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GMAT Vocabulary

dairy products	Dairy products are generally defined as food produced from the milk of mammals (milk, cheese, sour cream, yogurt, etc)	
dam	Noun: 1. A barrier constructed across a waterway to control the flow or raise the level of water.	- Except during periods of extreme drought, algae levels tend to be higher in rivers in which the flow has been controlled by damming than in rivers that flow freely.
data	Noun: 1. Factual information, especially information organized for analysis or used to reason or make decisions.	- I had to convert the data from the chart into a bar graph. - Braudel was the first Annales historian to gain widespread support for the idea that history should synthesize data from various social sciences, especially economics.
debate	Verb/Noun 1. To engage in argument by discussing opposing points. 2. A discussion involving opposing points; an argument. Syn: discuss, argue	- The experts initiated a debate about the recent changes in new agricultural policy. - The scientist attempts not only to write the history of women in one southern community, but also to redirect two decades of historiographical debate as to whether women gained or lost status in the nineteenth century as compared with the eighteenth century.
debilitation	Noun: 1. Serious weakening and loss of energy Syn: weakening , slackening	- Although schistosomiasis is not often fatal, it is so debilitating that it has become an economic drain on many developing countries. - Sam had a very high fever which had debilitated his body.
debris	Noun: 1. The scattered remains of something broken or destroyed; rubble or wreckage. Syn: waste	- Excavation of the ancient city of Kourion on the island of Cyprus revealed a pattern of debris and collapsed buildings typical of towns devastated by earthquakes. - After the hurricane struck, the beach was nearly covered with debris . - When the house collapsed debris was scattered across the road.
decay	Noun: 1. The destruction or decomposition of organic matter as a result of bacterial or fungal action. 2. To break down into component parts.	- The energy source on Voyager 2 is not a nuclear reactor, in which atoms are actively broken apart, but rather a kind of nuclear battery that uses natural radioactive decay to produce power. - A major cause of tooth decay is not brushing your teeth at

	Syn: rotting, rot	least twice a day.
decimate	Verb: 1. To destroy or kill a large part of (a group).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Although a disaster was said to decimate the city's homes, 90% of the homes remained intact. - The vegetation on the Laysan Rail's home island was decimated when rabbits were introduced to the island in the 1910s.
decline	Noun/Verb 1. To slope downward; descend. 2. A downward movement. Syn: decrease, decay, diminution, deterioration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The company experienced a major decline in profits during the economic crisis of 2008. - The temporary employees' pay declined during the decade in comparison with the pay of permanent employees.
deem	Verb: 1. To have as an opinion; judge. Syn: consider	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The president has authority to take actions he deems appropriate. - I deem him worthy of promotion because he has excelled this year.
defective	Adj: 1. Having a defect; faulty. Syn: faulty , imperfect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Retail clothing stores should hold "one-day only" sales to clear merchandise that has been returned because it is defective in some way. - It is the only thing defective in your outfit. - I was able to exchange the defective camera because it had a ninety day warranty.
defer	Verb: 1. To delay or cause to be delayed until a future time; postpone Syn: put off, postpone, delay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - James had to defer him mortgage payments due to him unstable financial situation. - Since there was a storm, the game was deferred until Monday.
defiance	Noun: 1. The act or an example of defying; bold resistance to an opposing force or authority. Syn: challenge, resistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Since no war has been declared between the United States of Shumeria and the Balaland Republic, we should bring charges against those fanatics, who are in open defiance of the law and want to fight. - In defiance of her parents' curfew, she came home later than usual.
dehydration	Noun: 1. The process of removing water from a substance or compound. 2. Excessive loss of water from the body or from an organ or body part, as from illness or fluid deprivation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The inexperienced travel guide caused many in his group to suffer severe dehydration while touring the Sahara Desert.
deity	Noun:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To ancient peoples, there could be a deity in everyday

