**SAT Vocabulary List**

**Word list 04**

**Group 1**

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| **Ambivalence** | lack of clarity; wavering; being undecided |
| **Cantankerous** | bad-tempered; quarrelsome |
| **Derogatory** | uncomplimentary |
| **Exemplify** | to serve as a good example |
| **Impecunious** | having no money |
| **Lucid** | clear |
| **Ornate** | highly decorated |
| **Precipice** | steep slope |
| **Salubrious** | health-giving |
| **Truant** | shirker; someone absent without permission |

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**Group 2**

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| **Ambulatory** | able to walk around (used of hospital patients) |
| **Capacious** | spacious |
| **Desecrate** | to damage or pollute a holy place |
| **Exhaustive** | complete and thorough |
| **Impious** | wicked; profane |
| **Ludicrous** | ridiculous; silly |
| **Orthodox** | conventional |
| **Precipitous** | done in a hurry |
| **Salutary** | something which teaches you a lesson; beneficial |
| **Truncate** | cut short |

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**Group 3**

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| **Ameliorate** | make better |
| **Capitulate** | surrender; give in to |
| **Desecration** | spoiling something holy |
| **Exonerates** | acquits; absolves; removes blame |
| **Impoverished** | destitute; poor |
| **Lukewarm** | 1. unenthusiastic; 2. neither hot nor cold |
| **Ossify** | 1. turn to bone; 2. become fixed and rigid |
| **Preclude** | prevent or make impossible |
| **Sanctimonious** | hypocritically holy |
| **Tumult** | uproar; noise |

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**Group 4**

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| **Amelioration** | improvement |
| **Carping** | constant criticism |
| **Desist** | stop; discontinue; cease |
| **Exorcism** | getting free/rid of; eliminating (especially demons) |
| **Impromptu** | unrehearsed; spontaneous |
| **Lummox** | clumsy person |
| **Ostentatious** | showy |
| **Precocious** | developing early |
| **Sanction** | give approval to |
| **Turpitude** | depravity |

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**Group 5**

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| **Amiable** | friendly |
| **Cartographer** | person who makes maps |
| **Despondent** | having no hope; miserable |
| **Expatriate** | refugee; emigrant; someone living away from his own country |
| **Inadvertent** | not intentional |
| **Luscious** | juicy; moist; succulent |
| **Oust** | push out of a position |
| **Predecessor** | one who came before |
| **Sanguinary** | bloodthirsty; bloody |
| **Tyro** | novice; beginner |

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**Group 6**

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| **Amity** | friendship |
| **Castigate** | scold strongly |
| **Destitution** | hardship; poverty; misery |
| **Expedient** | convenient; practical |
| **Incantation** | chant; invocation; prayer |
| **Lynch** | assassinate; kill; illegal hanging |
| **Overt** | obvious; not hidden |
| **Predicament** | dilemma; difficult situation |
| **Sanguine** | optimistic; cheerful |
| **Ubiquitous** | found everywhere; omnipresent |

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**Group 7**

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| **Amorphous** | lacking in shape |
| **Catharsis** | purging of pent-up emotions |
| **Deter** | put off; prevent |
| **Expedite** | make faster |
| **Incarceration** | putting in prison |
| **Machinations** | plots and plans |
| **Overwrought** | worked up; in an emotional state |
| **Preeminent** | famous; outstanding |
| **Sardonic** | mocking |
| **Unalloyed** | undiluted; total |

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**Group 8**

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| **Analgesic** | medicine to combat pain |
| **Caucus** | type of private political meeting |
| **Deteriorate** | worsen; decline |
| **Exposition** | clear explanation |
| **Incessant** | without stopping |
| **Maelstrom** | whirlpool; storm in the ocean |
| **Palatable** | good to eat; agreeable |
| **Prerogative** | right or privilege |
| **Savant** | person with knowledge |
| **Unctuous** | oily; using excessive flattery |

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**Group 9**

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| **Analogous** | comparable |
| **Caustic** | burning |
| **Detrimental** | harmful |
| **Extol** | praise |
| **Incipient** | just beginning |
| **Magnanimous** | generous; big-hearted |
| **Palisade** | fence made of posts |
| **Prescient** | having fore-knowledge |
| **Scale** | to climb |
| **Undermined** | damaged; attacked |

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**Group 10**

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| **Anarchy** | chaos; lack of government |
| **Cavalcade** | procession of vehicles |
| **Devoured** | greedily eaten/consumed |
| **Extradite** | deport from one country back to the home country |
| **Inclination** | tendency; a leaning toward |
| **Magnate** | powerful businessman |
| **Palliative** | a remedy that improves but doesn't cure |
| **Presentiment** | a feeling that something might happen |
| **Scapegoat** | person on whom blame is placed for faults of others |
| **Underscore** | emphasize |

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