SAT Word of the Day

abash

[uh-bash] verb - to shame; to embarrass
SAT Word of the Day

abate

[uh-beyt] verb - to slow down; to reduce
SAT Word of the Day

abdicaté

[ab-di-keyt] verb - to leave a job or responsibility

"I was in the bathroom — I did not abdicate!"
SAT Word of the Day

aberration

[ab-uh-rey-shuhhn] noun - something not typical; a difference from the standard
SAT Word of the Day

abhor

[ab-hawr] verb - to hate very much; to intensely dislike
SAT Word of the Day

abject

[ab-jekt] adjective - hopeless; extremely sad and without pride; defeated
abnegate

[ab-ni-geyt] verb - to deny oneself things; to reject; to sacrifice
SAT Word of the Day
abortive
[uh-bawr-tiv] adjective – unsuccessful, unproductive
SAT Word of the Day

abridge

[uh-brij] verb - to shorten; to reduce
SAT Word of the Day

absolute

[ab-suh-loot] adjective - total; unlimited; perfect
absolve

[ab-zolv] verb - to forgive or free from blame; to free from sin; to free from a responsibility
SAT Word of the Day

banal

[buh-nal, -nahl] adjective - unoriginal; ordinary, typical
bane

[beyn] noun - poison; torment; cause of harm
SAT Word of the Day

bastion

[bas-chuhn] noun - fortress; place of strength
SAT Word of the Day

beget

[bih-get] verb - to give birth to; to create; to lead to; to cause
SAT Word of the Day

**belabor**

[bih-ley-ber] verb - to go over repeatedly or to an unnecessary extent
SAT Word of the Day

beleaguer

[bih-lee-ger] verb - to surround; to besiege; to harass; to irk
SAT Word of the Day

belie

[bih-lahy] verb - to give a false idea of; to contradict
SAT Word of the Day

belittle

[bih-lit-l] verb - to put someone down ; to bully
SAT Word of the Day

cacophony

[kuh-kof-uh-nee]
noun - harsh-sounding mixture of words, voices, or sounds ; noise
SAT Word of the Day

cadence

[keyd-ns] noun - a rhythm; the flow of sounds
SAT Word of the Day

cajole

[kuh-johl] verb - to persuade someone to do something he or she does not want to do
SAT Word of the Day

callow

[kal-oh] adjective - immature
SAT Word of the Day

candor

[kan-der] noun - truthfulness; sincere honesty
capitalism

[kap-i-tl-iz-uhm] noun - free enterprise; an economic system in which businesses are owned by private citizens (not by the government) and in which the products and services are sold with relatively little government control.
SAT Word of the Day

capitulate

[kuh-pich-uh-leyt] verb - to surrender; to give up or give in
SAT Word of the Day

capricious

[kuh-pree-shuhs]
adjective - unpredictable; likely to change at any moment

Cindy’s capricious attitude left others fearing what her next erratic mood would be.
caricature

[kar-i-kuh-cher, -choor] noun - a portrait or description that is purposely changed or exaggerated, often to prove some point about its subject
SAT Word of the Day

castigate

[kas-ti-geyt] verb - to criticize severely; to punish
catalyst

[kat-ist] noun - in chemistry, something that changes the rate of chemical reaction without being changed; anyone or anything that starts something without being directly involved in it
**SAT Word of the Day**

**daunt**

[dawnt, dahnt] verb
- to frighten; to intimidate; to horrify
dearth

[durth] noun - lack; scarcity; shortage
SAT Word of the Day

debacle

[dey-bah-kuhl] noun - a violent breakout; sudden overthrow
SAT Word of the Day

debauchery

[dih-baw-chuh-ree] noun - wild living; excessive enjoyment
debilitate

[dih-bil-i-teyt] verb - to weaken; to cripple
SAT Word of the Day

decadent

[dek-uh-duhnt] adjective - decaying or declining, especially in terms of morals
**SAT Word of the Day**

