

Vocabulary # 1

1) acquisitive - able to get or retain
ideas or

information: concerned with
acquiring wealth or
property

2) arrogate - to claim or take
without right

3) banal - trite, hackneyed,
commonplace

4) belabor - to work on excessively:
to thrash
soundly

5) carping - tending to find fault,
especially in a
nasty way; petty or nagging criticism

Vocabulary # 1 Part II

6) coherent - holding or sticking together:

making a logical whole;

comprehensible,

meaningful

7) congeal - to change from liquid to solid,

thicken

8) emulate - to imitate with the intent of

equaling or surpassing the model.

9) encomium - a formal expression of praise

10) eschew - to avoid, shun, or shy away from

Vocabulary # 2

- 1) germane - relevant, appropriate, fitting
- 2) insatiable - so great or demanding as to not be satisfied
- 3) intransigent - refusing to compromise; irreconcilable
- 4) invidious - offensive; hateful; tending to cause bitterness
- 5) largesse - generosity in giving; lavish contributions

- 6) reconnaissance - a survey made for military purposes; any kind of preliminary inspection
- 7) substantiate - to establish by evidence; to prove; to give concrete or substantial form to
- 8) taciturn - habitually silent or quiet; inclined to talk very little
- 9) temporize - to stall or act evasively in order to gain time; to avoid or postpone a decision
- 10) tenable - capable of being held or defended

Voc. # 3

- 1) accost - to approach and speak to first; to confront in a challenging way
- 2) animadversion - a comment indicating strong criticism or disapproval
- 3) avid - desirous to the point of greed
- 4) brackish - having a salty taste or unpleasant to drink
- 5) celerity - swiftness; rapidity of motion or action

6) devious - straying or wondering from a fixed route; done or acting in a shifty or underhanded way

7) gambit - in chess, an opening move that involves risk or sacrifice

8) halcyon - a legendary bird; calm, peaceful, happy or golden; prosperous or affluent

9) histrionic - pertaining to actors or their techniques; theatrical; artificial; melodramatic

10) incendiary - deliberately setting or causing fires

Voc. # 4

- 1) maelstrom - a whirlpool of great size and violence
- 2) myopic - nearsighted; lacking a broad, realistic view of a situation; lacking foresight
- 3) overt - open, not hidden, expressed or revealed in a way that is easily recognized
- 4) pejorative - tending to make worse; expressing disapproval disparagement, derogatory
- 5) propriety - the state of being proper or appropriate; standards of what is socially acceptable

6) sacrilege - improper treatment of something

held sacred; disrespectful

7) summarily - without delay or formality;

briefly; concisely

8) suppliant - asking humbly or earnestly

9) talisman - an object that serves as a charm or

is believed to confer magical powers

10) undulate - to move in waves or a

wavelike motion; to have a wavelike appearance or form

SAT VOCABULARY WEEK 5

1. articulate - (v) to pronounce distinctly; to express well in words (adj) expressed clearly and forcefully

2. cavort - (v) to romp or prance around exuberantly; to make merry

3. credence - (n) belief, mental acceptance

4. decry - (v) to condemn, express strong disapproval

5. dissemble - (v) to disguise or conceal, deliberately give a false impression

6. distraught - (adj) very much agitated or upset as a result of emotion or mental conflict

7. eulogy - (n) a formal statement of commendation; high praise

8. evince - (v) to display clearly, to make evident, to provoke

9. exhume - (v) to remove from a grave; to bring to light

10. feckless - (adj) lacking in spirit and strength; ineffective, weak, irresponsible, unreliable

SAT VOCABULARY WK 6

1. **murky - (adj) dark and gloomy, obscure; lacking in clarity and precision**
2. **nefarious - (adj) wicked, depraved, devoid of moral standards**
3. **piquant - (adj) stimulating to the taste or mind; spicy, pungent; appealingly provocative**
4. **primordial - (adj) developed or created at the very beginning; going back to the most ancient times or earliest stage; fundamental**
5. **propinquity - (n) nearness in place or time; kinship**
6. **unwonted - (adj) not usual or expected; not in character**
7. **utopian - (adj) founded upon or involving a visionary view of an ideal world; impractical**
8. **verbiage - (n) language that is too wordy or inflated in proportion to the sense or content, wordiness; a manner of expression**
9. **verdant - (adj) green in tint or color; immature in experience or judgment**
10. **viscous - (adj) having a gelatinous or gluey quality, lacking in easy movement or fluidity**

