

## GRE Analytical Writing Vocabulary List

### 1. Argument & Analysis Verbs

Word	Meaning / Use
<b>Assert</b>	To state a position confidently
<b>Contend</b>	To argue or claim something is true
<b>Undermine</b>	To weaken an argument
<b>Bolster</b>	To strengthen or support
<b>Refute</b>	To prove something false
<b>Substantiate</b>	To provide evidence for a claim
<b>Illustrate</b>	To explain using examples
<b>Corroborate</b>	To confirm with supporting evidence
<b>Concede</b>	To acknowledge a counterpoint
<b>Qualify</b>	To limit or refine a claim

## 2. Logical & Analytical Terms

Word	Meaning / Use
<b>Premise</b>	A foundational statement supporting a conclusion
<b>Assumption</b>	Something taken for granted without proof
<b>Implication</b>	A conclusion that follows logically
<b>Fallacy</b>	A flaw in reasoning
<b>Causation</b>	A cause-and-effect relationship
<b>Correlation</b>	A relationship without proven causation
<b>Generalization</b>	A broad statement based on limited evidence
<b>Validity</b>	Soundness of reasoning
<b>Feasibility</b>	Practicality or possibility
<b>Inference</b>	A logical deduction

## 3. High-Utility Transition Words

### To Add Information

- Furthermore
- Moreover
- In addition
- Likewise

### To Contrast

- However
- Nevertheless

- On the other hand
- Conversely

#### **To Show Cause & Effect**

- Consequently
- Therefore
- As a result
- Hence

#### **To Introduce Examples**

- For instance
- For example
- Specifically

#### **To Conclude**

- Ultimately
- In summary
- Thus

#### 4. Academic Tone & Precision Words

Word	Meaning / Use
<b>Notwithstanding</b>	Despite
<b>Pertinent</b>	Relevant
<b>Plausible</b>	Reasonable or believable
<b>Inevitable</b>	Unavoidable
<b>Marginal</b>	Minor or insignificant
<b>Substantial</b>	Large or important
<b>Ambiguous</b>	Unclear or open to interpretation
<b>Nuanced</b>	Showing subtle distinctions
<b>Robust</b>	Strong and effective
<b>Superficial</b>	Lacking depth

#### 5. Useful Phrases for Analytical Writing

- “This argument rests on the assumption that...”
- “A more compelling argument would include...”
- “The author fails to consider...”
- “This conclusion is unwarranted because...”
- “To strengthen the argument, the author should provide...”