

## Barrons GRE Vocabulary 3

### berserk

(هائج) mentally or emotionally upset; deranged; excessively agitated  
*Angered, he became berserk and began to wreck the room.*

### beseech

(نتوسل) beg; plead with; ask for or request earnestly  
*The workaholic executive's wife had to beseech him to spend more time with their son.*

### beset

(تعاني) attack from all sides; trouble persistently; hem in  
*Many vexing problems beset the American public school system.*

### besiege

(محاصرة) surround with armed forces; harass with requests  
*When the bandits besiege the village, the villagers hole up in the town hall and prepare to withstand a long siege.*

### besmirch

(الإساءة) soil, smear so as to make dirty or stained  
*The scandalous remarks in the newspaper besmirch the reputations of every member of the society.*

### bestial

(حشني) beastlike; brutal; lacking in intelligence or reason  
*According to legend, the werewolf was able to abandon its human shape and take on a bestial form.*

### bestow

(منح) give as gift; present  
*He wished to bestow great honors upon the hero.*

### betoken

(دل) signify; indicate; be a visible sign of; give evidence of  
*The well-equipped docks, tall piles of cargo containers, and numerous vessels being loaded all betoken Oakland's importance as a port.*

### betray

(خيانة) be unfaithful; reveal unconsciously or unwillingly  
*The two spies betray their country by selling military secrets to the enemy.*

### betroth

(تخطب) become engaged to marry; promise to marry  
*The announcement that they would betroth surprised their friends who had not suspected any romance.*

### bevy

(سرب) large group; a group of animals or birds, especially larks or quail  
*The movie actor was surrounded by a bevy of starlets.*

## **bicameral**

(مجلسين) composed of or based on two legislative chambers or branches  
*The United States Congress is a bicameral body.*

## **bicker**

(خلافات) engage in a petty, bad-tempered quarrel  
*The children bicker morning, noon, and night, exasperating their parents.*

## **bid**

(عرض) make an offer of; propose; offer in words; declare, as a wish, a greeting, a threat, or defiance  
*"Then you and I must bid good-bye for a little while?" "I suppose so, sir."*

## **biennial**

(سنتين) every two years; lasting or living for two years  
*Seeing no need to meet more frequently, the group held biennial meetings instead of annual ones.*

## **bigot**

(بنجر) hypocrite, especially, superstitious hypocrite; one who is strongly partial to one's own group, religion, race, or politics  
*And it appears that in many cases, being a hateful bigot is a boost to your chances of being elected.*

## **bigotry**

(التعصب) stubborn intolerance; excessive zeal or warmth in favor of a party, sect, or opinion  
*Brought up in a democratic atmosphere, the student was shocked by the bigotry and narrowness expressed by several of his classmates.*

## **bilious**

(صفاووي) suffering from indigestion; appearing as if affected by disorder; sickly  
*The bilious is indicated by a thin, spare face, dark skin, black hair, firm flesh, moderate stoutness, with rough, harsh, and strongly marked features.*

## **bilk**

(بيلك) defraud or cheat; frustrate or disappoint; evade or escape from  
*The con man planned to bilk insurance companies.*

## **billowing**

(يتصاعد) swelling out in waves; surging; stormy; affected by storms  
*Standing over the air vent, Marilyn Monroe tried vainly to control her billowing skirts.*

## **bivouac**

(إقامة مؤقتة) temporary encampment; a site where people on holiday can pitch tent  
*While in bivouac, we spent the night in our sleeping bags under the stars.*

## **bizarre**

(غريبة) fantastic; violently contrasting; strangely unconventional in style or appearance  
*The plot of the novel was too bizarre to be believed.*

## **blanch**

(بلائش) cause to turn white or become pale; take color from; bleach  
*Although age can blanch his hair, he is still vigorous and energetic.*

## **bland**

(طيف) lacking stimulating or mild; agreeable  
*She kept her gaze level and her expression bland, but her teeth were gritted.*

## **blandishment**

(التملق) flattery; speech or action expressive of affection or kindness, and tending to win the heart  
*Despite the salesperson's blandishment, the customer did not buy the outfit.*

