



GUIDE TO

SAT I VOCABULARY

Words	Definition
redolent	fragrant; suggestive, reminiscent
succulent	juicy; rich in desirable qualities
cerebral	requiring use of intellect rather than that of intuition or instinct
intemperate	immoderate in indulgent of appetite or passion
histrionic	overly dramatic; pertaining to actors
solicitous	anxious of concerned; eager
adulate	to show excessive admiration; flatter
autocrats	a ruler having unlimited power
connoisseur	discerning judge of the best in any field
integrity	perfect condition; honesty
idiosyncratic	characteristic that is peculiar to an individual
temporize	to be indecisive to delay action
defer	to postpone, delay
profundity	state of being profound; depth
depreciate	to lessen in value; belittle
quell	to suppress; to extinguish; subdue
ineffable	inexpressible
consummate	fulfill; to complete with a pledge
shroud	to cover
dubious	doubtful; uncertain of outcome
alacrity celerity	speed and willingness
kinetic	active
inert stagnant static	inactive
indolent lethargic phlegmatic slothful sluggish torpid	lazy
serpentine sinuous tortuous	twisting; winding

Words	Definition
extrapolate	to infer
byzantine	complex or intricate
onerous	oppressive
slipshod	careless; slovenly

gauche inept maladroit ungainly	clumsy; without skill
adept adroit deft dextrous nimble	skillful; coordinated
limber lithe plastic supple tensile	flexible; easily bent
assiduous painstaking sedulous	diligent; hardworking
fastidious methodical meticulous punctilious	fussy
cursory perfunctory	superficial; done without care
embryonic germinal incipient nascent	just beginning to grow
callow puerile	immature
full-blown ripe	mature
burgeon engender proliferate promulgate propagate	to flourish; to generate
atrophy	to wither
extant	still in existence
Gratuitous	Unwarranted, unexpected

Word	Definition
allay alleviate assuage mitigate palliative	to reduce in intensity
balm emollient	anything that soothes
appease conciliate mollify pacify palliate placate	to soothe; to make peace with
gall nettle perturb pique vex	to anger or arouse
abate ebb pall wane	to grow smaller; to fade
enervate vitiate	to grow weaker; to lose strength
enervation languor lassitude listlessness sloth sluggishness torpor	lack of energy
juxtapose	to place side by side
conciliatory	win over, placate
recriminate	to countercharge
delineate	to outline, to portray in words
derelict	desert; delinquent, negligent
glacial	unsympathetic; slow moving
hubris	pride, arrogance
autonomy	independence
circumscribe	encircle, define, confine
bucolic arboreal	Nature words: Relating to fields Relating to trees

Word	Definition
baleful baneful deleterious detrimental lethal noxious pernicious pestilential toxic virulent	harmful or deadly
anathema bane blight	curse; harmful influence
boon windfall	Blessing
benign curative salubrious salutary therapeutic	healthful; wholesome
arable fecund luxuriant tillable verdant	fertile; farmable
arid barren desiccated parched	dry; infertile
dormant fallow latent	idle; not active
hamper hinder impeded thwart waylay	to obstruct; prevent movement forward
abet further induce	to aid or encourage
blaspheme desecrate profane	to make unholy; to commit sacrilege
inconspicuous	noticeable, prominent
Quixotic	Ideal

Word	Definition
insurrection	Rebellion
consecrate hallow sanctify	to make holy; bless
abjure disavow eschew forswear rebuff recant repudiate spurn	to reject
cleave to espouse	to embrace
abrogate nullify rescind	to cancel; to void annul
obviate preclude proscribe	to prohibit
sanction vouchsafe warrant	to permit; grant
challenge contend dispute rebut refute remonstrate	to argue against; object
corroborate document	to support
axiomatic incontrovertible indisputable indubitable irrefutable unassailable	unquestionably true
certitude contention conviction resolution	firm belief
conjecture	supposition; hypothesis; speculation
credo ethos tenet	Belief

Word	Definition
adherent advocate apologist champion proponent	supporter; ally
adversary detractor foe	opponent; critic
accede acquiesce assent capitulate comply	to agree to; yield or submit
acquiescent docile ductile malleable tractable	obedient; compliant
balky diehard hidebound implacable intractable obdurate obstinate recalcitrant restive tenacious willful	stubborn; unyielding
cantankerous captious carping choleric contentious disputatious fractious	ill-tempered; moody complaining argumentative
blithe buoyant elated jaunty jocose jocund sanguine	cheery; merry
corollary	conclusion; a consequence
recluse	characterized by seclusion

