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## GMAT Vocabulary

Words	Explanations	Sample sentences
<p><b>ban</b></p>	<p>Verb:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To prohibit, especially by official decree.</li> </ol> <p><b>Syn: prohibit</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The city council <b>banned</b> billboards on most streets.</li> <li>The <b>ban</b> against the tournament was fruitless.</li> <li>To protect certain fledgling industries, the government of Country Z <b>banned</b> imports of the types of products those industries were starting to make.</li> <li>You will be <b>banned</b> from the club if you continue your current behavior.</li> </ul>
<p><b>bankruptcy</b></p>	<p>Noun:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Having been legally declared financially insolvent.</li> <li>Financially ruined; impoverished.</li> </ol> <p><b>Syn: insolvency , failure</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unfortunately, when the man talked to the teller at the bank, he said " Sorry Sir, but you have gone <b>bankrupt.</b>"</li> <li>The CEO was unable to pay his debts, so the company went <b>bankrupt.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>bar</b></p>	<p>Verb:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To stop something, prohibit, or forbid.</li> </ol> <p><b>Syn: block up</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This fact, however, has not <b>barred</b> application of the import regulation.</li> <li>I do not know why we should be <b>barred</b> from trading to those places.</li> </ul>
<p><b>barely</b></p>	<p>Adverb:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>By a very little; hardly.</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lydia was so upset over losing her hair she could <b>barely</b> speak through her tears and realization that she was a freak now. She could <b>barely</b> look at the mirror since she was repulsed at what she saw.</li> <li>This editorial cannot be a good argument because it is <b>barely</b> literate.</li> </ul>
<p><b>bargain</b></p>	<p>Verb:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To negotiate the terms of an agreement, as to sell or exchange.</li> </ol> <p>Noun:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An agreement establishing the terms of a sale or exchange of goods or services.</li> <li>A great deal.</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I hate <b>bargaining.</b></li> <li>Labor’s reduced <b>bargaining</b> strength often allows employers more control over the terms of employment.</li> <li>I finally reached a <b>bargain</b> with the antique dealer over the lamp.</li> <li>This Smartphone for only \$200 is a <b>bargain!</b></li> </ul>

<b>bargaining power of buyer</b>	When there are many sellers in the market and one or only few buyers, the buyer has a “bargaining power of buyer” because he can negotiate for a lower purchase price.	
<b>bargaining power of seller</b>	When there are many buyers in the market and one or only few sellers, the seller has a “bargaining power of selling” because he can negotiate for a higher sales price.	
<b>barnacle</b>	Any of various marine crustaceans of the subclass Cirripedia that in the adult stage form a hard shell and remain attached to submerged surfaces, such as rocks and ships' bottoms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- In order to withstand tidal currents, juvenile horseshoe crabs frequently burrow in the sand. Such burrowing discourages <b>barnacles</b> from clinging to their shells.</li> </ul>
<b>batch</b>	<p>Noun:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. An amount produced at one baking.</li> <li>2. A group of persons or things.</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We baked a large <b>batch</b> of bread.</li> <li>- I baked a <b>batch</b> of cookies with my grandmother.</li> <li>- When researchers copied a strand of DNA and then wished to make another copy, a new <b>batch</b> of polymerase was needed, since the heat used in the process kept destroying the previous <b>batch</b>.</li> </ul>
<b>beat competitors</b>	If our company performs better and produces higher quality products at a better price, then we can easily beat the competitors and we can gain a competitive advantage.	
<b>behavioralist</b>	A person/scientist who studies human behavior, like psychologist or neurologist.	
<b>benchmarking</b>	Benchmarking is the process of comparing one's business processes and performance metrics to industry bests or best practices from other industries. Dimensions typically measured are quality, time and cost. In the process of benchmarking, management identifies the best firms in their industry, or in another industry where similar processes exist, and compare the results and processes of those studied (the "targets") to one's own results and processes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- One way to judge the performance of a company is to compare it with other companies. This technique, commonly called “<b>benchmarking</b>,” permits the manager of a company to discover better industrial practices and can provide a justification for the adoption of good practices.</li> </ul>
<b>beneath</b>	<p>Preposition:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Lower than, below</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Santa placed the gifts <b>beneath</b> the Christmas Tree.</li> <li>- According to a recent theory, Archean-age gold-quartz vein systems were formed more than two billion years ago from magmatic fluids that originated from molten granite-like bodies deep <b>beneath</b> the surface of the Earth.</li> </ul>
<b>beneficial</b>	Adjective:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- It's ever so difficult to find a <b>beneficial</b> customer.</li> </ul>