	<p>1. A god or goddess.</p> <p>Syn: divinity , godhead</p>	<p>objects like trees and rocks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Buddha is a deity or god-like figure in Buddhism and Eastern Religions.
delicate	<p>Adj:</p> <p>1. Pleasing to the senses, especially in a subtle way. 2. Exquisitely fine or dainty.</p> <p>Syn: delightful , charming , pleasant , nice</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Valleys of Antarctica are the coldest, driest places on earth, yet this arid, frigid climate supports several delicate ecosystems. - The eggs of some animals have delicate shells and must be handled carefully. - Her wedding dress had a row of delicate lace at the bottom.
delimit	<p>Verb:</p> <p>1. To establish the limits or boundaries of.</p> <p>Syn: mark off , demarcate</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - According to many human psychology researchers, it is sometimes hard to delimit the boundaries of conscious and unconscious.
delineate	<p>Verb:</p> <p>1. To draw or trace the outline of.</p> <p>Syn: sketch out, outline</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The exact position is delineated on the plan. - The state must delineate the environmental responsibilities of chemical companies.
demand	<p>Noun:</p> <p>1. An urgent requirement or need.</p> <p>Syn: need</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Due to an increased demand for turkey meat on Thanksgiving days, its price has gone up by almost 20%. - The demand for real estate in this country has been steadily decreasing for the last two years because of high rates of unemployment.
demography	<p>Noun:</p> <p>1. The scientific study of human populations, especially with reference to their size, structure, and distribution</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An interest in the study of household and family units has always been prominent in historical demography. - This country suffers from a demographic problem because there are more and more elderly people.
demolish	<p>Verb:</p> <p>1. To tear down completely; raze.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The better the quality of original carpentry in a building, the less likely that building is to fall into disuse and be demolished. - The Big Bang Company plan to use explosives to demolish the old cooling tower.
dense	<p>Adj:</p> <p>1. Having relatively high density. 2. Crowded closely together.</p> <p>Syn: compact</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Today started with a dense morning fog. - The population in this city is extremely dense.
density	<p>Noun:</p> <p>1. The number of individuals, such as inhabitants or housing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It can be calculated that the critical density of matter needed to brake the expansion and “close” the universe is

	<p>units, per unit of area.</p> <p>2. Thickness of consistency; impenetrability.</p> <p>Syn: thickness</p>	<p>equivalent to three hydrogen atoms per cubic meter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The density of most woods is lighter than that of water, so they float.
deplete resources	<p>Resource depletion is an economic term referring to the exhaustion of raw materials within a region.</p>	
deposit (econ)	<p>Something, such as money, that is entrusted for safekeeping, as in a bank.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Due to the bank bankruptcy many families lost their deposits in just a second.
deposit (geo)	<p>A concentration of mineral matter or sediment in a layer, vein, or pocket.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Most of the gold deposits discovered during the original gold rushes were exposed at the Earth's surface. - Rich deposits of oil and natural gas have been found in Texas in the beginning of last century.
deposit (geological)	<p>A concentration of mineral matter or sediment in a layer, vein, or pocket.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vast oil deposits have been recently found in this part of the country. - The deposits of gold in this region have not been used efficiently.
depress	<p>Verb:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To lower in spirits; make gloomy; deject. 2. To cause to drop or sink; lower. <p>Syn: repress , subjugate</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I realized I was so depressed after the long preparation for the TOEFL test I that wasn't in mood to travel with my friends. - The drought depressed the water level in the reservoirs.
descendant	<p>Noun:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A person, animal, or plant whose descent can be traced to a particular individual or group. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The researcher said that the American descendants of those early Italian immigrants outnumber the current population of Italy. - Apollo was a direct descendant of Zeus. - My grandfather is my oldest living descendant.
deteriorate	<p>Verb:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To diminish or impair in quality, character, or value. <p>Syn: worsen , impair</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The weather conditions have deteriorated and we had to stay at the hostel for one more night. - She fought the cancer for years, but recently her health has begun to deteriorate.
devastate	<p>Verb:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To lay waste; destroy. <p>Syn: ravage</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The hurricane was devastating to the already impoverished region of Haiti.
devoid	<p>Adj:</p> <p>Completely lacking or empty</p> <p>Syn: vacant</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This lake is devoid of life due to the impenetrable barrier formed by the sediment. - The problem is, he is totally devoid of all personality.
devote	<p>Verb:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To give or apply (one's time, attention, or self) entirely to a 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The curricula of economics schools should devote more time to case studies and internship programs.

