

Top 200 MDCAT English Words

Essential Vocabulary for Synonyms, Antonyms & Sentence Completion

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#	Words	Meaning	Synonym	Antonym
1	Abate	To reduce in intensity	Lessen, diminish	Increase, intensify
2	Aberration	Deviation from the norm	Anomaly, irregularity	Norm, standard
3	Abhor	To hate intensely	Detest, loathe	Adore, cherish
4	Absolve	To free from blame	Exonerate, acquit	Condemn, blame
5	Abundant	Plentiful	Ample, copious	Scarce, meager
6	Adversity	Hardship	Misfortune, difficulty	Prosperity, ease
7	Alacrity	Cheerful readiness	Eagerness, promptness	Reluctance, hesitation
8	Amiable	Friendly and pleasant	Affable, genial	Hostile, unfriendly
9	Ample	Enough or more than enough	Sufficient, plentiful	Insufficient, inadequate
10	Anomaly	Something abnormal	Irregularity, exception	Normality, regularity
11	Antipathy	Strong dislike	Aversion, hatred	Affection, fondness
12	Apathy	Lack of interest	Indifference, unconcern	Enthusiasm, passion
13	Arbitrary	Based on random choice	Capricious, whimsical	Logical, reasoned
14	Arduous	Difficult and tiring	Strenuous, grueling	Easy, effortless
15	Articulate	Express clearly	Eloquent, fluent	Incoherent, mute
16	Ascertain	To find out for sure	Determine, verify	Guess, assume
17	Audacious	Bold or daring	Fearless, intrepid	Timid, cowardly
18	Auspicious	Favorable, promising	Propitious, encouraging	Unfavorable, ominous
19	Aversion	Strong dislike	Disgust, repugnance	Attraction, liking
20	Belligerent	Aggressively hostile	Combative, warlike	Peaceful, friendly
21	Benevolent	Kind and generous	Charitable, compassionate	Cruel, malevolent
22	Clandestine	Secret	Covert, hidden	Open, public
23	Coherent	Logical and clear	Consistent, understandable	Confused, disjointed
24	Complacent	Self-satisfied	Smug, content	Humble, concerned
25	Concur	To agree	Accord, assent	Disagree, oppose

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26	Cursory	Hasty and superficial	Brief, quick	Thorough, detailed
27	Debilitate	To weaken	Enfeeble, exhaust	Strengthen, invigorate
28	Deleterious	Harmful	Damaging, injurious	Beneficial, helpful
29	Demise	Death	End, passing	Birth, beginning
30	Derogatory	Insulting	Disparaging, belittling	Complimentary, respectful
31	Desolate	Empty or abandoned	Barren, lonely	Populated, lively
32	Deteriorate	To worsen	Decline, degrade	Improve, recover
33	Ecstatic	Overjoyed	Elated, thrilled	Miserable, depressed
34	Eloquent	Fluent and persuasive	Articulate, expressive	Inarticulate, speechless
35	Emulate	To imitate as a model	Copy, mimic	Ignore, reject
36	Enervate	To weaken	Drain, exhaust	Energize, strengthen
37	Ephemeral	Short-lived	Transient, fleeting	Permanent, lasting
38	Equanimity	Mental calmness	Composure, poise	Anxiety, agitation
39	Erratic	Unpredictable	Irregular, inconsistent	Steady, consistent
40	Exonerate	To clear from blame	Absolve, vindicate	Accuse, condemn
41	Facilitate	To make easier	Aid, assist	Hinder, obstruct
42	Fallacious	Based on a false idea	Misleading, deceptive	Accurate, valid
43	Fervent	Passionate	Ardent, zealous	Apathetic, indifferent
44	Fluctuate	To rise and fall irregularly	Vary, oscillate	Stabilize, remain constant
45	Frugal	Economical	Thrifty, sparing	Wasteful, extravagant
46	Garrulous	Talkative	Loquacious, chatty	Taciturn, silent
47	Gregarious	Sociable	Outgoing, friendly	Introverted, shy
48	Haughty	Arrogantly proud	Conceited, snobbish	Humble, modest
49	Hypocrisy	Pretending to be virtuous	Deceit, pretense	Sincerity, honesty
50	Impede	To hinder	Obstruct, block	Assist, help
51	Impertinent	Rude or disrespectful	Insolent, cheeky	Respectful, polite
52	Impervious	Not affected by	Unaffected, immune	Vulnerable, sensitive
53	Inadvertent	Accidental	Unintentional, careless	Deliberate, intentional
54	Incessant	Never-ending	Constant, continuous	Occasional, intermittent