	<p>1. Producing or promoting a favorable result; advantageous.</p> <p><b>Syn:</b> wholesome, favorable, favorable</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- It would be <b>beneficial</b> if I could work some extra hours this week.</li> <li>- Individualized curricula are more <b>beneficial</b> to high school students than are the standard curricula, which are rigid and unresponsive to their particular strengths and weaknesses.</li> </ul>
<b>beverage</b>	<p>Noun:</p> <p>1. Any drink, usually other than water.</p> <p><b>Syn:</b> drink</p>	
<b>bewilder</b>	<p>Noun:</p> <p>1. To confuse or befuddle, especially with numerous conflicting situations, objects, or statements.</p> <p><b>Syn:</b> confuse, embarrass, perplex</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The teacher intentionally created a math problem to <b>bewilder</b> his students.</li> <li>- Many freshmen find the first year of college quite challenging and are unable to balance responsibilities such as attending class, reading assignments, and to write papers with the wide and sometimes <b>bewildering</b> array of new social opportunities.</li> </ul>
<b>bias</b>	<p>Noun:</p> <p>1. Mental tendency or inclination, especially an irrational preference or prejudice</p> <p><b>Syn:</b> bigotry</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- My parents are <b>biased</b> against popular music before they even hear it.</li> <li>- In considering possible explanations for their finding, the researchers dismissed demographic <b>bias</b> because older individuals were not overrepresented in the fossil samples.</li> <li>- This statistical data is largely <b>biased</b> due to the influence of governmental bearcats.</li> </ul>
<b>bid</b>	<p>Noun:</p> <p>1. An offer or proposal of a price.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- She made a <b>bid</b> on the painting.</li> <li>- They lost the contract because their <b>bid</b> was too high.</li> <li>- There is the problem of illegal excavation, resulting in museum-quality pieces being sold to the highest <b>bidder</b>.</li> </ul>
<b>big bang theory</b>	<p>The Big Bang theory is the prevailing cosmological model that explains the early development of the Universe. According to the Big Bang theory, the Universe was once in an extremely hot and dense state which expanded rapidly, supposedly after some kind of an explosion.</p>	
<b>biodegradable</b>	<p>Adjective:</p> <p>1. Capable of being decomposed by biological agents,</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- One variety of partially <b>biodegradable</b> plastic beverage containers is manufactured from small bits of plastic bound together by a degradable bonding agent such as</li> </ul>

