



## Honors English SAT Vocabulary

The lists below are the SAT vocabulary words we will study **FIRST** semester. **ONE** hard copy of this list will be provided for you. If you misplace this list, it is your responsibility to go to Schoolwires and print a new one. Please remember to use the **Sadlier Vocabulary** website for help with studying vocabulary words. Sadlier vocabulary offers study and review games to help you learn spelling, parts of speech, usage, and definitions. Instructions for using the Sadlier Vocabulary website are provided below.

Students will be tested over the vocabulary words every two weeks on Wednesday. Students will also take a cumulative test over all six sets words. Learn the words *well* as you will be tested over previous units on each current unit quiz.

### SADLIER VOCABULARY WEBSITE

1. Go to the Sadlier Vocabulary website:  
**[http://www.sadlier-oxford.com/vocabulary/levels\\_a2h.cfm?sp=student](http://www.sadlier-oxford.com/vocabulary/levels_a2h.cfm?sp=student)**
2. Click on the correct level: **9<sup>th</sup> Grade is level D**
3. For definitions, pronunciation, and model sentences choose **iWords**.
4. Click on the word itself.
5. You can download these words onto your iPod and simply listen to the definitions and practice sentences repetitively if you wish.
6. You may listen to each word individually, or download the entire unit at once.
7. Practice sentences are provided after the definitions.
8. The definitions provided on the website are the ones that will be used on the quizzes and tests.
9. Review games are also available and include all 20 words in the unit.

## VOCABULARY FLASHCARDS

Vocabulary card information may be typed or handwritten. Illustrations may be hand drawn or clipart.

### FRONT OF CARD

1. Write the **vocabulary word** on the front of the index card.
2. Write the vocabulary word using **TWO** colors of **INK** (**NO** pencil).
3. Alternate colors for each letter of the word (for example-1<sup>st</sup> letter **blue**/2<sup>nd</sup> letter **red**/3<sup>rd</sup> letter **blue**/4<sup>th</sup> letter **red**, etc.)  
*This helps you learn to spell the words correctly.*
4. DO NOT JUST **HIGHLIGHT** ALTERNATE LETTERS (**no credit**).
5. **DO NOT use black and blue ink together** (*If you need to borrow colored ink pens, I will gladly loan mine.*)
6. Draw a **visual image (or add clipart)** underneath the vocabulary word to help you recall the word based on the definition.
7. Write the **PART OF SPEECH** below the vocabulary word.

### BACK OF CARD

1. Write the definition on the **BACK** of the card.
2. Write a **SYNONYM** for each word under the definition.
3. Write an **ANTONYM** for each word under the synonym.
4. Write a **sample sentence** under the antonym (underline the vocabulary word)

Completed flashcards for all 120 words are due: \_\_\_\_\_

admonish

(verb)



*to caution or advise against something; to scold mildly; to remind of a duty*

**synonym:** *warn, call on the carpet*

**antonym:** *praise, pat on the back*

*His mother admonished him for failing to clean his room.*

**LIST #1**

TERM	PART OF SPEECH	DEFINITION
admonish	verb	to caution or advise against something; to scold mildly; to remind of a duty
breach	noun/verb	(n.) an opening, gap, rupture, rift; a violation or infraction (v.) to create an opening, break through
brigand	noun	a bandit, robber, outlaw, highwayman
circumspect	adjective	Careful; cautious
commandeer	verb	to seize for military or official use
cumbersome	adjective	clumsy; hard to handle; slow-moving
deadlock	noun/verb	(n.) a standstill resulting from the opposition of two equal forces or factions (v.) to bring to such a standstill
debris	noun	scattered fragments; wreckage
diffuse	verb/adjective	(v.) to spread or scatter freely or widely (adj.) wordy, longwinded, or unfocused; scattered or widely spread
dilemma	noun	a difficult or perplexing situation or problem
efface	verb	to wipe out; to keep oneself from being noticed
muddle	verb	to make a mess of; <i>muddle through</i> ; to get by
opinionated	adjective	stubborn and often unreasonable in holding to one's own ideas; having a closed mind
perennial	adjective/noun	(adj.) lasting for a long time; persistent (n.) a plant that lives for many years
predispose	verb	to incline to beforehand
relinquish	verb	to let go; give up
salvage	verb/noun	(v.) to save from fire or shipwreck (n.) property thus saved
spasmodic	adjective	sudden and violent but brief; fitful; intermittent
spurious	adjective	not genuine; not true; not valid
unbridled	adjective	uncontrolled; lacking in restraint

LIST #2		
TERM	PART OF SPEECH	DEFINITION
adjourn	verb	to stop proceedings temporarily; move to another place
alien	noun/adjective	(n.) a citizen of another country (adj.) foreign, strange
comely	adjective	having a pleasing appearance
compensate	verb	to make up for; to repay for services
dissolute	adjective	loose in one's morals or behavior
erratic	adjective	not regular or consistent; different from what is ordinarily expected; undependable
expulsion	noun	the process of driving or forcing out
feint	noun/verb	(n.) a deliberately deceptive movement; a pretense (v.) to make a deceptive movement; to make a pretense of
fodder	noun	food for horses or cattle; raw material for a designated purpose
fortify	verb	to strengthen; build up
illegible	adjective	difficult or impossible to read
jeer	verb/noun	(v.) to make fun of rudely or unkindly (n.) a rude remark or derision
lucrative	adjective	bringing in money; profitable
mediocre	adjective	average; ordinary; undistinguished
proliferate	verb	to reproduce; increase; to spread quickly
subjugate	verb	to conquer by force; bring under complete control
sully	verb	to soil; stain; tarnish; defile; besmirch
tantalize	verb	to tease, torment by teasing
terse	adjective	brief and to the point
unflinching	adjective	firm; showing no signs of fear; not drawing back