**decimate**

[des-uh-meyt] verb
- to kill or destroy to a large part of
SAT Word of the Day

decorous

[dih-kohr-uhs]
adj - proper; in good taste; orderly
SAT Word of the Day

deduce

[dih-doos] verb - to conclude from the evidence; to take from
SAT Word of the Day

defame

[dih-feym] verb - to hurt a reputation; to ruin the good name of
ebullient

[ih-buhl-yuhnt]
adjective – joyfull; bubbling with excitement; exuberant
SAT Word of the Day

eccentric

[ik-sen-trik] adjective - not conventional; irregular; unusual

"Can you describe it?"
SAT Word of the Day

eclectic

[ih-klek-tik] adjective – diverse; a wide variety
SAT Word of the Day

edify

[ed-uh-fahy] verb - to educate; to instruct
SAT Word of the Day

efface

[ih-feys] verb - to erase; to rub away the features of
SAT Word of the Day

effusion

[ih-fyoo-zhuhn]
noun - a pouring out
egalitarian

[ih-gal-i-tair-ee-uh-n] adjective - believing in the equal rights of all people
SAT Word of the Day

egocentric

[ee-goh-sen-trik] adjective - selfish; believing that one is the center of everything
SAT Word of the Day

egregious

[ih-gree-juhs]
adjective - extremely bad; flagrant
SAT Word of the Day

fabrication

[fab-ri-key-shuhn] noun - a lie; something made up
SAT Word of the Day

facetious

[fuh-see-shuhs]
 adjective - humorous; not serious; clumsily humorous
SAT Word of the Day

facile

[fas-il] adjective - fluent; skillful in a simple way; easy
**SAT Word of the Day**

faction

[fak-shuhn] noun - a small group united around one cause; disagreement within an organization
SAT Word of the Day

farcical

[fahr-si-kuhl] adjective - funny; ludicrous
SAT Word of the Day

fastidious

[fa-stid-ee-uhs] adjective - careful; demanding; finicky
SAT Word of the Day

fatalist

[feyt-l-ist] noun - someone who believes that future events are already determined and that humans cannot change them.
fatuous

[fach-o-o-uhs]  
adjective - foolish;  
silly; idiotic
SAT Word of the Day

fauna

[faw-nuh] noun - animals
SAT Word of the Day

fecund

[fee-kuhnd] adjective - fertile; productive
SAT Word of the Day

futile
[fyoot-l, fyoo-tahyl]
adj. useless; hopeless
SAT Word of the Day

garrulous

[gar-uh-luhs] adjective - chatty; talkative

"Do you think I talk too much? I mean people say I talk too much, but I don't think I do. I may talk a lot, but tons of people talk a lot more than I do."
SAT Word of the Day

**genre**

[zhahn-ruh] noun - type or category, especially in art, music, or writing
SAT Word of the Day

genteel

[jen-teel] adjective - refined; polite; aristocratic; well-behaved
SAT Word of the Day

gesticulate

[je-stik-yuh-leyt]
verb - to make movements; especially when speaking or in place of speaking
SAT Word of the Day

[gluht] noun - surplus; excess
SAT Word of the Day

grandiloquent

[gran-dil-uh-kwuhnt] adjective – person who uses a lot of big, fancy words in an attempt to sound impressive
SAT Word of the Day

grandiose

[gran-dee-ohs] adjective - highly exaggerated
SAT Word of the Day

gratuitous

[gruh-too-i-tuhs]
adjective - given freely; unjustified; unprovoked; uncalled for
SAT Word of the Day

gravity

[grav-i-tee] noun – seriousness, concern, significance
SAT Word of the Day

gregarious

[gri-gair-ee-uhs] adjective -sociable; enjoying the company of others
SAT Word of the Day

guile

[gahyl] noun - cunning; cleverness; artfulness; sneakiness
SAT Word of the Day

hackneyed

[hak-need] adjective - overused; trite; stale
SAT Word of the Day

hapless

[hap-lis] adjective - unlucky
SAT Word of the Day

harbinger

[hahr-bin-jer] noun
- a sign; a signal of
SAT Word of the Day

hedonism

[heed-n-iz-uhm] noun - the pursuit of pleasure as a way of life
hégémonie

[hej-uh-moh-nee] noun - leadership; especially of one nation over another
SAT Word of the Day

heresy

[her-uh-see] noun - any belief that is strongly opposed to common beliefs
SAT Word of the Day