	especially bacteria.	cornstarch. - That bag is <b>biodegradable</b> ; it will completely dissolve in a year from now.
<b>blur</b>	Noun: 1. To make indistinct and hazy in outline or appearance; obscure. <b>Syn: blot</b>	- My vision becomes <b>blurred</b> . - James Joyce and Virginia Woolf are often subjected to the kind of veneration that <b>blurs</b> the distinction between the artist and the human being.
<b>boast</b>	Noun:  1. To speak of with excessive pride.  <b>Syn: vainglory, brag, crow, gloat, pride, strut, vaunt, bragging</b>	- He continued <b>boasting</b> about his high salary and the rest of us rolled our eyes. - Sometimes, a little <b>boasting</b> in a job interview isn't such a bad thing. - I don't sit near her at football games because she's constantly <b>boasting</b> about her son, the star quarterback.
<b>boll weevil</b>	An insect, which harms cotton plants.	
<b>bolster</b>	Verb:  1. To support or prop up with.  <b>Syn: support, uphold</b>	- The increase in the number of newspaper articles exposed as fabrications serves to <b>bolster</b> the contention that publishers are more interested in boosting circulation than in printing the truth. - Winning the first three races would really <b>bolster</b> her confidence for the rest of the season.
<b>boost</b>	Verb:  1. To raise or lift by pushing up from behind or below.  <b>Syn: help, encouragement</b>	- The increase in the number of newspaper articles exposed as fabrications serves to bolster the contention that publishers are more interested in <b>boosting</b> circulation than in printing the truth. - You can <b>boost</b> a cars horsepower and speed by attaching a NOS system to the engine.
<b>bower</b>	Noun:  1. A shaded, leafy recess; an arbor.  <b>Syn: cottage arbor, pergola</b>	- Miss Helen Campbell gave an entertainment in his honor, at her <b>bower</b> in the Clachan Glen. - Male bowerbirds construct elaborately decorated nests, or <b>bowers</b> . - She carried a cup of tea into the rose <b>bower</b> and settled herself on the cozy chair.
<b>boycott</b>	Noun: 1. To abstain from or act together in abstaining from using,	- The environmentalists proposed a <b>boycott</b> of all non-environmentally friendly products.

	<p>buying, or dealing with as an expression of protest or disfavor or as a means of coercion.</p> <p><b>Syn: strike</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To pressure GrainCorp management into accepting the union's proposal, the president of the union has proposed a <b>boycott</b> against SquareMart food stores, which are owned by MegaFood.</li> </ul>
<b>brain tumor</b>	<p>An abnormal new mass of tissue that serves no purpose.</p>	
<b>brazen</b>	<p>Adjective:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Made from bronze (metal).</li> </ol> <p><b>Syn: bronze, bronzy</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Shameless and bold.</li> </ol> <p><b>Syn: shameless, barefaced</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Perhaps the most <b>brazen</b> case occurred when ABC Corporation accused the LolliCo in copying some of its patented products.</li> </ul>
<b>breakthrough</b>	<p>Noun:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. An act of overcoming or penetrating an obstacle or restriction.</li> <li>2. A military offensive that penetrates an enemy's lines of defense.</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The latest <b>breakthrough</b> in engineering would make many lives better, the scientists were sure.</li> <li>- Mullis' <b>breakthrough</b> was his discovery that naturally occurring DNA-copying enzymes could be harnessed to do the job.</li> </ul>
<b>bring charges</b>	<p>Punish someone financially, make him liable.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Since no war has been declared between the United States and the Balaland Republic, we should <b>bring charges</b> against these fanatics, who are in open defiance of the law.</li> </ul>
<b>brisk</b>	<p>Adjective:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Marked by speed, liveliness, and vigor; energetic.</li> <li>2. Keen or sharp in speech or manner:</li> </ol> <p><b>Syn: lively</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The white polar bear ran <b>briskly</b> to catch the fish.</li> <li>- A new study suggests that the conversational pace of everyday life may be so <b>brisk</b> that it hampers the ability of some children to distinguish discrete sounds and words and, as a result, to make sense of speech.</li> </ul>
<b>brush fire</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A fire in low-growing, scrubby trees and brush.</li> <li>2. A relatively minor crisis.</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- In February, 1983, <b>brush fires</b> swept the drought-parched southeastern coast of Australia, killing at least 69 people, and leaving thousands of homes and acres of farmland smoldering</li> </ul>
<b>brutal</b>	<p>Adjective:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Extremely ruthless or cruel.</li> </ol> <p><b>Syn: savage, terrible, cruel, brutish</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- It was <b>brutal</b> of him to do that.</li> <li>- The term "psychopath" is popularly applied to an especially <b>brutal</b> criminal.</li> <li>- World War II involved many deadly battles, but also the <b>brutal</b> treatment of prisoners of war.</li> </ul>
<b>bucolic</b>	<p>Adjective:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- He enjoyed his happy, <b>bucolic</b> isolation.</li> </ul>

