

80 Word SAT Vocab List

Word	Type	Definition
Aberration	(n)	A departure from what is normal or expected
Abstruse	(adj)	Difficult to understand
Accolade	(n)	An award or honor
Acrimony	(n)	Bitterness or ill feeling
Alacrity	(n)	Brisk and cheerful readiness
Anachronistic	(adj)	Belonging to a different time period
Assiduous	(adj)	Showing great care and perseverance
Bellicose	(adj)	Demonstrating aggression or willingness to fight
Capricious	(adj)	Given to sudden changes in mood or behavior
Circumlocution	(n)	The use of many words where fewer would do
Clandestine	(adj)	Kept secret or done secretly
Commensurate	(adj)	Corresponding in size or degree
Conflagration	(n)	A large destructive fire
Conundrum	(n)	A confusing or difficult problem
Deleterious	(adj)	Causing harm or damage
Disparate	(adj)	Essentially different in kind
Effusive	(adj)	Expressing feelings of gratitude in a heartfelt way
Egregious	(adj)	Outstandingly bad
Enervate	(v)	To weaken or drain energy
Ephemeral	(adj)	Lasting for a very short time
Erudite	(adj)	Having or showing great knowledge
Esoteric	(adj)	Understood by only a small number of people
Evanescent	(adj)	Quickly fading or disappearing
Exacerbate	(v)	To make worse
Expunge	(v)	To erase or remove completely
Facetious	(adj)	Treating serious issues with inappropriate humor
Fastidious	(adj)	Very attentive to detail
Furtive	(adj)	Attempting to avoid notice or attention
Iconoclast	(n)	A person who attacks cherished beliefs
Immutable	(adj)	Unchanging over time
Impervious	(adj)	Not allowing fluid to pass through; unable to be affected
Impetuous	(adj)	Acting quickly without thought or care
Inchoate	(adj)	Just begun and not fully formed
Indolent	(adj)	Wanting to avoid activity; lazy
Ineffable	(adj)	Too great or extreme to be expressed in words
Inscrutable	(adj)	Impossible to understand or interpret
Intrepid	(adj)	Fearless or adventurous
Laconic	(adj)	Using very few words
Loquacious	(adj)	Talkative
Lurid	(adj)	Very vivid in color, creating a harsh effect
Mendacious	(v)	Not truthful

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Mitigate	(adj)	To make less severe
Nonchalant	(v)	Calm, relaxed, and unconcerned
Obfuscate	(adj)	To render obscure or unclear
Ostentatious	(n)	Designed to impress or attract notice
Paucity	(adj)	A scarcity or lack
Pedantic	(n)	Overly concerned with minor details or rules
Sycophant	(v)	A person who acts obsequiously to gain advantage
Vacillate	(n)	To waver between opinions or actions
Zealot	(n)	A person who is fanatical in pursuit of ideals
Avarice	(adj)	Extreme greed for wealth
Brusque	(v)	Abrupt or offhand in speech or manner
Cajole	(adj)	To persuade through flattery
Cogent	(adj)	Clear, logical, and convincing
Contrite	(n)	Feeling or expressing remorse
Debacle	(n)	A sudden and embarrassing failure
Diatribe	(adj)	A forceful verbal attack
Didactic	(adj)	Intended to teach, often excessively
Eclectic	(n)	Deriving ideas from a diverse range of sources
Elucidate	(n)	To make something clear
Epiphany	(adj)	A sudden realization
Florid	(adj)	Excessively ornate or intricate
Garrulous	(adj)	Excessively talkative
Hapless	(adj)	Unfortunate or unlucky
Implacable	(adj)	Unable to be appeased
Inimical	(n)	Harmful or hostile
Inveterate	(adj)	Having a particular habit that is long-established
Juxtaposition	(adj)	Placing two things close together for comparison
Magnanimous	(adj)	Generous or forgiving
Maudlin	(adj)	Overly sentimental
Nefarious	(adj)	Wicked or criminal
Obsequious	(n)	Overly submissive or eager to please
Ostensible	(adj)	Stated or appearing to be true, but not necessarily so
Pejorative	(adj)	Expressing disapproval
Perfunctory	(adj)	Carried out with minimal effort
Polemic	(adj)	A strong verbal or written attack
Prosaic	(adj)	Dull or lacking originality
Recalcitrant	(n)	Resisting authority or control
Spurious	(adj)	Not genuine or authentic
Surreptitious	(adj)	Kept secret due to potential disapproval