



Honors English SAT Vocabulary

The lists below are the SAT vocabulary words we will study this year. **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
2. Click on the correct level: **9th 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.
10. **FOR REVIEW:** Go to **vocabtest.com**. This site provides practice and review games that are VERY helpful for passing the tests.

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-1st letter **blue**/2nd letter **red**/3rd letter **blue**/4th 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.

Completed flashcards for all 120 words are due: _____



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*

UNIT #1		
TERM	PART OF SPEECH	DEFINITION
admonish	<i>verb</i>	to caution or advise against something; to scold mildly; to remind of a duty
breach	<i>noun/verb</i>	(n.) an opening, gap, rupture, rift; a violation or infraction (v.) to create an opening, break through
brigand	<i>noun</i>	a bandit, robber, outlaw, highwayman
circumspect	<i>adjective</i>	Careful; cautious
commandeer	<i>verb</i>	to seize for military or official use
cumbersome	<i>adjective</i>	clumsy; hard to handle; slow-moving
deadlock	<i>noun/verb</i>	(n.) a standstill resulting from the opposition of two equal forces or factions (v.) to bring to such a standstill
debris	<i>noun</i>	scattered fragments; wreckage
diffuse	<i>verb/adjective</i>	(v.) to spread or scatter freely or widely (adj.) wordy, longwinded, or unfocused; scattered or widely spread
dilemma	<i>noun</i>	a difficult or perplexing situation or problem
efface	<i>verb</i>	to wipe out; to keep oneself from being noticed
muddle	<i>verb</i>	to make a mess of; <i>muddle through</i> ; to get by
opinionated	<i>adjective</i>	stubborn and often unreasonable in holding to one's own ideas; having a closed mind
perennial	<i>adjective/noun</i>	(adj.) lasting for a long time; persistent (n.) a plant that lives for many years
predispose	<i>verb</i>	to incline to beforehand
relinquish	<i>verb</i>	to let go; give up
salvage	<i>verb/noun</i>	(v.) to save from fire or shipwreck (n.) property thus saved
spasmodic	<i>adjective</i>	sudden and violent but brief; fitful; intermittent
spurious	<i>adjective</i>	not genuine; not true; not valid
unbridled	<i>adjective</i>	uncontrolled; lacking in restraint

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

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

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

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

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