## **blare**

(تدوي) loud, harsh roar or screech; dazzling blaze of light  
*Then there was a louder blare from the organ, and everyone in the church stood up and faced backward.*

## **blasphemy**

(شقاء) act of claiming for oneself the attributes and rights of God; utterance or writing concerning God or a sacred entity  
*By our very nature, every single one of us believes in blasphemy.*

## **blatant**

(الساافر) flagrant; conspicuously obvious; loudly offensive  
*To the unemployed youth from Dublin, the "No Irish Need Apply" placard in the shop window was a blatant mark of prejudice.*

## **bleak**

(التجديف) cold or cheerless; unlikely to be favorable  
*The frigid, inhospitable Aleutian Islands are bleak military outposts.*

## **blemish**

(عيب) mark with deformity; injure or impair, as anything which is excellent; make defective, either the body or mind  
*A newspaper article alleging he had taken bribes may blemish his reputation.*

## **blight**

(أفة) blast; prevent the growth and fertility of; destroy the happiness of; ruin; frustrate  
*I wish to foster, not to blight -- to earn gratitude, not to wring tears of blood -- no, nor of brine: my harvest must be in smiles, in endearments, in sweet -- That will do.*

## **blighted**

(شقاء) suffering from a disease; destroyed, ruined, or spoiled  
*The extent of the blighted areas could be seen only when viewed from the air.*

## **bloated**

(المتضخمة) swollen or puffed as with water or air  
*Her bloated stomach came from drinking so much water.*

## **bludgeon**

(مبتهج هراوة) short heavy club, usually of wood; heavy-headed weapon

*Attacked by Dr. Moriarty, Holmes used his walking stick as a bludgeon to defend himself.*

## **blues**

(البلوز) gloom; depressed spirits

*He had a bad case of the blues.*

## **bluff**

(خدعة) pretense of strength; mislead or deceive

*If only, I thought, he had called our bluff from the start and told us firmly that he knew the figures but wouldn't say.*

## **blunder**

(خطأ) serious mistake typically caused by ignorance or confusion

*The criminal's fatal blunder led to his capture.*

## **blunt**

(حاددة) having a dull edge or end; not sharp; lacking in feeling; insensitive

*Public employee unions are demanding in blunt terms that Democrats make the tax code more progressive.*

## **blurt**

(أفشى من غير تفكير) utter suddenly and impulsively

*Before she can stop you, you should blurt out the news.*

## **blush**

(استحى) become rosy or reddish; turn red, as if in embarrassment or shame

*We all saw the girl blush when a young man whistled as she walked by.*

## **bluster**

(تهديد) blow in heavy gusts; speak in a loudly arrogant or bullying manner

*"Let the stormy winds bluster," cried Jack, "we'll set sail tonight anyway."*

## **bode**

(يبشر) foreshadow; indicate by signs; be an omen of; predict

*The gloomy skies and the odors from the mineral springs seemed to bode evil to those who settled in the area.*

## **bogus**

(همية) counterfeit or fake; not authentic; not genuine

*The police quickly found the distributors of the bogus twenty-dollar bills.*

## **bohemian**

(البوهيمي) unconventional in an artistic way

*Gertrude Stein ran off to Paris to live an eccentric, bohemian life with her writer friends.*

## **boisterous**

(عاصف) rough and stormy; loud, noisy, and lacking in restraint or discipline  
*The unruly crowd became even more boisterous when he tried to quiet them.*

## **bolster**

(دعم) support or prop up with or as if with a long narrow pillow or cushion  
*The debaters amassed file boxes full of evidence to bolster their arguments.*

## **bolt**

(الترباس) dash or dart off; move or jump suddenly  
*Jack was set to bolt out the front door.*

## **bombardment**

(القصف) attack with missiles; continuous attack with shot and shell upon a town, fort, or other position  
*The enemy bombardment demolished the town.*

## **bombastic**

(منمق) pompous; using inflated language; high-sounding but with little meaning  
*The biggest military power on Earth was acting belligerent and its president was indulging in bombastic nationalistic grandstanding.*

