

SAT Vocabulary List 2025 with Definitions and Examples

Word	Definition	Example Sentence
Abate	To decrease or reduce	The storm abated by morning.
Adept	Highly skilled	She is adept at solving puzzles.
Benevolent	Kind and generous	The benevolent teacher helped all students.
Candid	Honest and straightforward	He gave a candid response to the question.
Diligent	Hardworking and careful	She is a diligent student who studies daily.
Elusive	Difficult to find or achieve	The answer remained elusive despite her efforts.
Frugal	Economical, avoiding waste	He was frugal with his spending.
Gregarious	Social and outgoing	She is gregarious and enjoys meeting new people.
Hinder	To slow down or obstruct	Traffic hindered their journey.

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Imminent	About to happen	A storm was imminent according to the forecast.
Jubilant	Extremely joyful	The team was jubilant after their victory.
Kinetic	Related to motion	The dancer's kinetic energy was mesmerizing.
Lethargic	Sluggish and lacking energy	He felt lethargic after staying up all night.
Meticulous	Very careful and precise	She is meticulous about organizing her notes.
Novice	A beginner	He is a novice at playing the piano.
Obsolete	No longer in use	Flip phones are now obsolete.
Pragmatic	Practical and realistic	She took a pragmatic approach to solving the issue.
Quaint	Old-fashioned in a charming way	The village had a quaint atmosphere.
Resilient	Able to recover quickly	She was resilient after facing multiple setbacks.
Scrutinize	To examine closely	The teacher scrutinized the essay for errors.

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Tangible	Able to be touched or felt	The excitement in the room was almost tangible.
Ubiquitous	Present everywhere	Smartphones are ubiquitous in modern society.
Venerable	Respected due to age or wisdom	The professor was a venerable scholar.
Whimsical	Playfully odd or unpredictable	The book had a whimsical storyline.
Aberration	A departure from the norm	The sudden storm was an aberration.
Acquiesce	To accept reluctantly	She acquiesced to her friend's request.
Altruistic	Selflessly concerned for others	His altruistic acts helped many people.
Bolster	To support or strengthen	Her argument was bolstered by evidence.
Conundrum	A difficult problem	The puzzle was a real conundrum.
Debilitate	To weaken	The illness debilitated him for weeks.

Ephemeral	Short-lived	The beauty of a sunset is ephemeral.
Fortitude	Courage in adversity	She showed great fortitude in her struggles.
Galvanize	To inspire into action	The speech galvanized the crowd.
Hackneyed	Overused and unoriginal	The phrase was too hackneyed to be meaningful.
Ineffable	Too great to be expressed in words	Her happiness was ineffable.
Juxtapose	To place side by side for contrast	The artist juxtaposed light and dark shades.
Knack	A special skill	He has a knack for storytelling.
Languid	Lacking energy	The summer heat made them languid.
Mundane	Ordinary and unexciting	He found the job mundane and repetitive.
Nefarious	Wicked or criminal	The villain's nefarious plan was foiled.
Obfuscate	To make unclear	The lawyer tried to obfuscate the facts.
Plethora	An excessive amount	There was a plethora of books on the table.

Quixotic	Unrealistically idealistic	His dream of world peace seemed quixotic.
Reclusive	Preferring isolation	The author lived a reclusive life.
Sporadic	Occurring at irregular intervals	The town experienced sporadic power outages.
Trepidation	Fear or anxiety	She felt trepidation before her speech.
Unfathomable	Impossible to understand	The mystery remained unfathomable.
Verbose	Using too many words	His speech was too verbose.
Wary	Cautious	He was wary of making new friends.
Zealous	Passionate and enthusiastic	She was zealous about her work.
Abhor	To hate deeply	She abhors violence of any kind.
Adamant	Refusing to change one's mind	He was adamant about his decision.
Adversity	Difficulties or hardships	She faced adversity with courage.
Aesthetic	Concerned with beauty	The painting had great aesthetic appeal.

Ameliorate	To make better	The new law aims to ameliorate living conditions.
Anecdote	A short personal story	She shared an amusing anecdote from her childhood.
Apprehensive	Anxious or fearful	He felt apprehensive before the big test.
Arbitrary	Based on random choice	His decision seemed completely arbitrary.
Astute	Clever and perceptive	She gave an astute analysis of the situation.
Belligerent	Hostile and aggressive	The belligerent attitude led to a heated argument.
Berate	To scold sharply	The coach berated the players for their mistakes.
Cajole	To persuade with flattery	She cajoled him into buying the expensive gift.
Capricious	Given to sudden changes	The weather in this city is capricious.
Circumspect	Careful and cautious	He was circumspect when making decisions.
Coerce	To force someone	They tried to coerce him into signing the contract.

