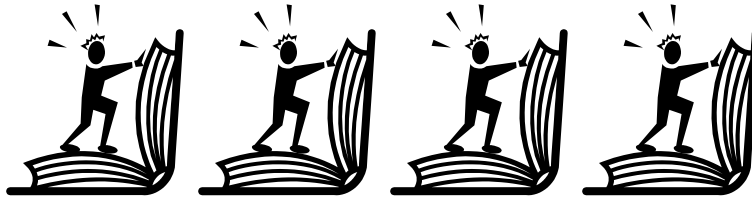


Vocabulary¹ 11th Grade



Directions: Each week you will have a quiz on nine words. You will also be assigned corresponding activities in order to help you learn the words.

List #1

1. **abstract:** thought of apart from concrete realities, specific objects or actual instances
2. **aesthetic:** pertaining to a sense of beauty in nature and art
3. **benevolent:** expressing goodwill or kind feelings to others
4. **capricious:** subject to changing one's mind without much thought; erratic; whimsical
5. **complacent:** self-satisfied; unconcerned; content to a fault
6. **conciliatory:** regaining goodwill or favor; tending to placate
7. **devious:** departing from the most direct way; circuitous; roundabout
8. **diligent:** constant and earnest in effort and application; persistent in doing something
9. **discernible:** ability to perceive something obscure or concealed; discriminating

List #2

1. **dogmatic:** asserting opinions in a dictatorial manner
2. **eccentric:** unconventional; deviating from accepted practice
3. **fallacious:** deceptive; logically unsound; misleading
4. **indifferent:** without interest or concern; not caring; neutral
5. **inquisitive:** questioning; eager to learn; given to examination
6. **meticulous:** taking or showing extreme care about minute details; painstaking; thorough
7. **pertinent:** relating directly and significantly to the matter at hand
8. **plausible:** having the appearance of truth, reliability or reason
9. **reticent:** disposed to be quiet or not speak freely; reserved

List #3

¹ “Most Important SAT Words” *Vocabulary University* <http://www.vocabulary.com/top144satwords.html>

1. candid: frank or outspoken; free from reservation or disguise
2. inevitable: unable to be avoided, evaded or escaped; certain
3. lethargy: state of being dull, listless, drowsy or unenergetic
4. morose: sullenly ill-humored (person); expressing gloom; glum
5. novice: a beginner; person who is new to a work place or situation
6. obscure: hard to perceive; nebulous; meaning not clear or plain
7. ostentatious: characterized by a pretentious show in order to impress
8. precocious: unusually advanced or mature development or talent
9. prevaricate: to speak falsely or misleadingly so as to avoid the truth; to lie

List #4

1. querulous: carping; characterized by or full of complaints
2. quiescent: being at rest; quiet or still; inactive or motionless
3. repose: state of being at rest; dignified calmness; sleep
4. repudiate: to reject with disapproval, condemnation or denial
5. soporific: anything causing or tending to cause sleep; drowsy
6. spontaneous: a natural impulse or tendency; without premeditation
7. squander: to spend or use extravagantly, lavishly or wastefully
8. theoretical: hypothetical; existing only in principle; not practical
9. virulent: actively poisonous; intensely noxious; deadly

List #5

1. apathy: absence or suppression of passion, emotion or excitement; indifference
2. disdain: looking upon or treating with contempt; thinking unworthy of notice
3. diverse: composed of different elements or qualities; unlike
4. enigma: a puzzling or inexplicable occurrence; a baffling problem, situation or person
5. futile: completely ineffective; serving no useful purpose
6. gratuitous: given without recompense or benefit; voluntary
7. hackneyed: made commonplace or trite; banal
8. incessant: continuing without interruption; constant
9. insidious: intended to entrap or beguile; enticing but harmful; seductive

List #6

1. integrity: uncompromising adherence to moral and ethical principles
2. jocular: jovial and playful; given to jesting
3. kindle: to start a fire; to cause (a flame or blaze) to begin burning
4. ludicrous: causing or deserving laughter because of absurdity
5. provocative: serving or tending to stimulate or excite
6. reclusive: living in seclusion; shut off or apart from the world
7. reverence: a feeling or attitude of deep respect tinged with awe; veneration
8. scrutinize: to examine minutely; to conduct a searching inquiry
9. superficial: of the surface; concerned only with the obvious; apparent rather than real