## **boon**

(نعمة) blessing; benefit bestowed, especially in response to a request  
*The recent rains that filled our empty reservoirs were a boon to the whole community.*

## **boorish**

(متقف) rude and clumsy in behavior; ungentlemanly; awkward in manners  
*Natasha was embarrassed by her fellow spy's boorish behavior.*

## **boost**

(بوشت) raise; advance; push or shove upward  
*It shows political parties could boost their share of the vote considerably.*

## **bound**

(ملزمة) tied; held; committed; limit; constraint; leap; jump  
*Supreme Court ended a term bound to affect our lives in significant ways in the months ahead.*

## **bountiful**

(كريم) abundant; graciously generous; giving freely and generously  
*Thanks to the good harvest, we had a bountiful supply of food.*

## **bourgeois**

(البرجوازية) middle class; selfishly materialistic; dully conventional  
*Technically, anyone who belongs to the middle class is bourgeois, but, most people resent it if you call them that.*

## **bout**

(نوبة) contest between antagonists; contest or fight; a period of time spent in a particular way, as in illness  
*She's still recovering from a bout of flu.*

## **bovine**

(الأبقار) dull, slow-moving, and stolid, like an ox; placid and dull

*Nothing excites Esther; even when she won the state lottery, she still preserved her air of bovine calm.*

## **bowdlerize**

(هذب كتاباً) edit by omitting or modifying parts considered offensive, vulgar, or otherwise unseemly

*After the film editors finished to bowdlerize the language in the script, the motion picture's rating was changed from "R" to "PG."*

## **braggart**

(فخور) boaster; one given to loud, empty boasting; very talkative person

*Modest by nature, she was no braggart, preferring to let her accomplishments speak for themselves.*

## **braid**

(جديلة) weave; interweave three or more strands

*Have you ever wanted to braid your own hair or someone else's hair?*

## **brand**

(العلامة التجارية) burning piece of wood; mark made by burning with a hot iron; distinctive mark upon in any way

*He has his own brand of humor and always brings laugh for us.*

## **brandish**

(يلوح) move or wave, as a weapon; raise and move in various directions

*Doctor Watson began to wildly brandish his gun until Holmes told him to put the thing away before he shot himself.*

## **bravado**

(تبجح) defiant or swaggering behavior; pretense of courage; false show of bravery

*The bravado of the young criminal disappeared when he was confronted by the victims of his brutal attack.*

## **brawl**

(شجار) fight; noisy quarrel or fight; loud party

*Last week, two local men were killed in a brawl.*

## **brawn**

(براون) solid and well-developed muscles, especially of the arms and legs

*People think in farming community you don't need a brain, only brawn.*

## **brazen**

(وقح) having loud, usually harsh, resonant sound; shameless

*His entire premiership has become an exercise in brazen dishonesty.*

## **breach**

(خرق) breaking of contract or duty

*Jill sued Jack for breach of promise, claiming he had broken his promise to marry her.*

## breadth

(اتساع) measure or dimension from side to side; width; extent

*We were impressed by the breadth of her knowledge.*

## breed

(تولد) raise; produce offspring; give birth to or hatch; mate

*In a fast neutron reactor, this process is optimized so that it can breed fuel, often using a depleted uranium blanket around the core.*

## brevity

(الإيجاز) quality or state of being brief in duration; concise expression

*Brevity is essential when you send a telegram or cablegram; you are charged for every word.*

## brim

(حافة) brink; edge

*She shut her book and slowly looked up; her hat brim partially shaded her face, yet I could see, as she raised it, that it was a strange one.*

## brindled

(حيوان رمادي) of brownish, tawny colour, with streaks, spots, or patterns

*He was disappointed in the litter because the puppies were brindled, he had hoped for animals of a uniform color.*

## brink

(برينك) edge, margin, or border of a steep place verge

*Beyond the verge of provocation I never ventured; on the extreme brink I liked well to try my skill.*

## brisk

(انتعش) marked by speed, liveliness, and vigor; energetic; swift; keen or sharp in speech or manner

