

## SAT Prep List 1 Vocabulary

Objective- without bias (as opposed to subjective)

Relevant- important; pertinent

Inevitable- unavoidable; bound to happen

Diverse- varied

Resignation- reluctant acceptance of a bad situation (second definition)

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Discord- disagreement (the opposite of concord)

Diligent- hardworking

Contempt- strong dislike

Deter- to prevent; to stop; to keep from doing something

Provocative- exciting; attracting attention

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Euphony- pleasant sound (the opposite of cacophony)

Dispassionate- without passion; objective; neutral

Solemn- serious; grave

Negligence- careless

Conspicuous- standing out; obvious

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Advocate- to speak in favor of; to support

Dissent- disagreement

Voluntary- willing; unforced

Florid- describing flowery or elaborate speech

Exemplary- outstanding; setting a great example

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Neutral- unbiased; not taking sides; objective

Scanty- inadequate; minimal

Fallacious- false

Acclaim- praise; applause; admiration

Incoherent- jumbled; chaotic; impossible to understand

## SAT Prep List 2 Vocabulary

Repress- to hold down

Articulate- speaking clearly and well

Solicit- to ask for; to seek

Elaborate- detailed; careful; thorough

Arrogant- feeling superior to others; snooty

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Atrophy- to waste away from lack of use

Lax- careless; not diligent; relaxed

Tedious- boring

Inadvertent- lax; careless; without intention

Unprecedented- happening for the first time; novel; never seen before

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Frivolous- not serious; not solemn; with levity

Sage- wise; possessing wisdom derived from experience or learning

Predecessor- someone or something that came before another

Jeopardy- danger

Remorse- sadness; regret

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Peripheral- unimportant

Idiom- a peculiar expression

Deplete- to use up; to reduce; to lessen

Amity- friendship

Voluminous- very large; spacious (this word has nothing to do with sound!)

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Fickle- capricious; whimsical; unpredictable

Amass- to accumulate

Fanatic- one who is extremely devoted to a cause or idea

Enhance- to make better; to augment

Retract- to take back

### SAT Prep List 3 Vocabulary

Rescind- to repeal; to take back formally

Compliant- yielding; submissive

Innumerable- too many to number or count; many

Meander- to wander slowly, like a winding river

Authoritarian- like a dictator

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Brawn- bulk; muscles

Facilitate- to make easier

Ambulatory- able to walk; walking

Drone- to talk on and on in a dull way

Gullible- overly trusting; willing to believe anything

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Marred- damaged; bruised

Nullify- to make unimportant

Rejuvenate- to make young and strong again

Skeptical- doubting (opposite of gullible)

Animated- alive; moving

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Authentic- real

Bias- prejudice; tendency; tilt

Divert- to change the direction of; to alter the course of; to amuse

Enthrall- to thrill

Heed- to listen to

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Hindrance- an obstruction; an annoying interference or delay

Merger- a joining or marriage

Pretentious- pompous; self important

Stanza- a section of a poem; verse

Abstract- theoretical; impersonal

## SAT Prep List 4 Vocabulary

Acquiesce- to comply passively; to accept; to assent; to agree

Acute- sharp; shrewd

Aesthetic- having to do with artistic beauty; artistic

Alleviate- to relieve, usually temporarily or incompletely; to make bearable; to lessen

Ambiguous- unclear in meaning; confusing; capable of being interpreted in different ways

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Ambivalent- undecided; having opposed feelings simultaneously

Ameliorate- to make better or more tolerable

Amiable- friendly; agreeable

Anarchy- absence of government or control; lawlessness; disorder

Anecdote- a short account of a humorous or revealing incident

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Animosity- resentment; hostility; ill will

Apathy- lack of interest; lack of feeling

Apocryphal- of dubious authenticity; fictitious; spurious

Appease- to soothe; to pacify by giving in to

Apprehensive- worried; anxious

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Ascetic- hermitlike; practicing self-denial

Assuage- to soothe; to pacify; to ease the pain of; to relieve

Astute- shrewd; keen in judgment

Augment- to make bigger; to add to; to increase

Auspicious- favorable; promising; pointing to a good result

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Austere- unadorned; stern; forbidding; without excess

Banal- unoriginal; ordinary

Bastion- stronghold; fortress; fortified place

Belittle- to make to seem little; to put someone down

Belligerent- combative; quarrelsome; waging war

## SAT Prep List 5 Vocabulary

Benefactor- one who provides help, especially in the form of a gift or donation

Benevolent- generous; kind; doing good deeds

Benign- gentle; not harmful; kind; mild

Blasphemy- irreverence; an insult to something held sacred; profanity

Blithe- carefree; cheerful

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Brevity- briefness

Candor- truthfulness; sincere honesty

Caustic- like acid; corrosive

Censure- to condemn severely for doing something bad

Coalesce- to come together as one; to fuse; to unite

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Complacent- self-satisfied; overly pleased with oneself; contented to a fault

