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Introduction

This book is aimed at tremendously increasing your vocabulary and helping you develop a fast way to figure out the meanings of words if you don't know them.

The Gruber Prefixes, Roots, and Suffixes can give you the meaning of more than 200,000 words! Vocabulary strategies will allow you to figure out meanings of words you don't know. And if you prefer to strictly memorize words, there's a list of 2300 words that appear on the SAT and other standardized tests.

Here's an example of a word strategy: Suppose you don't know the meaning of the word "inextricable." How would you figure it out? Well, maybe you'd say that "in" is a prefix that means "not." But what about "extric"? You'd associate that word with another word: "extra." But "not" to "extra" does not make sense. So you don't give up—you try another word for "extric," such as "extract." "Not" to "extract" does make sense—it means "inseparable," or unable to take apart!

Here's an example of a way to use one of the Gruber Prefixes and Roots: Suppose you want to find the meaning of the word "precursory." The prefix and root in this word are part of the prefixes and roots list that gives you the meaning of over 200,000 words:

"Pre" means "before"

"Curs" means "to run"

So "precursory" means running before or going before.

If you read through this book chapter by chapter, you will increase your vocabulary tremendously.

Purpose of This Book

The purpose of this book is to markedly increase your vocabulary and provide a way for you to figure out the meanings of words you don't know through various powerful word strategies. It is very important to have a good vocabulary when taking the SAT. In this book, you will find that you don't necessarily have to know the meanings of many words: you can figure them out in the context of the rest of the sentence or passage. You may also figure out the meanings of words or how to use them in a sentence through the strategies that are in this book.

Dr. Gruber has developed powerful, time-tested strategies for vocabulary building, including his 200,000 word vocabulary builder through prefix-root development. He is the originator of the critical thinking skills used on standardized tests and the leading authority on test preparation.

Note that this book can be used effectively for learning shortcuts and strategies and practice for all vocabulary-based questions on any test, or it can be used to build your vocabulary for your own purposes.

What This Book Contains

Introduction

1. Vocabulary Building That Is Guaranteed to Raise Your Score
2. Ten Steps to Word Power
3. The Gruber Prefixes and Roots
4. The Hot Prefixes and Roots That Denote the Same Meaning or Feeling
5. Prefix-Root-Suffix Test with Answers
6. Three Vocabulary Strategies (containing examples and questions with explanatory answers)
7. Practice Using the Gruber Prefixes and Roots
8. The Most Frequent Positive-Negative SAT Words—Words That Have the Same Meaning; Practice Questions with Answers
9. The 2300 Vocabulary Word Review List
10. Fifty Vocabulary Practice Tests with Answers
11. A List of Words Appearing More Than Once on the SAT
12. Words Commonly Confused

How to Use This Book Most Effectively

1. Read through the Introduction.
2. Learn as many of the fifty prefixes, roots, and suffixes as you can.
3. Take the Prefix-Root-Suffix Test and see how you do.
4. Learn the Hot Prefixes and Roots.
5. By all means, learn the three Vocabulary Strategies.
6. Try to answer the questions in the Practice Test with the Gruber Prefixes and Roots.
7. Try to learn some of the words in the Word List. Try to memorize words that have the same meaning.
8. If you have time, try to learn some of the words in the 2300 Word List—see if you can figure out some of these words through what you learned in the previous sections.
9. Take some of the Vocabulary Tests.
10. Read through A List of Words Appearing More Than Once on the SAT.
11. Look at the Words Commonly Confused.

VOCABULARY BUILDING
THAT IS GUARANTEED TO
RAISE YOUR SAT SCORE

Knowing Word Meanings Is Essential for a Higher SAT Score

Improving your vocabulary is essential if you want to get a high score on the Critical Reading Section of the SAT. We shall explain why this is so.

The Critical Reading Section part of the SAT consists of two different question types: Sentence Completions and Reading Comprehension. Almost all SAT exam takers come across many “tough” words in this part, whose meanings they do not know. These students lose many points because if they do not know the meanings of the words in the questions, they aren’t able to answer the questions confidently—and they are likely to answer incorrectly.

Every correct answer on the SAT is worth approximately ten points. The nineteen Sentence Completion questions contain quite a number of “tough” words whose meanings you will have to know in order to answer these questions correctly.

We must also bring to your attention the fact that several “tough” words show up in the Reading Comprehension passages of every SAT exam. Knowing the meanings of these difficult words will, of course, help you to understand the passages better. It follows that knowing what the passages are about will help you get many more correct answers for the Reading Comprehension questions that appear in the SAT.

Ten Steps to Word Power

1. Study vocabulary lists. This book has just the list you need for SAT preparation. The SAT 2300 Vocabulary Word Review List begins on page 99.
2. Take vocabulary tests. Fifty Vocabulary Practice Tests begin on page 155.
3. Learn those Latin and Greek roots, prefixes, and suffixes that make up many English words. It has been estimated that more than half of all English words come from Latin and Greek. *Developing Your Vocabulary Through Prefixes, Roots, and Suffixes That Can Give You the Meaning of over 200,000 Words* begins on page 25. Also learn the *Hot Prefixes and Roots*, page 45.
4. Have a college-level dictionary at home. Carry a pocket dictionary with you. Refer to a dictionary whenever you are not sure of the meaning of a word.
5. Read—read—read. By reading a great deal, you will encounter new and valuable words. You will learn the meanings of many of these words by context—that is, you will perceive a clear connection between a new word and the words that surround that word. In this way, you will learn the meaning of that new word.
6. Listen to what is worthwhile listening to. Listen to good radio and TV programs. Listen to people who speak well. Go to selected movies and plays. Just as you will increase your vocabulary by reading widely, you will increase your vocabulary by listening to English that is spoken well.
7. Play word games like crossword puzzles, anagrams, and Scrabble.
8. Make sure you learn the *Vocabulary Strategies* beginning on page 57.
9. Study the *Most Frequent Positive-Negative SAT Words* on page 87.
10. Look at the list of frequent SAT words on page 269.

No One Can Dispute This Fact!

You will pile up SAT points by taking advantage of the valuable Vocabulary Building study and practice materials that are offered to you in the following pages of this chapter.

DEVELOPING YOUR
VOCABULARY THROUGH
PREFIXES, ROOTS, AND
SUFFIXES THAT CAN GIVE
YOU THE MEANING OF
OVER 200,000 WORDS

A Gruber Prefix-Root-Suffix List that Gives You the Meaning of Over 200,000 Words

According to some linguistic studies made, approximately 60 percent of our English words are derived from Latin and Greek. The following Latin and Greek roots, prefixes, and suffixes frequently show up in some of the words that appear in Reading Skills passages. Learn these Latin and Greek word parts to increase your reading vocabulary immensely and thus score well in your Reading Skills test. These prefixes, roots, and suffixes can give you the meaning of over 200,000 words!

Latin and Greek Roots

The shortest and best way of learning a language is to know the roots of it; that is, those original primitive words of which other words are formed.

—Lord Chesterfield

Roots are parts of words that come from other languages—chiefly Latin and Greek. These roots are used as important “building blocks” of many of our English words. As you study the following list of Latin and Greek roots, have a dictionary by your side. Look up the meanings of the word examples that are given with the roots, if you do not know what the word examples mean.

<u>ROOT</u>	<u>MEANING AND EXAMPLE</u>
ag, act	do, drive, act; as <i>agent</i> , <i>counteract</i> .
alt	high; as <i>altitude</i> , <i>altar</i> .
anim	mind; as <i>unanimous</i> , <i>animosity</i>
ann	year; as <i>annals</i> , <i>biennial</i> .
aper, apert	open; as <i>aperient</i> , <i>aperture</i> .
apt	fit, join; as <i>adapt</i> .
arch	rule, govern; as <i>anarchy</i> .
art	skill; as <i>art</i> .
aud	hear, listen; as <i>audible</i> .
aur	gold; as <i>auriferous</i> (ferr = carry).
bas	low; as <i>debase</i> .

<u>ROOT</u>	<u>MEANING AND EXAMPLE</u>
bat	beat; as <i>battle</i> .
bit	bite; as <i>bite</i> , <i>bitter</i> .
brev	short; as <i>abbreviate</i> .
cad, cas	fall; as <i>cadence</i> , <i>casual</i> , <i>accident</i> .
cant	sing; as <i>canticle</i> , <i>chant</i> .
cap, capt	take, hold; as <i>capable</i> , <i>captive</i> .
capit	head; as <i>capital</i> .
carn	flesh; as <i>carnivorous</i> (vor = devour).
ced, cess	go, yield; as <i>accede</i> , <i>access</i> .
celer	swift; as <i>celerity</i> .
cent	hundred; as <i>century</i> .
cing, cinet	bind; as <i>surcingle</i> , <i>cincture</i> , <i>succinct</i> .
clin	lean, bend; as <i>decline</i> .
commod	suitable; as <i>commodious</i> .
commun	common; as <i>community</i> .
cor, cord	heart; as <i>accord</i> .
coron	crown; as <i>coronation</i> .
corpus, corpor	body; as <i>corpuscule</i> ; <i>corporal</i> .
cred	believe; as <i>credible</i> .
cur	care; as <i>accurate</i> .
curr, curs	run; as <i>current</i> , <i>cursory</i> .
cycl	circle; as <i>bicycle</i> .
dat	give; as <i>date</i> , <i>edition</i> .
dent	tooth; as <i>dentist</i> .
di	day; as <i>dial</i> .
dict	speak, say; as <i>contradict</i> .
dign	worthy; as <i>dignity</i> , <i>disdain</i> .
domin	lord, master; as <i>dominate</i> .
dorm	sleep; as <i>dormant</i> .
due, duct	lead, bring; as <i>induce</i> , <i>conduct</i> .

ROOT

equ
fa
fac
fac, fact
felic
fer
fess
fid
fin
form
fort
frag, fract
fund, fus
gen, gener
gest
grad; gress
gran
graph
grat
gross
hor
hospit
integr
ject
judic
junct
jur
jur
lat
leg

MEANING AND EXAMPLE

equal; as *equanimity* (anim = mind).
speak; as *affable*.
face, form; as *efface*.
make, form, do; as *facile, faction*.
happy; as *felicity*.
carry, bear, bring; as *fertile, confer*.
acknowledge; as *confess*.
faith, trust; as *confide*.
end, limit; as *final*.
shape; as *conform*.
strong; as *fortitude*.
break; as *fragile, fraction*.
pour, melt; as *fusible, confound*.
kind, race; as *gender, general*.
carry; bring; as *congestion*.
step, go; as *gradual, digress*.
grain; as *granary*.
write; as *autograph*.
pleasing; as *grateful*.
fat, thick; as *gross*.
hour; as *horology*.
host, guest; as *hospitable*.
entire, whole; as *integral*.
throw; as *inject*.
judge; as *judiciary*.
join; as *conjunction*.
swear; as *adjure*.
law, right; as *jurist*.
carry, bring; as *dilate*.
send, bring; as *legacy, allege*.

<u>ROOT</u>	<u>MEANING AND EXAMPLE</u>
leg, lect	gather, choose; as <i>legion</i> , <i>eclectic</i> .
liber	free; as <i>liberty</i> .
lin	flax; as <i>linen</i> , <i>lining</i> .
lingu	tongue; as <i>linguist</i> .
liter	letter; as <i>literal</i> ; <i>literary</i> .
loc	place; as <i>local</i> ; <i>dislocate</i> .
log	word, speech, reason; as <i>catalogue</i> , <i>logic</i> .
loqu, locut	speak, talk; as <i>loquacious</i> , <i>circumlocution</i> .
lud, lus	sport, play; as <i>ludicrous</i> , <i>illusion</i> .
magn	great; as <i>magnitude</i> .
major	greater; as <i>majority</i> .
man	hand; as <i>manual</i> , <i>maintain</i> .
man, mans	stay, dwell; as <i>manor</i> , <i>mansion</i> .
mar	the sea; as <i>marine</i> .
mater, matr	mother; as <i>maternal</i> , <i>matrimony</i> .
medi	middle, between; as <i>mediate</i> .
medic	physician; as <i>medicine</i> .
mens	measure; as <i>mensuration</i> .
ment	mind; as <i>mental</i> .
merc	merchandise, trade; as <i>commerce</i> .
merg	dip, sink; as <i>submerge</i> .
meter; metr	measure; as <i>chronometer</i> , <i>symmetry</i> .
migr	wander; as <i>migrate</i> .
mir	wonder, look; as <i>admire</i> , <i>mirror</i> .
mit, miss	send; as <i>admit</i> , <i>commission</i> .
mon, monit	advise, remind; as <i>monument</i> , <i>monitor</i> .
mort	death; as <i>mortal</i> .
mot	move; as <i>motor</i> .
mult	many; as <i>multitude</i> .
mun, munit	fortify; as <i>munition</i> .

ROOT

nat

born; as *natal*.

nav

ship; as *naval*.

not

known; as *notice*.

numer

number; as *numerous*.

nunci, nounce

tell; as *enunciate, announce*.

ocul

eye; as *oculist*.

pan

bread; as *pantry*.

par

equal; as *disparity*.

par

get ready; as *compare*.

parl

speak; as *parley*.

pars, part

part; as *parse, apart*.

pass

step; as *compass*.

past

feed; as *pasture*.

pat, pass

suffer, feel; as *patient, passive*.

pater, patr

father; as *paternal, patrician*.

ped

foot; as *biped*.

pell, puls

drive; as *compel, expulsion*.

pen

pain, punishment; as *penal*.

pend, pens

hang, weigh, pay; as *pendant, pension*.

pet, petit

seek; as *impetus, petition*.

petr

stone, rock; as *petrify*.

phil, philo

loving; as *philosophy* (soph = wisdom).

phon

sound; as *phonic*.

physi

nature; as *physiology* (log = word, reason).

pict

paint; as *picture*.

plac

please; as *placable*.

ple, plet

fill; as *complement, complete*.

plen

full; as *plenty*.

plic

fold, bend; as *complicate*.

plum

feather; as *plumage*.

MEANING AND EXAMPLE

<u>ROOT</u>	<u>MEANING AND EXAMPLE</u>
plumb	lead; as <i>plumber</i> .
pon	to place, put; as <i>component</i> .
port	carry, bring; <i>porter</i> .
port	gate; as <i>portal</i> .
pos	to place, put; as <i>compose</i> .
pot	drink; as <i>potion</i> .
potent	powerful; as <i>potentate</i> .
prehend, prehens	take, grasp; as <i>apprehend, prehensile</i> .
prim	first; as <i>primary</i> .
punct	prick, point; as <i>puncture</i> .
quadr	square, fourfold; as <i>quadrant</i> .
quant	how much; as <i>quantity</i> .
quer, quisit	seek, ask; as <i>query, inquisition</i> .
quies	rest; as <i>acquiescent</i> .
radi	ray; as <i>radiant</i> .
rap, rapt	seize, grasp; as <i>rapacious, rapture</i> .
rat	think, calculate; as <i>ratio</i> .
rect	ruled, straight, right; as <i>rectangle</i> .
reg	rule, govern; as <i>regent</i> .
rid, ris	laugh; as <i>ridiculous, risible</i> .
riv	stream; as <i>river, derive</i> .
rog, rogat	ask; as <i>interrogate</i> .
rupt	break; as <i>rupture</i> .
saer	holy; as <i>sacred</i> .
sal	salt; as <i>saline</i> .
sal	leap; as <i>salient</i> .
sanct	holy; as <i>sanction</i> .
sat, satis	enough; as <i>sate, satisfy</i> .
sci	know; as <i>science</i> .
scop	watch, view; as <i>horoscope</i> .