*"Come in!" called a brisk, familiar voice, as Ronny knocked lightly on the almost closed door.*

## bristling

(خشنة) rising like bristles; showing irritation

*The dog stood there, bristling with anger.*

## brittle

(رجل يعذب هش) easily broken; having little elasticity

*My employer's self-control was as brittle as an egg-shell.*

## broach

(طرح) introduce; bring up for discussion or debate; announce

*Jack did not even try to broach the subject of religion with his in-laws.*

## brochure

(كتيب) pamphlet; small book usually having paper cover

*This brochure on farming was issued by the Department of Agriculture.*

## broil

(شواء) cook by direct exposure to heat over fire; subject to great heat; be subjected to the action of heat; be greatly heated

*I have to broil in this hot sun to get them back!*

## brooch

(بروش) ornamental clasp; decorative pin worn by women

*The brooch was a gift from Burton and she wore it when she wed him.*

## brood

(الحضنة) think long and anxiously; be in a state of gloomy, serious thought

*It's no use to brood over one's past mistakes.*

## brook

(بروك) creek; stream

*At the bottom of the hill ran a little brook, and on the opposite side of it was a bank.*

## browbeat

(ترهيب) bully; intimidate; discourage or frighten with threats

*Billy resisted Ted's attempts to browbeat him handing over his lunch money.*

## browse

(تصفح) graze; skim or glance at casually

*"How now, brown cow, browsing in the green, green grass." I remember lines of verse that I came across while I browse through the poetry section of bookstore.*

## bruise

(كدمة) injure, as by a blow or collision; contuse; fight with the fists

*She fell, but did not bruise her knee in such a soft land.*

## brunt

(طأة) main impact or shock; main burden

*Tom Sawyer claimed credit for painting the fence, but the brunt of the work fell on others.*

## brusque

(فظ) abrupt and curt in manner or speech; rudely abrupt, unfriendly

*Was Bruce too brusque when he brushed off Bob's request with a curt "Not now!"?*

## buccaneer

(القرصان) pirate; robber upon the sea

*At Disneyland a pirate of the Caribbean sings a song about his live as bloody buccaneer.*

## bucolic

(رعوي) rustic; pastoral; agricultural; relating to country affairs, or to shepherd's life and occupation

*Filled with browsing cows and bleating sheep, the meadow was a charmingly bucolic sight.*

## buffoon

(مهرج) one who makes a practice of amusing others by low tricks, antic gestures; droll; mimic; clown

*This buffoon is the most self-centered idiot I have ever seen or heard.*

## buffoonery

(التهريج) clowning; arts and practices of buffoon, as low jests, ridiculous pranks, vulgar tricks and postures

*In the Ace Ventura movies, Jim Carrey's buffoonery was hilarious: like Bozo the Clown, he's a natural buffoon.*

## bulge

(نتوء) cause to curve outward; swell up; stick out; protrude

*When the inserted balloon is filled with water, they bulge out in a variety of shapes.*

## bulk

(صب) majority; main part; volume; mass

*Canada's largest bulk food retailer, it has more than 112 stores.*

## bullion

(سبائك) gold and silver in the form of bars

*Much bullion is stored in the vaults at Fort Knox.*

## bully

(الفتوة) noisy, blustering fellow; one who is threatening and quarrelsome; insolent, tyrannical fellow

*I found early in life that the best way to defeat a bully is a punch to the nose.*

## bulwark

(حصن) earthwork or other strong defense; person who defends

*The navy is our principal bulwark against invasion.*

## bump

(نتوء) impact as from a collision; lump on the body caused by a blow

*Have you ever found a small lump or a bump on your body?*

## bungle

(متعالي سلفها) mismanage; blunder; work or act in clumsy, awkward, or blundering manner

*Don't botch this assignment; if you bungle the job, you're fired!.*

## buoyant

(ازدهار) able to float; cheerful and optimistic

*When the boat capsized, her buoyant life jacket kept Jody afloat.*

## bureaucracy

(بيروقراطية) over-regulated administrative system

*The Internal Revenue Service is the ultimate bureaucracy; taxpayers wasted so much paper filling out IRS forms to comply with the Paper-work Reduction Act.*