<b>LIST #3</b>		
<b>TERM</b>	<b>PART OF SPEECH</b>	<b>DEFINITION</b>
abridge	verb	to make shorter
adherent	noun/adjective	(n.) a follower, supporter (adj.) attached, sticking to
altercation	noun	an angry argument
cherubic	adjective	resembling an angel; portrayed as a little child with a beautiful, round, or chubby face; sweet and innocent
condone	verb	to pardon or overlook
dissent	verb/noun	(v.) to disagree (n.) disagreement
eminent	adjective	famous, outstanding, distinguished; projecting
exorcise	verb	to drive out by magic; to dispose of something troublesome, menacing, or oppressive
fabricate	verb	to make, manufacture; to make up; invent
irate	adjective	angry
marauder	noun	a raider; plunderer
obesity	noun	extreme fatness
pauper	noun	an extremely poor person
pilfer	verb	to steal in small quantities
rift	noun	a split, break, breach
semblance	noun	a likeness; an outward appearance; an apparition
surmount	verb	to overcome, rise above
terminate	verb	to bring to an end
trite	adjective	commonplace; overused; stale
usurp	verb	to seize and hold a position by force or without the right

LIST #4		
TERM	PART OF SPEECH	DEFINITION
abscond	verb	to run off and hide
access	noun/verb	(n.) approach or admittance to places, persons, things; an increase; (v.) to get at; obtain
anarchy	noun	lack of government and law, confusion
arduous	adjective	hard to do; requiring much effort
auspicious	adjective	favorable; fortunate
biased	adjective	favoring one side unduly; prejudiced
daunt	verb	to overcome with fear; intimidate, to dishearten, discourage
disentangle	verb	to free from tangles or complications
fated	adjective	determined in advance by destiny or fortune
hoodwink	verb	to mislead by a trick; deceive
inanimate	adjective	not having life; without energy or spirit
incinerate	verb	to burn to ashes
intrepid	adjective	very brave; fearless; unshakable
larceny	noun	theft
pliant	adjective	bending readily; easily influenced
pompous	adjective	overly self-important in speech or manner; excessively stately or ceremonious
precipice	noun	a very steep cliff; the brink or edge of disaster
rectify	verb	to make right; correct
reprieve	noun/verb	(n.) temporary relief or delay (v.) to grant a postponement
revile	verb	to attack with words; call bad names

LIST #5		
TERM	PART OF SPEECH	DEFINITION
accomplice	noun	a person who takes part in a crime
annihilate	verb	to destroy completely
arbitrary	adjective	unreasonable; based on one's wishes or whims without regard for reason or fairness
brazen	adjective	made of brass; shameless, impudent
catalyst	noun	a substance that causes or hastens a chemical reaction; any agent that causes change
exodus	noun	a large-scale departure or flight
facilitate	verb	to make easier; to assist
incorrigible	adjective	not able to be corrected; beyond control
latent	adjective	hidden; present but not realized
militant	adjective/noun	(adj.) - given to fighting; active and aggressive in support of a cause (n.)- an activist
morose	adjective	having a gloomy or sullen manner; not friendly or sociable
opaque	adjective	not letting light through; not clear or lucid; dense; stupid
paramount	adjective	chief in importance; above all others
prattle	verb/noun	(v.) to talk in an aimless, foolish or simple way (n.) baby talk
rebut	verb	to offer arguments or evidence that contradict an assertion; to refute
reprimand	verb/noun	(v.) to scold; find fault with (n.) a rebuke; a scolding
servitude	noun	slavery; forced labor
slapdash	adjective	careless and hasty
stagnant	adjective	not running or flowing; foul from standing still; inactive; sluggish; dull
succumb	verb	to give way to superior force; yield

LIST #6		
TERM	PART OF SPEECH	DEFINITION
atone	verb	to make up for
bondage	noun	slavery; any state of being bound or held down
credible	adjective	believable
defray	verb	to pay for
diligent	adjective	hardworking, industrious, not lazy
doleful	adjective	sad; dreary
ghastly	adjective	frightful, horrible; deathly pale
hamper	verb	to hold back
hew	verb	to shape or cut down with an ax; to hold to
impoverished	adjective	poor, in a state of poverty; depleted
incessant	adjective	never stopping; going on all the time
intricate	adjective	complicated; difficult to understand
lucid	adjective	easy to understand; clear; rational; sane
posthumous	adjective	occurring or published after one's death
prim	adjective	overly neat, precise, proper or formal; prudish
sardonic	adjective	grimly or scornfully mocking; bitterly sarcastic
superfluous	adjective	exceeding what is sufficient or required; excess
supplant	verb	to take the place of; supersede
taunt	verb/noun	(v.) to jeer at; mock (n.) an insulting or mocking remark
tenacious	adjective	holding fast; holding together firmly; persistent