SAT VOC WK 7

1. atrophy - (n) the wasting away of a body organ or tissue; any progressive decline or failure; (v) to waste away
2. bastion - (n) a fortified place, stronghold
3. concord - (n) a state of agreement, harmony, unanimity; a treaty, pact, covenant
4. consummate - (adj) complete or perfect in the highest degree; (v) to bring to a state of completion or perfection
5. disarray - (n) disorder, confusion; (v) to throw into disorder
6. exigency - (n, often pl) urgency, pressure; urgent demand, pressing need; an emergency
7. flotsam - (n) floating debris; homeless, impoverished people
8. frenetic - (adj) frenzied, highly agitated
9. glean - (v) to gather bit by bit; to gather small quantities of grain left in a field by the reapers
10. grouse - (n) a type of game bird; a complaint; (v) to complain, grumble

SAT VOC WK 8

1. **incarcerate** - (v) to imprison, confine, jail
2. **incumbent** - (adj) obligatory, required; (n) one who holds a specific office at the time spoken of
3. **jocular** - (adj) humorous, jesting, jolly, joking
4. **ludicrous** - (adj) ridiculous, laughable, absurd
5. **mordant** - (adj) biting or caustic in thought, manner, or style; sharply or bitterly harsh
6. **nettle** - (n) a prickly or stinging plant; (v) to arouse displeasure, impatience, or anger; to vex or irritate severely
7. **pecuniary** - (adj) consisting of or measured in money; of or related to money
8. **pusillanimous** - (adj) contemptibly cowardly or mean-spirited
9. **recumbent** - (adj) in a reclining position, lying down, in the posture of one sleeping or resting
10. **stratagem** - (n) a scheme to outwit or deceive an opponent or to gain an end

SAT VOCABULARY WEEK 9

1. acuity - (n) sharpness (particularly of the mind or senses)
2. delineate - (v) to portray, sketch, or describe in accurate and vivid detail; to represent pictorially
3. depraved - (adj) marked by evil and corruption, devoid of moral principles
4. enervate - (v) to weaken or lessen the mental, moral, or physical vigor of; enfeeble, hamstring
5. esoteric - (adj) intended for or understood by only a select few, private, secret
6. fecund - (adj) fruitful in offspring or vegetation; intellectually productive
7. fiat - (n) an arbitrary order or decree; a command or act of will or consciousness
8. figment - (n) a fabrication of the mind; an arbitrary notion
9. garner - (v) to acquire as the result of effort; to gather and store away, as for future use
10. hallow - (v) to set apart as holy or sacred, sanctify, consecrate; to honor greatly, revere

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SAT VOCABULARY WEEK 10

11. idiosyncrasy - (n) a peculiarity that serves to distinguish or identify

12. ignominy - (n) shame and disgrace

13. mundane - (adj) earthly, worldly, relating to practical and material affairs; concerned with what is ordinary

14. nuance - (n) a subtle or slight variation (as in color, meaning, quality), delicate gradation or shade of difference

15. overweening - (adj) conceited, presumptuous; excessive, immoderate

16. penchant - (n) a strong attraction or inclination

17. reputed - (adj) according to reputation or general belief; having widespread acceptance and good reputation; (part.) alleged

18. sophistry - (n) reasoning that seems plausible but is actually unsound; a fallacy