Word	Definition
despondent doleful elegiac glum lamenting lugubrious morose plaintive saturnine	sad; mournful; melancholy
contrite penitent remorseful rueful	feeling sorry for wrongdoing
acclaim exalt extol laud lionize revere venerate	to praise highly
deferential reverential	respectful
accolade adulation approbation encomium kudos plaudits	tribute or honor
ignominy infamy opprobrium	shame; disgrace
debunk denigrate deprecate deride	to insult
contempt disdain scorn	extreme dislike
abase debase defile	to corrupt
adulterate	to make impure
animosity antipathy enmity	extreme dislike

Word	Definition
abhorrent contemptible despicable loathsome odious reprehensible repugnant	hateful
disaffected	alienated; without affection or loyalty

affable amiable amicable congenial convivial engaging gregarious winsome	friendly; likable
diabolical insidious nefarious	evil
celestial ethereal sublime	heavenly
reprobate rogue scoundrel	A bad guy
castigate chasten chastise censure excoriate reprimand reproach reprimand upbraid	to scold
comeuppance	punishment
transgression	sin
decorum propriety	good behavior
commendable exemplary irreproachable laudable meritorious	perfect; worthy or praise

Word	Definition
incomparable matchless peerless	without equal
diatribe tirade	angry screaming
harangue rail at	to scream at
invective rancor	nastiness

abrasive acerbic acrimonious caustic vitriolic	nasty; bitter
Saccharine treacly	excessively sweet
calumnify defame impugn malign vilify libel	to slander
impertinent insolent uncivil	rude
audacious brash brazen impudent	shamelessly bold
foolhardy headlong headstrong heedless impetuous rash wanton	unrestrained
circumspect decorous discreet judicious leery prudent wary	cautious; restrained

Word	Definition
chary frugal husbanding thrifty	careful with expenditures
closefisted miserly parsimonious tightfisted	stingy
prodigal profligate spendthrift squandering	wasteful with money

destitute impecunious impoverished indigent insolvent penurious	poor
destitution indigence penury squalor	poverty
copiousness effusion luxuriance opulence plethora profusion surfeit	abundance or excess
legion myriad	many
diverse eclectic multifarious	mixed; varied
lucrative	profitable
dearth paucity scarcity	scarce; thin
avaricious covetous cupiditous mercenary	greedy

Word	Definition
altruistic beneficent magnanimous munificent philanthropic	generous; unselfish
largess	generosity
hedonistic sybaritic	extreme pleasure-seeking
debauched decadent dissipated	immoral indulgence in sensual pleasures
depraved scurrilous wayward	sinful

lecherous licentious obscene prurient ribald voluptuous	lustful; dirty-minded
embellished florid ornate	highly decorated
abstemious abstinent ascetic austere spartan	rejecting sexual pleasure
chaste immaculate pristine	virginal; pure
artifice cant chicanery double-dealing duplicity fraud guile quackery	deceit; trickery
charlatan huckster shyster quack	imposter

Word	Definition
bilk defraud dupe	cheat
aboveboard candid forthright frank highminded lofty	honest; outspoken
clandestine covert furtive stealthy surreptitious underhanded	sneaky; undercover

circumloquacious discursive garrulous loquacious prolix verbose voluble	wordy; rambling
desultory	unfocused; aimless
concise laconic pithy succinct terse	brief: using few words
tacit taciturn	silent; unspoken
diffident mincing reserved reticent timid	shy about speaking out
tremulous	quivering, timid
audacity gall temerity	excessive boldness
aloof	distant; cold
cordial hospitable	warm; friendly

Word	Definition
adage aphorism epigram maxim	short wise saying
fatuous inane obtuse sophomoric vacuous vapid	stupid; silly
acute astute discerning keen percipient perspicacious sagacious sage savant	insightful; wise
credulous	gullible
incredulous	skeptical
befuddle bemuse confound stymie	to confuse; to prevent clear thought
stun stupefy	to make mentally dull; to render dumb
soporific stultifying stuporous	boring to the point or putting one to sleep
scintillating	sparkling; full of light
incandescent resplendent	gleaming
becloud obfuscate	to make unclear
edify enlighten illuminate	to clarify
misapprehend misconstrue	to misinterpret
conundrum enigma quagmire quandary	puzzling situation; dilemma

Word	Definition
abstruse arcane enigmatic esoteric inscrutable obscure recondite	puzzling; difficult to understand
limpid lucid translucent	clear; transparent
opacity opaque turbid	cloudy; unclear
banal innocuous insipid mundane pedestrian prosaic routine vapid workaday	boring; unimaginative

cliché hackneyed trite	unoriginal; stale
cliché platitude	overused expression
neologism	new expression
quip rejoinder retort	a clever response
panache verve	style; imagination
bootlicker sycophant toady	one who flatters for favors
fawning fulsome obsequious servile sycophantic	flattering for favors