ROOT

scrib, script

sec, sect

sen

sent, sens

sequ, secut

serv

sist

sol

son

sort

spec, spect

speci

spir

stat

stell

string, strict

stru, struct

su

suad, suas

sum, sumpt

surg, surrect

tact

tail

tang

teg, tect

tempor

tend, tent

test

tort

tract

MEANING AND EXAMPLE

write; as *describe*, *subscription*.

cut; as *secant*, *bisect*.

old; as *senior*.

feel, think; as *sentiment*, *sensible*.

follow; as *sequel*, *consecutive*.

keep; as *conserve*.

to place, stand; as *assist*.

alone; as *solitude*.

sound; as *consonant*.

lot, kind; as *assort*.

look, appear; as *specimen*, *prospect*.

kind; as *species*.

breathe; as *aspire*.

standing; as *status*.

star; *constellation*.

draw tight, bind; as *stringent*.

build; as *construe*, *construct*.

follow; as *pursue*.

persuade; as *dissuade*, *persuasion*.

take; as *assume*, *presumption*.

rise; as *insurgent*, *insurrection*.

touch; as *contact*.

cut; as *tailor*.

touch; as *tangent*.

cover; as *tegument*, *detect*.

time; as *temporary*.

stretch, reach; as *contend*, *content*.

witness; as *attest*.

twist, wring; as *contort*.

draw; as *attract*.

<u>ROOT</u>	<u>MEANING AND EXAMPLE</u>
trit	rub; as <i>attrition</i> .
trud, trus	thrust; as <i>intrude</i> , <i>abstruse</i> .
un	one; as <i>unanimous</i> (anim = mind).
und	wave, flow; as <i>inundate</i> .
ut, util	use, useful; as <i>utensil</i> , <i>utilize</i> .
vad, vas	go; as <i>evade</i> .
val	be strong; as <i>valid</i> .
ven, vent	come; as <i>convene</i> , <i>convention</i> .
vert, vers	turn; as <i>pervert</i> , <i>version</i> .
vi, via	way, road; as <i>viaduct</i> (duct = lead, bring), <i>devious</i> .
vic	a change, turn; as <i>vicarious</i> .
vid, vis	see, appear; as <i>evident</i> , <i>visible</i> .
viv	live; as <i>vivacity</i> .
voc	call; as <i>vocation</i> .
volv, volu, volut	roll; as <i>circumvolve</i> , <i>voluble</i> , <i>revolution</i> .
vot	vow; as <i>votive</i> .

Prefixes and Suffixes

Following is a list of the principal *prefixes* and *suffixes* of Anglo-Saxon (old form of English), Latin, and Greek origin, now in use in the English language:

ENGLISH PREFIXES

Those used to form nouns:

fore	before; as <i>fore-father</i> .
mis	wrong; as <i>mis-deed</i> , <i>mis-chance</i> .
un	the opposite of; as <i>un-truth</i> , <i>un-belief</i>

Those used to form adjectives:

a	on; as <i>a-live</i> , <i>a-board</i> , <i>a-sleep</i> .
for	quite, thoroughly; as <i>for-lorn</i> .
un	not; as <i>un-true</i> , <i>un-wise</i> .
mis	wrong; as <i>mis-shapen</i> .

Those used to form verbs:

a	out, from, away, often used to intensify the meaning of the verb; as <i>a-rise</i> , <i>a-wake</i> , <i>a-rouse</i> .
be	by, and is used in several ways: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To intensify the meaning of the verb; as <i>be-daub</i>, <i>be-smear</i>.2. To change intransitive verbs to transitive ones; as <i>be-speak</i>, <i>be-think</i>.3. To form transitive verbs out of adjectives and nouns; as <i>be-friend</i>, <i>be-night</i>, <i>be-troth</i>.
for	through, thoroughly, used to intensify the meaning of the verb; as <i>for-bid</i> , <i>for-give</i> , <i>for-get</i> .
fore	before; as <i>fore-bode</i> , <i>fore-tell</i> .
mis	wrongly; as <i>mis-believe</i> , <i>mis-call</i> .

un	back; as <i>un-bind</i> , <i>un-do</i> .
with	back, against; as <i>with-draw</i> , <i>with-stand</i> .

Those used to form adverbs:

a	on; as <i>a-foot</i> , <i>a-field</i> .
be	on; as <i>be-fore</i> , <i>be-sides</i> .

LATIN PREFIXES

Latin prefixes frequently vary their forms in composition, the final letter being changed to harmonize in sound with the first syllable of the base. Thus, *ad* becomes *ac* in *accede*; *al* in *allude*; *at* in *attract*; and so on. This process is called assimilation of sound.

The following are the more commonly used prefixes of Latin origin:

a, ab, abs	from, away; as <i>a-vert</i> , <i>ab-jure</i> , <i>abs-ent</i> .
ad	to; as <i>ad-here</i> . By assimilation <i>ad</i> takes the forms <i>a</i> , <i>ac</i> , <i>af</i> , <i>al</i> , <i>an</i> , <i>ap</i> , <i>as</i> and <i>at</i> , as <i>a-spire</i> , <i>ac-cord</i> , <i>affect</i> , <i>al-lude</i> , <i>an-nex</i> , <i>ap-peal</i> , <i>as-sume</i> , <i>at-tract</i> .
amb, am (from <i>ambi</i>)	about; as <i>amb-ition</i> , <i>am-putate</i> .
ante or anti	before; as <i>ante-date</i> , <i>anti-cipate</i> .
bis, bi	twice; as <i>bi-sect</i> .
circum	around; as <i>circum-navigate</i> .
com, con	together; as <i>com-mand</i> , <i>con-vivial</i> . This prefix assumes the forms <i>col</i> and <i>cor</i> before <i>l</i> and <i>r</i> and <i>co</i> before a vowel; as <i>col-lect</i> , <i>cor-rect</i> , <i>com-mit</i> , <i>co-eval</i> , <i>co-worker</i> .
contra, contro, or counter	against; as <i>contra-dict</i> , <i>contra-vert</i> , <i>counter-act</i> .
de	down, from, about; as <i>de-scend</i> , <i>de-part</i> , <i>de-scribe</i> .
demi	half; as <i>demi-god</i> .

dis, di, dif	apart; in two, denoting difference or negation; as <i>dis-sent, di-vision, dif-ficulty</i> .
ex, e, or ef	out of, from; as <i>ex-alt, e-lect, ef-face</i> .
extra	out of, beyond; as <i>extra-ordinary</i> .
in	in, into; as <i>in-vade</i> . This prefix changes by assimilation into <i>il, im, ir</i> ; as <i>il-lustrate, im-merse, ir-ritate</i> . In its French form, <i>en</i> , it is found in <i>en-chant, en-dure</i> , etc.
in	not; by assimilation <i>il, im, ir</i> ; as <i>in-distinct, il-legal, im-piety, ir-revocable</i> .
inter, intro	between, within, among; as <i>inter-pose, intro-duce, enter-prise</i> .
male	ill; as <i>mal-treat, male-volent</i> .
non	not; as <i>non-sense</i> .
ob	in front of, against; by assimilation, <i>oc, of, op</i> ; as <i>ob-viate, oc-cupy, of-fend, op-pose</i> .
pene, pen	almost; as <i>pen-insula</i> .
per	through; by assimilation, <i>pel</i> and <i>pil</i> ; as <i>per-ceive, pel-lucid, pil-grim</i> .
post	after; as <i>post-pone, post-script</i> .
pre	before; as <i>pre-dict, pre-cede</i> .
preter	past, beyond; as <i>preter-ite, preter-natural</i> .
pro	forward, before; as <i>pro-ceed, pro-gress</i> . <i>Pro</i> is found in the forms <i>pur</i> and <i>por</i> in <i>pur-chase, pur-sue, por-tray</i> .
pro	instead of; as <i>pro-noun</i> .
re, red	back, again; as <i>re-cede, re-adopt, red-olent</i> .
retro	backwards; as <i>retro-grade, retro-spect</i> .
se, sed	apart, away; as <i>se-cede, sed-ition</i> .
semi	half; as <i>semi-circle</i> .
sine	without; as <i>sine-cure</i> .

sub	under, up from below; by assimilation, <i>suc</i> , <i>suf</i> , <i>sug</i> , <i>sum</i> , <i>sup</i> , <i>sur</i> , <i>sus</i> ; as <i>sub-ject</i> , <i>suc-cor</i> , <i>suf-fer</i> , <i>sug-gest</i> , <i>sum-mon</i> , <i>sup-press</i> , <i>sur-prise</i> , <i>sus-tain</i> .
subter	under; as <i>subter-fuge</i> .
super, sur	above, beyond; as <i>super-pose</i> , <i>super-natural</i> , <i>sur-name</i> .
trans	across; as <i>trans-form</i> .
ultra	beyond; as <i>ultra-liberal</i> .
un, uni	one; as <i>un-animous</i> , <i>uni-form</i> .
vice	instead of; as <i>vice-chancellor</i> , <i>vice-roy</i> .

GREEK PREFIXES

The following are the Greek prefixes in most common use:

a, an	not; as <i>an-archy</i> , <i>a-morphous</i> .
amphi	on both sides, round about; as <i>amphi-bious</i> , <i>amphi-theater</i> .
ana	up, back; as <i>ana-tomy</i> , <i>ana-lysis</i> .
anti	against, opposite to; as <i>anti-dote</i> , <i>ant-arctic</i> .
apo, ap	away from; as <i>apo-state</i> , <i>apo-stle</i> , <i>ap-helion</i> .
archi, arche, arch	first, chief; as <i>archi-lect</i> , <i>arche-type</i> , <i>arch-bishop</i> .
auto, auth	self; as <i>auto-crat</i> , <i>auto-nomy</i> , <i>auth-entic</i> .
cata, cat	down, over; as <i>cata-logue</i> , <i>cat-astrophe</i> .
dia	through, across; as <i>dia-meter</i> , <i>dia-gonal</i> .
dis, di	twice; as <i>dis-syllable</i> , <i>di-pthong</i> .
dys	ill; as <i>dys-peptic</i> .
ec, ex	out of; as <i>ec-centric</i> , <i>ex-odus</i> .
en, el, em	in, all, at; as <i>en-comium</i> , <i>el-lipse</i> , <i>em-phasis</i> .

epi	upon; as <i>epi-taph</i> , <i>epi-demic</i> .
eu, ev	well; as <i>eu-logy</i> , <i>ev-angelist</i> .
hemi	half; as <i>hemi-sphere</i> .
hyper	over, above; as <i>hyper-bole</i> , <i>hyper-critical</i> .
hypo	under; as <i>hypo-crite</i> .
meta, met	after, changed for; as <i>meta-phor</i> , <i>met-onymy</i> .
mono	alone; as <i>mono-gram</i> , <i>mono-poly</i> .
pan	all; as <i>pan-acea</i> , <i>pan-orama</i> .
para, par	beside, against; as <i>para-dox</i> , <i>par-enthesis</i> .
peri	around; as <i>peri-meter</i> , <i>peri-gee</i> , <i>peri-helion</i> .
poly	many; as <i>poly-gamy</i> , <i>poly-gon</i> , <i>poly-technic</i> .
pro	before; as <i>pro-phet</i> , <i>pro-logue</i> .
syn, syl, sym, sy	with; as <i>syn-tax</i> , <i>syl-lable</i> , <i>sym-pathy</i> , <i>sy-stem</i> .

ENGLISH SUFFIXES

The principal English suffixes are the following:

Those used to form abstract nouns:

dom	denoting judgment, authority, dominion; as <i>wis-dom</i> , <i>free-dom</i> , <i>king-dom</i> .
hood, head	denoting state, rank, character; as <i>man-hood</i> , <i>god-head</i> .
ing	denoting action, state; as <i>read-ing</i> , <i>hear-ing</i> .
ness	denoting state, quality; as <i>good-ness</i> , <i>great-ness</i> .
red	denoting mode, fashion; as <i>hat-red</i> , <i>kind-red</i> .
ship	denoting shape, manner, form; as <i>friend-ship</i> , <i>wor-ship</i> = <i>worth-ship</i> .

Those used to form diminutives:

en	as <i>maid-en</i> , <i>kitt-en</i> (from <i>cat</i>), <i>kitch-en</i> (from <i>cook</i>).
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ie	as <i>bird-ie</i> , <i>dog-g-ie</i> , <i>Ann-ie</i> .
ing	as <i>farth-ing</i> (from <i>fourth</i>), <i>tith-ing</i> (from <i>tenth</i>).
kin	as <i>bump-kin</i> , <i>lamb-kin</i> , <i>nap-kin</i> .
ling	as <i>dar-ling</i> , <i>duck-ling</i> , <i>gos-ling</i> .
ock	as <i>bull-ock</i> , <i>hill-ock</i> .

Miscellaneous:

er, ar, or, ier, yer	denoting the agent or doer; as <i>paint-er</i> , <i>begg-ar</i> , <i>sail-or</i> , <i>cloth-ier</i> , <i>law-yer</i> .
ster	(formerly a feminine suffix) denoting a female agent; as <i>spin-ster</i> ; also an agent of either sex; as <i>huck-ster</i> , <i>poll-ster</i> . It is also used as a term of depreciation; as <i>game-ster</i> , <i>young-ster</i> .
ard, art	characterizing a person by a peculiarity; as <i>cow-ard</i> , <i>drunk-ard</i> , <i>brag-g-art</i> .
le, el	denoting an instrument; as <i>gird-le</i> , <i>hand-le</i> , <i>shov-el</i> .
ther	marking the agent and used in terms of relationship; as <i>fa-ther</i> , <i>daugh-ter</i> , <i>mo-ther</i> .
craft	denoting skill, a trade; as <i>book-craft</i> , <i>wood-craft</i> .
fare	denoting way, course; as <i>thorough-fare</i> , <i>wel-fare</i> .
ric	denoting power, dominion; as <i>bishop-ric</i> .
wright	a workman; as <i>wheel-wright</i> ; <i>play-wright</i> .
monger	a dealer; as <i>news-monger</i> .

Those used to form adjectives:

ed, d	the suffix of the past participle, is added to nouns to form adjectives; as <i>wing-ed</i> , <i>talent-ed</i> , <i>bright-eye-d</i> , <i>golden-hair-ed</i> .
en	made of; as <i>wood-en</i> , <i>gold-en</i> .
fast	fast, firm; as <i>stead-fast</i> , <i>shame-faced</i> = <i>shame-fast</i> , which is the old form of the word.

fold	denoting multiplication; as <i>two-fold</i> , <i>mani-fold</i> .
ful	full; as <i>hate-ful</i> , <i>will-ful</i> .
ing	the suffix of the present participle; as <i>pleas-ing</i> , <i>annoy-ing</i> .
ish	like, when added to nouns; as <i>boy-ish</i> , <i>girl-ish</i> ; when added to adjectives, the suffix means “somewhat,” “rather”; as <i>black-ish</i> , <i>green-ish</i> .
less	loose from, without; as <i>fear-less</i> , <i>shame-less</i> . This suffix has no connection with the comparative of little.
like	like; as <i>child-like</i> , <i>war-like</i> .
ly	like; as <i>man-ly</i> , <i>sick-ly</i> . This suffix is a softened form of the preceding.
some	like, partaking of a certain quality; as <i>glad-some</i> , <i>loath-some</i> . This suffix is found in a corrupt form in <i>buxom</i> , <i>flotsam</i> , and <i>jetsam</i> .
teen, ty	ten; as in the numerals.
th	ordinal; as <i>fif-th</i> , <i>six-th</i> .
ward	becoming, leading to; as <i>south-ward</i> , <i>for-ward</i> .
wise	mode, way, manner; as <i>like-wise</i> , <i>other-wise</i> .
y, ey	of the nature of; as <i>ic-y</i> , <i>show-y</i> .

