

**Barron GRE word list – O**

1. Obdurate: stubborn; refusing to change one's belief
2. Obeisance: bow (to show respect and obedience)
3. Obfuscate: confuse; muddle; cause confusion; make needlessly complex; make so confused as to be difficult to understand
4. Obligatory: binding; required; compulsory; V. oblige: constrain; make grateful; do a favor; accommodate
5. Oblique: indirect; slanting (deviating from the perpendicular or from a straight line); Ex. oblique reference
6. Obliterate: destroy completely; wipe out; Ex. obliterate the village
7. Oblivion: obscurity; condition of being completely forgotten; forgetfulness
8. Oblivious: inattentive or unmindful; unaware; wholly absorbed; forgetful(having the habit of forgetting)
9. Obloquy: slander; disgrace; infamy
10. Obnoxious: offensive; disagreeable; Ex. obnoxious smell
11. Obscure: dark; vague; unclear; not well known; Ex. obscure meaning/village; V: darken; cover; make unclear; Ex. obscure the moon/meaning
12. Obsequious: slavishly attentive; servile; full of servile compliance; sycophantic
13. Obsolete: outmoded; no longer used
14. Obstinate: stubborn; hard to control or treat; Ex. obstinate cough; N. obstinacy
15. Obstreperous: boisterous; noisy and uncontrollable



16. Obtrude: push (oneself or one's ideas) forward or intrude; impose (oneself or one's ideas) on others; butt in; stick out or extrude; thrust out; Ex. obtrude A on B; ADJ. obtrusive; N. obtrusion;
17. Obtuse: blunt; not sharp; stupid; slow in understanding
18. Obviate: make unnecessary; get rid of; Ex. obviate the need
19. Occlude: shut; close; obstruct; Ex. A blood clot occluded an artery.
20. Occult: mysterious; secret; supernatural; beyond human comprehension;
21. Odious: arousing strong dislike; hateful(causing hatred); vile
22. Odium: detestation; quality of being odious; hatefulness; disrepute (resulting from hateful conduct)
23. Odoriferous: giving off an odor
24. Odorous: having an odor
25. Officious: meddlesome; excessively pushy in offering one's services; overly eager in
26. Ogle: look at amorously; make eyes at; Ex. old men ogling young girls
27. Olfactory: concerning the sense of smell
28. Oligarchy: government by a privileged few
29. Ominous: threatening; of an evil omen
30. Omnipotent: all-powerful; having unlimited power
31. Omnipresent: universally present; ubiquitous
32. Omniscient: all-knowing
33. Omnivorous: eating both plant and animal food; devouring everything
34. Onerous: burdensome



35. Onslaught: vicious assault; fierce attack; Ex. unexpected onslaught of the enemy
36. Onus: burden; responsibility
37. Opalescent: iridescent; lustrous; like an opal; N. opalescence
38. Opaque: dark; not transparent; N. opacity
39. Opprobrium: infamy; disgrace arising from shameful conduct; vilification(slander); scorn; contempt; Ex. opprobrium hurled against him; ADJ. opprobrious: expressing contempt; shameful or infamous
40. Opulence: extreme wealth; luxuriousness; abundance; ADJ. opulent: possessing great wealth; abundant
41. Opus: work (esp. musical composition); Ex. magnum opus: masterpiece;
42. Ordain: decree or command; grant holy orders; predestine; install as a minister, priest, or rabbi; N. ordainment;
43. Ordeal: severe trial or affliction; difficult experience; trial(test of patience or endurance); affliction
44. Ordinance: decree; authoritative order
45. Ornate: elaborately decorated
46. Ostensible: apparent; appearing as such; professed(pretended); pretended; Ex. Ostensible purpose of the expedition
47. Ostentatious: showy; trying to attract attention; pretentious; N. ostentation: showy display
48. Ostracize: banish from a group; exclude from public favor; ban; Ex. His friends ostracized him. N. ostracism
49. Overweening: arrogant; presumptuous



50. Overwrought: nervous or excited; extremely agitated; hysterical; wrought-up

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