	particular activity, pursuit, cause, or person. Syn: dedicate, consecrate, hallow	- She devoted herself to serving God.
diabetes	Diabetes is usually a lifelong (chronic) disease in which there are high levels of sugar in the blood.	
dig	Verb: 1. To make or form by removing earth or other material. Syn: excavate	- I would like to make an outrageous suggestion that would at one stroke provide funds for archaeology and reduce the amount of illegal digging . - It would be unrealistic to suggest that illegal digging would stop if artifacts were sold on the open market.
digest	Verb: 1. To convert (food) into simpler chemical compounds that can be absorbed and assimilated by the body. 2. To think over so as to understand; absorb or assimilate.	- The human body is able to digest food because it has body fluids, such as saliva, and acids that breaks down the food so it can be absorbed. - Cereals containing vitamin supplements are no harder to digest than similar cereals without added vitamins.
dilemma	Noun: A situation that requires a choice between options that are or seem equally unfavorable or mutually exclusive.	- With his statement he wants to put me into a dilemma . - In recent years, teachers of introductory courses in Asian American studies have been facing a dilemma nonexistent a few decades ago.
dim	Adjective: 1. Lacking in brightness. 2. Emitting only a small amount of light; faint. Syn: obscure, shadowy, gloomy, vague	- Such dark matter could be in the form of extremely dim stars of low mass, of large planets like Jupiter, or of black holes, either small or massive. - Dim the lights to show your slides at the expense of students no longer being able to see you.
diminish	Verb: 1. To make smaller or less or to cause to appear so. 2. To detract from the authority, reputation, or prestige of. Syn: reduce	- Jobs will be lost and profits diminished due to the economic slowdown. - The odds of scoring a goal in a soccer match diminish the closer it gets to full time.
dip	Verb: (out of many meanings) 1. To lower or drop	- Last year a dip in oil prices brought inflation temporarily below its recent stable annual level
discard	Verb: 1. To throw away, reject, ignore. Syn: abandon , cast aside , give up , reject	- We have discarded many important factors in our business plan. - This technology discards many companies invest in ecoefficiency improvements in order to increase profits and growth.
discern	Verb: 1. To perceive with the eyes or intellect; detect.	- Some people find it difficult to discern blue from green. - Below the bridge we could discern just a narrow weedy

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> To recognize or comprehend mentally. To perceive or recognize as being different or distinct. 	<p>ditch.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The counterfeit Prada bags were such a perfect imitation of the genuine ones that even a Prada salesperson couldn't discern the real from the fake.
disclose	<p>Verb:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> To expose to view, as by removing a cover; uncover. To make known (something heretofore kept secret). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The authorities finally disclosed the facts to the press. The bank tellers were not willing to disclose the account information to me over the phone.
discrete task	One element of a set of related tasks required to accomplish a composite task.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Techniques to increase productivity in the performance of discrete tasks, by requiring less human labor in each step of the production process, are widely utilized.
discus	<p>A disk, typically wooden or plastic with a metal rim that is thrown for distance in athletic competitions.</p> <p>A small, brilliantly colored South American freshwater fish.</p>	
disgruntle	<p>Verb:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Make angry <p>Syn: annoy, vex, fret, anger</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When the supervisor shortened everyone's break by 10 minutes, he had a bunch of very disgruntled employees. James was one of the disgruntled ex-employees of that factory.
disguise	<p>Verb:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> To modify the manner or appearance of in order to prevent recognition. To conceal or obscure by dissemblance or false show; misrepresent. <p>Noun:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A special uniform for concealment (military camouflage). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After the loss, the players could not disguise their disappointment. He did not want to be recognized, so he wore a disguise. The author of the editorial purposely uses poor grammar to disguise what he knows is a bad argument.
dislodge	<p>Verb:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> To remove or force out from a position or dwelling previously occupied. <p>Syn: displace</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The boy's ball accidentally dislodged the top brick from the wall. After the storm the homeowner had to dislodge the tree limbs that had penetrated his roof.
dismiss	<p>Verb:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> To end the employment or service of; discharge. <p>Syn: disperse , dissolve , disband</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In considering possible explanations for this finding, the researchers dismissed demographic bias. "I have not dismissed you yet," said the teacher when her students stood up too early.
disparate	<p>Adjective:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Fundamentally distinct or different in kind; entirely dissimilar. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This mixture of apparently disparate materials has confused the scientist. Ability to bring together disparate facts is of the most important skills of an entrepreneur.