Those used to form verbs:

en	imparting the idea of cause, forms transitive verbs from nouns and adjectives; as <i>strength-en</i> , <i>black-en</i> , <i>fat-t-en</i> .
er, r	is added to adjectives and verbs, and imparts to the base word a frequentative and intensive force; as <i>hind-er</i> , <i>low-er</i> , <i>wand-er</i> (from <i>wend</i>), <i>glimm-er</i> (from <i>gleam</i>).

le, l	is added to nouns and verbs, and imparts to the base word the sense of frequency, or diminution; as <i>nest-le</i> , <i>thratt-le</i> (from <i>throat</i>), <i>start-le</i> , <i>stradd-le</i> (from <i>stride</i>).
k	frequentative; as <i>tal-k</i> (from <i>tell</i>), <i>har-k</i> (from <i>hear</i>).
se	to make, forms transitive verbs from adjectives; as <i>clean-se</i>

Those used to form adverbs:

es or s	the old suffix of the possessive case; as in <i>need-s</i> , <i>beside-s</i> , <i>thence</i> , <i>unawar-es</i> .
ere	denoting place in; as <i>here</i> (related to <i>he</i>), <i>th-ere</i> (related to <i>that</i>), <i>wh-ere</i> (related to <i>who</i>).
ly	a softened form of like; as <i>on-ly</i> , <i>utter-ly</i> , <i>wicked-ly</i> .
ling, long	denoting direction; as in <i>dark-ling</i> , <i>head-long</i> , <i>side-long</i> .
ther	denoting place to; as <i>hi-ther</i> , <i>thi-ther</i> , <i>whi-ther</i> .
ward, wards	denoting direction; as <i>home-ward</i> , <i>back-wards</i> .
wise	mode or manner; as <i>like-wise</i> , <i>other-wise</i> .
way, ways	In Old English, the accusative (objective case) of nouns was sometimes used with the force of an adverb. Hence the adverbs <i>al-ways</i> , <i>straight-way</i> . The general use of the possessive suffix <i>-es</i> or <i>-s</i> to form adverbs is accountable for the forms <i>al-ways</i> , <i>straight-ways</i> , <i>side-ways</i> .

LATIN SUFFIXES

The principal suffixes of Latin origin are the following:

Those used to form nouns:

1. Those forming abstract nouns:

age	act, condition, collection of; as <i>cour-age</i> , <i>hom-age</i> , <i>foli-age</i> .
anee, ancy, ence, or ency	state or quality of being; as <i>abund-ance</i> , <i>const-ancy</i> , <i>indulg-ence</i> , <i>consist-ency</i> .
ice	that which; as <i>just-ice</i> .
ment	state of being, that which; as <i>excite-ment</i> , <i>command-ment</i> . It is also used to denote instrument, as in <i>docu-ment</i> , <i>orna-ment</i> .
mony	state of, that which; as <i>acri-mony</i> , <i>resti-mony</i> .
ion	the act of, state of being; as <i>redempt-ion</i> , <i>evas-ion</i> , <i>act-ion</i> .
tude	denoting condition; as <i>forti-tude</i> , <i>grati-tude</i> .
ty	state or quality of; as <i>chari-ty</i> , <i>cruel-ty</i> .
ure or eur	state of, that which; as <i>grand-eur</i> , <i>creat-ure</i> .
y	denoting condition or faculty; as <i>miser-y</i> , <i>victor-y</i> .

2. Those denoting simply a person, or one who performs the action signified by the base.

ain or an	connected with; as <i>artis-an</i> , <i>chapl-ain</i> .
ant or ent	one who; as <i>assist-ant</i> , <i>stud-ent</i> .
ary, ier, eer, or er	one who; as <i>secret-ary</i> , <i>brigad-ier</i> , <i>engin-eer</i> , <i>marin-er</i> .
ate	one who; as <i>advoc-ate</i> , <i>cur-ate</i> . In the French form, <i>ee</i> or <i>e</i> , this suffix denotes the object of an action; as <i>legat-ee</i> , <i>nomi-nee</i> , <i>employ-ee</i> .

ist	one who practises or is devoted to; as <i>evangel-ist</i> , <i>theor-ist</i> .
or or er	one who; as <i>conspirat-or</i> , <i>success-or</i> , <i>doct-or</i> , <i>preach-er</i> .
trix	denoting a female agent; as <i>execu-trix</i> .

3. Those forming diminutives:

el or le	as <i>lib-el</i> (from <i>liber</i> , a book), <i>cast-le</i> (from <i>castrum</i> , a fort).
cle or cule	as <i>vesi-cle</i> , <i>animal-cule</i> .
ule	as <i>glob-ule</i> .
ette or let	as <i>ros-ette</i> , <i>stream-let</i> .

4. Those forming collective nouns:

ry	as <i>bandit-ry</i> .
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Those used to form adjectives:

aceous or acious	made of, having the quality of; as <i>farin-aceous</i> , <i>cap-acious</i> .
al	belonging to; as <i>leg-al</i> , <i>reg-al</i> .
an, ane, or ain	connected with; as <i>hum-an</i> , <i>hum-ane</i> , <i>cert-ain</i> .
ar or er	belonging to; as <i>regul-ar</i> , <i>premi-er</i> .
ary, arious	relating or belonging to; as <i>station-ary</i> , <i>greg-arious</i> .
able or ible	that may be done; as <i>port-able</i> , <i>sens-ible</i> .
ant or ent	equivalent to the force of the present participle inflection -ing; as <i>discord-ant</i> , <i>cur-rent</i> .
escent	becoming; as <i>putr-escent</i> .
esque	partaking of; as <i>pictur-esque</i> .
ic	belonging to; as <i>civ-ic</i> , <i>rust-ic</i> .
id	having the quality of; as <i>acr-id</i> , <i>frig-id</i> .
ile, il, eel, or le	capable of being; as <i>doc-ile</i> , <i>civ-il</i> , <i>gent-eel</i> , <i>ab-le</i> .

ine	belonging to; as <i>can-ine</i> , <i>sal-ine</i> .
ive	inclined to; as <i>plaint-ive</i> , <i>abus-ive</i> .
ory	fitted or relating to; as <i>admonit-ory</i> .
ose or ous	full of; as <i>verb-ase</i> , <i>curi-ous</i> .

Those used to form verbs:

ate	to perform the act of, cause; as <i>navig-ate</i> .
fy	to make; as <i>beauti-fy</i> , <i>magni-fy</i> .
ish	to make; as <i>fin-ish</i> .

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ic	belonging to; as <i>aromat-ic</i> , <i>graph-ic</i> .
st	agent; as <i>bapti-st</i> , <i>bolani-st</i> .
isk	a diminutive; as <i>aster-isk</i> , <i>obel-isk</i> .
y	making abstract nouns; as <i>philosoph-y</i> , <i>monarch-y</i> .
ize or ise	forming verbs; as <i>anglic-ize</i> , <i>critic-ise</i> .

THE HOT PREFIXES AND
ROOTS THAT DENOTE
THE SAME MEANING
OR FEELING

Here is a list of the most important prefixes and roots that impart a certain meaning or feeling. They can be instant clues to the meanings of more than 200,000 words.

Prefixes that mean *to, with, between, or among*

<u>PREFIX</u>	<u>MEANING</u>	<u>EXAMPLES</u>
ad, ac, af, an, ap, ap, as, at	to, toward	<i>adapt</i> —to fit into <i>adhere</i> —to stick to <i>attract</i> —to draw near
com, con, co, col	with, together	<i>combine</i> —to bring together <i>contact</i> —to touch together <i>collect</i> —to bring together <i>co-worker</i> —one who works together with another worker
in, il, ir, im	into	<i>inject</i> —to put into <i>impose</i> —to force into <i>illustrate</i> —to put into example <i>irritate</i> —to put into discomfort
inter	between, among	<i>international</i> —among nations <i>interact</i> —to act among the people
pro	forward, going ahead	<i>proceed</i> —to go forward <i>promote</i> —to move forward

Prefixes that mean *bad*

<u>PREFIX</u>	<u>MEANING</u>	<u>EXAMPLES</u>
mal	wrong, bad	<i>malady</i> —illness <i>malevolent</i> —bad <i>malfunction</i> —bad functioning
mis	wrong, badly	<i>mistreat</i> —to treat badly <i>mistake</i> —to get wrong

Prefixes that mean *away from*, *not*, or *against*

<u>PREFIX</u>	<u>MEANING</u>	<u>EXAMPLES</u>
ab	away from	<i>absent</i> —not to be present, away <i>abscond</i> —to run away
de, dis	away from, down, the opposite of, apart, not	<i>depart</i> —to go away from <i>decline</i> —to turn down <i>dislike</i> —not to like <i>dishonest</i> —not honest <i>distant</i> —apart
ex, e, ef	out, from	<i>exit</i> —to go out <i>eject</i> —to throw out <i>efface</i> —to rub out, erase
in, il, ir, im	not	<i>inactive</i> —not active <i>impossible</i> —not possible <i>ill-mannered</i> —not mannered <i>irreversible</i> —not reversible
non	not	<i>nonsense</i> —no sense <i>nonstop</i> —having no stops
un	not	<i>unhelpful</i> —not helpful <i>uninterested</i> —not interested
anti	against	<i>anti-freeze</i> —a substance used to prevent freezing <i>anti-social</i> —refers to someone who's not social
ob	against, in front of	<i>obstacle</i> —something that stands in the way of <i>obstinate</i> —inflexible

Prefixes that denote distance

<u>PREFIX</u>	<u>MEANING</u>	<u>EXAMPLES</u>
circum	around	<i>circumscribe</i> —to write or inscribe in a circle <i>circumspect</i> —to watch around or be very careful
equ, equi	equal, the same	<i>equalize</i> —to make equal <i>equitable</i> —fair, equal
post	after	<i>postpone</i> —to do after <i>postmortem</i> —after death
pre	before	<i>preview</i> —a viewing that goes before another viewing <i>prehistorical</i> —before written history
trans	across	<i>transcontinental</i> —across the continent <i>transit</i> —act of going across
re	back, again	<i>retell</i> —to tell again <i>recall</i> —to call back, to remember
sub	under	<i>subordinate</i> —under something else <i>subconscious</i> —under the conscious
super	over, above	<i>superimpose</i> —to put something over something else <i>superstar</i> —a star greater than other stars
un, uni	one	<i>unity</i> —oneness <i>unanimous</i> —sharing one view <i>unidirectional</i> —having one direction

Roots

<u>PREFIX</u>	<u>MEANING</u>	<u>EXAMPLES</u>
cap, capt, cept, ceive	to take, to hold	<i>captive</i> —one who is held <i>receive</i> —to take <i>capable</i> —to be able to take hold of things <i>concept</i> —an idea or thought held in mind
cred	to believe	<i>credible</i> —believable <i>credit</i> —belief, trust
curr, curs, cours	to run	<i>current</i> —now in progress, running <i>cursor</i> —a moveable indicator <i>recourse</i> —to run for aid
dic, dict	to say	<i>indicate</i> —to say by demonstrating <i>diction</i> —verbal saying
duc, duct	to lead	<i>induce</i> —to lead to action <i>aqueduct</i> —a pipe or waterway that leads water somewhere
fac, fic, fect, fy	to make, to do	<i>facile</i> —easy to do <i>fiction</i> —something that has been made up <i>satisfy</i> —to make happy <i>affect</i> —to make a change in
jec, ject	to throw	<i>project</i> —to put forward <i>trajectory</i> —a path of an object that has been thrown
mit, mis	to send	<i>admit</i> —to send in <i>missile</i> —something that gets sent through the air

<u>PREFIX</u>	<u>MEANING</u>	<u>EXAMPLES</u>
pon, pos	to place	<i>transpose</i> —to place across <i>compose</i> —to put into place many parts <i>deposit</i> —to place in something
scrib, script	to write	<i>describe</i> —to write or tell about <i>scripture</i> —a written tablet
spec, spic	to look	<i>specimen</i> —an example to look at <i>inspect</i> —to look over
ten, tain	to hold	<i>maintain</i> —to hold up or keep <i>retentive</i> —holding
ven, vent	to come	<i>advent</i> —a coming <i>convene</i> —to come together

PREFIX-ROOT-SUFFIX TEST
WITH ANSWERS
(TEN QUESTIONS)

1. The meaning of TENACIOUS is:
 - A. sticking to something
 - B. hard to see
 - C. terrible
 - D. careful
2. The meaning of IRREVERSIBLE is:
 - A. not being able to turn back
 - B. not being able to understand
 - C. careless
 - D. being directionless
3. What is the meaning of PRECURSOR?
 - A. something that goes before
 - B. something that gets someone angry
 - C. a careful observation
 - D. a hard tool
4. What is the meaning of UNIDIRECTIONAL?
 - A. no direction
 - B. one direction
 - C. many directions
 - D. two directions
5. What is the meaning of PARITY?
 - A. abundance
 - B. simplicity
 - C. equality
 - D. sympathy
6. What is the meaning of TACTILE?
 - A. something that is hard
 - B. something that is easy to see
 - C. something that can be written on
 - D. something that can be touched
7. What is the best meaning of the underlined suffix? *director*
 - A. one who
 - B. place where
 - C. quality of
 - D. full of

8. What is the best meaning of the underlined suffix? *anthropology*
- A. being
 - B. the quality of
 - C. the study of
 - D. the place where
9. Which is the prefix of the following word? *inject*
- A. i
 - B. in
 - C. inj
 - D. inject
10. Which is the suffix of *antagonism*?
- A. nism
 - B. ism
 - C. onism

Prefix-Root-Suffix Test Answers

1. A — TEN = hold fast
2. A — IR = not
3. A — PRE = before, CURS = to run
4. B — UNI = one
5. C — PAR = equal
6. D — TACT = touch
7. A — or = one who
8. C — ogy = the study of
9. B — Prefix = in, Root = ject = to throw
10. B — Suffix = ism

THREE VOCABULARY
STRATEGIES

Introduction

Although **antonyms** (opposites of words) are not on the SAT, it is still important for you to know vocabulary and the strategies to figure out the meanings of words, since there are many questions involving difficult words in all the sections on the Verbal part of the SAT, that is, the **Sentence Completions and Critical Reading Parts**.



USE ROOTS, PREFIXES, AND SUFFIXES TO GET THE MEANINGS OF WORDS

You can increase your vocabulary tremendously by learning Latin and Greek roots, prefixes, and suffixes. Sixty percent of all the words in our English language are derived from Latin and Greek. By learning certain Latin and Greek roots, prefixes, and suffixes, you will be able to understand the meanings of more than 200,000 additional English words. See *Developing Your Vocabulary Through Prefixes, Roots, and Suffixes That Can Give You the Meaning of over 200,000 Words* on page 25, and *The Hot Prefixes and Roots That Denote the Same Meaning or Feeling* on page 45.

EXAMPLE 1

Opposite of PROFICIENT:

- (A) antiseptic
- (B) unwilling
- (C) inconsiderate
- (D) neglectful
- (E) awkward

EXPLANATORY ANSWER

Choice E is correct. The prefix PRO means *forward, for the purpose of*. The root FIC means *to make or to do*. Therefore, PROFICIENT literally means *doing something in a forward way*. The definition of *proficient* is *skillful, adept, capable*. The antonym of *proficient* is, accordingly, *awkward, incapable*.

EXAMPLE 2

Opposite of DELUDE:

- (A) include
- (B) guide
- (C) reply
- (D) upgrade
- (E) welcome

EXPLANATORY ANSWER

Choice B is correct. The prefix DE means *downward, against*. The root LUD means *to play* (a game). Therefore, DELUDE literally means *to play a game against*. The definition of *delude* is *to deceive, to mislead*. The antonym of *delude* is accordingly *to guide*.

EXAMPLE 3

Opposite of LAUDATORY:

- (A) vacating
- (B) satisfactory
- (C) revoking
- (D) faultfinding
- (E) silent

EXPLANATORY ANSWER

Choice D is correct. The root LAUD means *praise*. The suffix ORY means *a tendency toward*. Therefore, LAUDATORY means having *a tendency toward praising someone*. The definition of *laudatory* is *praising*. The antonym of *laudatory* is, accordingly, *faultfinding*.

EXAMPLE 4

Opposite of SUBSTANTIATE:

- (A) reveal
- (B) intimidate
- (C) disprove
- (D) integrate
- (E) assist

EXPLANATORY ANSWER

Choice C is correct. The prefix SUB means *under*. The root STA means *to stand*. The suffix ATE is a verb form indicating *the act of*. Therefore, SUBSTANTIATE literally means *to perform the act of standing under*. The definition of *substantiate* is *to support* with proof or evidence. The antonym is, accordingly, *disprove*.

EXAMPLE 5

Opposite of TENACIOUS:

- (A) changing
- (B) stupid
- (C) unconscious
- (D) poor
- (E) antagonistic

EXPLANATORY ANSWER

Choice A is correct.