## burgeon

(تبرعم) grow forth; send out buds; grow or develop rapidly

*In the spring, the plants that burgeon are a promise of the beauty to come.*

## burlesque

(قوي البنية) give an imitation that ridicules; imitate mockingly or humorously  
*In Spaceballs, we see Rick Moranis burlesque Darth Vader of Star Wars, outrageously parodying Vader's stiff walk and hollow voice.*

### **burnish**

(هزلي تلميع) make shiny by rubbing; polish  
*I burnish the brass fixtures until they reflect the lamplight.*

### **buttress**

(دعم) support physically; prop up; support something or someone by supplying evidence  
*The attorney came up with several far-fetched arguments in a vain attempt to buttress his weak case.*

### **buxom**

(ممتلئة الجسم) healthily plump and ample of figure; full-bosomed; vigorous; jolly  
*A generation ago, fat babies were considered healthy and buxom actresses were popular, but society has since come to worship thinness.*

### **cabal**

(عصابة) small group of persons secretly united to promote their own interests  
*The number of Republicans who support this man and his cabal is astonishing, but nothing will change the minds of that percentage.*

### **cache**

(مخبأ) hiding place; secret store of valuables or money  
*The detectives followed the suspect until he led them to the cache where he had stored his loot.*

### **cacophonous**

(نشازا متنافر النغمات) discordant; inharmonious; sounding harshly; ill-sounding  
*Do the students in the orchestra enjoy the cacophonous sounds they make when they're tuning up? I don't know how they can stand the racket.*

### **cadaver**

(جيفة) corpse; dead body, especially one intended for dissection  
*In some states, it is illegal to dissect cadaver.*

### **cadaverous**

(جثي) like corpse; pale; Having appearance or color of dead human body  
*By his cadaverous appearance, we could see how the disease had ravaged him.*

### **cadence**

(إيقاع) rhythmic rise and fall of words or sounds; beat  
*Marching down the road, the troops sang out, following the cadence set by the sergeant.*

### **cadet**

(طالبا) younger of two brothers; student at a military school who is training to be an officer  
*A cadet should understand that the war he or she joins four or five years from now will be a different war altogether.*

### **cajole**

(التملق) influence or urge by gentle urging or flattering  
*Diane tried to cajole her father into letting her drive the family car.*

## calamity

(مصيبة) event that brings terrible loss, lasting distress, or severe affliction; disaster; misery  
*As news of the calamity spread, offers of relief poured in to the stricken community.*

## calculated

(حساب) deliberately planned; carefully thought out in advance  
*Her conventional suit was one calculated to appeal to the conservative judges.*

## caliber

(عيار) ability; degree or grade of excellence or worth; diameter of tube or gun barrel  
*Einstein's cleaning the blackboards again? Albert, quit it! A man of your caliber shouldn't have to do such tasks.*

## calligraphy

(الخط) beautiful writing; excellent penmanship  
*As we examine ancient manuscripts, we become impressed with the calligraphy of the scribes.*

## callous

(كالو) emotionally hardened; unfeeling; toughened  
*He had worked in the hospital for so many years that he was callous to the suffering in the wards.*

## callow

(كالو) youthful; immature; inexperienced; without feathers  
*As a freshman, Jack was sure he was a man of the world; as a sophomore, he made fun of freshmen as callow youths.*

## calorific

(القاسي الحرارية) capable of producing heat; causing heat; heating  
*Coal is much more calorific than green wood.*

## calumny

(الافتراء) false statement maliciously made to injure another's reputation; slander  
*He could endure his financial failure, but he could not bear the calumny that his foes heaped upon him.*

## camaraderie

(صداقة) good-fellowship; companionship; close friendship in friends or teammates  
*What he loved best about his job was the sense of camaraderie he and his coworkers shared.*

## candor

(الصراحة) frankness; quality of being honest and straightforward in attitude and speech  
*Jack can carry candor too far: when he told Jill his honest opinion of her, she nearly slapped his face.*

