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Vocab List

- Abash: to make someone feel embarrassed.
 - The movie was full of unabashed glory.
 - His inability to find the answer didn't abash him in the least.
- Abberation: Something that's different from the usual.
- Abhor: to really hate something
 - I absolutely abhor taking cold medicine.
 - Is it really April? I abhor doing my taxes!
- Abridge: to shorten something without losing its overall sense
 - An unabridged dictionary is really heavy.
 - The teacher assigned *War and Peace*, so I secretly read the abridged version.
- Abrupt: quick and sudden.
 - In the middle of the conversation, she abruptly turned and walked away.
- Accrue: to collect into a location.
 - If more money doesn't start accruing into my investment account soon, I may have to go back to work.
 - I have to wait until more interest accrues into my business account before I liquidate it.
- Adulation:
- Adulterate: to add an impurity something pure.
 - The movie was full of pure, unadulterated goodness.
- Adversary: someone who is attacking you or competing with you in some way.
 - In basketball, a quick jump shot is the best way to defeat your adversary's defense.
- Aesthetics: this word refers to a focus on the appearance of something rather than its true content.
 - Teenagers these days seem to be more focused on aesthetics than character.
- Affinity: a liking toward or interest in something.
 - Gabriel has a real affinity for aviation, but Eva has an infinity for biology.
- Alibi: a witness who has evidence that a person accused of a crime is innocent.
 - The police couldn't arrest him because his alibi was solid.
- Allude vs elude
 - To allude to something is to reference it.

- Just to annoy me, Sammy kept alluding to the time I lost my keys in my own pocket.
 - The central theme of the movie alludes to the superficiality of modern times.
 - To elude is to escape something.
 - By home schooling I was able to elude sitting in a boring place for six and a half hours.
 - By hiding in the bushes, he was able to elude the police.
 - Altruism: charity or service to others
 - True, selfless altruism is hard to find.
 - Ambiguous: having two possible meanings.
 - When the native chief raised his hand, the meaning was ambiguous: bystanders didn't know if he was signaling toward peace or violence.
 - Ambivalent: having no preference regarding two choices. The word is considered to be cold when said in response to a person.
 - When offered the chance to go to the movies or a concert, she was ambivalent.
 - When James found out that Jan was ambivalent toward him, one single tear formed in his bottom right eyelid.
 - Amiable: friendly
 - Ameliorate: to fix a bad situation, to alleviate
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- Ample: a lot of something.
 - 'This car has ample trunk space.'
 - Anecdote: a short story
 - Annotate:
 - Antagonize:
 - Antecedent: something that come before something else (in spanish, ante means before)
 - Arrogant: thinking a lot of yourself (but it causes you to be rude to people)
 - Appraise: to assess the value of something. Appraisers tell you the true value of a house.
 - Ascetic: a monk/spiritual person.
 - In Ace Ventura Part 2, at the beginning of the movie, Jim Carrey is at a monastery posing as an ascetic.
 - Aesthetics: looks.
 - Eight graders are annoying because they only care about aesthetics.
 - Apparition: a ghost
 - Array: a range of related items.
 - She was overwhelmed by the array of tasks she faced.
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- Apparition: a ghost
- Artifice: clever or cunning devices or tricks used to deceive others.
- Assail: to tackle, to approach with desperation.
- Atypical:
- Audacity: daring.
- Augment: to improve or add to something
- Auspicious: a sign of good things to come. "When my dad pulled up in a brand new RV, it was an auspicious sign."
- Austerity. A fancy word for being poor and living humble. The governor told the city council members that citizens would have to get used to a state of austerity.
- Avarice: extreme greed for wealth for material gain.
 - 2024 is a time of great avarice.
- Ballot: the piece of paper that you vote on.
 - I cast my ballot for Bernie Sanders.
- banter: Definition not available.
- Bastion: a stronghold.
 - McMillan's was the last bastion of old fashioned Irish cooking in the neighborhood.
- Benediction: a blessing or prayer
- Beneficiary: the one who benefits. John is a beneficiary of his father's life insurance policy.
- Benevolent: Definition not available.
- Benign: harmless.
 - They were relieved that the tumor was found to be benign.
- Bewilder: to astonish.
 - I was bewildered by his lack of respect.
- Bias:
- Blemish:
- Boast: to brag
- Boorish: rough and bad mannered. (like a boar)
 - Our cousins from New York can be a little boorish sometimes.
- Bourgeois: sometimes means 'the middle class' and sometimes means 'affluent people.'
 - The French monarch maintained power because he had the love of the bourgeois.
- Brazen: daring about doing something that many people believe is wrong.
 - They just brazenly walked right into the store and took some items off the shelves and walked out.
- Buttress: to support; or a support
- Cacaphony: Definition not available.
- Callous: having no empathy or sympathy. A murderer is very callous.
- Capacious: having a lot of space in side, roomy (think of how it rhymes with 'spacious')
- Census: a count of the population
- Chasm: a big gap