TEN = to hold; TENACIOUS = holding—OPPOSITE = *changing*

EXAMPLE 6

Opposite of RECEDE:

- (A) accede
- (B) settle
- (C) surrender
- (D) advance
- (E) reform

EXPLANATORY ANSWER

Choice D is correct.

RE = back; CED = to go; RECEDE = to go back—OPPOSITE = *advance*

EXAMPLE 7

Opposite of CIRCUMSPECT:

- (A) suspicious
- (B) overbearing
- (C) listless
- (D) determined
- (E) careless

EXPLANATORY ANSWER

Choice E is correct.

CIRCUM = around; SPECT = to look or see; CIRCUMSPECT = to look all around or make sure that you see everything, careful—OPPOSITE = *careless*

EXAMPLE 8

Opposite of MALEDICTION:

- (A) sloppiness
- (B) praise
- (C) health
- (D) religiousness
- (E) proof

EXPLANATORY ANSWER

Choice B is correct.

MAL = bad; DICT = to speak; MALEDICTION = to speak badly about—OPPOSITE = *praise*

EXAMPLE 9

Opposite of PRECURSORY:

- (A) succeeding
- (B) flamboyant
- (C) cautious
- (D) simple
- (E) cheap

EXPLANATORY ANSWER

Choice A is correct.

PRE = before; CURS = to run; PRECURSORY = run before—OPPOSITE = *succeeding*

EXAMPLE 10

Opposite of CIRCUMVENT:

- (A) to go the straight route
- (B) alleviate
- (C) to prey on one's emotions
- (D) scintillate
- (E) perceive correctly

EXPLANATORY ANSWER

Choice A is correct.

CIRCUM = around (like a circle); VENT = to come; CIRCUMVENT = to come around—OPPOSITE = *to go the straight route*



PAY ATTENTION TO THE SOUND OR FEELING OF THE WORD—WHETHER POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE, HARSH OR MILD, BIG OR LITTLE, ETC.

If the word sounds harsh or terrible, such as “obstreperous,” the meaning probably is something harsh or terrible. If you’re looking for a word opposite in meaning to “obstreperous,” look for a word or words that have a softer sound, such as “pleasantly quiet or docile.” The sense of “obstreperous” can also seem to be negative—so if you’re looking for a synonym, look for a negative word. If you’re looking for an opposite (antonym), look for a positive word.

EXAMPLE 1

Opposite of BELLIGERENCY:

- (A) pain
- (B) silence
- (C) homeliness
- (D) elegance
- (E) peace

EXPLANATORY ANSWER

Choice E is correct. The word BELLIGERENCY imparts a tone of forcefulness or confusion and means warlike. The opposite would be calmness or peacefulness. The closest choices are choice B or E, with E a little closer to the opposite in tone for the capitalized word. Of course, if you knew the root BELLI means “war,” you could see the opposite as (E) peace.

EXAMPLE 2

Opposite of DEGRADE:

- (A) startle
- (B) elevate
- (C) encircle
- (D) replace
- (E) assemble

EXPLANATORY ANSWER

Choice B is correct. Here you can think of the DE in DEGRADE as a prefix that is negative (bad) and means *down*, and in fact DEGRADE does mean to debase or lower. So you should look for an opposite that would be a word with a *positive* (good) meaning. The best word from the choices is (B) elevate.

EXAMPLE 3

Opposite of OBFUSCATION:

- (A) illumination
- (B) irritation
- (C) conviction
- (D) minor offense
- (E) stable environment

EXPLANATORY ANSWER

Choice A is correct. The prefix OB is usually negative, as in obstacle or obliterate, and in fact OBFUSCATE means *darken* or *obscure*. So since we are looking for an opposite, you would look for a *positive* word. Choices A and E are positive, and you should go for the more positive of the two, which is Choice A.

EXAMPLE 4

Opposite of MUNIFICENCE:

- (A) disloyalty
- (B) stinginess
- (C) dispersion
- (D) simplicity
- (E) vehemence

EXPLANATORY ANSWER

Choice B is correct because MUNIFICENCE means *generosity*. Many of the words ending in ENCE, like OPULENCE, EFFERVESCENCE, LUMINESCENCE, QUINTESSENCE, etc., represent or describe something big or bright. So the opposite of one of these words would denote something small or dark.

You can associate the prefix MUNI with money, as in “municipal bonds,” so the word MUNIFICENCE must deal with money and in a big way. The opposite deals with money in a small way. Choice B fits the bill.

EXAMPLE 5

Opposite of DETRIMENT:

- (A) recurrence
- (B) disclosure
- (C) resemblance
- (D) enhancement
- (E) postponement

EXPLANATORY ANSWER

Choice D is correct. The prefix DE can also mean *against* and is negative, and DETRIMENT means something that causes damage or loss. So you should look for a positive word. The only one is (D) enhancement.

EXAMPLE 6

Opposite of UNDERSTATE:

- (A) embroider
- (B) initiate
- (C) distort
- (D) pacify
- (E) reiterate

EXPLANATORY ANSWER

Choice A is correct. UNDERSTATE means something said in a restrained or downplayed manner. You see “under” in UNDERSTATE so look for a choice that gives you the impression of something that is “over” as in “overstated.” The only choice is (A) embroider, which means *to embellish*.

EXAMPLE 7

Opposite of DISHEARTEN:

- (A) engage
- (B) encourage
- (C) predict
- (D) dismember
- (E) misinform

EXPLANATORY ANSWER

Choice B is correct. You see “heart” in DISHEARTEN. The DIS is negative or means “not to,” or “not to have heart,” and dishearten does mean *to discourage*. So you want to look for a *positive* word. Choice (B) encourage fits the bill.

EXAMPLE 8

Opposite of FIREBRAND:

- (A) an intellect
- (B) one who is charitable
- (C) one who makes peace
- (D) a philanthropist
- (E) one who is dishonest

EXPLANATORY ANSWER

Choice C is correct. You see fire in FIREBRAND. So think of something fiery or dangerous. The opposite of FIREBRAND must be something that's calm or safe. The best choice is Choice C, whereas a FIREBRAND is someone who causes trouble.



USE WORD ASSOCIATIONS TO DETERMINE WORD
MEANINGS AND THEIR OPPOSITES

Looking at the root or part of any capitalized word may suggest an association with another word that looks similar and whose meaning you know. This new word's meaning may give you a clue as to the meaning of the original word or the opposite in meaning to the original word if you need an opposite. For example, *extricate* reminds us of the word “extract,” the opposite of which is “to put together.”

EXAMPLE 1

Opposite of STASIS:

- (A) stoppage
- (B) reduction
- (C) depletion
- (D) fluctuation
- (E) completion

EXPLANATORY ANSWER

Choice D is correct. Think of STATIC or STATIONARY. The opposite would be moving or fluctuating since STASIS means stopping or retarding movement.

EXAMPLE 2

Opposite of APPEASE:

- (A) criticize
- (B) analyze
- (C) correct
- (D) incense
- (E) develop

EXPLANATORY ANSWER

Choice D is correct. Appease means to placate. Think of PEACE in APPEASE. The opposite would be violent or incense.

EXAMPLE 3

Opposite of COMMISERATION:

- (A) undeserved reward
- (B) lack of sympathy
- (C) unexpected success
- (D) absence of talent
- (E) inexplicable danger

EXPLANATORY ANSWER

Choice B is correct. Think of MISERY in the word COMMISERATION. Commiseration means the sharing of misery. Choice B is the only appropriate choice.

EXAMPLE 4

Opposite of JOCULAR:

- (A) unintentional
- (B) exotic
- (C) muscular
- (D) exaggerated
- (E) serious

EXPLANATORY ANSWER

Choice E is correct. Think of JOKE in the word JOCULAR, which means given to joking. The opposite would be serious.

EXAMPLE 5

Opposite of ELONGATE:

- (A) melt
- (B) wind
- (C) confuse
- (D) smooth
- (E) shorten

EXPLANATORY ANSWER

Choice E is correct. Think of the word LONG in ELONGATE, which means to lengthen. The opposite would be short or shorten.

EXAMPLE 6

Opposite of SLOTHFUL:

- (A) permanent
- (B) ambitious
- (C) average
- (D) truthful
- (E) plentiful

EXPLANATORY ANSWER

Choice B is correct. Think of SLOTH, a very, very slow animal. So SLOTHFUL, which means lazy or sluggish, must be slow and unambitious. The opposite would be ambitious.

EXAMPLE 7

Opposite of FORTITUDE:

- (A) timidity
- (B) conservatism
- (C) placidity
- (D) laxness
- (E) ambition

EXPLANATORY ANSWER

Choice A is correct. FORTITUDE means strength in the face of adversity; you should think of FORT or FORTIFY as something strong. The opposite would be weakness or *timidity*.

EXAMPLE 8

Opposite of LUCID:

- (A) underlying
- (B) abstruse
- (C) luxurious
- (D) tight
- (E) general

EXPLANATORY ANSWER

Choice B is correct. LUCID means easily understood or clear; you should think of LUCITE, a clear plastic. The opposite of clear is hard to see through or abstruse. *Note:* The “ab” in “abstruse” makes Choice B the only *negative* choice, which is the opposite of the positive word LUCID.

EXAMPLE 9

Opposite of POTENT:

- (A) imposing
- (B) pertinent
- (C) feeble
- (D) comparable
- (E) frantic

EXPLANATORY ANSWER

Choice C is correct. Think of the word POTENTIAL or POWERFUL. To have potential is to have the ability or power to be able to do something. So the opposite would be feeble. You could also have thought of POTENT as a *positive* word. The opposite would be a negative word. The only two choices that are negative are choices C and E.

PRACTICE USING THE
FIFTY GRUBER PREFIXES
AND ROOTS

Roots

ROOT 1

- EMISSARY: (A) a statue that is on a pedestal
 (B) a person who travels to see new places
 (C) a messenger sent to represent another person

(C) Remember the root MIS means to send. EMISSARY is a messenger sending (or representing) concerns of another person.

ROOT 2

- ASCRIBE: (A) to cancel
 (B) to assign
 (C) to fulfill

(B) Remember SCRIB is the root that means to write. So ASCRIBE means to write on or, less literally, to assign.

ROOT 3

- EXTANT: (A) still in existence
 (B) far off into space
 (C) something drawn between two parallel lines

(A) Remember the root STA means to stand. In this case the X in EXTANT can be thought of as an S creating the root STA. EXTANT means to stand or, less literally, still be in existence.

ROOT 4

- OFFICIOUS: (A) paying attention to the rules
 (B) eager to render service
 (C) aspiring to a higher position

(B) The root FIC means to make or to do. The word OFFICIOUS means eager to do service.

ROOT 5

- VOCIFEROUS: (A) making an outcry
 (B) constantly seeking employment
 (C) bringing disease

(A) The root FER means to carry or bear. The root VOC means voice as in VOCAL. So the word VOCIFEROUS means to carry a voice or, less literally, to make an outcry.

ROOT 6

- TENET: (A) A structure that covers a large area
 (B) An assumption made in a scientific discipline
 (C) A principle held by an organization

(C) The root TEN means to hold. TENET is a principle held by an organization.

IMPORTANT:

Many times the root or prefix of a word can immediately give you the meaning of the word without you having to do deeper analysis. This is useful on tests where you may be able to zero in on the right choice by spotting the prefix or root of the word and matching it with one of the choices.

For example: Find the OPPOSITE of the meaning of PRECURSORY:

- (A) succeeding (B) creative (C) speeding

If you know that the prefix PRE means before, you don't even have to know what the root CURS means to see that the opposite of PRE means after, signalling choice A.

These prefixes and roots are a passport to not only quickly seeing what the meaning of a word is, but also enabling you to perform far better on standardized vocabulary tests by zeroing in on the correct choice or eliminating the incorrect ones.

ROOT 7

- REPOSE: (A) state of occurring again
 (B) state of being in an angry mood
 (C) state of being at rest

(C) The root POS means to put or to place. REPOSE means the state of placing or putting at rest.

ROOT 8

- ADDUCE: (A) to bring forward for consideration
 (B) to understand thoroughly
 (C) to count up many times

(A) The root DUC means to lead. The word ADDUCE means bring forward for consideration.

ROOT 9

- PORTENTOUS: (A) illustrative
 (B) foreboding
 (C) very strict

(B) The root TENT means to stretch. The prefix POR (used instead of PRO) means forward. So PORTENTOUS means stretching forward or predicting what is going to happen as in foreboding.

ROOT 10

- INTERCEPT: (A) to interrupt
 (B) to concede
 (C) to push forward

(A) The root CEPT means to take or to seize. INTERCEPT means to seize the continuation or to interrupt.

ROOT 11

- REPLICATE: (A) to extract
 (B) to duplicate
 (C) to initiate

(B) The root PLIC means to fold. The prefix RE means again.

The word RELICATE means to fold again, or to duplicate.

ROOT 12

- CIRCUMSPECT: (A) superficial
 (B) antagonistic
 (C) prudent

(C) The root SPEC means to look at or to see. The prefix CIRCUM means around. So CIRCUMSPECT means to look around or, less literally, to be careful or prudent.

ROOT 13

- CONTROVERT: (A) to deny
 (B) to move from one place to another
 (C) to stop production

(A) The root VERT means to turn. The PREFIX CONTR means against. So CONTROVERT means to turn against or to deny.

ROOT 14

- CEDE: (A) to yield
 (B) to plant
 (C) to grow

(A) The root CED means to yield, so CEDE means simply to yield.

ROOT 15

AGITATE: (A) to conform
 (B) to style
 (C) to excite

(C) The root AG means to do or to act. AGITATE means to excite.

ROOT 16

CURSOR: (A) a vulgar person
 (B) a sharp edge
 (C) a running marker

(C) The root CURS means to run. A CURSOR is the running marker on the computer. So that's where the term comes from!

ROOT 17

INDICT: (A) to accuse
 (B) to refer to
 (C) to cease

(A) The root DICT means to say. The prefix IN means in. INDICT means to accuse.

ROOT 18

CONJECTURE: (A) to fortell
 (B) to grasp
 (C) to guess

(C) The root JECT means to throw. The prefix CON means with. CONJECTURE means “with throwing” or, less literally, to guess.

ROOT 19

- BENEDICTION: (A) a blessing
(B) a calm statement
(C) a religious painting

(A) The root (also prefix) BENE means good. The root DICT means to say. So BENEDICTION means something good that is said, or a blessing.

ROOT 20

- PROGENY: (A) children or offspring
(B) substances with chemical or biological similarities
(C) a creative or inventive procedure

(A) The root GEN means born. The prefix PRO means forward. The word PROGENY means children or offspring.

Prefixes

PREFIX 1

ABDICATE: (A) to say terrible things about someone
 (B) to relinquish power
 (C) to destroy

(B) The prefix AB means away from. The root DIC means to say. ABDICATE means to relinquish power.

PREFIX 2

ADVERT: (A) to stop motion
 (B) to call attention to
 (C) to adjust oneself to

(B) The prefix AD means to. The root VERT means turn. ADVERT means turn to or call attention to.

PREFIX 3

COLLOCATE: (A) to arrange
 (B) to liquidate
 (C) to liquify

(A) The prefix COL means with or together. The root LOC means location. COLLOCATE is a “location together” or means to arrange.

PREFIX 4

DECLIVITY: (A) a sharp edge
 (B) a peak
 (C) a descending slope

(C) The prefix DE means down. CLI is derived from climb or slope.

So DECLIVITY is a downward or descending slope. ACCLIVITY is an upward or rising slope because AC means up.

PREFIX 5

- DIFFIDENT: (A) supportive
 (B) finicky
 (C) not confident

(C) The prefix DI means away from or apart. The root FID means trust. So DIFFIDENT is not trusting or not confident. Notice that because CON means with, the word CONFIDENT gets its meaning using CON and FID as the prefix and root.

PREFIX 6

- DISPARAGE: (A) to modify
 (B) to take apart
 (C) to belittle

(C) The prefix DIS means not. PARAGE means rank. So DISPARAGE is not to rank or to belittle.

