

## GMAT RC - High Frequency Vocab

1. **Supposedly:** used to show that you do not believe that something you have been told is true

Well, the tickets are supposedly in the mail.

2. **Laudable:** (of actions and behaviour) deserving praise, even if there is little or no success

a laudable aim/ambition

The recycling programme is laudable, but does it save much money?

3. **Radically:** believing or expressing the belief that there should be great or extreme social or political change

He was known as a radical reformer/thinker/politician.

These people have very radical views.

4. **Paltry:** low in quality

She made some paltry excuse and left.

5. **Outrageous:** describes something or someone that is shocking because they are unusual or strange

outrageous clothes/behaviour

an outrageous character

6. **Thereby:** as a result of this action

Diets that are high in saturated fat and cholesterol tend to clog up our arteries, thereby reducing the blood flow to our hearts and brains.

7. **Bulging:** to stick out in a round shape

Her bags were bulging with shopping.

8. **Clandestine:** planned or done in secret, especially describing something that is not officially allowed

The group held weekly clandestine meetings in a church.

He has been having a clandestine affair with his secretary for three years.

9. **Provenance:** the place of origin of something

jewels of uncertain provenance

This raised doubts about the provenance of the painting.

10. **Geologically active:** It describes the ongoing changes to the surfaces of terrestrial worlds.

This is because terrestrial surfaces change over time. The moon and mercury are considered geologically dead because their surfaces have remained the same for billions of years.

**11. Ethos:** the set of beliefs, ideas, etc. about social behaviour and relationships of a person or group

national ethos

working-class ethos

**12. Indignities:** a loss of respect or self-respect, or something which causes this

lint suffered the indignity of being called 'Puppy' in front of his girlfriend.

**13. Perceptible:** that can be seen, heard or noticed

There was a barely perceptible movement in his right arm.

The past year has seen a perceptible improvement in working standards.

**14. Longstanding:** having existed for a long time

a long-standing agreement

**15. Allegiance:** loyalty and support for a ruler, country, group or belief

Soldiers must swear allegiance to the Crown/the King.

**16. Terrestrial:** "Terrestrial" means "pertaining to land". The word comes from the latin root "terre" (pronounced "tare"), meaning "land", and is related to the word "terrain".

**17. Confront:** to face, meet or deal with a difficult situation or person

As she left the court, she was confronted by angry crowds who tried to block her way.

**18. Arboreal:** of or living in trees

arboreal animals

Many people believe that humans evolved from arboreal ancestors.

**19. To wiggle:** to (cause to) move up and down and/or from side to side with small quick movements

He tried wiggling the control stick but nothing happened.

She wiggled her toes in the water.

**20. Pragmatic:** solving problems in a realistic way which suits the present conditions rather than obeying fixed theories, ideas or rules

In business, the pragmatic approach to problems is often more successful than an idealistic one.

**21. Rhetoric:** speech or writing which is intended to be effective and influence people

How far the president will be able to translate his campaign rhetoric into action remains to be seen.

**22. Pivotal:** central and important

a pivotal figure/role/idea

**23. Unwittingly:** without knowing or planning

The two women claimed they were the unwitting victims of a drugs dealer who planted a large quantity of heroin in their luggage.

**24. Employ:** to spend time doing something

He was busily employed in lacing up his shoes.

**25. Acquisition:** the process of getting something

The acquisition of huge amounts of data has helped our research enormously.

:something that someone buys, often to add to a collection of things

The museum has been heavily criticized over its acquisition of the four-million-dollar sculpture.

**26. Carding:** to ask someone to show you a document, especially an identity card, in order to prove how old they are

**27. Positing:** to suggest something as a basic fact or principle from which a further idea is formed or developed

If we posit that wage rises cause inflation, it follows that we should try to minimize them.

**28. Rearing:** the practice of looking after children until they are old enough to look after themselves

Why shouldn't a woman have a job after years of child-rearing?