**SAT Vocabulary List**

**Word list 03**

**Group 1**

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| **Alacrity** | eagerness; enthusiasm; quickness |
| **Burgeon** | grow; flourish; put forth new shoots |
| **Deleterious** | harmful |
| **Euphemism** | a polite phrase to cover something unpleasant |
| **Hypocritical** | insincere |
| **Lethargic** | tired; without energy |
| **Ogle** | stare at; observe in an obvious manner |
| **Postulate** | hypothesize; propose |
| **Robust** | strong; healthy; tough |
| **Tractable** | obedient; dutiful; polite |

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**Group 2**

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| **Alchemy** | medieval chemistry; attempt to change base metal into gold |
| **Burnish** | polish |
| **Deliberate** | to think over deeply |
| **Euphony** | pleasant sounds |
| **Iconoclast** | person who opposes orthodoxy |
| **Levity** | flippancy; joking about serious matters |
| **Olfactory** | concerned with the sense of smell |
| **Potable** | suitable for drinking |
| **Rotund** | round |
| **Tranquil** | peaceful |

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**Group 3**

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| **Alibi** | an excuse that shows someone was not at a crime scene |
| **Buttress** | strengthen; support |
| **Delineation** | demarcation; explanation; definition; outlining |
| **Evacuate** | vacate; empty; abandon |
| **Idiosyncrasy** | a personal peculiarity; something unique to an individual |
| **Libertarian** | someone who opposes tyranny |
| **Ominous** | threatening |
| **Potent** | powerful; compelling; strong |
| **Ruminate** | think over something; ponder |
| **Transcribe** | copy |

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**Group 4**

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| **Allay** | to lessen |
| **Byline** | the line that tells you who wrote an article |
| **Demur** | hesitate; refuse |
| **Exacerbate** | make worse |
| **Ignominious** | shameful |
| **Liniment** | soothing lotion |
| **Omnipotent** | all-powerful |
| **Pragmatic** | practical |
| **Ruse** | trick; stratagem |
| **Transgress** | go astray; disobey; commit a sin |

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**Group 5**

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| **Alleviate** | make less severe |
| **Cacophony** | discordant loud noises |
| **Denounce** | condemn; speak out against |
| **Exasperated** | frustrated; annoyed |
| **Ignominy** | shame [*ignominious (a) = shameful*] |
| **Lithe** | flexible; supple |
| **Omniscient** | all-knowing |
| **Pragmatist** | practical person; one who is concerned with usefulness |
| **Saccharin** | falsely sweet |
| **Transient** | short-lived; ephemeral |

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**Group 6**

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| **Aloof** | distant; detached; cold |
| **Cajole** | coax |
| **Deplete** | use up; lessen |
| **Exceptionable** | very bad (something which we should object to) |
| **Illuminate** | to light up or make clear |
| **Livid** | very angry |
| **Onerous** | burdensome; hard to undertake |
| **Preamble** | introductory material |
| **Sacrosanct** | very holy; inviolable |
| **Traverse** | to move across |

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**Group 7**

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| **Altruism** | putting others first; being self-sacrificing |
| **Caldron** | huge cooking pot |
| **Deplore** | regret |
| **Exculpate** | free someone from blame; pardon; acquit |
| **Illusory** | deceptive; false; misleading |
| **Lobbyist** | person who tries to persuade someone to support a particular cause |
| **Onus** | burden |
| **Precarious** | unstable; risky |
| **Sagacious** | wise |
| **Trepidation** | fear |

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**Group 8**

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| **Amass** | accumulate |
| **Callow** | immature |
| **Depravity** | moral corruption |
| **Execrable** | very, very bad |
| **Immoderate** | excessive; extreme |
| **Lofty** | snooty; arrogant; haughty |
| **Opaque** | does not let light through |
| **Precedent** | a previous occurrence used as a guide |
| **Sage** | a wise person |
| **Trinket** | something of little value; knick-knack |

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**Group 9**

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| **Ambiguity** | uncertainty; vagueness |
| **Candid** | frank; honest |
| **Deprecate** | criticize; denounce |
| **Exegesis** | scholarly explanation or interpretation |
| **Immutable** | unchanging; permanent |
| **Longevity** | long life |
| **Opulent** | wealthy; rich; magnificent |
| **Precept** | guiding principle |
| **Salacious** | lecherous; erotic |
| **Trite** | unoriginal; dull |

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**Group 10**

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| **Ambiguous** | unclear in meaning; can be interpreted in different ways |
| **Candor** | frankness; openness |
| **Deride** | ridicule; make fun of; mock |
| **Exemplary** | outstandingly good; setting a fine example |
| **Impartial** | unbiased; neutral |
| **Loquacious** | talkative |
| **Ordain** | 1. destine; 2. confer holy orders on a priest |
| **Precinct** | district of a city |
| **Sallow** | yellowish |
| **Trivial** | unimportant |

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