- In today's world, there is a huge intellectual chasm between people who read a lot and people who spend all their time on social media.
- Charlatan: a faker; like a psychic
- Chide: to rebuke
- Circumvent: to find a way around some obstacle.
 - To circumvent the new tax law, accountants encouraged their clients to open Roth IRA accounts.
- Clamor: to clamor is to enthusiastically swarm something out of positive excitement. Like the paparazzi surrounding a celebrity
- Cleft: a split, like a cleft pallet
- Coherent:
- Comprise: to consist of something
 - The all female cast is comprised of an array of female characters.
- Conciliatory: to do with making amends after a disagreement. (think reconcile)
 - After the argument, he brought her roses as a conciliatory gesture.
- Concede: to give in
- Conform: to go along with rules or norms
- Congenital: inborn, transferred through genes
- Conjecture: guesswork, not backed up by evidence.
 - When the scientist first discovered the amount of electric charge on one electron, his contemporaries believed the number to be pure conjecture.
- Contentious: causing conflict between people (you know who)
- Contrive: to make up a story for evil purposes
- Consensus: unanimous/majority agreement
- Consequence: the effect of something (keep in mind that in today's world, the word has a negative connotation, but in an SAT situation, it can be used with a neutral connotation, for instance, "The consequence of her hard work was great success.)
- Conspicuous: standing out
 - I checked three times, but didn't notice anything very conspicuous.
- Contentious: Definition not available.
- Convalescent: a sick person. To convalesce is to heal.
- Cordial:
- Corroborate: Definition not available.
- Counsel: to advise someone
- Cottage: small house
- Coveted: highly prized and sought after.
 - She won the coveted Oscar award for her amazing performance.
- Credence: believability.
 - I lend no credence to statistics I read in online newspapers.
- Cryptic: having a mysterious or obscure meaning
- Deceptive:
- Debiliate:
- Decipher: to make sense of something complex, like a code.
 - Their task was to decipher the set of clues before any of the other teams.

- Deliberate: on purpose (Did she do it deliberately); Deliberate: to spend time making a group decision (After much deliberation, they decided to offer her the job.)
- Derive: Definition not available.
- Derogatory: negative, as in a comment about someone.
 - She called him nerdy, but not in a derogatory manner, because she has a thing for nerds.
- Detest: to hate
- Dilapidated: old, broken down, beat up.
 - After three months of hard work, they churned the dilapidated Model T into a true collector's piece.
- Diplomatic: having an ability to get along with many people and not offend anyone; has social carefulness.
 - We voted for Tom to be the class president because he was the most diplomatic out of all of us and would be good at convincing the administrative staff to allow us to throw parties.
- Digit: another word for fingers.
 - When the baby was born, the first thing the parents did is count all of its digits to make sure they were all there.
- Discern: to discern something is to identify it, similar to how a cowboy would identify a wagon coming in through the distance, appearing through the dust.
- Disconcerting:
- Discretion: your ability to make good decisions
- Disdain: deep hatred.
 - She had a disdain for all things republican.
- Disparate: means different (with a negative connotation)
- Dissipate: to fade away
- Diverge:
- Divulge: to give up information
- Dogma: beliefs laid out by an authority as true, with a feeling that everyone has to agree with them. To go along with groupthink is dogmatic.
- Eclipse:
- Ecstatic: very happy.
 - He was ecstatic when he found out about her promotion.
- Eddy: small wind coming off a plane wing, disorganized air
- Ego: a sense of self pride.
 - People found her very hard to work with because of her big ego.
- Elicit:
- Elusive:
- Endorse: to give your approval to something and/or promote it.
- Enduring:
- Engulf: to be swallowed up (the wood was engulfed in flames).
- Ensure:
- Entail: to require. Being a pilot entails many hours of training.
- Epitome/Epitomize:

- Eradicate: to eliminate a problem.
 - Now that the insect problem was fully eradicated, we were able to move back in to the apartment.
- Escort: to accompany. Your escort is your date.
 - He couldn't find someone to go to prom with him so he asked his cousin to be his escort.
- Exacerbate:
- Excessive: too much.
 - The movie had a few bad words, but nothing too excessive.
- Exemplify: to be an example for something good.
- Exodus: a big mass of people leaving at the same time (Bible, the book of exodus)
- Expenditure: public spending (Coral Springs is trying to reduce its expenditures)
- Exploit: to use something to your advantage (keep in mind that in today's world, the word has a negative connotation, but in an SAT situation, it can be used with a neutral connotation, for instance, "Scientists exploited the latest technologies in order to make their discoveries.)
- Extant: still in existence; surviving.
- Extemporaneous: spoken or done without preparation.
- Exult: to feel or show triumphant elation or jubilation (Exulting in her escape, she closed the door behind her)
- Fabricate:
- Facetious: saying something in a joking, teasing manner.
 - When she made that comment, I couldn't tell if she was being facetious.
- Facilitate: to make something easy or possible
- Facsimile: a fax machine produces facsimiles, exact copies of pages.
 - Gabriel is too young to know what a fax machine is.
- Feign: to pretend, to fake doing something
- Fervor: intense and passionate feeling
- Feud: a fight within a family
- Fib: a little white lie
- Foretell:
- Forethought (the word root 'fore' means 'before.' so a forethought would have to do with thinking about something before you actually know about it. Perhaps like a prediction. In golf, when you hit a bad shot, you yell 'fore' because you're telling someone that a ball is coming right into their path, right before them.
- Fraudulent: fake, claiming to be something you're not, misrepresenting yourself or your intentions.
 - Those handbags looked real but they were actually fraudulent.
- Furtive: attempting to avoid notice or attention; secretive.
- Geniality: friendliness (like amicable but more focus on being pleasant, good looking)
 - Of everyone in our family, the person with the most geniality is Anna Maria Torres.
- Gluttony: a love for food to the point of being sinful.
 - Gluttony is known as one of the seven deadly sins.

- Grapple with something: to struggle with something
- Gregarious: sociable and outgoing (note: the word may be 'gregarious').
- Hamlet: a hamlet is an area smaller than a village
- Haughty: arrogant; a bad attitude that comes from thinking you're better
- Hegemony: dominance or leadership of one group over others.
- Hermit: hermits live by themselves
- Hinder: to create difficulties for someone, resulting in delay or obstruction.
- Hoard:
- homage: a song or poem of respect or admiration for someone.
 - When he was in town, he stopped to pay homage to the fallen heroes' memorial.
- Horticulture: plants/plant life
 - She majored in biology because she had a major interest in horticulture.
- Imminent:
- Impartial:
- Imperceptible:
- Inadvertent:
- Incredulous: blown away, unable to believe that something crazy happened.
 - When her mom saw the diamond ring on her daughter's finger, she was incredulous.
- Incensed: to be extremely offended by something.
 - I'm not just offended, I'm incensed!
- Incisor: a type of tooth.
 - The boxers teeth had fallen out but his incisors were still there.
- Inconclusive:
- Inconsequential:
- Infallible:
- Indispensable: something that can't be gotten rid of because it's critically needed.
- Inexplicable:
- Innocuous: harmless.
 - People were intimidated by the new employee, but I knew she was innocuous.
- Inquisitive: curious
 - The kitten was very inquisitive, always wanting to touch everything that looked like it might be able to move.
- Insolence: bad behavior.
 - Dr. Evil: For my insolence, I was beaten with reeds.
- Invalidate: to make something invalid or nullify it.
- Inviting: attractive, welcoming
- Issue: to issue is to give out
- Imminent (vs eminent): imminent describes an upcoming danger, like an imminent threat; eminent describes someone who's highly respected, like a king or spiritual leader
- Impede: to get in the way of something or prevent it from happening.
 - The construction zone impeded my progress toward arriving at the event.
- Impending: something bad that's on the way, coming soon
- Implement: to put something into action