**hermetic**

[her-met-ik] adjective – not affected by outside influence; airtight
SAT Word of the Day

heyday

[hey-dey] noun - golden age; prime; considered your best days
hiatus

[hī´-ā-tus] noun - a break or interruption, often from work
impervious

[im-pur-vee-uhs] adjective - not allowing anything to pass through; unmoved
SAT Word of the Day

impetuous

[im-pech-oo-uhs] adjective - impulsive; extremely impatient
SAT Word of the Day

implement

[im-pluh-ment]
verb - to carry out
impotent

[im-puh-tuhnt] adjective - powerless; helpless
impugn

[im-pyoon] verb - to attack, especially to attack the truth or integrity of something
SAT Word of the Day

inane

[ih-neyn] adjective - silly; senseless
 SAT Word of the Day

inaugurate

[in-əw-guh-ryt]
verb - to begin officially; to induct formally into office
SAT Word of the Day

judicious

[joo-dish-uhs] adjective - exercising good judgment
SAT Word of the Day

juxtapose

[juhk-stuh-pohz] verb - to place side by side
SAT Word of the Day

kinetic

[kahy-net-ik] adjective - having to do with motion; lively; active
SAT Word of the Day

labyrinth

[lab-uh-rinth] noun - a maze
SAT Word of the Day

laconic

[luh-kon-ik] adjective - using few words, especially to the point of seeming rude

Larry’s Laconic responses often instigated verbose monologs
SAT Word of the Day

lament

[luh-ment] verb - to mourn; to regret, feel sorrow
SAT Word of the Day

lampoon

[lam-poong] verb - to satirize; to mock; to make fun

“No one is making fun of you. You’re just being overly sensitive.”
SAT Word of the Day

languish

[lang-gwish] verb
- to become weak, to fade, to fail
SAT Word of the Day

largess

[lahr-jis] noun - a generous giving of gifts; donation; philanthropy
SAT Word of the Day

latent

[leyt-nt] adjective - present but not visible or apparent; contained
SAT Word of the Day

laud

[lawd] verb - to praise; to applaud; to celebrate
SAT Word of the Day

legacy

[leg-uh-see] noun - something handed down from the past
SAT Word of the Day

lethargy

[leth-er-jee] noun - sluggishness; laziness; drowsiness; indifference
SAT Word of the Day

levity

[lev-i-tee] noun - lightness; lack of seriousness
machination

[mak-uh-ney-shuhn] noun - planned activity for an evil purpose
SAT Word of the Day

magnanimous

[mag-nan-uh-muhs] adjective - forgiving; kind; noble in spirit; generous

"Don't worry about me, what do you want?"
SAT Word of the Day

magnate

[mag-neyt] noun - a rich, powerful, or very successful business person
SAT Word of the Day

malaise

[ma-leyz] noun - a feeling of uneasiness or sickness
malfeasance

[mal-fee-zuhns] noun - an illegal act, especially by a public official
SAT Word of the Day

malinger

[muh-ling-ger] verb - to pretend to be sick to avoid doing work

Malingering Mark always seemed to fall ill on important dates.
SAT Word of the Day

malleable

[mal-ee-uh-buhl]

adjective - easy to shape or bend
mandate

[man-deyt] noun - a command to do something; the will of the voters as expressed by the results of an election
His love for literature is manifest in his large book collection.
manifesto

[man-uh-fes-toh] noun - a public statement of beliefs or principles, usually political ones
SAT Word of the Day

marshal

[mahr-shuhl] verb
- to arrange in order; to gather together for the purpose of doing something
SAT Word of the Day

martial

[mahr-shuhl]
adjective - warlike;
having to do with combat
martyr

[mahr-ter] noun - someone who gives up his or her life in pursuit of a cause; one who suffers for a cause; one who makes a show of suffering in order to gain sympathy
SAT Word of the Day

matriculate

[muh-trik-yuh-leyt]
verb - to enroll, especially at college
SAT Word of the Day

narcissism

[nahr-suh-siz-em] noun - excessive love of one’s own body or one’s self
SAT Word of the Day

nebululous

[neb-yuh-luhs]
adjective - vague; hazy; unclear
SAT Word of the Day

nefarious

[ni-fair-ee-uhs] adjective - evil; flagrantly wicked
Neologism  
[nee-ol-uh-jiz-uhm]  
noun - a new word or phrase; a new usage of a word
SAT Word of the Day

nepotism

[nep-uh-tiz-uhhm] noun - showing favoritism to friends or family in business or politics
nihilism