	Syn: discordant, incompatible, incongruous	- The personalities of the girls were too disparate for them to become friends.
dispel	Verb: 1. To rid one's mind of. 2. To drive away or off by or as if by scattering. Syn: drive away, disperse	- He managed to dispel my doubts. - Corporate executives have been known to buy shares in their own company in a calculated attempt to dispel negative rumors about the company's health.
dispense	Verb: 1. To deal out in parts or portions; distribute. Syn: distribute	- The drug made from ibora bark is dispensed to doctors from a central authority. - The vending machine would dispense a soda after receiving one dollar and fifty cents cash.
disperse	Verb: 1. To drive off or scatter in different directions. Syn: scatter	- The police dispersed the crowd. - The airplane dispersed the leaflets over the city. - Maize pollen is dispersed by the wind
disruption	Noun: 1. An act of delaying or interrupting the continuity. Syn: destruction, demolition	- Its first 80 pages of this novel are by a single copyist, but the remaining 20 pages are by three different copyists, which indicates some significant disruption . - The price for corn used to increase sharply when there is a disruption in the national corn supply.
dissolve	Verb: 1. To cause to pass into solution. 2. To cause to disappear or vanish; dispel. 3. To cause to break down emotionally or psychologically; upset. Syn: disintegrate, decompose	- I dissolved salt in water. - Most ancient forager societies either dissolved or made a transition to another way of life.
distinguish	Verb: 1. To perceive as being different or distinct. Syn: recognize	- In one small excavation in Cyprus, archaeologists recently uncovered 2,000 virtually indistinguishable small jugs in a single courtyard. - She heard whispering but could not distinguish what was said.
distort	Verb: 1. To twist out of a proper or natural relation of parts; misshape. 2. To give a false or misleading account of; misrepresent. Syn: disfigure, bend	- Roland is not consciously distorting the statistics he presents. - We do not trust what he says because we know he will sometimes distort the truth.
distract	Verb: 1. To cause to turn away from the original focus of attention	- A woman whose husband has just died needs activity to distract her from her grief.