55	Incoherent	Unclear or illogical	Confused, disjointed	Clear, logical
56	Indolent	Lazy	Slothful, idle	Active, diligent
57	Inevitable	Unavoidable	Certain, unavoidable	Avoidable, uncertain
58	Infamous	Famous for something bad	Notorious, disreputable	Famous, reputable
59	Inhibit	To restrain	Suppress, curb	Encourage, promote
60	Insidid	Lacking flavor or interest	Bland, dull	Interesting, flavorful
61	Intrepid	Fearless	Brave, courageous	Timid, fearful
62	Inundate	To overwhelm with	Flood, swamp	Relieve, ease
63	Languid	Weak or slow	Sluggish, lethargic	Energetic, lively
64	Laudable	Praiseworthy	Admirable, commendable	Blameworthy, shameful
65	Lethargic	Sluggish, inactive	Drowsy, apathetic	Alert, energetic
66	Lucid	Clear and easy to understand	Coherent, transparent	Confusing, obscure
67	Magnanimous	Generous in forgiving	Noble, gracious	Petty, vengeful
68	Malicious	Intending to harm	Spiteful, vindictive	Kind, benevolent
69	Meticulous	Extremely careful	Precise, thorough	Careless, sloppy
70	Mitigate	To make less severe	Alleviate, reduce	Worsen, aggravate
71	Nefarious	Wicked or criminal	Evil, villainous	Virtuous, righteous
72	Obsolete	Outdated	Archaic, outdated	Modern, current
73	Oblivious	Unaware	Ignorant, unconscious	Aware, conscious
74	Ostentatious	Showy or flashy	Flashy, pretentious	Modest, simple
75	Pernicious	Highly harmful	Destructive, deadly	Beneficial, harmless
76	Placate	To calm or soothe	Appease, pacify	Anger, provoke
77	Pragmatic	Practical, realistic	Sensible, down-to-earth	Idealistic, unrealistic
78	Precarious	Uncertain or risky	Unstable, insecure	Secure, stable
79	Proclivity	Natural tendency	Inclination, propensity	Aversion, dislike
80	Quell	To suppress	Subdue, crush	Encourage, incite
81	Rancor	Bitter hatred	Resentment, animosity	Goodwill, affection
82	Relegate	To assign to a lower rank	Demote, downgrade	Promote, elevate
83	Repudiate	To reject as untrue	Deny, disown	Accept, acknowledge
84	Rescind	To cancel officially	Revoke, annul	Enact, approve
85	Reticent	Reserved or quiet	Taciturn, uncommunicative	Talkative, outgoing

86	Salient	Most noticeable or important	Prominent, key	Insignificant, minor
87	Spurious	Fake or false	Counterfeit, bogus	Genuine, authentic
88	Stoic	Enduring pain without complaint	Unemotional, resilient	Emotional, sensitive
89	Substantiate	To prove with evidence	Verify, confirm	Disprove, refute
90	Taciturn	Habitually silent	Reserved, quiet	Talkative, loquacious
91	Tenacious	Persistent	Determined, stubborn	Weak, yielding
92	Ubiquitous	Present everywhere	Omnipresent, widespread	Rare, scarce
93	Vacillate	To hesitate	Waver, fluctuate	Decide, commit
94	Venerate	To respect deeply	Reverence, admire	Disrespect, scorn
95	Vilify	To speak evil of	Defame, slander	Praise, honor
96	Vindicate	To clear from blame	Justify, exonerate	Blame, accuse
97	Wary	Cautious	Careful, vigilant	Reckless, careless
98	Zealous	Passionately devoted	Enthusiastic, fervent	Apathetic, indifferent
99	Ambiguous	Open to more than one interpretation	Vague, unclear	Clear, definite
100	Benevolence	Kindness	Generosity, goodwill	Cruelty, malice
101	Cogent	Convincing and logical	Persuasive, compelling	Weak, unconvincing
102	Conundrum	A confusing or difficult problem	Puzzle, riddle	Solution, answer
103	Disparage	To speak of slightly	Belittle, criticize	Praise, commend
104	Elicit	To draw out a response	Extract, provoke	Suppress, conceal
105	Exemplary	Serving as a model	Ideal, commendable	Poor, bad
106	Fickle	Changing often; unstable	Capricious, unpredictable	Loyal, steady
107	Garrulous	Excessively talkative	Loquacious, chatty	Quiet, reticent
108	Harangue	A long, aggressive speech	Tirade, lecture	Whisper, silence