19. sumptuous - (adj) costly, rich, magnificent

20. ubiquitous - (adj) present or existing everywhere

SAT VOCABULARY WEEK 11

1. **abject** - (adj) degraded; base, contemptible; cringing, servile; complete and unrelieved
2. **agnostic** - (n) one who believes that nothing can be known about God; a skeptic; (adj) without faith, skeptical
3. **complicity** - (n) involvement in wrongdoing; the state of being an accomplice
4. **derelict** - (n) someone or something that is abandoned or neglected
5. **diatribe** - (n) a bitter and prolonged verbal attack
6. **effigy** - (n) a crude image of a despised person
7. **equity** - (n) the state or quality of being just, fair, or impartial; fair and equal treatment; something that is fair; the money value of a property above and beyond any mortgage or other claim
8. **inane** - (adj) silly, empty of meaning or value
9. **indictment** - (n) the act of accusing; a formal accusation
10. **indubitable** - (adj) certain, not to be doubted or denied

SAT VOCABULARY WK 12

11. intermittent - (adj) stopping and beginning again, sporadic
12. moot- (adj) open to discussion and debate, unresolved; (v) to bring up for discussion; (n) a hypothetical law case argued by students
13. motif - (n) a principal idea, feature, theme or element; a repeated or dominant figure in a design
14. neophyte - (n) a new convert, beginner, novice
15. perspicacity - (n) keenness in observing and understanding
16. plenary - (adj) complete in all aspects or essentials; absolute; attended by all qualified members
17. surveillance - (n) a watch kept over a person; careful, close, and discipline observation
18. sylvan - (adj) pertaining to or characteristic of forests; living or located in a forest; wooded, woody
19. testy - (adj) easily irritated; characterized by impatience and exasperation
20. travesty - (n) a grotesque or grossly inferior imitation; a disguise, especially the clothing of the opposite sex; (v) to ridicule by imitating in a broad or burlesque fashion

VOCABULARY WEEK 13

- 1. allay - (v) to calm or pacify, set at rest; to lessen or relieve**
- 2. bestial - (adj) beastlike; beastly, brutal; subhuman in intelligence and sensibility**
- 3. convivial - (adj) festive, sociable, having fun together, genial**
- 4. coterie - (n) a circle of acquaintances; a close-knit, often exclusive group of people with a common interest**
- 5. counterpart - (n) a person or thing closely resembling or corresponding to another; a complement**

**6. demur - (v) to object or take exception to;
(n) an objection**

**7. effrontery - (n) shameless boldness,
impudence**

**8. embellish - (v) to decorate, adorn, touch
up; to improve by adding details**

**9. ephemeral - (adj) lasting only a short time,
short-lived**

**10. felicitous - (adj) appropriate, apt, well
chosen; marked by well-being or good
fortune, happy**

- 1. furtive - (adj) done slyly or stealthily, sneaky, secret, shifty; stolen**
- 2. garish - (adj) glaring; tastelessly showy or overdecorated in a vulgar or offensive way**
- 3. illusory - (adj) misleading, deceptive; lacking in or not based on reality**
- 4. indigent - (adj) needy, impoverished**
- 5. inordinate - (adj) far too great, exceeding reasonable limits, excessive**

6. jettison - (v) to cast overboard, get rid of as unnecessary or burdensome

7. misanthrope - (n) a person who hates or despises people

8. pertinacious - (adj) very persistent; holding firmly to a course of action or a set of beliefs; hard to get rid of, refusing to be put off or denied

9. picayune - (adj) of little value or importance, paltry, measly; concerned with trifling matters, small-minded

10. raiment - (n) clothing, garments

VOCABULARY WEEK 15

- 1. allege - (v) to assert without proof or confirmation**
- 2. arrant - (adj) thoroughgoing, out-and-out; shameless, blatant**
- 3. badinage - (n) light and playful conversation**
- 4. conciliate - (v) to overcome the distrust of, win over; to appease, pacify; to reconcile, make consistent**
- 5. countermand - (v) to cancel or reverse one order or command with another that is contrary to the first**

6. echelon - (n) one of a series of grades in an organization or field of activity; an organized military unit; a steplike formation or arrangement

7. exacerbate - (v) to make more violent, severe, bitter or painful

8. fatuous - (adj) stupid or foolish in a self-satisfied way

9. irrefutable - (adj) impossible to disprove; beyond argument

10. juggernaut - (n) a massive and inescapable force or object that crushes whatever is in its path