Complacent	Self-satisfied, unaware of potential dangers	He became complacent after winning the first round.
Contempt	Feeling of disdain	He looked at the messy room with contempt.
Cryptic	Mysterious or obscure	His message was cryptic and hard to understand.
Deference	Respectful submission	She showed deference to her mentor.
Despondent	Feeling hopeless	She was despondent after failing the exam.
Diffident	Shy, lacking confidence	The diffident student rarely spoke in class.
Disdain	Scorn or contempt	He spoke about the proposal with disdain.
Eclectic	Choosing from various sources	Her music taste is eclectic.
Eloquence	Fluent and persuasive speech	His eloquence won the audience over.
Emulate	To imitate or match	He tried to emulate his father's success.
Enigma	A puzzle or mystery	Her sudden disappearance was an enigma.

Eradicate	To destroy completely	The disease was eradicated from the country.
Exacerbate	To worsen	The delay exacerbated the situation.
Fickle	Changing frequently	His opinions are fickle and unpredictable.
Fluctuate	To vary irregularly	Stock prices fluctuate daily.
Fortuitous	Happening by chance	It was a fortuitous coincidence they met.
Gluttonous	Excessively greedy	He had a gluttonous appetite for junk food.
Grandiose	Impressive but unrealistic	His grandiose plans were hard to achieve.
Haughty	Arrogantly superior	Her haughty attitude annoyed everyone.
Hiatus	A gap or break	The show went on a brief hiatus.
Iconoclast	A person who challenges traditions	He was an iconoclast in the art world.
Immutable	Unchanging over time	The laws of physics are immutable.
Impeccable	Flawless	She had impeccable manners.

Indolent	Lazy	He was too indolent to do his chores.
Inspid	Lacking flavor	The soup was inspid and bland.
Inundate	To overwhelm	She was inundated with work.
Juxtaposition	Placing things side by side	The juxtaposition of colors was striking.
Lament	To express sorrow	She lamented the loss of her pet.
Loquacious	Very talkative	The loquacious host kept the conversation lively.
Malevolent	Wishing harm to others	The villain had a malevolent grin.
Malleable	Easily shaped	The clay was malleable and easy to mold.
Melancholy	Sad and gloomy	She had a melancholy expression.
Misconstrue	To misunderstand	He misconstrued her words.
Mitigate	To make less severe	The new law mitigates pollution effects.
Nostalgic	Longing for the past	She felt nostalgic looking at old photos.
Obsequious	Overly submissive	He was obsequious to his boss.

Omnipotent	All-powerful	The king seemed omnipotent in his rule.
Opulent	Luxurious and wealthy	The opulent mansion had gold-plated walls.
Paradox	A contradiction	His calm anger was a paradox.
Pedantic	Overly concerned with rules	His pedantic nature made him difficult.
Perpetuate	To continue indefinitely	The myth was perpetuated for years.
Placate	To calm or pacify	She tried to placate the angry customer.
Precarious	Dangerously unstable	The ladder was in a precarious position.
Prolific	Producing abundantly	The author was prolific in writing novels.
Quell	To suppress	The police tried to quell the protests.
Recalcitrant	Resistant to authority	The recalcitrant student refused to obey.
Reprehensible	Deserving blame	His actions were reprehensible.
Sagacious	Wise and insightful	The old man was sagacious and full of wisdom.

Sanctimonious	Pretending to be moral	His sanctimonious attitude annoyed everyone.
Serendipity	Finding something good by chance	Meeting her was pure serendipity.
Soporific	Sleep-inducing	The lecture was soporific and dull.
Superfluous	Unnecessary	His explanation was superfluous and lengthy.
Surreptitious	Secretive	They had a surreptitious meeting.
Tenacious	Persistent and determined	Her tenacious spirit led to success.
Transient	Temporary	Their stay in the city was transient.
Urbane	Sophisticated and refined	He had an urbane manner.
Vehement	Showing strong emotion	She made a vehement argument.
Vex	To annoy	His constant questions vexed her.
Vindicate	To clear from blame	The new evidence vindicated the accused.
Wane	To decrease in size	The moon's light waned over time.
Zephyr	A gentle breeze	A zephyr blew through the open window.