[nahy-uh-liz-uhhm]
noun - the belief that there are no values or right and wrong in the universe
SAT Word of the Day

nominal

[nom-uh-nl]
adjective - in name only; insignificant; very small
SAT Word of the Day

nostalgia

[nno-stal-juh] noun - sentimental longing for the past
SAT Word of the Day

notorious

[noh-tohr-ee-uhs] adjective - famous for something bad
SAT Word of the Day

novel

[nov-uhl] adjective - new; original
SAT Word of the Day

noxious

[nok-shuhs] adjective
- harmful; offensive
SAT Word of the Day

nuance

[noo-ahns] noun - a slight difference or distinction
SAT Word of the Day

obdurate

[ob-doo-rit] adjective - stubborn and insensitive
SAT Word of the Day

obfuscate

[ob-fuh-skeyt] verb - to darken; to confuse; to hide
SAT Word of the Day

oblique

[uh-bleek] adjective - indirect; at an angle; not straight to the point
SAT Word of the Day

oblivion

[uh-bliv-ee-uhn] noun - total forgetfulness; the state of being forgotten
SAT Word of the Day

obscure

[uhb-skyoor] adjective - unknown; hard to understand; dark
SAT Word of the Day

obsequious

[uhb-see-kwee-uhs] adjective - fawning; flattering; seeking to please in an excessive way
SAT Word of the Day

obtuse

[uhb-toos]
adj. not clear or quick mentally; blockheaded; dense
SAT Word of the Day

officious

[uh-fish-uhs]  
adjective - annoyingly eager to help
SAT Word of the Day

onerous

[on-er-uhs] adjective - burdensome; being difficult
SAT Word of the Day

opaque

[oh-peyk] adjective - impossible to see through; impossible to understand
SAT Word of the Day

opulent

[op-yuh-luhnt] adjective – luxurious, decorated to excess
orthodox

[awr-thuh-doks] adjective - conventional; following established rules, especially in religion; by the book
SAT Word of the Day

ostensible

[o-sten-suh-buhl] adjective - apparent (but misleading); shown outwardly
SAT Word of the Day

ostentatious

[os-ten-ten-shuhs]
adj. excessively conspicuous; showing off
**SAT Word of the Day**

**pacify**

[pas-uh-fahy] verb - to calm someone down; to placate
SAT Word of the Day

palliate

[pal-ee-eyt] verb - to apologize for; to hide; to mitigate
SAT Word of the Day

palpable

[pal-puh-buhl]

adjective - capable of being touched; obvious; tangible
SAT Word of the Day

**qualify**

[kwol-uh-fahy] verb - to modify or restrict; to reduce
qualitative

[kwol-i-tey-tiv] adjective - having to do with the quality or qualities of something (rather than the quantity or how much of something)
quantitative

[kwon-ti-tey-tiv] adjective - able to be expressed in numbers; measurable; the amount of something
SAT Word of the Day

querulous

[kwer-uh-luhs, kwer-yuh-] adjective - complaining; grumbling; whining

“The alarm didn’t go off, my car wouldn’t start, missed the bus, my back’s aching, haven’t had a raise in two years ...”
quixotic

[kwik-sot-ik] adjective - romantic or idealistic to a foolish or impractical degree
SAT Word of the Day

ramification

[ram-uh-fi-key-shuhn]
noun - a consequence; a branching out
rancor

[rang-ker]
noun - bitter, long-lasting, ill-will, or resentment; hatred
rapacious

[ruh-pey-shuhs]

adjective - greedy; plundering; avaricious
SAT Word of the Day

rebuke

[rɪ-bɪˈʊk] verb - to criticize sharply
rebut

[ri-buht]
verb - to contradict; to argue against; to prove to be false
recalcitrant

[rɪ-kɔːl-sɪ-trʌhnt] adjective – stubborn, defiant of authority or control; disobedient
recant

[ri-kant] verb - to publicly take back and deny (something previously said or believed); to openly confess error
reciprocal

