

Barron GRE word list - L

1. Labile: likely to change; unstable; Ex. emotionally labile;
2. Laborious: demanding much work or care; tedious
3. Labyrinth: maze
4. Laceration: torn ragged wound; V. lacerate: tear (the skin as with broken glass); wound
5. Lachrymose: producing tears; tearful
6. Lackadaisical: lacking interest or effort; lacking purpose or zest; lazy; halfhearted; languid
7. Lackluster: lacking luster(shine; gloss); dull
8. Laconic: brief and to the point; using few words; terse
9. Laity: laypersons; laymen; persons not connected with the clergy
10. Lament: grieve; express sorrow; N. lamentation
11. Lampoon: ridicule; N: written attack ridiculing or satirizing a person, group, or institution
12. Lance: pierce with a lance; cut into; N: spear like weapon
13. Languid: lacking energy or vitality; weary; sluggish; listless
14. Languish: lose animation or strength
15. Languor: lack of physical or mental energy; lassitude; depression
16. Lank: long and thin; Ex. Lank, gaunt, Abraham Lincoln
17. Lap: take in food or drink with one's tongue; splash gently; Ex. waves lapping the shore;
N: front area from the waist to the knees of a seated person
18. Larceny: theft; Ex. petit larceny
19. Larder: pantry; place where food is kept



20. Largess: generous gift (given to people who do not have enough)
21. Lascivious: lustful
22. Lassitude: languor; weariness; listlessness
23. Latch: fastening or lock consisting of a movable bar that fits into a notch; V: close with a latch
24. Latent: present but not yet noticeable or active; dormant; hidden; N. latency;
25. Layman: man who is not a cleric; man who is nonprofessional
26. Leaven: add leaven to; cause to rise or grow lighter; enliven; N: agent, such as yeast, that causes dough to rise (by fermentation); element that lightens or enlivens
27. Lechery: gross lewdness; lustfulness; ADJ. lecherous; N. lecher: lecherous man
28. Lectern: reading desk or stand for a public speaker
29. Leery: (of someone) suspicious; wary; cautious
30. Leeway: room to move; margin; latitude; Ex. leeway for the deadline
31. Legerdemain: sleight(dexterity) of hand;
32. Legislature: legislating branch of government;
33. Leniency: mildness; permissiveness; ADJ. lenient: not severe in judgment or punishment
34. Levee: earthen or stone embankment to prevent flooding;
35. Levity: lack of seriousness or steadiness; frivolity; lightness of manner
36. Levy: impose (a fine); collect (a payment); impose or collect (a tax); Ex. levy a tax on tobacco



37. Liaison: contact that keeps parties in communication; communication between groups; one that maintains communication; go-between; secret love affair; V. liaise: keep a connection
38. Libel: defamatory written statement; act of writing something that smears a person's character; V. ADJ. libelous
39. Libertine: debauched person; dissolute or licentious person;
40. Libidinous: lustful
41. Licentious: amoral; lewd and lascivious; unrestrained
42. Ligneous: like wood
43. Limber: flexible; supple; pliable; V.
44. Limpid: crystal clear
45. Lineaments: features especially of the face; distinctive shape or contour of the face;
46. Lionize: treat (a person) as a celebrity
47. Liquidate: settle accounts; pay off (a debt); clear up; eliminate; kill or abolish
48. Listless: lacking in spirit or energy; languid
49. Lithe: flexible; supple;
50. Litigation: lawsuit; N. litigant: one party in a lawsuit; V. litigate
51. Litotes: understatement for emphasis;
52. Livid: lead-colored; black and blue (as from a bruise); ashen; enraged; extremely angry
53. Loath: reluctant; unwilling; disinclined; Ex. Romeo and Juliet were both loath for him to go.
54. Loathe: detest; ADJ. loathsome: arousing loathing; offensive; Ex. loathsome smell



55. Loiter: hang about/around; stand idly about; linger
56. Loll: lounge about
57. Loquacious: talkative; N. loquacity
58. Lucre: money; profit; Ex. filthy lucre
59. Ludicrous: laughable; ridiculous; trifling
60. Lugubrious: mournful; sorrowful
61. Lull: moment of calm; period of reduced activity; Ex. a lull in the rain; V: cause to become less active; cause to sleep or rest; Ex. lull the opponents into a false sense of security;
62. Lumber: move heavily or clumsily;
63. Lumen: unit of light energy (one candle's worth)
64. Luminary: celebrity (in a specific field); dignitary; object that gives light (as a celestial body)
65. Luscious: pleasing to taste or smell; delicious
66. Luxuriate: take pleasure in great comfort