PREFIX 7

- ELOCUTION: (A) the style of speaking
 (B) the manner of dress
 (C) the high point on a building

(A) The prefix E means out or from. The root LOCUT means speak. So ELOCUTION means speaking from or the style of speaking.

PREFIX 8

- INTERPOLATE: (A) to insert or introduce between two other items
 (B) to create a state of calmness or peacefulness
 (C) to judge according to a set of given rules

(A) The prefix INTER means between. INTERPOLATE means to insert or introduce between two other items or things.

PREFIX 9

- MISCREANT: (A) a wanderer
 (B) an uneducated worker
 (C) a villain

(C) The prefix MIS means wrongly or badly. MISCREANT is a bad person or villain.

PREFIX 10

- NONCHALANT: (A) adorned
 (B) peasantlike
 (C) indifferent

(C) The prefix NON means not. NONCHALANT means not caring or indifferent.

PREFIX 11

- OBVIATE: (A) prevent
 (B) make known
 (C) start up

(A) The prefix OB means in the way or against. OBVIATE means to prevent or dispose of.

PREFIX 12

- PROLIFEROUS: (A) standing out
 (B) reproducing freely
 (C) extremely agile

(B) The prefix PRO means forward. The root FER means to carry or to bear. PROLIFEROUS means reproducing freely.

PREFIX 13

- PREPENSE: (A) arranged in advance
 (B) a specified amount of money
 (C) the judgment after a trial

(A) The prefix PRE means before. The root PENS means thought. So PREPENSE is thought before or arranged in advance.

PREFIX 14

- REPUDIATION: (A) trying to invalidate something
 (B) setting a standard of quality
 (C) showing fear or concern

(A) The prefix RE means back or again. REPUDIATION is the act of trying to take back the truth of something or invalidating something.

PREFIX 15

- SUBSERVIENT: (A) underground
 (B) lower than others in function
 (C) an assistant

(B) The prefix SUB means under. Think of SERV from service. So SUBSERVIENT means lower than others in capacity or function.

PREFIX 16

- SUPERFLUOUS: (A) floating to the surface
 (B) beyond what is required
 (C) infinite in wisdom

(B) The prefix SUPER means beyond or over. SUPERFLUOUS means beyond what is required—something a lot more than you need.

PREFIX 17

- TRANSVERSE: (A) unified
 (B) unstable
 (C) lying across

(C) The prefix TRANS means across. TRANSVERSE means lying across.

PREFIX 18

- IMMISCIBLE: (A) not able to be mixed
 (B) not able to be seen through
 (C) definite and sharp

(A) The prefix IM, in this case, means not. Think of MIS as mix, so IMMISCIBLE means not able to be mixed.

PREFIX 19

- MONODY: (A) a boring person
 (B) an ode for one voice or actor
 (C) a conglomerate of buildings

(B) The prefix MONO means one. MONODY is an ode (OD in MONODY) for one voice or actor.

PREFIX 20

- BIPARTITE: (A) a group of dissidents
 (B) a country at war
 (C) having two parts

(C) The prefix BI means two. BIPARTITE means having two parts.

PREFIX 21

- ANTITHETICAL: (A) hypothetical
 (B) against religion of any form
 (C) opposed in every respect

(C) The prefix ANTI means against. ANTITHETICAL means opposed in every respect.

PREFIX 22

- CIRCUMVENT: (A) to avoid
 (B) to open
 (C) to watch in a careful manner

(A) The prefix CIRCUM means around as in CIRCLE. The root VEN means to come. CIRCUMVENT means to avoid as if by coming around.

PREFIX 23

- EQUANIMITY: (A) having equal lengths or sides
 (B) calm or even-tempered
 (C) having the same rank or status

(B) The prefix EQU means equal. ANIM refers to a person or animal. EQUANIMITY means calm or even(equal)-tempered.

PREFIX 24

- MALAPROPISM: (A) a faulty set on a stage
 (B) a trite remark or cliché
 (C) a misuse of a word

(C) The prefix MAL means bad. MALAPROPISM is a misuse of a word.

PREFIX 25

- INDUCTION: (A) leading by influence
 (B) electrical stimulation
 (C) a prior knowledge of something

(A) The prefix IN, in this case, means in or into. The root DUC means to lead. So INDUCTION means leading into or leading by influence.

PREFIX 26

- UNILOCULAR: (A) having a single compartment
 (B) having only one way to exit
 (C) completely locked in

(A) The prefix UNI means one. The root LOC means location or place. UNILOCULAR means having a single place or compartment.

PREFIX 27

- OMNIFARIOUS: (A) extremely loud
 (B) completely trustworthy
 (C) of all kinds

(C) The prefix OMNI means all. OMNIFARIOUS means of all kinds.

PREFIX 28

- POLYGLOT: (A) composed of several languages
 (B) a giant mythical character
 (C) a medical term for a large cut

(A) The prefix POLY means many. The root GLOT means tongue. So POLYGLOT means many tongues or, less literally, composed of several languages.

PREFIX 29

- PERISTYLE: (A) a simple construction
 (B) an enclosed courtyard
 (C) a type of calligraphy

(B) The prefix PERI means around as in PERIMETER. PERISTYLE is a style of construction which goes all around to enclose an area, an enclosed courtyard.

PREFIX 30

- POSTNATAL: (A) pertaining to the common cold
 (B) the score one receives after taking an exam
 (C) occurring immediately after birth

(C) The prefix POST means after. The root NAT means birth as in NATIVITY. POSTNATAL means occurring immediately after birth.

THE MOST FREQUENT
POSITIVE-NEGATIVE
SAT WORDS—
WORDS THAT HAVE
THE SAME MEANING;
PRACTICE QUESTIONS
WITH ANSWERS

Following is a list of popular SAT words and their opposites. *Note:* These words fit into specific categories, and it may be a little easier memorizing the meaning of these important words knowing what category they fit into.

POSITIVENEGATIVE

TO PRAISE

TO BELITTLE

acclaim

admonish

applaud

assail

commend

berate

eulogize

calumniate

exalt

castigate

extol

censure

flatter

chastise

hail

chide

laud

decry

panegyryze

denigrate

resound

denounce

tout

disparage

excoriate

execrate

flay

lambaste

malign

reprimand

reproach

scold

upbraid

vilify

POSITIVETO CALM OR MAKE
BETTER

abate

accede

accommodate

allay

ameliorate

appease

assuage

comply

concede

conciliate

gratify

mitigate

mollify

pacify

palliate

placate

propitiate

quell

satiating

NEGATIVETO MAKE WORSE
OR RUFFLE

alienate

antagonize

contradict

dispute

fend off

embitter

estrangle

incense

infuriate

nettle

oppugn

oppose

rebuff

repel

repulse

snub

POSITIVE

PLEASANT

affable
amiable
agreeable
captivating
congenial
cordial
courteous
decorous
engaging
gracious
obliging
sportive
unblemished
undefiled

NEGATIVE

UNPLEASANT

callous
cantankerous
captious
churlish
contentious
gruff
irascible
ireful
obstinate
ornery
peevish
perverse
petulant
querulous
testy
vexing
wayward

POSITIVE

GENEROUS

altruistic

beneficent

benevolent

charitable

effusive

hospitable

humanitarian

magnanimous

munificent

philanthropic

NEGATIVE

CHEAP

frugal

miserly

niggardly

paltry

parsimonious

penurious

provident

skinflinty

spartan

tight-fisted

thrifty

POSITIVENEGATIVEABUNDANT OR
RICHSCARCE OR
POOR

affluent

dearth

bounteous

deficit

copious

destitute

luxuriant

exiguous

multifarious

impecunious

multitudinous

impoverished

myriad

indigent

opulent

insolvent

pecunious

meager

plenteous

paltry

plentiful

paucity

plethoric

penurious

profuse

scanty

prosperous

scarcity

superabundant

sparse

teeming

wealthy

POSITIVE

YIELDING

accommodating

amenable

compliant

deferential

docile

flexible

hospitable

inclined

malleable

obliging

pliant

submissive

subservient

tractable

NEGATIVE

NOT YIELDING

adamant

determinate

immutable

indomitable

inflexible

intractable

intransigent

recalcitrant

relentless

resolute

steadfast

tenacious

POSITIVENEGATIVE

COURAGEOUS

TIMID

audacious

diffident

dauntless

indisposed

gallant

laconic

intrepid

reserved

stalwart

reticent

undaunted

subdued

valiant

timorous

valorous

LIVELY

BLEAK

brisk

dejected

dynamic

forlorn

ebullient

lackluster

exhilaration

lugubrious

exuberant

melancholy

inspiring

muted

provocative

prostrate

scintillating

somber

stimulating

tenebrous

titillating

POSITIVE

CAREFUL

chary

circumspect

conscientious

discreet

exacting

fastidious

gingerly

heedful

judicious

meticulous

provident

prudent

punctilious

scrupulous

scrutiny

wary

NEGATIVE

CARELESS

culpable

felonious

indifferent

insouciant

lackadaisical

lax

negligent

perfunctory

rash

remiss

reprehensible

temerarious

<u>POSITIVE</u>	<u>NEGATIVE</u>
HUMBLE	HAUGHTY
demure	affected
diffident	aristocratic
indisposed	arrogant
introverted	audacious
laconic	authoritarian
plebian	autocratic
reluctant	condescending
restrained	disdainful
reticent	egotistical
subdued	flagrant
subservient	flippant
taciturn	imperious
timid	impertinent
timorous	impudent
unassuming	insolent
unostentatious	ostentatious
unpretentious	pompous
	proud
	supercilious
	vainglorious

Note: In many cases you can put a prefix “im” or “un” in front of the word and change its meaning to an opposite.

Example: Pecunious. Opposite: Impecunious
 Ostentatious. Opposite: Unostentatious

Practice Questions

1. Example: Find OPPOSITE of EXTOL:

- (A) oppose
- (B) restrain
- (C) enter
- (D) deviate
- (E) denigrate

2. ALLAY (opposite):

- (A) incense
- (B) drive
- (C) berate
- (D) signify
- (E) determine

3. DECOROUS (opposite):

- (A) scanty
- (B) irascible
- (C) musty
- (D) pliant
- (E) rigid

4. AMENABLE (opposite):

- (A) tiresome
- (B) uncultured
- (C) intransigent
- (D) soothing
- (E) careless

5. MUNIFICENT (opposite):

- (A) simple
- (B) pallid
- (C) crafty
- (D) penurious
- (E) stable

6. PLETHORIC (opposite):
(A) impecunious
(B) slothful
(C) indifferent
(D) reticent
(E) sly
7. METICULOUS (opposite):
(A) timid
(B) plenteous
(C) peevish
(D) intractible
(E) perfunctory
8. IMPERIOUS (opposite):
(A) unostentatious
(B) lackadaisical
(C) insolvent
(D) churlish
(E) immutable
9. TIMOROUS (opposite):
(A) judicious
(B) intrepid
(C) multifarious
(D) benevolent
(E) tenebrous
10. LUGUBRIOUS (opposite):
(A) flexible
(B) unblemished
(C) ebullient
(D) conciliatory
(E) impertinent

Answers to Practice Questions

1. Choice E is correct. **EXTOL** fits into the category of **TO PRAISE**. **Denigrate** fits into the category **TO BELITTLE**—the opposite category.
2. Choice A is correct. **ALLAY** fits into the category of **TO CALM**. **Incense** fits into the opposite category— **TO MAKE WORSE** or **TO RUFFLE**.
3. Choice B is correct. **DECOROUS** fits into the category of **PLEASANT**. The opposite category is **UNPLEASANT**. **Irascible** fits into this category.
4. Choice C is correct. **AMENABLE** fits into the category of **YIELDING**. **Intransigent** fits into the opposite category—**NOT YIELDING**.
5. Choice D is correct. **MUNIFICENT** fits into the category of **GENEROUS**. **Penurious** fits into the category of **CHEAP**, the opposite category.
6. Choice A is correct. **PLETHORIC** fits into the category of **ABUNDANT** or **RICH**. **Impecunious** fits into the opposite category of **SCARCE** or **POOR**.
7. Choice E is correct. **METICULOUS** fits into the category of **CAREFUL**. **Perfunctory** fits into the category of **CARELESS** (or **mechanical**).
8. Choice A is correct. **IMPERIOUS** fits into the category of **HAUGHTY** (high-brow). **Unostentatious** fits into the category of **HUMBLE**, the opposite category.
9. Choice B is correct. **TIMOROUS** fits into the category of **TIMID**. **Intrepid** fits into the opposite category of **COURAGEOUS**.
10. Choice C is correct. **LUGUBRIOUS** fits into the category of **BLEAK** or **dismal**. **Ebullient** fits into the opposite category of **LIVELY**.

THE 2300 VOCABULARY
WORD REVIEW LIST

A

- abase**—to degrade
- abash**—to embarrass
- abate**—to decrease
- abattoir**—a slaughterhouse
- abdicate**—to give up
- aberration**—a deviation
- abet**—to aid
- abeyance**—temporary suspension
- abhor**—to detest
- abject**—miserable
- abjure**—to give up on oath
- ablution**—washing the body
- abnegate**—to renounce
- abominate**—to loathe
- aboriginal**—first; existing
someplace since the beginning
- abort**—to cut short
- abrade**—to rub off
- abridge**—to shorten
- abrogate**—to cancel by authority
- abscond**—to run away
- absolve**—to free of guilt
- abstemious**—moderate in eating
and drinking
- abstract**—a summary
- abstruse**—hard to understand
- abut**—to border on
- abysmal**—bottomless; wretched
- accede**—to take on the duties (of);
to attain (to)
- acclivity**—an upward slope
- accolade**—a demonstration
of honor
- accouterments**—one's clothes
- accretion**—accumulation
- accrue**—to accumulate
- acerbity**—sharpness
- acme**—a peak
- acquiesce**—to yield
- acquit**—to clear of a charge
- acrid**—sharp
- acrimony**—bitterness
- actuate**—to put into motion
- acumen**—keenness
- adage**—an old saying
- adamant**—unyielding
- adduce**—to give as proof
- adept**—skilled; expert
- adhere**—to stay fast
- adipose**—fatty
- adjudicate**—to judge
- adjunct**—something added
- adjure**—to charge under oath
- admonish**—to warn
- adroit**—skillful
- adulation**—flattery
- adulterate**—to make impure
- adumbration**—a foreshadowing;
an outlining

advent—an arrival

adventitious—accidental

adversity—misfortune

advocate—to support

aesthetic—pertaining to beauty

affable—friendly

affected—artificial

affidavit—a sworn statement
in writing

affinity—a close relationship

affirmation—assertion

affluent—wealthy

affray—a noisy quarrel

affront—an insult

agenda—a program

agglomerate—to gather into a mass

aggrandize—to make greater

aggravate—to make worse

aggregate—a group of things
together

aggrieved—wronged

aghost—horrified

agile—nimble

agnostic—one who doesn't know

agrarian—agricultural

akimbo—with hands on hips

alacrity—eagerness

albeit—although

alchemy—early chemistry

alienate—to make unfriendly

allay—to calm

allege—to declare

allegory—a symbolic story

alleviate—to relieve

allocate—to distribute

allude—to refer indirectly

alluvial—pertaining to soil deposits
left by water

altercation—an angry argument

altruism—unselfish concern
for others

amass—to accumulate

amatory—showing love

ambidextrous—skillful; able to use
both hands equally well

ambrosia—the food of the gods

ambulant—moving about

ameliorate—to improve

amenable—easily led

amenity—a pleasant quality

amiable—friendly

amity—friendship

amnesty—pardon

amorphous—shapeless

amplify—to increase

amulet—a charm

anachronism—something
misplaced in time

analgesic—a pain reliever

analogous—comparable

anarchy—absence of government

anathema—a curse

- anchorite**—a recluse
- ancillary**—serving as an aid
- animadversion**—a critical comment
- animate**—to bring to life
- animosity**—hatred
- annals**—yearly records
- anneal**—to heat and then cool;
to strengthen
- annuity**—a yearly payment
- annul**—to invalidate
- anomaly**—an abnormality
- antediluvian**—before the Biblical
flood; very old
- anterior**—toward the front
- anthropoid**—resembling man
- antipathy**—a strong dislike
- antipodes**—exact opposites
- antithesis**—opposite
- apathetic**—indifferent
- aperture**—an opening
- apex**—a peak
- aphorism**—an adage
- aplomb**—self-possession; poise
- apocryphal**—of doubtful authenticity
- apogee**—the highest point
- apoplexy**—sudden paralysis
- apostate**—one who abandons his
faith or cause
- apothecary**—druggist
- apothegm**—a saying
- apotheosis**—deification
- appall**—to shock or dismay
- apparition**—a ghost
- appease**—to pacify
- appellation**—a name or title
- append**—to attach
- apposite**—apt
- apprise**—to notify
- appurtenance**—an accessory
or possession
- aquiline**—curved or hooked
- arabesque**—an elaborate
architectural design
- arable**—plowable (land)
- arbitrator**—a judge or umpire
- arbitrary**—left to one's judgment;
despotic
- arboreal**—pertaining to trees
- archaic**—ancient or old-fashioned
- archetype**—an original model or
perfect example
- archipelago**—a group of islands
- archives**—a place where records
are kept; records
- ardor**—passion
- arduous**—laborious
- argot**—jargon
- armada**—a fleet of warships
- arraign**—to bring to court to
answer charges
- arrant**—complete; out-and-out
- arrears**—unpaid debts