List #7

1. **affinity:** natural liking for or attraction to a person, thing or idea; close connection
2. **clairvoyant:** having the paranormal power to see objects/actions not perceived by the senses
3. **emulate:** to imitate in an effort to equal or surpass; to rival with some degree of success
4. **expedite:** to speed up the progress of; accelerate; perform promptly
5. **impetuous:** of great energy and impatience; characterized by sudden or rash action or emotion
6. **innocuous:** not harmful or injurious; harmless; not likely to irritate or offend
7. **mundane:** of this world or earth; not heavenly; worldly; secular
8. **penitent:** feeling or expressing pain (sorrow) for sin (misdeeds) and disposed to atonement
9. **propensity:** a natural inclination or tendency; a bent; a leaning

List #8

1. **regressive:** tending to revert or go back; reverting to an earlier or less advanced state or form
2. **resilient:** having power to return to the original form; able to recover readily from misfortune
3. **sedentary:** characterized by a sitting position posture, inactivity and lack of exercise
4. **succinct:** showing verbal brevity; expressed in a few words
5. **terse:** effectively brief and to the point; pithy; neatly concise
6. **ubiquitous:** being everywhere, esp. at the same time; omnipresent
7. **vindictive:** revengeful; spiteful; showing a retaliatory spirit
8. **wanton:** done maliciously or cruelly and without a motive
9. **zenith:** the upper region of the sky; the highest point or state

List #9

1. **ramification:** a related or derived development; consequence; implication
2. **rapacious:** given to plundering; inordinately greedy
3. **recalcitrant:** resisting authority or control; not obedient or compliant; unruly
4. **recant:** to withdraw or disavow (a statement, opinion etc.), esp. formally; retract
5. **recrimination:** a countercharge against an accuser
6. **redolent:** having a pleasant odor; fragrant; odorous
7. **redundant:** characterized by unnecessary repetition in expressing ideas; wordy
8. **refutable:** proving to be false or erroneous (opinion or charge)
9. **relegate:** to send or consign to an inferior position, place or condition

List #10

1. **relinquish:** to renounce or surrender (position, right, claim); to give up, put aside
2. **remonstrate:** to reason or plead in protest, objection or complaint
3. **reparation:** the making of amends for wrong or injury done
4. **replenish:** to make full or complete again; to supply with fresh fuel
5. **reprehensible:** deserving rebuke or censure; blameworthy
6. **requisite:** required; necessary
7. **resolute:** firmly set in purpose or opinion; determined; earnest
8. **rigorous:** characterized by rigid severity; precise
9. **rudimentary:** pertaining to the beginning or first principles; undeveloped; primitive

List #11

1. **acumen:** keen insight; shrewdness
2. **chicanery:** the use of sly language, reasoning etc. to trick or deceive
3. **deleterious:** injurious to health; harmful; injurious
4. **epiphany:** sudden, intuitive perception of or insight
5. **facetious:** not meant to be taken seriously or literally
6. **homogeneous:** composed of the same kind or nature; not heterogeneous
7. **incognito:** with one's identity hidden, disguised or unknown
8. **kinetic:** characterized by movement or caused by motion
9. **loquacious:** characterized by excessive talk; garrulous; wordy

List #12

1. **lugubrious:** mournful or gloomy, esp. in an affected, exaggerated manner
2. **nihilism:** belief that all existence is senseless
3. **obsequious:** characterized by deference; fawning; sycophantic
4. **paradigm:** an example serving as a model; pattern
5. **precipitous:** of the nature of a situation of great peril; extremely steep
6. **sanguine:** cheerfully optimistic, hopeful or confident; reddish; ruddy
7. **unctuous:** characteristic of an ointment; excessively suave or smug
8. **vacuous:** empty; showing a lack of ideas or intelligence; purposeless
9. **xenophile:** a person who fears or hates foreigners, strange customs, etc.

List #13

1. **acrimonious:** bitter and ill-natured in language and tone
2. **alacrity:** speed and willingness in acting or responding; cheerful readiness; eagerness
3. **conjecture:** the act of forming an opinion from incomplete evidence; guesswork
4. **conspicuous:** attracting attention by being unusual or remarkable
5. **deviate:** to differ or move away from a specified course or prescribed mode of behavior
6. **disparage:** to speak of or treat slightly; depreciate; belittle
7. **erudite:** possessing deep and extensive learning, esp. learning gotten from books; learned
8. **exonerate:** to free from a charge; to declare blameless
9. **extricate:** to free or release from entanglement or difficulty; to disengage

List #14

1. **incurable:** incapable of being corrected or reformed
2. **indolent:** reluctant to exert oneself; habitually lazy
3. **judicious:** having or exhibiting sound judgment; sensible; wise
4. **mitigate:** to make less severe or intense; to moderate
5. **ostensible:** easily perceived by any of the senses or by the mind; obvious; noticeable
6. **palpable:** easily perceived by any of the senses or by the mind; obvious; noticeable
7. **pandemonium:** wild uproar or noise; tumult
8. **rectify:** to set right; to remedy
9. **surreptitious:** Done or acting in secret; sneaky; stealthy; furtive; concealed