Abridge	To shorten	The book was abridged for younger readers.
Acrimony	Bitterness or ill feeling	Their dispute was filled with acrimony.
Adulation	Excessive praise	He received adulation for his performance.
Alacrity	Eagerness	She accepted the job with alacrity.
Anomaly	Something unusual	The scientist found an anomaly in the data.
Antithesis	The direct opposite	Her opinion was the antithesis of his.
Apathetic	Lacking interest	He was apathetic about the meeting.
Ascertain	To find out for sure	She tried to ascertain the truth.
Assiduous	Hardworking	She was assiduous in her studies.
Auspicious	Favorable	The weather was auspicious for the event.
Banal	Commonplace	His speech was banal and uninspiring.
Brevity	Shortness	The brevity of the speech was appreciated.
Callous	Insensitive	His callous remarks offended many people.
Clemency	Mercy	The judge showed clemency in the sentence.

Cogent	Convincing	She made a cogent argument.
Colloquial	Informal language	He used colloquial expressions in his speech.
Conflagration	A large fire	The conflagration destroyed the entire building.
Convolutd	Complicated	His explanation was too convoluted.
Corroborate	To confirm	The evidence corroborated his alibi.
Debacle	A disaster	The event turned into a debacle.
Decorum	Proper behavior	She displayed great decorum at the event.
Depravity	Moral corruption	The novel depicted human depravity.
Diatribc	A harsh criticism	His speech was a diatribe against corruption.
Disparate	Different	Their opinions were disparate.
Ebullient	Enthusiastic	She had an ebullient personality.
Efface	To erase	He tried to efface his past mistakes.
Egregious	Shockingly bad	It was an egregious error.
Emphatic	Expressing something clearly	She was emphatic in her denial.

Enervate	To weaken	The heat enervated the athletes.
Equivocate	To be intentionally vague	He equivocated when asked about his decision.
Esoteric	Understood by few	The book contained esoteric references.
Euphemism	A mild expression	'Passed away' is a euphemism for 'died'.
Exonerate	To free from blame	The DNA test exonerated him.
Fastidious	Very attentive to detail	She was fastidious about her work.
Furtive	Secretive	They exchanged furtive glances.
Garrulous	Excessively talkative	He was garrulous and never stopped talking.
Hapless	Unlucky	The hapless traveler lost his passport.
Harangue	A long aggressive speech	She delivered a harangue against injustice.
Impassive	Showing no emotion	He remained impassive during the trial.
Incongruous	Not in harmony	His actions were incongruous with his words.
Indigent	Poor	The indigent man needed help.

Innocuous	Harmless	His joke was innocuous.
Laconic	Using few words	His laconic reply puzzled everyone.
Largesse	Generosity	The charity benefited from his largesse.
Maudlin	Overly sentimental	He became maudlin after a few drinks.
Maverick	An independent thinker	He was a maverick in his field.
Mollify	To soothe	She tried to mollify the angry customer.
Munificent	Generous	The billionaire was munificent in his donations.
Obdurate	Stubborn	He remained obdurate despite the protests.
Onerous	Burdensome	The task was onerous and exhausting.
Paucity	Lack of something	There was a paucity of resources.
Peregrinate	To travel	He loved to peregrinate across the country.
Perfunctory	Done without care	His perfunctory apology was not convincing.
Polemic	A strong verbal attack	His book was a polemic against injustice.
Quagmire	A difficult situation	They were stuck in a quagmire of debt.

Rancor	Bitterness	Their feud was filled with rancor.
Recalcitrant	Resisting authority	The recalcitrant student refused to listen.
Reprobate	A morally unprincipled person	The reprobate had no regard for rules.
Sardonic	Mocking	His sardonic tone offended many.
Scintillating	Brilliant and lively	Her speech was scintillating.
Spurious	False	His excuse was spurious.
Terse	Brief and to the point	His terse reply ended the conversation.
Truculent	Eager to fight	The truculent player was ejected from the game.
Uncouth	Lacking manners	His behavior was uncouth.
Vacillate	To waver in decision	She vacillated between the two choices.
Verbose	Using too many words	His explanation was too verbose.
Vicarious	Experienced through another	She lived vicariously through her friend's adventures.

Vilify	To defame	He vilified his opponent in the debate.
Wanton	Reckless	His wanton disregard for rules got him expelled.
Xenophobia	Fear of foreigners	His xenophobia made him avoid traveling.
Zealot	A fanatic	The political zealot refused to compromise.