- arrogate**—to appropriate
- articulate**—to join; to speak clearly
- artifact**—a manmade object,
particularly a primitive one
- artifice**—ingenuity; trickery
- artisan**—a skilled craftsman
- ascendant**—rising
- ascetic**—self-denying
- ascribe**—to assign or attribute
- aseptic**—free of bacteria
- askance**—with a sideways look;
suspiciously
- askew**—crookedly
- asperity**—harshness
- aspersion**—a slanderous remark
- assail**—to assault
- assay**—to test or analyze; to try
- asseverate**—to assert
- assiduous**—diligent
- assimilate**—to incorporate
- assuage**—to lessen
- astral**—pertaining to the stars
- astute**—clever; shrewd
- atavism**—a throwback to an earlier
state; a reappearance of a
characteristic from an earlier
generation
- atheist**—one who believes there is
no God
- athwart**—across
- atrophy**—to waste away
- attenuate**—to weaken
- attest**—to confirm
- attribute**—a characteristic
- attrition**—wearing away
- atypical**—abnormal
- audacious**—bold
- audible**—loud enough to be heard
- augment**—to enlarge
- augur**—to foretell
- august**—inspiring reverence
and respect
- aural**—pertaining to the ear
or hearing
- auspices**—sponsorship
- auspicious**—favorable
- austerity**—severity; the condition
of denying oneself
- autocrat**—a dictator
- autonomy**—self-government;
independence
- auxiliary**—a thing or person that
gives aid
- avarice**—greed
- aver**—to affirm
- averse**—opposed
- avid**—greedy
- avocation**—a hobby
- avoirdupois**—weight
- avow**—to acknowledge
- avuncular**—pertaining to an uncle;
like an uncle
- awry**—not straight

B

- bacchanal**—a drunken party
- badger**—to tease or annoy
- badinage**—playful talk; banter
- baffle**—to perplex
- baleful**—harmful
- balk**—to obstruct; to refuse to move
- balm**—something that soothes or
heals
- banal**—trite; commonplace
- bandy**—to toss back and forth;
exchange
- baneful**—deadly
- barbaric**—uncivilized
- baroque**—very ornate
- barrage**—a prolonged attack
of artillery fire or words
- barrister**—a man of the legal
profession
- bastion**—a fortification or defense
- bate**—to lessen
- bathos**—sentimentality
- batten**—to thrive
- bayou**—a marshy body of water
- beatific**—blissful
- beatitude**—perfect happiness
- bedizen**—to dress in a showy way
- bedlam**—a madhouse; a place of
chaos
- beguile**—to charm or deceive
- behemoth**—a large and powerful
animal or thing
- behoof**—behalf; interest
- belabor**—to beat; to scold or
criticize
- beleaguer**—to besiege
- belie**—to contradict
- bellicose**—warlike
- belligerent**—warlike
- benediction**—a blessing
- benefactor**—one who provides
benefits
- benevolent**—kindly
- benighted**—surrounded by
darkness; unenlightened
- benign**—kindly; harmless
- benison**—a blessing
- berate**—to scold
- berserk**—frenzied
- beset**—to attack
- bestial**—like a beast; brutish
- bestow**—to present (as a gift);
to confer
- bestride**—to mount with one leg on
each side
- bete noire**—something or
someone hated or feared
- bibliophile**—one who loves books
- bibulous**—inclined to drink
alcoholic beverages
- biennial**—every two years

bigot—an intolerant person

bilious—bad-tempered

billingsgate—vulgar, abusive talk

binate—paired

bivouac—a temporary encampment

bizarre—odd; eccentric

blanch—to make white; to bleach;

(a person) to turn white

bland—mild

blandishment—flattery

blasphemy—profanity

blatant—unpleasantly loud

blazon—to make known; to adorn

or decorate

bleak—unsheltered; bare

blight—anything that kills, withers,

or stunts

blithe—gay

bloated—swollen

bludgeon—a club

bluster—to act in a noisy manner

bode—to foreshadow

boisterous—rowdy

bolster—to support

bombastic—using unnecessarily

pompous language

bondage—slavery

boor—a rude person

bootless—useless

bounty—generosity

bourgeois—pertaining to the
middle class

bovine—cowlike

bowdlerize—to remove offensive
passages (from a book)

braggadocio—a braggart

brandish—to shake or wave
(something) in a menacing way

brash—impudent

bravado—a show of bravery

brazen—shameless

breach—a violation

brevity—briefness

brigand—a bandit

broach—to open or introduce

bromidic—dull

bruit—to rumor

brusque—abrupt in manner

bucolic—rural; pastoral

buffoonery—clowning

bullion—gold or silver in bars

bulwark—a defense

bumptious—conceited or forward

burgeon—to grow

burlesque—to imitate in order to
ridicule

burnish—to polish

buttress—a support

buxom—healthy; plump

C

- cabal**—a small group of conspirators
- cache**—a hiding place; hidden things
- cacophony**—harsh sound
- cadaver**—a corpse
- cadence**—rhythm
- cadre**—a basic structure; a nucleus or framework
- caitiff**—a mean person
- cajole**—to coax or wheedle
- caliber**—quality or value
- calk, caulk**—to fill cracks or seams
- calligraphy**—penmanship
- callous**—unfeeling
- callow**—immature
- calumny**—slander
- camaraderie**—fellowship
- canaille**—rabble; mob
- canard**—a false, often malicious report
- candor**—frankness
- canny**—shrewd
- cant**—slang or argot
- canvass**—to go through for opinions, votes, etc.
- capacious**—roomy
- capitulate**—to surrender
- capricious**—erratic, changeable
- captious**—quick to find fault
- captivate**—to fascinate
- careen**—to lean to the side or from side to side
- caricature**—an imitation or drawing that exaggerates certain features of the subject
- carmine**—red
- carnage**—slaughter
- carnal**—bodily
- carousal**—a rowdy drinking party
- carp**—to make petty complaints
- carrion**—decaying flesh
- carte blanche**—a free hand; unlimited authority
- casigate**—to punish
- casually**—a mishap
- casuistry**—false reasoning
- cataclysm**—an upheaval
- catalyst**—an agent of change
- catapult**—to shoot or launch; to leap
- catastrophe**—a calamity
- categorical**—absolute
- catholic**—universal
- causerie**—a chat
- caustic**—corrosive
- cauterize**—to burn
- cavalcade**—a procession
- caveat**—a warning
- cavil**—to quibble

cede—to give up one's rights to (something); to transfer ownership of

celerity—speed

celestial—heavenly

celibate—unmarried

censure—to blame or criticize

cerebration—thought; thinking

cessation—stopping

cession—the giving up (of something) to another

chafe—to rub for warmth; to irritate

chaff—husks of grain; anything worthless

chagrin—embarrassment

chaotic—totally disorderly

charlatan—imposter; quack

chary—watchful

chaste—pure

chastise—to punish

chattel—personal property

chauvinism—fanatical patriotism or partisanship

checkered—characterized by diverse experiences

chicanery—trickery or deception

chide—to rebuke

chimerical—imaginary

choleric—quick-tempered

chronic—long-lasting or perpetual

chronicle—a historical record arranged in order of time

churlish—rude

circuitous—roundabout

circumlocution—an indirect or lengthy way of saying something

circumscribe—to encircle

circumspect—cautious

circumvent—to surround; to prevent (something) by cleverness

citadel—a fortress

cite—to quote

civility—politeness

clandestine—secret

clarion—clear (sound) like a trumpet

cleave—to split

cleft—a split

clemency—leniency

cliché—an overworked expression

climacteric—a crucial period or event

climactic—pertaining to the climax, or high point

clique—an exclusive group of people

cloister—a monastery or convent

cloy—to satiate

coadjutor—an assistant

coalesce—to unite or merge

codicil—an addition or supplement

coerce—to force

coffer—a strongbox

cogent—forceful

cogitate—to think over

cognate—related

cognizant—aware

cognomen—a name

cohesion—tendency to stick together

cohort—a group or band; an associate

coincident—happening at the same time

collaborate—to work together

collateral—side by side; parallel

collocation—an arrangement

colloquial—conversational; informal (speech)

colloquy—a formal discussion or conference

collusion—conspiracy

colossal—huge

comatose—pertaining to a coma

comely—attractive

comestible—edible

comity—politeness

commensurate—equal in size or measure

comminuted—powdered

commiseration—sympathy or sorrow

commodious—spacious

commutation—an exchange or substitution

compassion—deep sympathy

compatible—able to get along well together

compendious—brief but comprehensive

compile—to gather in an orderly form

complacent—self-satisfied

complaisant—obliging; agreeable

complement—that which completes something

compliant—submissive

component—a part of the whole

comport—to behave or conduct (oneself)

compunction—guilt; remorse

concatenate—linked together; connected

concede—to acknowledge or admit as true

conciliate—to make up with

concise—brief and clear

conclave—a private or secret meeting

conclusive—decisive

concoct—to devise

concomitant—accompanying

concordat—an agreement

- concourse**—a crowd; a space for crowds to gather
- concupiscent**—having strong sexual desire or lust
- concurrent**—running together or at the same time
- condescend**—to deal with someone beneath oneself on his own level, sometimes patronizingly
- condign**—deserved or suitable
- condolence**—expression of sympathy
- condone**—to pardon or overlook
- conductive**—tending or leading
- conduit**—a pipe or channel for liquids
- configuration**—an arrangement
- confiscate**—to seize by authority
- connagation**—a large fire
- confute**—to prove wrong
- congeal**—to solidify
- congenital**—existing from birth
- conglomerate**—a mass or cluster
- congruent**—corresponding
- congruous**—suitable, fitting
- conjecture**—a guess
- conjoin**—to unite
- conjugal**—pertaining to marriage
- conjure**—to produce by magic
- connive**—to pretend not to see another's wrongdoing; to cooperate or conspire in wrongdoing
- connoisseur**—one with expert knowledge and taste in an area
- connotation**—an idea suggested by a word or phrase that is different from the literal meaning of the word or phrase
- consanguinity**—blood relationship; close relationship
- conscript**—to draft (as for military service)
- consecrate**—to dedicate
- consensus**—general agreement
- consign**—to hand over; to put in the care of another
- consonance**—agreement
- consort**—a spouse, particularly of a king or queen; a traveling companion
- consternation**—great emotion that leaves one helpless and confused
- constituency**—the people served by an elected official
- constrain**—to confine or hold back
- constrict**—to make smaller by applying pressure; to restrict
- construe**—to interpret

consummate—to bring to completion; to finish

contaminate—to pollute

contemn—to scorn

contentious—quarrelsome; controversial

context—the words around a particular portion of a speech or passage; surroundings and background

contiguous—touching along one side; adjacent

continence—self-restraint; moderation

contingent—possible; accidental; depending on something else

contortion—a twisting

contraband—smuggled merchandise

contravene—to oppose; to dispute

contrition—remorse or repentance

contrivance—something that is thought up or devised; an invention

controvert—to contradict; to debate

contumacious—insubordinate; disobedient

contumely—humiliating rudeness

contusion—bruise

conundrum—a puzzling question or problem

convene—to assemble

conversant—familiar (with)

conveyance—a vehicle or other means of carrying

convivial—pertaining to festivity; sociable

convoke—to call together

convolution—a twisting together; a twist or coil

copious—plentiful

corollary—a proposition that follows from another that has been proved

corporeal—bodily

corpulent—very fat

correlation—a mutual relationship; a correspondence

corroborate—to confirm

corrosive—capable of eating or wearing away; sarcastic; biting

corsair—a pirate or pirate ship

cortege—a procession

coterie—a clique

countermand—to revoke (an order)

coup d'état—an overthrow of a government

covenant—an agreement

covert—hidden

covetous—envious

cower—to shrink in fear

coy—bashful; reserved; coquettish

cozen—to cheat or deceive

crabbed—ill-tempered
crass—grossly stupid or dull
craven—cowardly
credence—belief
credulous—easily or too easily convinced
creed—a statement of belief, religious or otherwise
crepilate—to crackle
criterion—a standard for judging
crone—a hag
crony—a close companion
crux—a problem; the deciding point
cryptic—hidden
cudgel—a stick or club
culinary—pertaining to the kitchen or cooking
cull—to pick or select
culmination—the highest point
culpable—blameworthy
cumbersome—burdensome; clumsy
cuneate—wedge-shaped
cupidity—greed
curmudgeon—a bad-tempered person
curry—to try to obtain favor by flattery
cursor—superficial
curtail—to cut short

cynic—a person who believes all actions are motivated by selfishness

D

dais—a platform in a hall or room
dally—to play or trifle; to waste time
dank—damp
dastard—a mean coward
daunt—to intimidate
dauntless—bold
dearth—scarcity
debacle—an overwhelming defeat or failure
debase—to lower in dignity, quality, or value
debauch—to corrupt
debilitate—to weaken
debonair—courteous; gay
decadence—decay
decamp—to break camp; to run away
deciduous—falling off at a certain time or yearly (as leaves from trees)
decimate—to kill a large part of
declivity—a downgrade; a slope
decorous—proper
decoy—a lure or bait
decrepit—weak from age

decry—to speak against publicly

deduce—to reason out logically;
to conclude from known facts

de facto—actual

defalcate—to misuse money left in
one’s care; to embezzle

defamation—slander

default—neglect; failure to do what
is required

defection—desertion

deference—regard for another’s
wishes

defile—to make dirty or pollute;
to dishonor

definitive—conclusive;
distinguishing

deflect—to turn aside; to deviate

defunct—dead; no longer operating

deign—to condescend

delete—to strike out or erase

deleterious—harmful

delineate—to sketch or design;
to portray

delude—to mislead

delusion—a false belief

demagogue—one who stirs people
up by emotional appeal in order
to gain power

demarcate—to mark the limits of

demean—to degrade

demeanor—bearing or behavior

demise—death

demolition—destruction

demonic—pertaining to a demon
or demons

demur—to delay; to object

demure—serious; prim

denizen—an inhabitant

denouement—the outcome or
solution of a plot

depict—to portray

depilate—to rid of hair

deplete—to reduce or exhaust

deplore—to lament or feel sorry
about

deploy—to station forces or troops
in a planned way

depravity—corruption

deprecate—to express disapproval of

depreciate—to lessen in value

depredate—to plunder or despoil

deranged—insane

derelict—abandoned

deride—to mock; to laugh at

derogatory—expressing a low
opinion

descant—to discuss at length

descry—to detect (something
distant or obscure)

desecrate—to make profane

desiccate—to dry up

desist—to stop

- despicable**—contemptible
- despoil**—to strip; to pillage
- despotism**—tyranny
- destitute**—lacking; in extreme need of things
- desuetude**—state of disuse
- desultory**—aimless; random
- deterrent**—something that discourages (someone) from an action
- detonate**—to explode
- detraction**—belittling the worth of something or someone
- detriment**—injury; hurt
- deviate**—to turn aside
- devious**—winding; going astray
- devoid**—lacking
- devolve**—to transfer to another person
- devout**—pious
- dexterous**—skillful
- diabolical**—devilish
- diadem**—a crown
- diapason**—the entire range of musical sounds
- diaphanous**—transparent or translucent
- diatribe**—a bitter denunciation
- dichotomy**—a division into two parts
- dictum**—an authoritative statement
- didactic**—instructive
- diffident**—unconfident; timid
- diffusion**—the act of spreading (something) out in all directions
- digress**—to turn aside or deviate, specially in writing or speaking
- dilapidation**—a state of disrepair
- dilate**—to expand
- dilatory**—tending to delay; tardy
- dilemma**—a choice of two unsatisfactory alternatives
- dilettante**—one who involves himself in the arts as a pastime
- diligent**—hard-working
- diminution**—a lessening
- dint**—means
- dire**—terrible; fatal; extreme
- dirge**—funereal music
- disavowal**—a denial
- discernible**—able to be seen or distinguished
- discerning**—having good judgment; astute
- disclaim**—to disown
- discomfit**—to frustrate the plans of
- disconcert**—to upset or confuse
- disconsolate**—sad; dejected
- discordant**—not harmonious
- discourtenance**—to make ashamed; to discourage