VOCABULARY WEEK 16

- 1. lackadaisical - (adj) lacking spirit or interest, halfhearted**

- 2. litany - (n) a prayer consisting of short appeals to God recited by the leader alternating with responses from the congregation; any repetitive chant; a long list**

- 3. macabre - (adj) grisly, gruesome; horrible, distressing; having death as a subject**

- 4. paucity - (n) an inadequate quantity, scarcity, dearth**

- 5. portend - (v) to indicate beforehand that something is about to happen; to give advance warning of**

6. raze - (v) to tear down, destroy completely; to cut or scrape off or out

7. recant - (v) to withdraw a statement or belief to which one has previously been committed, renounce, retract

8. saturate - (v) to soak thoroughly, fill to capacity; to satisfy fully

9. saturnine - (adj) of a gloomy or surly disposition; cold or sluggish in mood

10. slough - (v) to cast off, discard; to get rid of something objectionable or unnecessary; to plod through as if through mud; (n) a mire; a state of depression

Vocabulary Wk 17

1. acclamation - (n) shout of welcome; an overwhelming verbal vote of approval
2. bucolic - (adj) characteristic of the countryside, rural
3. calumniate - (v) to slander; to accuse falsely and maliciously
4. chary - (adj) extremely cautious, hesitant, or slow
5. collusion - (n) secret agreement or cooperation
6. dilettante - (n) a dabbler in the arts; (adj) superficial
7. imperturbable - (adj) not easily excited; emotionally steady
8. increment - (n) an enlargement, increase, addition
9. mandate - (n) an authoritative command, formal order (v) to issue such an order
10. paltry - (adj) trifling, insignificant; mean, despicable; inferior, trashy

1. **paroxysm - (n) a sudden outburst; a spasm, convulsion**

2. **pedantry - (n) a pretentious display of knowledge; overly rigid attention to rules and details**

3. **peregrination - (n) the act of traveling; an excursion, especially on foot or to a foreign country**

4. **redolent - (adj) fragrant, smelling strongly; tending to arouse memories or create an aura**

5. **refulgent - (adj) shining, radiant, resplendent**

6. shibboleth - (n) a word, expression, or custom that distinguishes a particular group of persons from all others; a commonplace saying or truism

7. tyro - (n) a beginner, novice; one with little or no background or skill

8. unremitting - (adj) not stopping, maintained steadily, never letting up, relentless

9. vacillate - (v) to swing indecisively from one idea or course of action to another; to waver weakly in mind or will

10. vituperative - (adj) harshly abusive, severely scolding

VOCABULARY WEEK 19

1. askance - (adv) with suspicion, distrust, or disapproval
2. attenuate- (v) to make thin or slender; to weaken or lessen in force.
3. benign - (adj) gentle, kind; forgiving; not malignant
4. cavil - (v) to find fault in a petty way, (n) a trivial objection or criticism
5. charlatan- (n) one who feigns knowledge or ability; a pretender, impostor, or quack
6. decimate- (v) to kill or destroy a large part of
7. foible - (n) a weak point, failing, minor flaw
8. forgo - (v) to do without, abstain from, give up
9. fraught- (adj) full of or loaded with; accompanied by
10. inure - (v) to toughen, harden; to render used to something by long subjection or exposure

VOCABULARY WEEK 20

1. **luminous** - (adj) emitting or reflecting light, glowing
2. **obsequious** - (adj) marked by slavish attentiveness; excessively submissive
3. **obtuse** - (adj) blunt; slow or dull in understanding
4. **oscillate** - (v) to swing back and forth with a steady rhythm, to fluctuate or waver
5. **penitent** - (adj) regretful for one's sins or mistakes; (n) one who is sorry for wrongdoing
6. **peremptory** - (adj) offensively self-assured, dictatorial; determined
7. **rebuff** - (v) to snub; to repel, drive away; (n) a curt rejection
8. **reconnoiter** - (v) to engage in reconnaissance; to make a preliminary inspection
9. **shambles** - (n) a slaughterhouse; a place of mass bloodshed; a state of complete disorder and confusion
10. **sporadic** - (adj) occurring at irregular intervals, having no set plan or order