List #15

1. **abject**: so low or degrades as to be hopeless wretched; miserable
2. **affluence**: having an abundance of material goods; rich; wealthy
3. **analogous**: similar in biological function but different in structure and origin
4. **arbitrary**: depending on choice or discretion rather than defined by law; based on opinion, preference or whim
5. **cognizant**: having conscious recognition; with a range of understanding or awareness
6. **compulsory**: required by authority; having the power of driving or urging forcefully or irresistibly
7. **destitute**: lacking something needed or desirable; extremely poor
8. **disseminate**: to spread abroad as though sowing seeds
9. **fortuitous**: happening by chance whether good or bad; random; unexpected

List #16

1. **impeccable**: not capable of sinning or liable to sin; free from fault or blame; flawless
2. **impervious**: not allowing entrance or passage; impenetrable; not capable of being affected or disturbed
3. **insatiable**: incapable of being satisfied (as a person or an appetite) fully
4. **oscillate**: to swinging or sway backward and forward like a pendulum; to vibrate; to fluctuate
5. **prerogative**: exclusive privilege or right; a special advantage, esp. a right attached to an office, rank or status
6. **stringent**: marked by rigor, strictness or severity esp. with regard to rule or standard
7. **truncate**: to shorten by or as if by cutting off
8. **unobtrusive**: not inclined to intrude, to shove/push forward or call to notice without warrant or request
9. **unscrupulous**: without qualms or ethical considerations that makes someone uneasy or inhibits actions

List #17 (derived from "foreign", not Latin or Greek, words)

1. **aficionado**: A devotee; a fan; an enthusiastic person about a sport/hobby
2. **alchemy**: Power or process of transforming something common into something precious
3. **ambiance**: An environment or its distinct atmosphere; a feeling or mood associated with a place
4. **avatar**: An embodiment (concept, philosophy, tradition) usually in human form
5. **bourgeois**: Characteristic of town dwellers or of the middle-class; marked by concern for material interests
6. **chaparral**: A dense impenetrable thicket of shrubs/thorny bushes
7. **cognoscente**: A connoisseur; a person of special knowledge in some field, esp. fine arts
8. **connoisseur**: Someone qualified to act as a judge involving taste and appreciation; expert
9. **dilettante**: An admirer of the arts or knowledge merely superficially or as a pastime; dabbler

List #18 (derived from "foreign", not Latin or Greek, words)

1. **imbroglio**: An intricate or complicated situation; painful or embarrassing misunderstanding
2. **juggernaut**: Relentless, destructive, irresistible force
3. **junta**: A small group, usually of military officers, ruling a country in the absence of a civilian government
4. **malaise**: A vague feeling of physical discomfort or uneasiness
5. **nirvana**: A place/condition of great peace and bliss; the final beatitude
6. **peccadillo**: A slight offense or fault; a minor sin
7. **raconteur**: Person skilled or excelling at telling stories or anecdotes
8. **vignette**: a small decorative design in a book; short literary sketch (scene in a play/film)
9. **virtuoso**: someone who excels in the technique of an art, especially a musical performer

List #19 (derived from Science/Biology BUG-related words)

1. **embryonic**: the beginning or rudimentary stage of anything; undeveloped
2. **entomologist**: individual specializing in the branch of zoology dealing with insects
3. **indefatigable**: incapable of being tired out; tireless
4. **indigenous**: originating in or characteristic of a particular region; native; natural
5. **industrious**: working energetically and devotedly; diligent; full of energy & zeal toward work
6. **iridescent**: displaying an array of lustrous, changing colors like those of the rainbow
7. **insatiable**: hard or incapable of being satisfied; greedy; avaricious
8. **insecticide**: a substance or preparation used in killing insects
9. **larvae**: immature, wingless, feeding stage of an insect that undergoes transformation

List #20 (derived from Science/Biology BUG-related words)

1. **metamorphosis**: change of form in either appearance, condition, or function; a transformation
2. **nemesis**: unconquerable opponent or rival; ancient Greek goddess of divine retribution
3. **nocturnal**: pertaining to the night; done, occurring or coming at night
4. **pollinate**: to fertilize (to convey the fine grains or spores to the stigma) flowering plants
5. **proboscis**: elongated, protrusion on the head of certain insects used for feeding
6. **quarantine**: strict isolation imposed to prevent the spread of a disease (a period of 40 days)
7. **subterranean**: existing, situated, or operating below the earth's surface, out of sight or secretly
8. **trepidation**: tremulous fear, alarm, or agitation; trembling or quivering movement
9. **ubiquitous**: existing or being everywhere, esp. at the same time; omnipresent