

100 Most Commonly Used SAT Words

WORD	DEFINITION
<u>abbreviate</u>	shorten, abridge
<u>abstinence</u>	act of refraining from
<u>adulation</u>	high praise
<u>adversity</u>	misfortune
<u>aesthetic</u>	pertaining to beauty
<u>amicable</u>	agreeable
<u>anachronistic</u>	out-of-date
<u>anecdote</u>	short account of event
<u>anonymous</u>	nameless
<u>antagonist</u>	opponent
<u>arid</u>	extremely dry
<u>assiduous</u>	hard-working
<u>asylum</u>	sanctuary
<u>benevolent</u>	friendly, helpful
<u>camaraderie</u>	trust among friends
<u>censure</u>	to criticize harshly
<u>circuitous</u>	indirect, roundabout
<u>clairvoyant</u>	able to see the future
<u>collaborate</u>	to work together
<u>compassion</u>	sympathy, mercy
<u>compromise</u>	to settle differences
<u>condescending</u>	patronizing
<u>conditional</u>	provisional, contingent
<u>conformist</u>	follower of customs
<u>congregation</u>	crowd of people
<u>convergence</u>	joining of parts

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<u>deleterious</u>	harmful
<u>demagogue</u>	rabble-rousing leader
<u>digression</u>	straying from main point
<u>diligent</u>	hard-working
<u>discredit</u>	dishonor, disgrace
<u>disdain</u>	to regard with scorn
<u>divergent</u>	variant, moving apart
<u>empathy</u>	sharing of feelings
<u>emulate</u>	follow an example
<u>enervating</u>	tiring, weakening
<u>enhance</u>	improve, augment
<u>ephemeral</u>	momentary, fleeting
<u>evanescent</u>	short-lived, as an image
<u>exasperation</u>	irritation, frustration
<u>exemplary</u>	outstanding
<u>extenuating</u>	guilt diminishing
<u>florid</u>	flushed, ornate
<u>fortuitous</u>	lucky
<u>frugal</u>	thrifty
<u>hackneyed</u>	overused, cliched
<u>haughty</u>	arrogant, condescending
<u>hedonist</u>	pleasure seeker
<u>hypothesis</u>	theory requiring proof
<u>impetuous</u>	rash, impulsive
<u>impute</u>	to attribute to someone

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<u>incompatible</u>	unable to work together
<u>inconsequential</u>	trivial
<u>inevitable</u>	unavoidable, certain
<u>integrity</u>	honesty, decency
<u>intrepid</u>	fearless, adventurous
<u>intuitive</u>	instinctive, untaught
<u>jubilant</u>	joy, exultation
<u>lobbyist</u>	persuader of legislators
<u>longevity</u>	long life
<u>mundane</u>	ordinary, common
<u>nonchalant</u>	calm, casual
<u>novice</u>	beginner
<u>opulent</u>	wealthy
<u>orator</u>	speaker
<u>ostentatious</u>	displaying wealth
<u>parched</u>	dried up
<u>perfidious</u>	disloyal
<u>precocious</u>	talented beyond one's age
<u>pretentious</u>	pompous, self-important
<u>procrastinate</u>	to delay unnecessarily
<u>prosaic</u>	run-of-the-mill
<u>prosperity</u>	wealth, success
<u>provocative</u>	inflammatory
<u>prudent</u>	wise, careful, cautious

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<u>querulous</u>	irritable
<u>rancorous</u>	hateful
<u>reclusive</u>	withdrawn, hermit-like
<u>reconciliation</u>	agreement after a quarrel
<u>renovation</u>	state of being renewed
<u>resilient</u>	quick to recover
<u>restrained</u>	controlled, restricted
<u>reverence</u>	profound respect
<u>sagacity</u>	wisdom
<u>scrutinize</u>	to observe carefully
<u>spontaneity</u>	impulsive action
<u>spurious</u>	phony, false
<u>submissive</u>	meek
<u>substantiate</u>	to verify, confirm
<u>subtle</u>	elusive, sly, ambiguous
<u>superficial</u>	lacking in depth
<u>superfluous</u>	more than enough
<u>suppress</u>	to end an activity
<u>surreptitious</u>	secret, stealthy
<u>tactful</u>	diplomatic, polite
<u>tenacious</u>	persistent, resolute
<u>transient</u>	temporary, fleeting
<u>venerable</u>	respectable due to age
<u>vindicate</u>	to clear from blame
<u>wary</u>	watchful, alert