- discreet**—showing good judgment in conduct; prudent
- discrete**—separate; not connected
- discretion**—individual judgment; quality of being discreet
- discursive**—passing from one subject to another
- disdain**—to think (someone or something) unworthy
- disheveled**—messy
- disingenuous**—insincere
- disinterested**—not influenced by personal advantage
- disjointed**—disconnected
- disparage**—to belittle
- disparity**—inequality
- disperse**—to scatter or distribute
- disport**—to amuse or divert
- disputatious**—inclined to dispute
- disquisition**—a formal inquiry; an elaborate essay
- dissemble**—to disguise or pretend
- disseminate**—to scatter
- dissident**—not agreeing
- dissimulate**—to dissemble; to pretend
- dissipate**—to scatter or disperse
- dissolute**—loose in morals
- dissonance**—discord
- dissuade**—to advise against; to divert by persuasion
- distend**—to expand
- distract**—absent-minded; preoccupied
- distraught**—troubled; confused; harassed
- diurnal**—daily
- diverge**—to extend from one point in separate directions
- diverse**—differing; various
- divest**—to strip or deprive
- divination**—the act of foreseeing or foretelling
- divulge**—to reveal
- docile**—easy to teach or discipline
- doff**—to take off
- doggerel**—poorly written verse
- dogma**—a belief or doctrine; a positive statement of opinion
- dogmatic**—positive in manner or in what one says
- doldrums**—low spirits
- dolorous**—sorrowful
- dolt**—a stupid fellow
- domicile**—a home
- dormant**—sleeping; inactive
- dorsal**—pertaining to the back
- dossier**—collected documents on a person
- dotage**—senility
- doughty**—valiant
- dour**—stern; sullen

dregs—sediment; the most worthless part of something
drivel—silly talk
droll—amusing and strange
dross—waste or refuse
drudgery—tiresome work
dubious—doubtful
ductile—able to be drawn or hammered thin without breaking
dulcet—sweet-sounding
duplicity—deception;
double—dealing
durance—imprisonment
duress—imprisonment; compulsion

E

ebullient—enthusiastic
eccentricity—oddity
éclat—brilliant success; acclaim
eclectic—made up of material collected from many sources
ecumenical—universal; intended to bring together the Christian churches
edict—a decree
edifice—a (usually large) building
edify—to instruct and improve
educe—to elicit or draw forth
efface—to rub out
effectual—efficient
effervesce—to bubble; to be lively or boisterous
effete—exhausted; worn out
efficacy—power to have effect
elligy—an image or figure that represents a disliked person
effluence—a flowing forth
effrontery—shameless boldness
effulgent—radiant
effusive—pouring out; gushing
egotism—constant reference to oneself
egregious—flagrant
egress—emergence; exit
elation—high spirits
eleemosynary—pertaining to charity
elegy—a poem, particularly a lament for the dead
elicit—to draw out
elucidate—to explain; to throw light on
elusive—hard to grasp
emaciated—very thin
emanate—to flow forth
embellish—to ornament or beautify
embody—to give bodily form to; to make concrete
embroil—to confuse by discord; to involve in confusion

embryonic—undeveloped

emend—to correct

eminent—lofty; distinguished

emollient—something that soothes or softens (the body)

emolument—one's fees or salary

empirical—based on observation or experience

empyreal—heavenly

emulate—to imitate with the hope of equaling or surpassing

enclave—an area enclosed inside a foreign territory

encomium—high praise

encompass—to encircle; to contain

encroach—to trespass

encumber—to impede or burden

endemic—native to a particular area

endue—to invest or endow

enervate—to weaken

engender—to cause or produce

engrossed—absorbed; fully occupied

engulf—to swallow up or overwhelm

enhance—to make greater; to heighten

enigma—a puzzle

enjoin—to order; to prohibit

ennui—boredom

enormity—great wickedness

ensconce—to shelter; to settle comfortably

ensue—to follow right after

enthrall—to captivate

entity—a being or thing

entourage—a group of associates or attendants

entreaty—a serious request

entrepreneur—a man of business

envenom—to make poisonous; to embitter

environs—surroundings; vicinity

ephemeral—short-lived

epicure—a connoisseur of food and drink

epigram—a short, pointed poem or saying

epistle—a long, formal letter

epithet—a descriptive phrase; an uncomplimentary name

epitome—an abstract; a part that represents the whole

epoch—a period of time

equable—uniform; tranquil

equanimity—even temper

equestrian—pertaining to horses

equilibrium—a state of balance

between various forces or factors

equity—fairness

equivocal—ambiguous; doubtful

equivocate—to deceive; to lie

- erode**—to eat away
- errant**—wandering
- erudite**—scholarly
- escarpment**—a steep slope
- eschew**—to avoid
- esculent**—edible
- esoteric**—for a limited, specially initiated group
- espouse**—to marry; to advocate (a cause)
- esprit de corps**—group spirit
- estimable**—worthy of respect or esteem
- estival**—pertaining to summer
- estranged**—separated
- ethereal**—celestial; spiritual
- ethnic**—pertaining to races or cultures
- eugenic**—pertaining to the bearing of genetically healthy offspring
- eulogy**—high praise
- euphemism**—an inoffensive expression substituted for an unpleasant one
- euphoria**—a feeling of well-being
- euthanasia**—painless death
- evanescent**—fleeting
- evasive**—not frank or straightforward
- evince**—to make evident; to display
- eviscerate**—to disembowel
- evoked**—to call forth
- evolve**—to develop gradually; to unfold
- exacerbate**—to make more intense; to aggravate
- exact**—to call for; to require
- exasperate**—to vex
- excise**—to cut away
- excoriate**—to strip of skin; to denounce harshly
- exculpate**—to free from blame
- execrable**—detestable
- exemplary**—serving as a good example
- exhort**—to urge
- exigency**—an emergency
- exiguous**—meager
- exonerate**—to acquit
- exorbitant**—excessive; extravagant
- exorcise**—to drive out (an evil spirit)
- expatiate**—to talk freely and at length
- expedient**—advantageous
- expedite**—to speed up or make easy
- expeditious**—efficient and quick
- expiate**—to atone for
- expound**—to set forth
- expunge**—to blot out; to erase
- expurgate**—to rid (a book) of offensive material

extant—in existence
extemporaneous—not planned
extenuate—to make thin; to diminish
extirpate—to pluck out
extol—to praise
extort—to take from a person by force
extradition—the surrender by one state to another of an alleged criminal
extraneous—not essential
extricate—to free
extrinsic—unessential; extraneous
extrovert—one whose interest is directed outside himself
extrude—to force or push out
exuberant—profuse; effusive
exude—to discharge or ooze; to radiate; to diffuse

E

fabricate—to build; to lie
façade—the front of a building
facet—a small plane of a gem; an aspect
facetious—humorous; joking
facile—easy; expert
facilitate—to make easier
faction—a clique or party

factious—producing or tending to dissension
factitious—artificial
factotum—an employee with many duties
faculty—an ability; a sense
fain—gladly
fallacious—misleading; containing a fallacy
fallible—capable of error
fallow—(land) left unplanted during a growing season
falter—to move unsteadily; to stumble or stammer
fanaticism—excessive enthusiasm
fastidious—hard to please; easy to offend
fatalism—the belief that all events are ruled by fate
fatuous—foolish
fauna—animal life
faux pas—an error in social behavior
fawn—to seek favor by demeaning oneself
fealty—loyalty
feasible—practical
feckless—weak; careless
feculent—filthy; foul
fecundity—fertility; productiveness
feign—to pretend

- feint**—a move intended to throw one's opponent off guard
- felicitous**—apt; happy in expression
- fell**—cruel; fierce
- felonious**—wicked
- ferment**—a state of unrest
- ferret**—to search out
- fervent, fervid**—hot; ardent
- fete**—a lavish entertainment, often in someone's honor
- fetid**—stinking
- fetish**—an object supposed to have magical power; any object of special devotion
- fetter**—to shackle or restrain
- fettle**—state of the body and mind
- fiasco**—a complete failure
- fiat**—a command
- fickle**—changeable
- fidelity**—faithfulness
- fiduciary**—pertaining to one who holds something in trust for another
- figment**—an invention; a fiction
- filch**—to steal
- filial**—pertaining to a son or daughter
- finale**—a conclusion
- finesse**—skill; cunning
- finite**—limited
- fissure**—a narrow opening or cleft
- flaccid**—flabby
- flag**—to droop or lose vigor
- flagellate**—to whip or flog
- flagitious**—wicked and vile
- flagrant**—glaring (as an error)
- flail**—to beat
- flamboyant**—ornate; showy
- flatulent**—gas-producing; windy in speech
- flaunt**—to show off; to display
- flay**—to skin; to pillage; to censure harshly
- fledgling**—a young bird that has his feathers; an immature person
- flippant**—pert
- florid**—flowery; ornate
- flotsam**—ship wreckage floating on the sea; drifting persons or things
- flout**—to reject
- fluctuate**—to waver
- fluent**—fluid; easy with words
- flux**—a moving; a flowing
- foible**—a failing or weakness
- foist**—to pass off fraudulently
- foment**—to stir up
- foppish**—like a dandy
- foray**—a raid
- forbearance**—patience
- foreboding**—a feeling of coming evil

formidable—threatening
forswear—to renounce
forte—strong point
fortitude—strength; courage
fortuitous—accidental
foster—to rear; to promote
fractious—unruly
fraught—filled
fray—a commotion or fight
freebooter—a plunderer; a pirate
frenetic—frantic; frenzied
frenzy—violent emotional excitement
fresco—a painting done on fresh plaster
freshet—a stream or rush of water
frigid—very cold
fritter—to waste
frivolous—of little importance or value; trivial
froward—obstinate
fructify—to bear fruit
frugal—thrifty
fruition—use or realization; enjoyment
frustrate—to counteract; to prevent from achieving something
fulminate—to explode suddenly; to thunder forth verbally
fulsome—offensive particularly because of insincerity

funereal—appropriate to funerals
furor—a fury or frenzy
furtive—stealthy
fusion—union
futile—useless

G

gadfly—a fly that attacks livestock; a person who annoys people or moves them to action
gainsay—to deny
gambol—to skip and frolic
gamut—the whole range
gape—to open wide
gargantuan—gigantic
garish—gaudy
garner—to gather or store
garnish—to decorate
garrulous—talkative
gasconade—boastful talk
gelid—icy; frozen
generality—a broad, vague statement
generic—pertaining to a whole class, kind, or group
genial—favorable to growth; kindly
genre—a kind or category
gentility—of the upper classes; having taste and refinement

- gentry**—people of education and good birth
- germane**—relevant and pertinent to the case at hand
- germinal**—in the first stage of growth
- gesticulation**—gesture
- ghastly**—horrible
- gibbet**—gallows
- gibe**—to scoff at; to deride
- gist**—the main point in a debate or question
- glaucous**—bluish- or yellowish-green
- glean**—to gather what has been left in a field after reaping; to pick up, little by little
- glib**—fluent
- gloaming**—dusk
- glower**—to look at with evil satisfaction or greed
- glur**—to overfill
- glutinous**—gluey
- gluttony**—excess in eating
- gnarled**—twisted
- gnomic**—wise and pithy
- goad**—to urge; to drive
- gorge**—to stuff
- gouge**—to scoop out; to tear out
- gradation**—arrangement by grades or steps
- gradient**—a slope; the degree of a slope
- graphic**—vivid; pertaining to writing
- granary**—a storehouse for grain
- grandiloquent**—using pompous language
- grandiose**—imposing; splendid
- gratis**—free
- gratuitous**—given freely; unwarranted
- gregarious**—tending to flock together
- grimace**—an expression that twists the face
- grotesque**—distorted; bizarre; absurd
- grotto**—a cave
- grovel**—to lie prone; to act humble or abject
- grueling**—punishing
- gudgeon**—a person who is easy to trick
- guerdon**—a reward
- guile**—deceit
- guileless**—innocent
- gullible**—easily tricked
- gustatory**—pertaining to tasting
- gusto**—liking; great appreciation or relish
- guttural**—pertaining to the throat

H

- habiliments**—clothing; equipment
- habitable**—able or fit to be lived in
- hackneyed**—trite
- haggard**—unruly; looking worn and wasted from exertion or emotion
- haggle**—to bargain
- halcyon**—peaceful
- hale**—healthy and sound
- hallucination**—a perception of something imaginary
- hamper**—to obstruct or hinder
- haphazard**—random
- hapless**—unlucky
- harangue**—a long speech; a tirade
- harass**—to worry or torment
- harbinger**—a forerunner
- harp**—to persist in talking or writing (about something)
- harridan**—a shrewish old woman
- harrow**—to rob or plunder
- harry**—to raid; to torment or worry
- haughty**—showing scorn for others; proud
- hauteur**—haughtiness
- hawser**—a large rope or cable for mooring or anchoring a ship
- hector**—to bully
- hedonism**—the pursuit of pleasure as the primary goal of life
- heedless**—careless; unmindful
- hegemony**—leadership; dominance
- heinous**—abominable
- herbaceous**—pertaining to herbs or leaves
- herculean**—of great size, strength, or courage
- heresy**—a religious belief opposed by the church
- heterodox**—unorthodox; inclining toward heresy
- heterogeneous**—dissimilar; varied
- hiatus**—a gap or break
- hibernal**—pertaining to winter
- hierarchy**—an arrangement in order of rank
- hieratic**—priestly
- hieroglyphic**—written in symbols; hard to read or understand
- hilarity**—mirth
- hinder**—to restrain or hold back
- hirsute**—hairy
- histrionic**—theatrical
- hoary**—white; white-haired
- holocaust**—destruction by fire
- homage**—allegiance or honor
- homicide**—the killing of one person by another
- homily**—a long, dull sermon
- homogeneous**—similar; uniform
- hone**—to sharpen

hortatory—encouraging; giving advice

horticulture—the growing of plants

hybrid—of mixed or unlike parts

hydrous—containing water

hyperbole—exaggeration

hypercritical—too critical

hypochondriac—one who constantly believes he is ill

hypocritical—pretending to be what one is not

hypothetical—assumed; supposed

I

iconoclast—one who attacks traditional ideas

ideology—a body of ideas

idiom—a language or dialect; a particular phrasing that is accepted in use, although its meaning may be different from the literal meaning of the words

idiosyncrasy—a personal peculiarity

idolatry—worship

idyll—a poem based on a simple scene

igneous—pertaining to or produced by fire

ignoble—dishonorable; base

ignominious—shameful; degrading

illicit—unlawful; prohibited

illusory—unreal; deceptive

imbibe—to drink. drink in, or absorb

imbroglio—a confusion; a misunderstanding

imbue—to color; to inspire (with ideas)

immaculate—spotless; clean

immanent—existing within

imminent—about to happen

immolate—to sacrifice

immutable—unchangeable

impair—to make worse or weaker; to reduce

impale—to fix on a pointed object

impalpable—not capable of being felt; not capable of being grasped by the mind

impasse—a situation with no escape or solution

impassive—not feeling pain; calm

impeccable—faultless

impecunious—poor; penniless

impede—to obstruct or delay

impending—about to happen

impenitent—without regret

imperious—domineering

impermeable—unable to be penetrated

- impertinent**—irrelevant; impudent
- imperturbable**—unable to be disturbed; impassive
- impervious**—impenetrable; not affected (by something)
- impetuous**—rushing; rash or impulsive
- impetus**—a force; a driving force
- impiety**—lack of reverence (for God or parents)
- implacable**—incapable of being pacified
- implicate**—to involve; to imply
- implicit**—implied: absolute
- impolitic**—unwise
- import**—meaning; significance
- importune**—to urge persistently
- impotent**—weak; powerless
- imprecate**—to pray for (evil)
- impregnable**—unable to be conquered or entered
- impresario**—a manager in the performing arts
- impromptu**—offhand
- impropriety**—being improper
- improvident**—not providing for the future
- impugn**—to oppose or challenge
- impunity**—freedom from punishment or harm
- impute**—to charge another (with a negative trait)
- inadvertent**—heedless; unintentional
- inane**—empty; foolish
- inarticulate**—unable to speak understandably or at all
- incantation**—a chant supposed to work magic
- incapacitate**—to disable
- incarcerate**—to imprison
- incendiary**—pertaining to destruction by fire
- inception**—beginning
- incessant**—never-ending
- inchoate**—just begun; incipient
- incipient**—in the first stage of existence
- incisive**—keen, sharp
- inclement**—stormy; harsh
- incognito**—disguised
- incongruous**—incompatible; inappropriate
- inconsequential**—unimportant
- incontrovertible**—undeniable
- incorrigible**—unreformable
- increment**—increase; the amount of increase
- incriminate**—to accuse of a crime; to involve in a crime