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- Interject: to thrust one's words into a conversation. Similar to interrupting, but without
- Intrepid: fearless, adventurous
- Irrate: super upset, like someone who received terrible service at a restaurant or hotel.
 - They called the manager to deal with the irate guest.
- Kindle: to ignite (ex: to rekindle our love)
- Kinship: friendship, brotherhood.
- Jargon: words that go along with something.
 - Doctors have one jargon but dentists have another.
- Juxtapose: to place two things close together for contrasting effect.
- Laud: to praise highly, especially in public.
- Laudable: deserving of praise and credit
- Lament: to lament is to complain, to have regret about something
- Latent: hidden potential. Water right about boil is said to have latent energy.
 - When a Tesla charges, it's full of latent electrical energy.
- Lenient: relaxing the rules.
 - The judge crime was particularly heinous, so the judge showed no leniency. (heinous means terribly/heartless)
 - Dad is far too lenient with video games and he should instead be stricter.
- Loathe: to really hate something.
 - I loathe Coral Springs drivers.
- Luminous: full of light.
 - She stepped onto the luminous stage and became a different person.
- Lull: to rock or sing someone to sleep
- Meager: not enough of something
 - Although she earned a meager wage, it was enough to feed her whole family.
- Meddle, meddling. To meddle is to intervene.
 - He hated Scooby and those meddling kids.
- Menial: low level, as in a job.
 - Because he never went to high school or college, he was stuck doing menial jobs around town.
- Methodology: a word that refers to 'how a study was done' as opposed to the hypothesis or the results.
- Minuscule: tiny
- Minute: small.
 - Because of her obsessive-compulsive disorder, she made a big deal about every minute detail.
- Misdeed: sin or violation
 - He was a tough boss and left no misdeed unpunished.

- Moniker: a nickname
- Mundane: boring.
- Muse: to muse
 - Gabriel was sick of the mundane daily routine at Sawgrass Springs Middle.
- Nepotism: the practice among those with power or influence of favoring relatives, friends, or associates, especially by giving them jobs.
- Notoriety: a reputation for greatness.
 - Gabriel gained notoriety after being the first 13 year old to win the Nobel Prize.
- Novel: new, creative
- Nuance: subtle, smaller details of something
- Obscure: to get in the way of a view
- Obtrusive: in the way
- Olfactory: having to do with smelling.
 - After the chemical spill, his olfactory senses had been destroyed.
- Operative: playing a major role in something.
 - When I say I went to the free show, the operative word was 'free.'
- Outdated: designed for or useful in a previous generation and therefore no longer useful: Bellbottoms and the iPhone 6 are both outdated.
- Overt: on purpose, done in a manner for people to have seen it
- Pallid: looking pale, having an appearance of poor health.
 - Before taking up a physical sport, the child looked pallid and frail.
- Paradox: an inherent contradiction to something
- Patronize: to give someone compliments in a way that has the actual effect of belittling the person.
- Paucity: a shortage
- Partisan: representing only one side of a divide.
 - Democrats are very partisan, only caring about liberal issues.
- Pejorative: When something can be interpreted in a positive or negative manner, pejorative refers to the negative: She called him jolly, but not in the pejorative sense.
- Perpetual: going on forever
- Pervasive: persistent throughout society or a group: Social media has been pervasive in American society.
- Peripheral: off to the side
- Placebo: a fake medicine
- Plausible: believable
- Portent: of amazing, miraculous significance.
 - The letter from Harvard University was a portentous sign of things to come.
- Posit: to posit is to hypothesize
- Postulate: a postulate is an official rule, like in a geometry textbook. To postulate means to come up with an official rule like that.
- Practical: 1) concerned with doing rather than imagining. 2) Good at everyday considerations like bills, grades, planning.
- Precipitous: a giant amount of something. There was a precipitous decline in COVID diagnoses.

- Predatory:
- Prescribe: to lay out a rule or set of rules
- Pretentious: affluent and acting like you're above everyone else
- Pretext: an excuse for something. He invited her to the party as a pretext to steal her from her boyfriend.
- Prevail: Definition not available.
- Prevaricate: to speak in an evasive way, to cleverly try to verbally get out of trouble.
 - The criminal genius prevaricated when confronted by the detectives.
- Proclamation: public declaration
- Profuse/Profusion: means there's a lot of something.
 - The movie had a profuse amount of derogatory language.
- Proponent: a proponent of something is an advocate/supporter of it
- Prudent: wise, making good decisions (President Ronald Reagan's favorite word. "It wouldn't be prudent.")
- Precipitous: a ton of something, huge. There was a precipitous decline in covid diagnoses.
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- Proclamation: public declaration
- Profuse: a lot of something (has a negative connotation)
 - He used a profuse amount of vulgar words, and people looked down on him.
- Prominent: an important and high ranking person: a prominent official, a prominent community member.
- Prowess: an amazing ability
- Prudent:
- Pulpit: the podium that a preacher or priest uses.
 - After the scandal, he was removed from the pulpit.
- Punctilious: paying great attention to detail or correct behavior
- Punitive: having to do with punishment.
 - The judge awarded 5 million dollars in punitive damages.
- Purport: to try to appear a certain way.
 - Jimmy purports to be very educated but actually spends all his time scrolling social media.
- Qualify (a statement): to change an original statement by adding a new statement to the end of it
- quarrel: is an argument
 - No matter what the dad said, the two sons continued to quarrel.
- Quash: to put an end to an argument
- Quarrel: argument
- Rationale: justification. What was his rationale for doing that?

