit, to be right

benignant = Benevolent in feeling, character

bereavement = state of being deprived of something valuable or beloved

bete noire = aversion

betrothal = Engagement to marry

bibulous = Fond of drinking

bigotry = discrimination, prejudice

blasphe mous = profane, impious

blazon = print or decorate something in a very noticeable way

blurt = to say something suddenly and without thinking, especially when you are excited or nervous

booris h = Rude

bouillon = clear beef soup

Bowdlerize = To expurgate in editing

braggadocio = someone who boasts

brazier = An open pan or basin for holding live coals

brindled = tawny or grayish with streaks or spots

brittle = Fragile

brocade = rich, gaudy fabric

brooch = a piece of jewelry for women which is fastened onto clothes with a pin

buffoonery = coarse jokes, etc

bugaboo = bugbear, object of baseless terror

bumptious = full of offensive self-conceit

bungle = to do something wrong in a very careless or stupid way

buskin = thick-soled half boot worn by actors of Greek tragedy

buxom = plump, vigorous, jolly

cameo = when someone famous appears for a short time in a film or play

canker = any ulcerous sore, any evil

canto = part of an extended poem

caparison = showy harnesser, ornamentation for a horse

caprice = A whim

carillon = a set of bells capable of being played

carmine = rich red

caro usal = To drink deeply and in boisterous or jovial manner

carte blanche = complete freedom to do what you want

caryatid = sculptured column of a female figure

caste = one of the hereditary classes in Hindu society

catapult = slingshot

catechis m = book for religious instruction
censor = to prohibit publication by law
centaur = mythical figure, half man and half horse
cerebration = thought
chaff = worthless products of an endeavor
chas m = a long, deep, narrow hole in rock or ice
chiropodist = one who treats disorders of the feet
chivalrous = courteous to ladies

Cassette 9 Side B

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ciliated = having minute hairs, one-celled animal
circlet = small ring, band
clangor (BRITISH = clangour) = loud, resounding noise
clarion = shrill, trumpet like sound
clavicle = collarbone
climactic = relating to the highest point
clime = region, climate
coadjutor = assistant, colleague
cockade = decoration worn on hat
coeval = living at the same time as contemporary
cog = a spoke in a wheel, a small and unimportant person
cohesion = consistency
colande r = utensil with perforated bottom used for straining
collage = a picture made by sticking small pieces of paper or other materials
collie r = worker in coal mine, ship carrying coal
colossal = huge
comely = a woman who is attractive in appearance
comestible = something fit to be eaten
come uppance = rebuke, one's deserved fate or punishment
comity = courteousness, civility
conclave = private meeting
condign = adequate, deservedly severe
connivance = pretence of ignorance of something wrong, assistance or permission to offend
connubial = related to marriage or matrimony
cormorant = greedy, rapacious bird
cornice = a decorative border around the walls of a room close to the ceiling
corsair = pirate ship
covetous = very desirous of something, avaricious, greedy
cov = shy, modest
cozen = cheat, hoodwink, swindle
crabbed = sour, peevish
credo = a set of beliefs
crepuscular = pertaining to twilight
crone = hag
crotchet = a fancy, a whim, an eccentricity
cul-de-sac = a blind alley, a trap
dappled = spotted
dastard = A base coward
daub = to paint carelessly, to smear
dawdle = to waste time by trifling, to move slowly
debenture = bond issued to secure a loan
decollete = having a low-necked dress
decrepit = Enfeebled, as by old age or some chronic infirmity
deducible = derived by reasoning
defalcate = to misuse money put in trust
defection = desertion
deify = To regard as a god
deliquescent = capable of absorbing moisture from air and becoming liquid
delusion = Mistaken conviction
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delusive = deceptive, raising vain hopes demesne = domain**demolition** = destruction **demoniacal** = related to evil spirits, devilish **denotation** = the exact literary meaning of a word, designation, definition **depilate** = remove hair **derision** = Ridicule **dermatologist** = one who studies the skin and its diseases **descant** = discuss fully **desideratum** = that which is desired **despoil** = to bereave, rob, plunder, strip of possessions **despotism** = Any severe and strict rule **detergent** = cleansing agent **detonation** = $\exp los ion$ **devolve** = to roll down, to hand down dia de m = crown**dint** = means, effort dipsomaniac = a person having an uncontrollable desire for alcohol, inebriate **disapprobation** = rejection, disapproval disavowal = Denial **dishabille** = in a state of undress **dishearten** = discourage, lose spirit **dis member** = cut into small parts disport = amuse**dissuasion** = advise against **divergent** = Tending in different directions **divination** = The forecast of future events or discovery of what is lost or hidden **docket** = a list of cases to be dealt with **doddering** = shaky, infirm from old age doff = take off**dorsal** = belonging to the back side, posterior, tail **douse** = to plunge into water, to extinguish **dowdy** = slovenly, untidy **drudgery** = Hard and constant work in any dull occupation **durance** = confinement eclipse = The obstruction of Sun by moon, or of moon by earth eerie = weird **efflorescent** = opening in flower **elusory** = tending to deceive expectations **elysian** = relating to paradise, blissful **emanate** = to express a feeling or quality through the way one looks **emendation** = corrections of errors emetic = a medicine that causes vomiting