## canine

(الكلاب) related to dogs; dog-like; affecting or derived from dogs  
*They will then incubate the viruses in canine tissue cells to see how well they grow.*

## **canker**

(آفة) corroding or sloughing ulcer; anything which corrodes, corrupts, or destroy; disease incident to trees, causing the bark to rot and fall off

*Drug addiction is a dangerous canker in society.*

## **canny**

(حكيم) having pleasing or useful qualities; gentle; knowing; cautious; cunning; shrewd

*The first and most immediate of these is a certain canny captain of many wars whose regiment is still at the disposal of either army.*

## **cant**

(فادر) inclination or slope; slanted or oblique surface; jargon, especially of thieves; dialect

*I strayed from my own voice and slipped into jargon, cant, or false sentiment.*

## **cantankerous**

(مشاكس) ill humored; irritable; marked by ill-tempered contradiction or opposition; ugly; malicious

*Constantly complaining about his treatment and refusing to cooperate with the hospital staff, he was a cantankerous patient.*

## **cantata**

(الأنشودة) story or poem set to music that can be sung by chorus

*The choral society sang the new cantata composed by its leader.*

## **canter**

(الخبب) slow gallop; moderate running pace of horse

*Because the racehorse had outdistanced its competition so easily, the reporter wrote that the race was won in a canter.*

## **canto**

(كانتو) part or division of poem of some length

*This is the first canto of Dante's poetic masterpiece The Divine Comedy.*

## **canvass**

(حشد) determine votes; examine carefully or discuss thoroughly; scrutinize

*After volunteers helped canvass the sentiments of his constituents, the congressman was confident that he represented the majority opinion of his district.*

## **capacious**

(رحيب) capable of containing a large quantity; spacious or roomy

*In the capacious rotunda of the railroad terminal, thousands of travelers lingered while waiting for their train.*

## **capacity**

(القدرات) mental or physical ability; ability to accommodate

*Mike had the capacity to handle several jobs at once.*

## **capillary**

(الشعرية) long and slender with a very small internal diameter

*It passed from a capillary tube.*

## capitulate

(الاستسلام) surrender; end all resistance; give up; go along with or comply  
*The enemy was warned to capitulate or face annihilation.*

## caprice

(كابريس) sudden, unexpected fancy; impulsive change of mind  
*Some revolutions may have originated in caprice, or generated in ambition.*

## capricious

(متقلبة) fickle; impulsive and unpredictable; apt to change opinions suddenly  
*The storm was capricious: it changed course constantly.*

## caption

(شرح) title; chapter heading; text under illustration  
*We got an caption error in The Far Side cartoons shown yesterday.*

## captious

(ارباكي) intended to confuse in an argument  
*I resent the way he asked that was captious question.*

## carapace

(الذبل درع قرني) hard outer covering or case of certain organisms such as arthropods and turtles  
*The top shell is the carapace while the bottom is called the plastron.*

## cardinal

(الكاردينال) chief; serving as an essential component  
*If you want to increase your word power, the cardinal rule of vocabulary-building is to read.*

## cardiologist

(القلب) doctor who specializes in medical problems related to heart  
*When the physician noticed Philip had a slight heart murmur, she referred him to a cardiologist for further tests.*

## careen

(مل) lean to one side, as a ship under press of sail; sway from side to side  
*He saw the taxicab careen wildly as it rounded the corner.*

## career

(وظائف) profession or occupation; individual's work and life roles over their lifespan  
*The Italian Prime Minister and media tycoon Sylvia Berlusconi bought AC Milan in 1986 and the team's fortunes have mirrored his colorful career in politics.*

## caricature

(الكاريكاتير) representation that is deliberately exaggerated to produce a comic effect  
*The caricature he drew yesterday emphasized a personal weakness of the people he burlesqued.*

## carnage

(مهموم) destruction of life; savage and excessive killing of many people  
*The film The Killing Fields vividly depicts the carnage wreaked by Pol Pot's followers in Cambodia.*