- Rationalize: to verbally justify doing something wrong
- Raze: to knock down a structure (usually a building)
- Rebuke: to verbally punish... That was wrong! (chide)
- Rebut: to respond to an argument with an argument of your own.
 - Her argument was so strong that he couldn't come up with a good rebuttal.
- Recant: to take back a confession.
- Recluse: a recluse lives far from everyone, a hermit.
- Reconcile: to forgive each other (after a disagreed)
- Redress:
- Redundant: repetitive
 - It's good for a process to be redundant, which means careful; it's bad for a speaker to be redundant, which means repetitive and therefore boring.
- Refute: to disagree with or prove wrong an idea
- Regard: to consider. *I regard him as the most important person at this company. Or, She had no regard for personal space.*
- Reluctant, Reluctance
- Remonstrate: to make a forceful protest.
 - The kids remonstrated at the assembly, yelling, "Down with the principal!"
- Renounce: to give something up
- Replicable: can be replicated
- Repress:
- Repudiate: to publicly denounce something, the way a celebrity would make a statement against some public issue.
- Revere: to consider a personal honored and famous, like George Washington, for example.
- Rudimentary: basic, not sophisticated
- Ruse: a setup intended to fool someone.
 - In mission impossible, the entire operation turned out to be a ruse.
- Sanction:
 - -to impose sanctions on a country. Totally different meaning:
 - To sanction a big event. (to sponsor or approve of)
- Savant: a genius or extremely talented, especially one with detailed knowledge in a specific field.
- Score (in music): The score is the set of music that goes with a show or play.
- Seldom: infrequent, not so often
- Self-effacing: not seeking attention for oneself
- Semantic: focused on the meaning of a sentence, not the grammar
- Solace: comfort
 - He took solace in the fact that they couldn't fire him.
- Speculate: guessing
- Stoic: a person who can endure lots of pain/hardship without showing their feelings.
- Scalawag: a rogue (a pirate word)
- Shroud: a sheetlike blanket used in the olden times, for burial
- Slander: talking bad about someone

- Stipulate: to stipulate something is to make it a requirement
- Strenuous:
- Substantiate: to provide evidence to support or prove a claim.
- Succumb:
- Superficial: concerned only with surface aspects; shallow.
- Superfluous: going overboard
- Surmise: to theorize
- Synchronize:
- Tact: judgement about the right things to say or do.
 - She made an amazing leader because she had a lot of tact.
- Tactile: to do with touch.
 - The puzzle had some auditory (sound) and tactile (touch) elements to it.
- Tapestry: curtain
- Tedious: boring and repetitive
- Tentative: not definitive, shaky. We made a tentative list of dates for the upcoming season, but of course we won't know for sure until the time comes nearer.
- Tenuous: questionable, iffy
 - The criminal's story about where he was on Saturday night was tenuous.
 - She had a very tenuous relationship with her mother in law.
- Textile: a produced fabric with a design (a sheet/towel/curtain)
- Throng: a crowd of people
- Thwart: to ruin someone's plans (usually your adversary)
- Transcend: to rise above
- Trope: a figurative use of a word or expression
- Truncate: to cut off at the end.
 - His investigation was truncated by the judge's ruling that the case be moved to Dade County.
- Tumult/tumultuous: a tumult is like a mob or revolt. Tumultuous: wild and crazy
- Turncoat: a traitor. (think of the American Revolution)
- Unanimous: Definition not available.
- Unencumbered: not limited by something that has previously been a bother.
- unobtrusive: Definition not available.
- Utter: to say something. An utterance is something (little) that someone said.
 - She made such a big deal about every one of the baby's utterances.
- "ver" means 'true.' To verify something. Verisimilitude.
- Vernacular: local language
 - The New York vernacular is different from Miami vernacular.
- Vigilant: watchful
- Vivacious: full of life.
 - The vivacious girl got the attention of all of the boys in the room.
- Volatile: dangerous, unpredictable
- Vulgarity: full of bad words and inappropriate talk.
 - When the girls weren't around, the guys behaved very vulgar.

- Waive: to allow someone to sidestep a requirement that is mandatory for everyone else.
- Wan: looking sick and unhealthy. (pallid)
 - Edward Scissorhands looked wan before the woman discovered him and cleaned him up.