Word	Definition
blandish cajole curry fawn ingratiate	to flatter for favors
apprehensive cowed daunted timorous unnerved	frightened
apprehension dread trepidation	fear
dauntless emboldened intrepid mettlesome stalwart undaunted unfazed valiant valorous	courageous
impenetrable impermeable impregnable invincible unassailable	not vulnerable to attack or conquest
predominant prevailing prevalent rife	widespread; common
unqualified	unconditional; without limits
caricature farce lampoon parody satire travesty	forms of art or literature that ridicule or make fun of
antediluvian antiquated archaic obsolete primeval primordial	old; out of date

Word	Definition
newfangled	new
lineage posterity	future generations
forebear forefather founder progenitor	Ancestor
acolyte fledgling neophyte novice novitiate tyro	beginner; amateur
veteran virtuoso	expert
extemporaneous impromptu improvised offhand spontaneous undeliberated	unrehearsed; not planned in advance
abbreviate abridge curtail stem truncate	to cut short

augment to dilate to distend to protract	to expand; to extend
annex append	to attach to; to add on
iota modicum peck smidge snippet tinge	tiny amounts
peccadillo	small crime
lilliputian puny	tiny

Word	Definition
colossal epochal gargantuan monumental prodigious	huge
grave ponderous somber	very serious
levity	laughter; gaiety
galvanize trigger	to start or spur action
to check	to stop
incessant inexorable interminable unremitting	without stopping
indefatigable	untiring
erratic fitful spasmodic sporadic	intermittent; stopping and starting
capricious fickle fluctuating mercurial vacillating whimsical	inconstant; unsteady; changing
steadfast	constant
undulating	moving in waves
corrugated puckered	with ridges
ephemeral evanescent fly-by-night fugitive transient	short-lived; fleeting; impermanent
abeyance adjournment hiatus lull moratorium quiescence remission respite stopover	periods of brief inactivity intermission; temporary break

Word	Definition
apocryphal erroneous fallacious specious spurious	false, inauthentic
chimerical illusory	unreal
prevaricate	to lie
equivocate	to mislead; thorough
convoke marshal muster rally	to gather forces
disburse disperse disseminate	to distribute
aggregate amass	to gather; collect
depleted	Empty
replete	full
annihilate efface eradicate expunge exterminate extirpate liquidate obliterate	to wipe out; destroy
entrench	to put firmly in place
disinter exhume	to dig up; to unbury
bolster buttress	to support
scuttle subvert undermine	to destroy; to sink
fell raze topple	to knock down
supercede supplant	to replace
assail beleaguer	to attack

Word	Definition
asylum harbor haven sanctuary	safe place
absolve exculpate exonerate expiate vindicate	to free from blame
chaff dregs dross lees offal slag	unwanted matter; garbage
subjection subjugation subordination	existing under another's power
ascendancy	rising to power
invest ordain	to inaugurate; to put into power
incumbent	holding the responsibility of political office
faction sect	division of power
insular parochial provincial	narrow-minded
partisan polemical sectarian	biased
disinterested nonpartisan	unbiased

didactic pedantic sententious	instructional; teaching moral lessons
arrogant cavalier haughty high-handed imperious supercilious vainglorious	egotistic
bombastic grandiloquent	verbally pompous

Word	Definition
doctrinaire dogmatic	opinionated
ostentatious	showy; flashy
meretricious tawdry	tacky; sleazy
burly corpulent obese portly rotund	fat
bowdlerize expurgate	to censor
strut swagger	to walk arrogantly
gambol scamper	to skip playfully
skulk	to sneak about
saunter stroll	to walk leisurely
dissenter firebrand inciter instigate rabblrouser seditionist	one who foments or stirs up trouble
heretical iconoclastic maverick unorthodox	rejecting orthodox or traditional belief
ardent fervent impassioned vehement zealous	passionate
aloof impassive stoic stolid	showing no emotion
tempestuous volatile	emotionally explosive
apathetic lukewarm tepid	indifferent

Word	Definition
affinity penchant predilection proclivity propensity	inclination; liking for
prone	likely to
aversion disinclination	dislike
averse loath reluctant	disinclined
dilatory	tardy
fortuitous haphazard random	happening by chance
cloister insulate quarantine sequester	to isolate
expedient expeditious	quick and practical
exigent imperious precipitate	urgent
clique coterie phalanx troupe	a group of: actors, soldiers, friends
fetter manacle shackle	to enchain
embroil enmire ensnare ensnarl	entrap; get stuck in
extricate	liberate; emancipate
franchise suffrage	the right to vote
aberration anomaly	abnormality
augur forebode foreshadow portent presage	to be an omen of; to predict