emolument = salary or fees for a job, remuneration, pay scale

empy real = celestial, fiery

encomiastic = praising, eulogistic

"What 3 steps can you take if CAT is the most important goal in your life for the next year or two and you want to make the best possible effort to ensure a success"

Stop! First ask yourself, "How important is CAT for me? What will success mean for myself, my parents and my family? Am I willing and ready, and do I want to take whatever steps are necessary for achieving my goal? And, am I willing to make effort in 100% whole-hearted way to my ensure success?"

"<u>Step 1</u>: Honestly evaluate how good are you at Maths and Vocab for CAT"

Do you realize that most people (other than engineers and science/Maths graduates) are not strong in Maths needed for CAT?

Do you realize that most people taking CAT do not have large, rich vocabulary of about 4,500 words including unusual and odd words needed for these exams.

To really discover how good you are at Maths and Vocab, you can take a mock test in realistic exam environment by timing yourself. This helps you discover how ready are you for the exam, which requires **two skills**: **knowledge of subject** (Maths, vocab, comprehension, data interpretation) and **speed in solving problems and answering question**.

Want to take this quick test for CAT vocab?

Here are the last 10 words from the CAT/MBA <u>cassette 7 side A</u> to test yourself: iridescent, jettison, jingoism, lackadaisical, langour, lapidary, latitude, lionize, loiter, lull. If you know less than 8 words, you are perhaps not as good as you think you are.

"Step 2: Join good coaching for Maths, Comprehension, Data Interpretation and Mock Tests"

To get success, joining good coaching is really helpful because:

- 1. Ensures your regular learning under expert guidance.
- 2. Makes it easy for you to measure your progress in mock tests in realistic exam environment.
- 3. Gives you an all India rank so you know where you stand

Which coaching is the best? Each city has some good coaching and that you'll have to find out by asking others and visiting some of the famous institutes in your city.

"Step 3: Use the *Vocab-Builder Mind Machine* to memorize 4,484 words 3 to 7 times faster and to repeatedly revise them in 23 hours for permanent retention"

To get success, you need to memorize vocab and my *Vocab-Builder Mind Machine* is really the only practical solution (coaching can't help you memorize, they can just give you book or cards).

The mind machine also trains you to "enter the learning state" so you learn other subjects better, too.

Breaking News ... Date: 2-Jan-2007

"CAT 2006 Results Highlight the Fact that English Is Most Crucial and Most Difficult In CAT"

According to Times of India, 2 Jan 2007, the highest percent in each subject in CAT results are:

- Quantitative Ability = 100 percent
- Logic and Data Interpretation = 86 percent
- English Usage and Comprehension = 60 percent
- OVERALL Highest Percent = 67.95 percent

It is clear from the above results that Indian students are **strong in Maths** (and that is why our engineers are becoming more valuable worldwide) but **weak in English**.