Conciliatory- making peace; attempting to resolve a dispute through goodwill

Concise- brief and to the point; succinct

Condescend- to stoop to someone else's level, usually in an offensive way; to patronize

Condone- to overlook; to permit to happen

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Congenial- agreeably suitable; pleasant

Contrite- admitting guilt; especially feeling remorseful

Credulous- eager to believe; gullible

Cryptic- mysterious; mystifying; difficult to understand

Dearth- lack; scarcity

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Deference- submission to another's will; respect; courtesy

Depravity- extreme wickedness or corruption

Deride- to ridicule; to laugh at contemptuously

Didactic- intended to teach; morally instructive; pedantic

Diffident- timid; lacking in self-confidence

## SAT Prep List 6 Vocabulary

Digress- to stray from the main subject

Discern- to have insight; to see things clearly; to discriminate; to differentiate

Disdain- arrogant scorn; contempt

Disparage- to belittle; to say uncomplimentary things about, usually in an indirect way

Disparate- different; incompatible; unequal

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Dogmatic- arrogantly assertive of unproven ideas; stubbornly claiming that something is beyond dispute

Dubious- full of doubt; uncertain

Eccentric- not conventional; a little kooky; irregular

Efface- to erase; to rub away the features of

Elusive- hard to pin down; evasive

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Emulate- to strive to equal or excel, usually through imitation

Engender- to bring into existence; to create; to cause

Enigma- a mystery

Ephemeral- lasting a very short time

Esoteric- hard to understand; understood by only a select few; particular

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Exemplify- to illustrate by example; to serve as a good example

Exhaustive- thorough; rigorous; complete; painstaking

Expedient- providing an immediate advantage; serving one's immediate self-interest; practical

Expedite- to speed up or ease the progress of

Extol- to praise highly; to laud

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Extraneous- unnecessary; irrelevant; extra

Fastidious- meticulous; demanding; finicky

Fervor- great warmth or earnestness; ardor; zeal

Flagrant- glaringly bad; notorious; scandalous

Fortuitous- accidental; occurring by chance

## SAT Prep List 7 Vocabulary

Furtive- secretive; sly

Futile- useless; hopeless

Gravity- seriousness

Guile- cunning; duplicity; artfulness

Hackneyed- overused; trite; stale

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Hedonism- the pursuit of pleasure as a way of life

Heresy- any belief that is strongly opposed to established beliefs

Hypothetical- uncertain; unproven

Immutable- unchangeable

Impartial- not favoring one side or the other; unbiased

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Incessant- unceasing

Incongruous- not harmonious; not consistent; not appropriate; not fitting in

Indifferent- not caring one way or another; apathetic; mediocre

Indolent- lazy

Indulgent- lenient; yielding to desire

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Infamous- shamefully wicked; having an extremely bad reputation; disgraceful

Innate- existing since birth; inborn; inherent

Innocuous- harmless; banal

Inspid- dull; bland; banal; uninteresting

Instigate- to provoke; to stir up

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Irascible- easily angered or provoked; irritable

Ironic- meaning the opposite of what you seem to say, using words to mean something other than what they seem to mean

Languish- to become weak, listless, or depressed

Laud- to praise; to applaud; to extol; to celebrate

Lethargy- sluggishness; laziness; drowsiness; indifference

## SAT Prep List 8 Vocabulary

Levity- lightness; frivolity; un-seriousness

Lucid- clear; easy to understand

Mitigate- to moderate the effect of something

Nostalgia- sentimental longing for the past; homesickness

Notorious- famous for something bad

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Novel- new; original

Obscure- unknown; hard to understand; dark

Orthodox- conventional; adhering to established principles/ doctrines, especially in religion; by the book

Parsimonious- stingy

Paucity- scarcity

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Pedestrian- unimaginative; banal

Philanthropy- love of mankind, especially by doing good deeds

Pious- reverent or devout; outwardly (and sometimes falsely) reverent or devout; hypocritical

Pivotal- crucial

Pragmatic- practical; down to earth; based on experience rather than theory

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Preclude- to prevent something from ever happening

Prodigal- wastefully extravagant

Prodigious- extraordinary; enormous

Profound- deep (in several senses)

Profuse- flowing; extravagant

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Propriety- properness; good manners

Prosaic- dull; unimaginative; like prose (as opposed to poetry)

Provincial- limited outlook to one's own small corner of the world; narrow

Prudent- careful; having foresight

Querulous- complaining; grumbling; whining