[ri-sip-ruh-kuhl]

adjective - mutual; shared; two-sided
reclusive

[ri-ˈkloos, rek-ˈloos] adjective - hermitlike; away from society
recondite

[rek-uhn-dahyt, ri-kon-dahyt]

adjective - hard to understand; over one’s head
SAT Word of the Day

saccharine

[sak-er-in, -uh-reen, -uh-rahyn]

adjective - sweet; excessively or disgustingly sweet
sacrilege

[sak-ruh-lij]
noun - a violation of something sacred; blasphemy
sat word of the day

sacrosanct

[sak-roh-sangkt]

adjective - sacred; held to be inviolable; blessed
SAT Word of the Day

sagacious

[suh-gey-shuhs]

adjective - discerning; shrewd; smart in judgment; wise
SAT Word of the Day

salient

[sey-lee-uhnt, seyl-yuhnt]

adjective - sticking out; conspicuous; leaping to one’s attention
SAT Word of the Day

salutary

[sal-yuh-ter-ee]
adjective - healthful; nutritious; wholesome, good
sanctimonious

[sangk-tuh-moh-nee-uhs]

adjective - pretending to be devout; faking religious feelings
sanguine

[sang-gwin]

adjective - cheerful; optimistic; hopeful
SAT Word of the Day

sardonic

[saHR-don-ik]

adjective - mocking; scornful; cynical
SAT Word of the Day

tacit

[tas-it]
adjective - implied; not spoken; assumed
SAT Word of the Day

taciturn

[tas-i-turn] adjective - not talkative by nature; close-mouthed
SAT Word of the Day

tangential

[tan-jen-shu-hl]

adjective - only superficially related to the matter at hand; not especially relevant; unrelated
SAT Word of the Day

tangible

[tan-juh-buhr]

adjective - touchable; palpable; solid
SAT Word of the Day

tantamount

[tan-tuh-mount]

adjective - equivalent to; parallel, identical
SAT Word of the Day

tautological

[taw-toh-uh-jee]

adjective - redundant; circular; needless repetition of an idea
SAT Word of the Day

temerity

[tuh-mer-i-tee]
noun - boldness; carelessness; overconfidence
temperate

[tem-per-it]

adjective - mild; regulated; restrained
SAT Word of the Day

tenable

[tən-uh-buhl]

adjective - defensible, as in one’s position in an argument; capable of being urged successfully; valid
SAT Word of the Day

tenacious

\[\text{tuh-ney-shuhs}\]

adjective - persistent; stubborn; not letting go
ubiquitous

[yoo-bik-wi-tuhs]

adjective - being everywhere at the same time
unconscionable

[uhn-kon-shuh-nuh-buhl]

adjective - not controlled by conscience; sneaky; criminal
unctuous

[uhngk-choo-uhs] adjective - oily (both literally and figuratively); insincere
SAT Word of the Day

uniform

[yoo-nuh-fawrm] adjective - consistent; unchanging; the same for everyone
unremitting

[uhn-ri-mit-ing]adjective - unceasing; not stopping; relentless
unwitting

[uhn-wit-ing] adjective - unintentional; ignorant; not aware
urbane

[ur-beyn] adjective
- poised; mannerly; refined; courteous
usurp

[yoo-surp, -zurp] verb - to take wrongfully
SAT Word of the Day

utilitarian

[yoo-ti-l-i-tair-ee-uhn]
adjective - stressing usefulness; practical, functional
utopia

[yoo-toh-pee-uh] noun – a perfect society; paradise
vacillate
[vas-uh-leyt] verb - to be indecisive; to go back and forth
vapid

[vap-id] adjective - without liveliness; dull; boring
SAT Word of the Day

vehement

[vee-uh-muhnt] adjective - intense; forceful; violent
SAT Word of the Day

venal

[veen-l]

adjective - capable of being bribed; willing to do anything for money; corrupt
venerate

[ven-uh-reyt] verb - to revere; to treat as something holy, especially because of old age
Veracity

[ver-a-sis] noun – truthfulness; honesty
verbose

[ver-bohs] adjective - using too many words; not succinct
SAT Word of the Day

verisimilitude

[ver-uh-si-mil-i-tood, -tyood]
noun - similar to reality; the appearance of truth; looking like the real thing
vernacular

[ver-nak-yuh-ler, vuh-nak-]
noun - everyday speech; slang; idiom
SAT Word of the Day

vestige

[ves-tij]
noun - a remaining bit of something; a last trace