

**Barron GRE word list – W**

1. Wade: walk through a substance, such as water, that impedes movement
2. Waffle: speak equivocally about an issue; N.
3. Waft: move gently (in air or in seas) by wind or waves; Ex. leaves wafting past the window
4. Waggish: humorous; mischievous; tricky
5. Waif: homeless child or animal; Ex. waifs and strays
6. Wallow: roll in mud; indulge in; (of a ship) roll in a rough sea; become helpless; Ex. wallow in the mud/luxury
7. Wangle: achieve by cleverness or trick; wiggle out; fake; Ex. She tried to wangle an invitation to the party.
8. Wanton: unrestrained; gratuitously cruel; willfully malicious; unchaste; sexually improper; promiscuous; Ex. wanton spending/killing;
9. Warren: tunnels in which rabbits live; overcrowded living area; crowded conditions in which people live
10. Wary: very cautious; watchful
11. Wastrel: waster; profligate
12. Wax: increase gradually (as the moon); grow
13. Waylay: ambush; lie in wait for and attack
14. Wean: accustom a baby not to nurse; accustom (the young of a mammal) to take nourishment other than by suckling; give up a cherished activity; cause to gradually leave (an interest or habit); Ex. wean oneself from cigarettes
15. Weary: tired after long work; V.



16. Welter: wallow (as in mud or high seas); lie soaked (as in blood); Ex. The victims weltered in their blood.
17. Wheedle: deceive, persuade, or obtain by flattery; cajole; coax; Ex. wheedle a promise out of her
18. Whimsical: capricious; fanciful; amusingly strange
19. Whittle: pare; cut away thin bits (from wood); fashion in this way; reduce gradually; trim
20. Willowy: flexible; pliant; slender;
21. Wilt: loose freshness; droop
22. Wily: crafty; cunning; artful; N. wile: deceitful stratagem
23. Wince: move back suddenly; shrink back; flinch; Ex. She winced as she touched the cold body.
24. Winnow: sift; separate the chaff from grain by blowing; separate good parts from bad;
25. Winsome: charming (in a childlike way); agreeable; gracious; engaging
26. Wisp: small bunch (of hair); faint streak (of smoke)
27. Wispy: thin; slight; barely discernible
28. Wistful: sadly thoughtful (because of desires or memories); sadly pensive; vaguely longing
29. Wizen: shriveled; withered; Ex. wizened apple/old lady
30. Wrangle: quarrel noisily; obtain through arguing; herd cattle; N.
31. Wreak: inflict; Ex. wreak one's vengeance on
32. Wrench: twist; pull; strain; Ex. He wrenched the gun out of her hands.
33. Wrest: obtain by pulling violently; pull away; take by violence; Ex. wrest victory from their grasp



34. Wretch: miserable person; bad or despicable person; ADJ. wretched: miserable; bad; contemptible; vile
35. Wrongheaded: stubbornly wrong

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