109 Impassive	Showing no emotion	Stoic, expressionless	Emotional, expressive
110 Inane	Silly or foolish	Nonsensical, pointless	Sensible, intelligent
111 Juxtapose	To place side by side for contrast	Compare, position	Separate, isolate
112 Languish	To lose strength or vitality	Decline, suffer	Thrive, flourish
113 Malleable	Easily shaped or influenced	Flexible, adaptable	Rigid, inflexible
114 Nonchalant	Calm and relaxed; indifferent	Unconcerned, casual	Anxious, worried
115 Obdurate	Stubbornly unyielding	Adamant, inflexible	Yielding, compliant
116 Panacea	A solution for all problems	Cure-all, remedy	Problem, ailment
117 Quixotic	Extremely idealistic; unrealistic	Romantic, dreamy	Practical, realistic
118 Recalcitrant	Defiantly disobedient	Unruly, resistant	Obedient, cooperative
119 Sagacious	Wise and insightful	Judicious, prudent	Foolish, naive
120 Trepidation	Fear or anxiety	Dread, apprehension	Confidence, calm
121 Umbrage	Offense or resentment	Annoyance, irritation	Pleasure, delight
122 Veracity	Truthfulness	Honesty, accuracy	Falsehood, deceit
123 Wistful	Yearning with sadness	Nostalgic, longing	Cheerful, content
124 Xenophobia	Fear or hatred of foreigners	Prejudice, bigotry	Tolerance, openness
125 Yield	To give way or produce	Surrender,	Resist, withhold

		generate	
126 Zeal	Great enthusiasm	Passion, fervor	Apathy, indifference
127 Acumen	Quickness in judgment	Insight, shrewdness	Dullness, stupidity
128 Blandishment	Flattery to persuade	Cajolery, coaxing	Criticism, rejection
129 Capitulate	To surrender under pressure	Yield, submit	Resist, fight
130 Diatribe	A bitter verbal attack	Tirade, denunciation	Praise, compliment
131 Enervating	Causing weakness	Draining, exhausting	Energizing, invigorating
132 Fastidious	Very attentive to detail	Meticulous, fussy	Careless, sloppy
133 Gratuitous	Unnecessary or uncalled for	Unwarranted, excessive	Necessary, justified
134 Heedless	Inattentive or careless	Reckless, thoughtless	Attentive, cautious
135 Inimical	Harmful or unfriendly	Hostile, adverse	Friendly, helpful
136 Lassitude	Lack of energy; weariness	Fatigue, lethargy	Vigor, energy
137 Maverick	Independent thinker; nonconformist	Rebel, individualist	Conformist, follower
138 Obfuscate	To deliberately confuse	Confuse, muddle	Clarify, explain
139 Paragon	A model of excellence	Ideal, epitome	Failure, disgrace
140 Quandary	A state of uncertainty	Dilemma, confusion	Certainty, clarity
141 Recondite	Difficult to understand; obscure	Esoteric, abstruse	Simple, clear
142 Sycophant	A person who flatters for	Toady, yes-man	Critic, opponent

	gain		
143 Torpid	Mentally or physically inactive	Sluggish, dormant	Active, alert
144 Unctuous	Excessively flattering or oily	Smarmy, insincere	Sincere, genuine
145 Vacuous	Lacking intelligence or thought	Empty, mindless	Intelligent, thoughtful
146 Winsome	Charming in a sweet way	Appealing, delightful	Unattractive, dull
147 Yoke	To join or link together	Unite, connect	Separate, divide
148 Abstruse	Hard to understand	Obscure, complex	Clear, simple
149 Bombastic	High-sounding but meaningless	Pompous, inflated	Humble, plain
150 Convoluted	Extremely complex or intricate	Complicated, tangled	Simple, straightforward
151 Didactic	Intended to teach (often moral)	Instructive, moralizing	Entertaining, neutral
152 Esoteric	Intended for a select group	Obscure, specialized	Common, general
153 Garrulous	Talkative (reinforced for emphasis)	Verbose, loquacious	Silent, taciturn
154 Harbinger	A sign of what is to come	Forerunner, omen	End, conclusion
155 Iconoclast	One who attacks traditions	Rebel, dissenter	Traditionalist, conformist
156 Juxtaposition	The act of placing side by side	Comparison, contrast	Separation, isolation
157 Luminous	Emitting light; bright	Radiant, glowing	Dark, dull
158 Morose	Gloomy or sullen	Depressed, sulky	Cheerful, happy