	or interest. Syn: divert	- Focusing exclusively on efficiency, may distract companies from pursuing radically different products and business models.
dome	Noun: 1. A vaulted roof having a circular, polygonal, or elliptical base and a generally hemispherical or semispherical shape. Syn: mansion, cupola, big top	- Almost monthly we hear of domes and walkways collapsing in public places, causing great harm to human life. - The cabin we stayed at was dome shaped.
domestic producer	Local producer. For Spain, a Spanish company is a domestic producer. s	- The “United States” company claiming injury was a subsidiary of a Dutch conglomerate, while the “Canadian” companies included a subsidiary of a Chicago firm that was the second-largest domestic producer of rock salt. - The government imposed import taxes on foreign automobile producers in order to create a better business environment for the domestic producers.
dominant	Adjective: 1. Exercising the most influence or control. 2. Most prominent, as in position; ascendant. Syn: outstanding, prevalent, dominating, ruling, governing, commanding.	- For most people the right hand is the dominant hand. - After the latest technological innovation the Pear Computers regained its dominant position in the market of smartphones.
donate	Verb: 1. To present as a gift to a fund or cause; contribute. 2. To provide (blood, tissue, or an organ) for transfusion, implantation, or transplant.	- She donated her books to the library. - Equipment that a large producer of photographic equipment has donated to the high school could be used in the proposed curriculum. - He donated 5 million dollars to the charity fund.
donation	= present, gift (see “donate”)	
doom	Noun/verb 1. Inevitable destruction or ruin. 2. Fate, especially a tragic or ruinous one. 3. To condemn to ruination or death. 4. (Biblical – judgment day) Syn: fate, fortune	- Those who ignore history are doomed to repeat it. - Why are my hopes always doomed to disappointment? - The Mayan calendar, it’s believed, can show the exact date of the doomsday.
drab job	Usually referred to a low-level job.	- Many of the thousands of students currently enrolled in night courses hope to exchange their drab jobs for new and challenging careers.
dramatically	Adv: 1. In a very impressive manner.	- Meditation dramatically changes body temperatures. - Infant death rates near five U.S. nuclear plants dropped

		<p>dramatically after the reactors closed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In recent years, attacks by Dobermans on small children have risen dramatically.
drawback	<p>Noun:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A disadvantage or inconvenience. <p>Syn: obstacle , hindrance, disadvantage</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Living so close to the airport has many drawbacks including noise at all hours of the day and lots of traffic around our home. - Tall organizational structure is a major drawback for our company.
dreadful	<p>Adj:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Extremely unpleasant; distasteful or shocking. <p>Syn: terrible, horrible, formidables, awful</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I intend to set out tomorrow, and to pass those dreadful Alps. - Run-on sentences, slang, and perfectly dreadful grammar appear regularly throughout his research paper.
dropout	<p>Noun:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. One who quits school. 2. One who has withdrawn from a given social group or environment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If the program had been successful, the dropout rate for female students would not have increased substantially in 2011. - His son is a high school dropout.
drought	<p>Noun:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A long period of abnormally low rainfall, especially one that adversely affects growing or living conditions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This region of the country has been experiencing drought conditions for the last two years. - The land was dry because of the drought.
dubious	<p>Adj:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fraught with uncertainty or doubt; undecided. <p>Syn: vague, ambiguous, indistinct, undetermined, uncertain</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - She raised her eyebrows with a dubious expression. - In their pursuit of some dubious aesthetic, architects design buildings that sway, crumble, and even shed windows into our cities' streets.
duchy	<p>The territory ruled by a duke (a nobleman with the highest hereditary rank, especially a man of the highest grade of the peerage in Great Britain) or duchess; a dukedom.</p>	
duly	<p>Adv:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In a proper manner. <p>Syn: rightly, properly</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - He duly noted the fact in his ship's log. - Your changes for the project are duly noted. - The annual rate of inflation since the pension increase has been below 5 percent, and the increased pension has been duly received by all eligible citizens.
dumping	<p>In economics the term “dumping” means a situation when a company sells its products at a price lower than the cost, planning to push the competitors out of the market, and later set a higher price to regain the losses.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Perhaps the most brazen case occurred when the ITC investigated allegations that Canadian companies were injuring the United States salt industry by dumping rock salt, used to de-ice roads.

<p>duty</p>	<p>Noun:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Moral obligation 2. A service, function, or task assigned to one, especially in the armed forces 3. A government tax, especially on imports <p>Syn: homage , respect , submission Syn: obligation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The United States company's products will be uncompetitive in the United States, since they would be subject to duties. - Human beings have duty to care for the earth and all of the creatures that live on it. - The staff at the emergency room is on duty 24 hours per day.
<p> dwell</p>	<p>Verb:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To live as a resident; reside. 2. To exist in a given place or state. <p>Syn: reside , live , inhabit</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Arboreal snakes dwell in trees and often assume a vertical posture. - The beasts dwell in the cave.