	<p>1. Of or characteristic of the countryside or its people</p> <p><b>Syn: pastoral</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The <b>bucolic</b> village was a relaxing getaway for many stressed workers.</li> <li>- Dirt roads may evoke the <b>bucolic</b> simplicity of another century, but financially strained townships point out that dirt roads cost twice as much to maintain as paved roads do.</li> </ul>
<b>buffer</b>	<p>Noun:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Something that lessens or absorbs the shock of an impact.</li> <li>2. Something that separates potentially antagonistic entities, as an area between two rival powers, etc.</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The ozone layer is a <b>buffer</b> zone between us and the harmful rays of the sun.</li> <li>- In a plan to stop the erosion of East Coast beaches, the Army Corps of Engineers proposed building parallel to shore a breakwater of rocks that would rise six feet above the waterline and act as a <b>buffer</b>, absorbing the energy of crashing waves and protecting the beaches.</li> </ul>
<b>bug</b>	<p>Noun:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. An insect or similar organism, such as a centipede or an earwig.</li> </ol> <p><b>Syn: insect</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- According to a prediction of the not-so-distant future published in 1940, electricity would revolutionize agriculture. Electrodes would be inserted into the soil, and the current between them would kill <b>bugs</b> and weeds and make crop plants stronger.</li> </ul>
<b>bulb</b>	<p>Noun:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. An incandescent lamp or its glass housing.</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- She balanced the small glass <b>bulb</b> in her hand.</li> <li>- Electrical engineers have developed an energy-efficient type of light <b>bulb</b> that can replace the traditional incandescent bulb.</li> </ul>
<b>bulging</b>	<p>Adjective:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To be curved outward. If something is extremely full, it may be bulging.</li> </ol> <p><b>Syn: swelling, protuberant</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- With the help of a computer, sold artifacts could be more accessible than are the pieces stored in <b>bulging</b> museum basements.</li> </ul>
<b>bureaucracy</b>	<p>Noun:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Administration of a government chiefly through bureaus or departments staffed with nonelected officials.</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The <b>bureaucracies</b> of the powerful monarchies were powerful but corrupt and selfish, therefore led to a rebellion.</li> <li>- She was denied coverage because of some <b>bureaucratic</b> mix up with her insurance company.</li> </ul>
<b>burrow</b>	<p>Noun/Verb</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A hole or tunnel dug in the ground by a small animal, such as a rabbit or mole, for habitation or refuge.</li> </ol> <p><b>Syn: hole, form, cave</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The mole accumulated the food in his <b>burrow</b> in the back yard.</li> <li>- In order to withstand tidal currents, juvenile horseshoe crabs frequently <b>burrow</b> in the sand.</li> </ul>

<p><b>bury</b></p>	<p>Verb:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To place (a corpse) in a grave, a tomb, or the sea.</li> <li>To keep something in secrecy.</li> </ol> <p><b>Syn:</b> hide, conceal</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Most gold deposits not yet discovered have gone undetected because they are <b>buried</b> and have no surface expression.</li> <li>- Jack <b>buried</b> the snake he killed right next to his farm house, which, as he thought, was a sign of a good luck.</li> </ul>
<p><b>business downturn</b></p>	<p>A tendency downward in business or economic activity. A worsening of business or economic activity</p>	
<p><b>bypass</b></p>	<p>Verb:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To avoid (an obstacle) by using an alternative channel, passage, or route.</li> </ol> <p><b>Syn:</b> border, edge, fringe</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Managers can use intuition to <b>bypass</b> in-depth analysis and move rapidly to engender a plausible solution.</li> <li>- <b>Bypass</b> the firewall when accessing hosts.</li> <li>- <b>Bypass</b> often means a road that takes traffic around the edge of a town.</li> </ul>