Word	Definition
precognition prescience	foreknowledge
harbinger herald precursor	forerunner
heretofore erstwhile	formerly
accord concord concurrence consonance euphony	harmony; agreement
cacophony discord disparity dissonance litigiousness	disharmony; disagreement
cacophonous obstreperous strident raucous strident	loud, noisy; with great din
clamor din	loud noise
dulcet euphonious mellifluous	pleasant sounding
dappled mottled	with spots
commensurate tantamount	equal to

amalgamate coalesce cohere conjoin consolidate converge couple fuse knit synthesize yoke	to unite; to bring together
reconciliation	reunion

Word	Definition
confluence conjuncture	coming together
breach broach fracture rend sunder	to tear open or apart
fundamental ingrained inherent innate instrumental integral intrinsic seminal	essential or central to
emphatic germane pertinent pivotal relevant	related to; significant
kernel	core; essential idea
appreciable consequential demonstrable instrumental measurable momentous	important
inconsequential inessential negligible nugatory paltry trifling trivial	insignificant
accessory adjunct ancillary peripheral subsidiary tangential	secondary; not essential
extraneous irrelevant superfluous	not pertinent or directly related to unnecessary

Word	Definition
advent commencement conception inception outstart	beginning
denouement resolution upshot	conclusion
ghastly lurid sensational	horrifying
endemic indigenous	native to
alien exotic	foreign
defoliate defrock dethrone divest	to remove from
entreat exhort implore importune	to urge; beg
hodgepodge medley pastiche patchwork potpourri smorgasbord	mixed bunch
expound	to speak at length
jangling	inharmonious, noisy
belfry	belltower
peal	ringing of a bell
bay	to howl
bulwark	bastion, stronghold
derivative	not original

incisive trenchant	keen, acute, clever
plucky	courageous
awry	crooked, not aligned
blanch	to whiten, to fade
assimilate	to absorb, make part of one's thinking
quicken	to bring to life, to enliven
germinate	to sprout

Word	Definition
impeach	to challenge, to undermine
compendious précis synopsis	summary of written work
canny wily	shrewd, sly, crafty
pittance	small amount
butt dupe	victim of hoax or practical joke
unrequited	unreciprocated, unreturned
apex apogee apotheosis climax epitome zenith acme	summit, highest point
nadir perigee	lowest point
sinecure	a job for which one is paid well with little work required
prostrate	lying in a humbled position; weak or exhausted
entail	pretty
comely	pretty
tether	to tie up
imbue impart inculcate instill infuse	to fill with knowledge, etc.
fraught	full of
surfeit	to fill to excess
unctuous	insincere
myopic	lacking in perception; narrow-minded
precocious	intellectually advanced
dour	sour-faced; sullen
anathema bane imprecation	a curse
bonanza boon windfall	a sudden blessing
countenance	to tolerate
forbear weather withstand	to endure with patience

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attenuate	to thin out
underscore	to emphasize
depredation pillage plunder loot	to steal aggressively and in large amounts
oblique	indirect
flout	to violate (rules)
euphemism	a pleasant expression for an unpleasant situation

decry deprecate disparage	to criticize
benighted	ignorant
serendipity	a whim
whimsy	quaint humor
sardonic wry	Sarcastic, biting
droll	oddly humorous
foible idiosyncrasy	human quirk or weakness
jargon	language particular to an occupation
knave	trickster, huckster
absorbed engrossed rapt	fascinated
combustible incendiary inflammable	able to burst into flame
conflagration	huge fire
boor churl lout oaf	ill-mannered slob
blockhead dolt dunce	stupid person
recast	Reshape
determinate unequivocal	indisputable
dissent dissidence	disagreement
contravene	dispute
encumber	to burden

Word	Definition
expansive magnanimous	big-hearted, outgoing
replicate	duplicate, simulate
oracular	prophetic, seeing the future
omniscient	all-seeing
premonition	hunch
diaphonous	transparent
reclamation	rehabilitation
avaricious covetous	greedy
meddling officious	nosey
pallid wan	pale, sickly
pliant supple	flexible
laggard	sloth, slug
decorous genteel propriety	showing refined behavior
exhortation	plea, sermon
affinity leaning	inclination, liking for
dissimulation mendacity prevarication	untruth
veracity	truth
concoct fabricate	invent, to make up (as in a story or lie)
viscous	thick and sticky, gooey

callous clot coagulate congeal	thicken, harden
pare whittle	to shape with a knife, to make smaller
protocol tact	diplomacy
facile glib	superficial
absolution catharsis purgation	cleansing of sin or impurity

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rebuff	spurn or reject
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