## **carnal**

(الكاريكاتير) fleshly; of or relating to body or flesh; bodily

*This wasn't about love, this was about raw animal attraction, about kindred spirits in carnal lust.*

## **carnivorous**

(المجزرة) eating or feeding on flesh; predatory

*The lion's a carnivorous beast. A hunk of meat makes up his feast.*

## **carping**

(أكلة اللحوم) fault-finding; excessive complaining; of unreasonable criticism or censure

*A carping critic is a nit-picker: he loves to point out flaws.*

## **cartographer**

(الخرائط) one who makes maps or charts

*Though not a professional cartographer, Tolkien was able to construct a map of his fictional world.*

## **cascade**

(جسدي عائب) small waterfall; sudden downpour

*We were too tired to appreciate the beauty of this cascade because we had to detour around it to avoid watering down.*

## **caste**

(الطبقي) any of the hereditary social classes and subclasses of South Asian societies

*The caste refers to social system based on rigid distinctions of birth, rank, and wealth.*

## **casual**

(رسمية) informal; purposeless; occurring by chance

*The wildlife officer, in casual conversation, asks Hunter Joe where that deer came from.*

## **casualty**

(الضحايا) serious or fatal accident; someone injured or killed in an accident

*On holiday weekends this city usually has at least one automotive casualty.*

## **cataclysm**

(كارثة) an event resulting in great loss and misfortune; deluge or overflowing of water

*A cataclysm such as the French Revolution affects all countries.*

## **catalyst**

(حافزا) agent which brings about chemical change while it remains unaffected and unchanged

*Many chemical reactions cannot take place without the presence of a catalyst.*

## **catapult**

(المنجنيق) slingshot; hurling machine; military machine for hurling missiles, used in ancient and medieval times

*The airplane is launched from battleship by catapult.*

## **cataract**

(ساد) large or high waterfall; eye abnormality

*She gazed with awe at the mighty cataract known as Niagara Falls.*

## **catastrophe**

(كارثة) calamity; disaster; state of extreme ruin and misfortune

*The 1906 San Francisco earthquake was a catastrophe that destroyed most of the city.*

## **catcall**

(أطلق صفير) shout of disapproval; shout or whistle expressing dislike, especially from crowd or audience

*Every major league pitcher has off days during which he must learn to ignore any catcall and angry hiss from the crowd.*

## **catechism**

(القاطع) book for religious instruction; instruction by question and answer

*He taught by engaging his pupils in a catechism until they gave him the correct answer.*

## **categorical**

(القاطع) absolute; having no exception; of using category or categories

*Though the captain claimed he was never, never sick at sea, he finally had to qualify his categorical denial: he was "hardly ever" sick at sea.*

## **cater**

(التعليم تلبية) supply what is needed or desired; provide food professionally for special occasion

*The chef was happy to cater to the tastes of his highly sophisticated clientele.*

## **catharsis**

(التفيس) purging or cleansing of any passage of body

*Aristotle maintained that tragedy created a catharsis by purging the soul of base concepts.*

## **catholic**

(الكاثوليكية) broadly sympathetic; universal; related to Roman Catholic Church

*He was extremely catholic in his taste and read everything he could find in the library.*

## **caucus**

(تجمع) private meeting of members of a party to select officers or determine policy

*At the opening of Congress, the members of the Democratic Party held a caucus to elect the Majority Leader of the House and the Party Whip.*

## **causal**

(سببية) implying cause-and-effect relationship

*The psychologist maintained there was a causal relationship between the nature of one's early childhood experiences and one's adult personality.*

## **caustic**

(الكاوية) capable of burning, corroding, dissolving, or eating away by chemical action

*The critic's caustic remarks angered the hapless actors who were the subjects of his sarcasm.*

## **cavalcade**

(موكب) ceremonial procession or display; succession or series

*As described by Chaucer, the cavalcade of Canterbury pilgrims was a motley group.*

## **cavalier**

(فارس) offhand or casual; given to haughty disregard of others

*The disguised prince resented the cavalier way in which the palace guards treated him. How dared they handle a member of the royal family so unceremoniously!*