The main reason for low score in <u>English Usage and Comprehension</u> is not knowing the vocab well which makes it much harder to answer questions correctly. Most of us in India are not so good in English vocab even if we have studied in English schools.

"The Myth of 100 Percentile in CAT"

Do you realize that **even the toppers with 100 percentile in CAT 2006 got only 60% or less** in *English Usage and Comprehension?* And since many had joined famous coaching, it seems to me is that the classroom coaching is not able to help much with this aspect of CAT.

What is the Biggest Problem in Remembering Vocab?

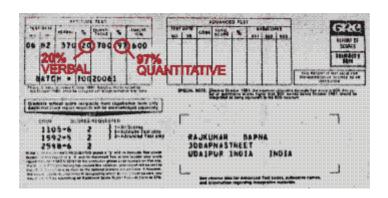
Why Even Serious, Hard Working IIM Aspirants Taking Good Coaching Fail to Build Huge Vocab Required to Crack the English Usage and Comprehension Section in CAT?

The biggest problem is that though it is relatively easy to learn new words at home or in coaching classes, it is extremely difficult to remember them after a few weeks/months.

Even the best coaching classes fail to put 4,000 to 4,500 words in the long-term memory of your mind because they do not specialize in mind power and mind technologies. The best they can do, no matter how hard they work, is to prepare a good book offering you word lists and then motivate you to repeatedly read the word lists in different ways many many times over several months and hope that you remember many of the words.

But, you cannot blame the coaching institutes because it is not their fault. It is the nature of our mind, which is simply not capable of remembering many uncommon and odd words just by reading word lists a few times and you know there is not a lot of time to revise many many times.

If you are concerned or worried about memorizing vocab, **you are not alone--**almost every student faces the same problem. Despite my hard work for over a year, **I myself got only 20% in Verbal**, though I got 97% in Quantitative in GRE (see my GRE score card below), so I know how one can feel.



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My wife, Dr Anju Bapna, who is a medical doctor, took GMAT exam in USA for admission to MBA. To get a good score, she took classroom coaching in California from Kaplan, which is world's number one coaching institute for GMAT test preparation. The fee was about \$1,200 for 11 classes. The Kaplan coaching proved ineffective and totally failed to help her improve vocab for the GMAT exam. She was just lucky to get admission to MBA she wanted. In fact, this coaching experience of her was what motivated me to develop the *Vocab-Builder Mind Machine* on our return to India.

"Vocab-Builder Mind Machine is Becoming More and More Popular Among CAT Aspirants Because Good Coaching Alone is No Longer Sufficient for Sure Success in CAT"

*Don't Bet Your Success in CAT on IMS, TIME, PT, CL, or Other Good Coaching Alone ... *

The coaching institutes want you to believe that joining their coaching will ENSURE your success. But the fact of the matter is that about 1,00,000 people take CAT coaching for admission to IIMs for about 1400 seats. It means that only about 1 or 2 of every 100 hardworking CAT aspirants who take good coaching get success and all others fail despite joining coaching and hard work.

The simple fact is: coaching is not enough for success nowadays because almost everybody takes coaching (in the past, coaching alone seemed to be enough because only a few aspirants joined coaching).

You need to find various ways, both small and big, if possible unique and not-yet-common ways, to gain "unfair advantage" and get ahead of others and win the race.

A competition is like a race where only certain number of students get success and remaining fail. Mind Machine is like being on an airplane when others in the race are on bikes, cars or cycles. Guess who will win such an unfair race?

The mind machine provides one way to gain such "unfair advantage" because it puts words into your mind effortlessly. You perhaps realize that toppers are not two times as intelligent as others and that toppers don't study two times as many hours as others per day, but knowingly or unknowingly they use more mind power. "Using mind power" is the missing link in our education system and that makes the difference between success and failure.

"Vocab-Builder Mind Machine: New Way to Memorize CAT Vocab"

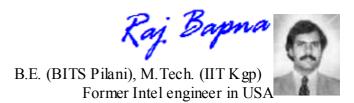


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and fluency, which builds self-confidence and helps in GD and interview for final selections.



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