

**Barron GRE word list – R**

1. Rabble: mob; noisy crowd
2. Rabid: of or suffering rabies; like a fanatic; extremely zealous; furious;
3. Raffle: lottery; V: award as a prize in a raffle; Ex. raffle off a new car
4. Raiment: clothing; garments; Ex. I have no raiment fit to wear.
5. Rake: immoral or dissolute person
6. Rakish: jaunty; stylish; sporty; morally corrupt; dissolute; Ex. He wore his hat at a rakish and jaunty angle.
7. Ramble: wander aimlessly (physically or mentally); digress
8. Ramification: branching out; subdivision; one branch of a system; one of the results following from an action or decision; Ex. ramifications of a business/the decision
9. Ramify: branch out; divide into branches or subdivisions
10. Rancid: having the odor of stale or decomposing fat; rank
11. Rancor: long-lasting hatred; bitterness; Ex. negotiation without rancor; ADJ.
12. Rancorous: random without definite purpose, plan, or aim; haphazard; Ex. random shots; Ex. chosen at random
13. Rankle: irritate; fester; annoy
14. Ransack: search thoroughly; pillage (going through a place); Ex. Enemy soldiers ransacked the town.
15. Rapacious: voracious; ravenous; taking everything one can; excessively grasping; plundering; subsisting on live prey; Ex. rapacious birds
16. Rapt: engrossed; absorbed; enchanted; Ex. rapt listener



17. Ratify: approve formally; confirm; verify
18. Ratiocination: reasoning; act of drawing conclusions from premises; V. ratiocinate: reason logically
19. Raucous: (of voice) harsh and unpleasant; (of people) disorderly and boisterous; Ex. raucous shouts
20. Ravenous: extremely hungry; voracious
21. Ravine: narrow valley with steep sides; gorge;
22. Rebuke: scold harshly; criticize severely
23. Rebuttal: refutation; response with contrary evidence; V. rebut: refute; disprove
24. Recalcitrant: disobedient or resisting authority even after being punished; obstinately stubborn; determined to resist authority; unruly; Ex. recalcitrant child
25. Recant: disclaim or disavow; retract a previous statement; openly confess error; Ex. recant one's faith/a statement
26. Recapitulate: summarize
27. Recidivism: habitual return to crime (even after being punished); N. recidivist
28. Recluse: hermit; loner; ADJ. reclusive
29. Recondite: abstruse; not easily understood; profound; secret
30. Recourse: resorting to help when in trouble; Ex. without recourse to
31. Recreant: disloyal; cowardly; N: disloyal and cowardly person
32. Recrimination: countercharges; V. recriminate
33. Rectitude: moral correctness; moral uprightness; moral virtue; correctness of judgment
34. Recumbent: reclining; lying down completely or in part



35. Recuperate: recover; return to health; regain; Ex. recuperate losses
36. Redress: remedy; compensation; Ex. seek redress for the damage to your car; V: put right; remedy or rectify (a wrong); make amends for
37. Refulgent: effulgent; brilliant; brightly shining; gleaming; Ex. refulgent moon
38. Refute: disprove; prove to be false; N. refutation
39. Relegate: put into a lower or worse place; banish to an inferior position; delegate; assign; Ex. relegate the old furniture to the children's room; Ex. relegated to the second division
40. Relent: become less severe; give in(surrender); ADJ. relentless: unyielding; continuously severe
41. Remit: transmit (money) in payment; free someone from a debt or punishment
42. Remittance: remitting of money; amount of money remitted
43. Remonstrate: protest; objection; V. remonstrate: say in protest
44. Remunerative: (of work) compensating; rewarding; profitable; well-paid; V. remunerate: reward; pay (someone) for work or trouble
45. Renegade: deserter; traitor; ADJ.
46. Renege: break a promise; deny; go back on; Ex. renege on the contract/paying off the debt
47. Renounce: abandon; give up (by formal announcement); disown; repudiate; Ex. renounce one's claim to the property/one's religion; N. renunciation
48. Repercussion: rebound; reaction; reverberation; Ex. serious repercussion
49. Reprieve: postponement or cancelation of a punishment; temporary stay; V: postpone or cancel the punishment of
50. Reprisal: retaliation



51. Reproach: blame (not angrily but sadly); express disapproval or disappointment; N. ADJ.  
reproachful
52. Reprobate: morally disapproved person; person hardened in sin, devoid of a sense of decency;
53. Reprobation: severe disapproval;
54. Reprove: censure; rebuke; N. reproof
55. Repudiate: disown; disavow; deny
56. Repugnance: disgust; strong dislike; loathing; ADJ. repugnant: arousing disgust; repulsive
57. Requiem: mass for the dead; dirge
58. Resonant: (of a sound) echoing; resounding(sounding loudly); deep and full in sound; producing resonance; Ex. resonant voice; N. resonance
59. Resound: (of a place) be filled with sound; (of a sound) sound loudly; sound back; echo; Ex. hall resounded with laughter
60. Respite: time for rest; interval of relief; delay in punishment; reprieve
61. Resplendent: brilliant; splendid in appearance; dazzling; glorious
62. Restitution: returning something (lost or stolen) to the rightful owner; reparation; indemnification; compensation for loss, damage, or injury
63. Restive: impatiently restless (induced by external coercion or restriction); restlessly impatient; obstinately resisting control; Ex. restive horses because of wolves;
64. Retentive: holding; able to retain things (esp. facts in the mind); having a good memory
65. Reticent: inclined to silence; uncommunicative; reserved; Ex. He was reticent about the reasons; N. reticence



66. Retinue: following; attendants
67. Retort: quick sharp reply; V.
68. Retrench: cut down; cut down expenses; economize
69. Retribution: deserved punishment for wrongdoing; punishment for offenses; compensation; vengeance;
70. Retroactive: taking effect before its enactment (as a law) or imposition (as a tax); (of a law) having effect on the past as well as the future
71. Retrograde: go backwards; recede; degenerate; deteriorate; ADJ.
72. Revelry: boisterous merrymaking; V. revel: engage boisterous festivities; enjoy greatly; N: boisterous festivity or celebration
73. Reverberate: echo repeatedly; resound; Ex. The thunder reverberated across the valley.
74. Reverent: respectful; worshipful; V. revere: regard with reverence; N. reverence: profound respect
75. Reverie: daydream; abstracted musing
76. Rife: (of something bad) widespread; abundant; current
77. Rift: narrow opening in a large mass; break in a friendly relation; Ex. through a rift in the clouds;
78. Rile: irritate; vex; muddy
79. Roseate: rosy; optimistic; Ex. roseate views
80. Rote: repetition; memorization through repetition without understanding; Ex. learn poetry by rote
81. Rotund: (of a person) fat and round



82. Rout: put to rout; stampede; drive out; N: complete defeat and disorderly retreat
83. Rubble: fragments (esp. from a destroyed building)
84. Rudimentary: elementary; not developed; crude; N. rudiment: fundamental element or principle; Ex. rudiments of the language
85. Rue: regret; lament; mourn; Ex. He will rue the day; N. ADJ. rueful
86. Ruffian: violent scoundrel; bully
87. Rumble: make or move with a deep rolling sound (as thunder or stomach)
88. Ruminant: chew over and over (mentally or, like cows, physically); mull over(ponder)
89. Rummage: ransack; thoroughly search
90. Ruse: trick to deceive;