159 Nihilism	Belief that life lacks meaning	Pessimism, cynicism	Optimism, faith
160 Obstreperous	Noisy and difficult to control	Boisterous, rowdy	Quiet, calm
161 Paucity	Scarcity; smallness of number	Lack, shortage	Abundance, surplus
162 Quagmire	A difficult or inextricable situation	Predicament, trap	Solution, ease
163 Rhetoric	The art of persuasive speaking	Oratory, eloquence	Plain talk, silence
164 Staid	Serious and dull; reserved	Sedate, sober	Lively, flamboyant
165 Tenuous	Very weak or slight	Flimsy, fragile	Strong, solid
166 Unassailable	Impossible to question or attack	Impregnable, secure	Vulnerable, weak
167 Vex	To annoy or irritate	Irritate, bother	Please, soothe
168 Whet	To sharpen or stimulate	Arouse, excite	Dull, suppress
169 Yoke	To bind or harness (repeated for usage)	Join, couple	Free, release
170 Zealot	A fanatical enthusiast	Extremist, devotee	Moderate, skeptic
171 Ameliorate	To make better	Improve, enhance	Worsen, deteriorate
172 Bucolic	Relating to the pleasant countryside	Rustic, pastoral	Urban, metropolitan
173 Cacophony	Harsh, discordant noise	Discord, dissonance	Harmony, melody
174 Dearth	Scarcity; lack	Shortage, insufficiency	Abundance, plenty
175 Euphemism	A mild word substituted for a	Soft term,	Bluntness, directness

	harsh one	substitute	
176 Furtive	Done secretly or stealthily	Sneaky, covert	Open, obvious
177 Glib	Fluent but insincere	Smooth, slick	Sincere, awkward
178 Hackneyed	Overused; lacking originality	Clichéd, trite	Original, fresh
179 Incontrovertible	Impossible to deny	Undeniable, certain	Doubtful, questionable
180 Lethargy	Lack of energy; sluggishness	Inertia, drowsiness	Energy, vigor
181 Maladroit	Clumsy or inept	Awkward, unskilled	Skillful, adept
182 Nebulous	Vague or unclear	Hazy, indistinct	Clear, definite
183 Onerous	Involving a lot of effort; burdensome	Heavy, taxing	Light, easy
184 Pique	To arouse anger or interest	Irritate, provoke	Soothe, calm
185 Quixotic	Unrealistically idealistic (repeated for emphasis)	Dreamy, romantic	Realistic, pragmatic
186 Recourse	Resort to for help or action	Option, alternative	Dead end, no option
187 Soporific	Causing sleep	Drowsy, sedative	Stimulating, alerting
188 Tawdry	Cheap and showy	Gaudy, flashy	Elegant, refined
189 Umbrage	Offense (repeated for reinforcement)	Resentment, annoyance	Delight, pleasure
190 Vicissitude	A change in circumstances	Ups and downs, shift	Stability, constancy
191 Wane	To decrease in size or intensity	Decline, diminish	Grow, wax

192 Xenial	Hospitable; friendly to guests	Welcoming, cordial	Hostile, unwelcoming
193 Yielding	Willing to give way; flexible	Compliant, gentle	Rigid, stubborn
194 Zephyr	A gentle, mild breeze	Light wind, gust	Gale, storm
195 Acrimony	Bitterness in speech or manner	Animosity, rancor	Kindness, goodwill
196 Beleaguer	To harass or besiege	Trouble, surround	Support, aid
197 Conundrum	A difficult riddle (repeated for context)	Puzzle, enigma	Answer, solution
198 Disparate	Fundamentally different	Dissimilar, unlike	Similar, alike
199 Ephemeral	Lasting for a very short time	Transient, fleeting	Permanent, enduring
200 Garrulous	Excessively talkative (final emphasis)	Verbose, wordy	Silent, reserved

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