

## VOCABULARY IN GROUPS METHOD

The GAT does not test the exact definitions of words.

When you're learning new vocabulary, it's more effective strategy to study words in groups than to learn them one by one. Learning groups of words that are related by a common sense of meaning will help you to learn more words faster.

If you have some idea of what the word means, you can usually get to the answer. You don't need to know the exact definitions of words to get a good verbal score on the GAT. It's better to know something about ten words than everything is about one word. This is why learning words in groups is such a powerful technique.

**Main word - All other words have common sense of meaning of this word.**

**HARMFUL**

Baleful

Perfidious

Minatory

Inimical

Deleterious

Injurious

Pernicious

Baneful

Insidious

**Words having common sense of meaning of the main word.**

## MOST COMMON GROUPS OF WORDS

Following is a list consisting of sets of most common groups of related words. I have divided it in groups of almost equal weights. It makes you comfortable to memorize one by one.

### BORING

Banal	Pedestrian
Fatuous	Trite
Hackneyed	Platitude
Inspid	Mundane
Prosaic	Quotidian

### HARMFUL

Baleful	Injurious
Perfidious	Pernicious
Minatory	Baneful
Inimical	Insidious
Deleterious	

### PRASIE

Acclaim	Venerate
Fawn	Eulogize
Aggrandize	Accolade
Encomium	Laud
Extol	

### CRITICIZE

Aspersions	Obloquy
Castigate	Opprobrium
Defamation	Diatribes
Gainsay	Rebuke
Objurgate	Pillory
Calumny	Disparage
Inveigh	Remonstrate

Denounce	Reprove
Belittle	Berate

### WEAKEN

Obviate	Undermine
Adulterate	Exacerbate
Stultify	Inhibit
Enervate	Vitiate

### DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND

Abstruse	Enigmatic
Inscrutable	Recondite
Obscure	Perplexing
Arcane	Turbid
Esoteric	Ambiguous

### HOSTILE

Vindictive	Irascible
Churlish	Truculent
Antithetic	Misanthropic

### TRUTH

Indisputable	Sincere
Probity	Verity
Veracious	Turbid
Indubitable	Legitimate

### HESITATE

Vacillate	Waver
Oscillate	Dither

**ASSIST**

Abet	Espouse
Bolster	Proponent
Ancillary	Advocate
Sustenance	Corroborate
Countenance	Mainstay

**FUNNY**

Flippant	Riposte
Simper	Chortle
Jocular	Droll
Gibe	Ludicrous

**GREEDY**

Avaricious	Rapacious
Venal	Mercenary
Miserly	Penurious

**SORROW**

Elegiac	Melancholy
Lament	Doleful
Lugubrious	Disconsolate
Plaintive	Morose

**FORGIVE**

Absolve	Expiate
Palliate	Exonerate
Redress	Exculpate

**POOR**

Destitute	Indigent
Impecunious	Esurient

**COPY**

Counterpart	Emulate
Factionous	Paradigm
Facsimile	Quintessence
Simulated	Precursor

**OFFENSIVE**

Odious	Invidious
Disgusting	Defile
Fetid	Noisome

**STUBBORN**

Implacable	Inexorable
Intractable	Renitent
Intransigent	Obdurate
Recalcitrant	Refractory
Untoward	Vexing
obstinate	

**LUCK**

Amulet	Portentous
Fortuitous	Adventitious
Auspicious	Propitiate
Optimum	Nemesis