## **cavil**

(إعتراض تافه) criticise for petty or frivolous reasons; raise trivial objections

*It's fine when you make sensible criticisms, but it really bugs me when you cavil about unimportant details.*

## **cede**

(تنازل) yield or formally resign and surrender to another

*Eventually the descendants of England's Henry II were forced to cede their French territories to the King of France.*

## **celerity**

(سرعة) swiftness of action or motion; speed

*Hamlet resented his mother's celerity in remarrying within a month after his father's death.*

## **celestial**

(السموية) relating to the sky or the heavens; supremely good; god or angel

*She spoke of the celestial joys that awaited virtuous souls in the hereafter.*

## **celibate**

(عازب) unmarried; abstaining from sexual intercourse

*The perennial bachelor vowed to remain celibate.*

## **cemetery**

(سلة المحذوفات) place or ground set apart for the burial of the dead; graveyard

*A vehicle for conveying a coffin is to a church or cemetery.*

## **ensor**

(الرقيب) overseer of morals; official responsible for removal of objectionable or sensitive content

*Soldiers dislike having their mail read by a censor but understand the need for this precaution.*

## **ensorious**

(الانتقادات) critical; addicted to censure; severe in making remarks on others, or on their writings or manners; implying or expressing censure

*But it is childish to waste our time in censorious judgment on the individual who does no worse than represent a ruling type.*

## **censure**

(اللوم) expression of strong disapproval or harsh criticism; blame

*Today's paper will censure the senator for behavior inappropriate to a member of Congress.*

## **centigrade**

(مئوية) measure of temperature, used widely in Europe

*On the centigrade thermometer, the freezing point of water is zero degrees.*

## **centrifugal**

(الطرد المركزي) radiating; departing from the center

*Many automatic drying machines remove excess moisture from clothing by centrifugal force.*

## **centripetal**

(الجاذبية) tending toward center; moving or directed toward center or axis

*Does centripetal force or the force of gravity bring orbiting bodies to the earth's surface?.*

## **centurion**

(قائد) officer of ancient Roman army, in command of a century of soldiers or minor division

*Because he was in command of a company of one hundred soldiers, he was called a centurion.*

## **cerebral**

(الدماغي) relating to the brain or cerebrum; intellectual rather than emotional

*The content of philosophical works is cerebral in nature and requires much thought.*

## **cerebration**

(افتهاام) act of cerebrating; thinking, mental activity

*Mathematics problems sometimes require much cerebration.*

## **ceremonious**

(رسمي) marked by formality; strictly observant of or devoted to ceremony or ritual

*Ordinary dress would be inappropriate at so ceremonious an affair.*

## **certitude**

(يقين) state of being certain; complete assurance; confidence

*Though there was no certitude of his getting the job, Lou thought he had a good chance of doing so.*

## **cessation**

(وقف) bringing or coming to end; ceasing

*The airline's employees threatened a cessation of all work if management failed to meet their demands.*

## **cession**

(تنازل) yielding to another; ceding or surrendering

*The cession of Alaska to the United States is discussed in this chapter.*

## **chafe**

(يسنءون) wear away or irritate by rubbing; make sore by rubbing; annoy; vex

*The high collar used to chafe against my neck.*

## **chaff**

(القشر) trivial or worthless matter; thin dry bracts or scales, especially

*When you separate the wheat from the chaff, be sure you keep the wheat.*

## **chaffing**

(الممازحة) joking; use of light, frivolous language by way of fun or ridicule

*Chad's worthless remarks annoy us.; Chad's chaffing keeps us laughing.*

## **chagrin**

(كدر) anxiety caused by humiliation or injured pride; disappointment

*Embarrassed by his parents' shabby, working-class appearance, Doug felt their visit to his school would bring him nothing but chagrin.*

## **chalice**

(الكأس) goblet; bowl-shaped drinking vessel; large drinking cup, often having stem and base

*In a small room adjoining the cathedral, visitors can see this ornately decorated chalice made by famous European goldsmith.*

## **chameleon**

(الحرباء) lizard that changes color in different situations

*Like the chameleon, he assumed the political thinking of every group he met.*