- incubus**—a nightmare; an oppressive burden
- inculcate**—to instill
- inculpate**—to incriminate
- incursion**—an inroad; a brief raid
- indefatigable**—untiring
- indemnify**—to insure; to reimburse
- indict**—to charge formally with
- indigenous**—growing or living in a particular area
- indite**—to compose and write
- indolent**—lazy; idle
- indomitable**—hard to discourage or defeat
- indubitable**—unquestionable
- indulgent**—giving in to one's own desires; kind or lenient
- indurate**—hardened
- ineffable**—inexpressible
- ineluctable**—unavoidable
- inept**—unfit; clumsy
- inert**—powerless to move; slow
- inexorable**—unrelenting; unalterable
- infallible**—incapable of error
- infamous**—notorious
- inference**—something that is drawn as a conclusion
- infernal**—pertaining to hell; diabolical
- infidel**—one who doesn't believe in a particular doctrine or religion
- infinite**—limitless; vast
- infirmity**—weakness
- influx**—a flowing in
- infringe**—to violate
- ingenious**—having genius; clever; original
- ingenuous**—candid; frank
- ingrate**—an ungrateful person
- ingratiating**—to win another's favor by efforts
- inherent**—innate; characteristic
- inhibit**—to hold back or repress
- inimical**—hostile; in opposition
- iniquitous**—wicked
- injunction**—a command; an order enjoining, or prohibiting, (someone) from doing something
- innate**—existing in someone from birth or in something by its nature
- innocuous**—harmless; noncontroversial
- innuendo**—an indirect remark or reference
- inordinate**—unregulated; immoderate
- inscrutable**—obscure; not easily understood

insensate—not feeling; inanimate;
insensitive

insidious—crafty

insinuate—to work gradually into
a state; to hint

insipid—tasteless; dull

insolent—impudent; disrespectful

insolvent—bankrupt; unable to pay
debts

insouciant—carefree; indifferent

instigate—to urge on to some
action; to incite

insular—like an island; isolated;
narrowminded

insuperable—unable to be
overcome

insurgent—a person who rises up
against (political) authority

intangible—unable to be touched;
impalpable

integrity—wholeness; soundness;
honesty

intelligentsia—intellectuals as a
group

inter—to bury

interdict—to prohibit; to restrain
or impede

interim—meantime

interjection—something thrown in
or interrupted with; an
exclamation

intermittent—periodic; starting
and stopping

internecine—mutually harmful or
destructive

interpolate—to insert

interregnum—a break, as between
governments or regimes

intestate—without a (legal) will to
distribute one's property after
death

intimate—to hint

intractable—unruly or stubborn

intransigent—refusing to agree or
compromise

intrepid—fearless

intrinsic—inherent; of the nature
of a thing

introvert—a person who looks
inside himself more than outside

intuition—immediate
understanding

inundate—to flood

inured—habituated (to something
unpleasant)

invective—a violent verbal attack

inveigh—to talk or write strongly
(against)

inveigle—to trick or entice

inverse—opposite

investiture—the giving of office to
someone

inveterate—of long standing**invidious**—offensive**inviolable**—not to be violated;
unable to be violated**invulnerable**—unable to be
injured or wounded**iota**—a tiny amount**irascible**—quick-tempered**irksome**—tiresome; annoying**irony**—humor in which one says
the opposite of what he means;
an occurrence that is the
opposite of what is expected**irremediable**—incurable or
irreparable**irrevocable**—unable to be called
back or undone**iterate**—to repeat**itinerant**—traveling

J

jaded—tired; satiated**jargon**—incoherent speech; a
mixed language; the particular
vocabulary of one group**jaundiced**—yellow; prejudiced**jeopardy**—peril**jettison**—to throw overboard**jetty**—a wall built out into the water**jocose**—humorous**jocular**—joking**jocund**—cheerful**journeyman**—a worker who has
learned a trade**judicious**—wise**juggernaut**—any extremely strong
and irresistible force**juncture**—a point of joining; a
critical point in the development
of events**junket**—a feast or picnic; a pleasure
excursion**junta**—men engaged in political
intrigue**juxtapose**—to place side by side

K

ken—understanding**kinetic**—pertaining to motion**kith**—friends**knavery**—dishonesty; deceit**knell**—to ring solemnly**knoll**—a small hill

L

labyrinth—a maze**lacerate**—to tear or mangle

- lachrymose**—tearful
- lackadaisical**—spiritless; listless
- laconic**—brief; using few words
- lacuna**—a gap where something is missing
- laggard**—one who is slow
- laity**—all the people who are not clergy
- lambent**—flickering; glowing
- lampoon**—to attack or ridicule
- languid**—weak; listless
- languish**—to lose vigor; to droop
- larceny**—theft
- largess**—generosity
- lascivious**—lewd; lustful
- lassitude**—weariness
- latent**—hidden or undeveloped
- lateral**—pertaining to the side or sides
- latitude**—freedom to act
- laudatory**—praising
- leaven**—to spread something throughout something else to bring about a gradual change
- lecherous**—lustful
- legerdemain**—trickery
- lesion**—an injury
- lethal**—deadly
- lethargic**—dull; sluggish
- levity**—gaiety
- liaison**—a linking up
- libel**—false printed material intended to harm a person’s reputation
- libertine**—one who lives a morally unrestrained life
- libidinous**—lustful; lewd
- licentious**—morally unrestrained
- liege**—a name for a feudal lord or his subject
- lieu**—place (in lieu of)
- limn**—to paint or draw; to describe in words
- limpid**—clear
- literal**—word-for-word; actual
- lithe**—flexible; limber
- litigation**—carrying out a lawsuit
- littoral**—pertaining to the shore or coast
- livid**—black-and-blue; lead-colored
- loath**—reluctant
- loathe**—to detest
- locution**—a word or phrase; a style of speech
- logistics**—the part of military science having to do with obtaining and moving men and material
- longevity**—long life
- loquacious**—talkative
- lout**—a stupid person
- lubricity**—smoothness; trickiness

lucent—shining; giving off light

lucid—transparent; clear

lucrative—profitable

lucre—money

ludicrous—absurd

lugubrious—mournful

luminary—a body that sheds light;

a person who enlightens; any famous person

lurid—sensational

lustrous—shining

luxuriant—lush; rich

M

macabre—gruesome; horrible

macerate—to soften by soaking; to break or tear into small pieces

Machiavellian—crafty and deceitful

machination—a secret plot or scheme

magnanimous—generous; not petty

magnate—an important person, often in a business

magniloquent—lofty or pompous

maim—to disable or mutilate (a person)

maladroit—clumsy

malaise—a vague feeling of illness

malcontent—discontented

malediction—a curse

malefactor—one who does evil

malevolent—wishing ill to others

malfeasance—a wrongdoing

malicious—spiteful

malign—to slander

malignant—evil; harmful

malinger—to pretend to be ill to avoid doing something

malleable—able to be hammered; pliable

mammoth—enormous

mandate—an official order or command

mandatory—required

maniacal—insane; raving

manifest—apparent or evident

manipulate—to work with the hands; to control by unfair means

manumission—liberation from slavery

marauder—a raider

maritime—pertaining to the sea

martial—pertaining to war or the military; warlike

martinet—a strict disciplinarian

masochist—one who enjoys suffering

masticate—to chew up

- maternal**—pertaining to a mother or motherhood
- matrix**—a die or mold
- maudlin**—foolishly sentimental
- maunder**—to act dreamily or vaguely
- mauve**—purple
- maverick**—one who refuses to go along with his group
- mawkish**—sickeningly sweet
- maxim**—a principle or truth precisely stated; a saying
- mayhem**—maiming another person; violence or destruction
- meander**—to wind or wander
- mecca**—a place where many people visit
- mediate**—to help two opposing sides come to agreement
- mediocre**—ordinary; average
- mélange**—a mixture
- melee**—a noisy fight among a lot of people
- meliorate**—to improve
- mellifluous**—sweet and smooth
- mendacious**—lying
- mendicant**—a beggar
- menial**—pertaining to servants; servile
- mentor**—a wise advisor or teacher
- mercantile**—pertaining to merchants or trade
- mercenary**—motivated by money; greedy
- mercurial**—like mercury; quick; changeable
- meretricious**—superficially alluring
- mesa**—a high, flat land with steep sides
- metamorphosis**—a change or transformation
- metaphysical**—pertaining to the nature of being or reality
- mete**—to distribute
- meticulous**—very careful about details
- mettle**—quality of character, especially good character
- miasma**—a vapor rising from a swamp; an unwholesome atmosphere
- mien**—manner or bearing
- migrant**—a person or an animal that moves from place to place
- militate**—to work (against)
- mimetic**—imitative
- mimic**—to imitate
- minatory**—threatening
- mincing**—acting overly dainty or elegant
- minion**—a favorite (follower); a subordinate

- ministration**—the carrying out of a minister's duties; service
- minutiae**—minor details
- misadventure**—a bit of bad luck
- misanthrope**—one who dislikes other people
- misapprehension**—misunderstanding
- miscegenation**—marriage between a man and a woman of different races
- miscellany**—a collection of varied things
- misconstrue**—to misinterpret
- miscreant**—an evil person
- misdeemeanor**—a minor offense
- misgiving**—a doubt or fear
- mishap**—an unfortunate accident
- misnomer**—the wrong name applied to something
- misogynist**—one who hates women
- mitigate**—to make less painful
- mnemonic**—helping the memory
- mobile**—capable of moving or being moved
- mode**—a manner or style
- modicum**—a bit
- modish**—in style
- modulate**—to adjust or regulate
- moiety**—a share
- mollify**—to pacify
- molt**—to shed skin or other outer parts
- molten**—melted
- momentous**—very important
- monetary**—pertaining to money
- monolith**—a large piece of stone
- moot**—debatable
- morbid**—pertaining to disease; gruesome
- mordant**—biting; sarcastic
- mores**—ways or customs that are quite important to a culture
- moribund**—dying
- morose**—gloomy
- mortify**—to punish (oneself) by self-denial; to make (someone) feel ashamed
- mote**—a speck
- motif**—a main feature or theme
- motility**—ability to move by itself
- motley**—of many colors; made up of many unlike parts
- mountebank**—a quack
- mufti**—civilian clothes
- mulet**—to fine; to get money from someone by deceit
- multiplicity**—a great number (of various things)
- mundane**—worldly; commonplace
- munificent**—generous; lavish
- muse**—to ponder

mutable—changeable

mute—silent

mutilate—to damage by cutting off
or injuring vital parts

mutinous—inclined to rebel or
revolt

myopia—nearsightedness

myriad—a great number

N

nadir—the lowest point

naiad—a water nymph; a female
swimmer

naiveté—simplicity; lack of
sophistication

narcissism—love for and interest
in the self

nascent—being born; starting to
develop

natal—pertaining to one's birth

nauseous—sickening

nebulous—vague; indefinite

necromancy—black magic

nefarious—wicked

negation—denial; the absence of a
positive quality

negligible—so unimportant that it
can be neglected

nemesis—fair punishment;
something that seems to defeat
a person constantly

neolithic—pertaining to the Stone
Age

neophyte—a beginner

nepotism—special consideration
to relatives, particularly in
assignment to offices or positions

nettle—to sting; to irritate or annoy

neurosis—a mental disorder

nexus—a connection

nicety—exactness and delicacy

niggardly—stingy

nihilist—one who believes there is
no basis for knowledge; one who
rejects common religious beliefs

nocturnal—pertaining to night

noisome—harmful; offensive

nomadic—moving from place to
place

nomenclature—a system for
naming

nominal—pertaining to names;
slight

nonchalant—cool; indifferent

noncommittal—not aligning
oneself with any side or point
of view

nondescript—having few
distinguishing qualities; hard to
classify

nonentity—something that exists
only in the mind; something or
someone of little importance

nonpareil—without equal
nonplus—to perplex
non sequitur—something that does not follow logically from what went before
nostalgia—homesickness
notorious—well-known (often unfavorably)
novice—a beginner
noxious—harmful; unwholesome
nuance—a slight variation of color, tone, etc.
nugatory—worthless
nullify—to make invalid or useless
nurture—to feed and/or raise (a child)
nutrient—a food

O

obliterate—to wipe out
oblivion—forgetfulness
obloquy—verbal abuse or the disgrace that results from it
obnoxious—offensive
obscure—dim; unclear
obsequious—too servile or submissive
obsession—an idea that persists in the mind
obsolete—out-of-date; no longer used
obstreperous—unruly
obtrude—to push out
obtrusive—pushy in calling attention to oneself
obtuse—blunt; dull
obviate—to make unnecessary
occlude—to close; to shut in or out
occult—hidden; secret; mysterious
odious—offensive
odoriferous—having a (pleasant) odor
odyssey—a long journey
official—providing help that is not wanted
ogle—to look at openly and with desire
oleaginous—oily
olfactory—pertaining to the sense of smell

oligarchy—a slate ruled by a few persons

ominous—threatening

omnipotent—all-powerful

omniscient—all-knowing

omnivorous—eating both animals and vegetables

onerous—burdensome

onslaught—an attack

opaque—letting no light through

opiate—a medicine or anything else that quiets and deadens

opportune—at the right time

opprobrium—disgrace

optimum—best

opulence—wealth; abundance

oracular—wise; prophetic

ordure—filth

orifice—a mouth or opening

ornate—heavily decorated; showy

ornithologist—one who studies birds

orthodox—holding the accepted beliefs of a particular group

oscillate—to move back and forth

osculate—to kiss

ossify—to harden into bone; to settle into a habit

ostensible—apparent

ostentatious—showy; pretentious

ostracize—to banish or exclude

overt—open; observable

overweening—extremely proud

P

pacifist—one who opposes war

paean—a song of joy or praise

palatable—suitable for eating

palatial—like a palace

palaver—idle talk

pall—to become boring or otherwise bothersome

palliate—to lessen or ease (pain); to excuse

pallid—pale

palpable—able to be felt or to be grasped by the senses

paltry—insignificant

panacea—a cure-all

pander—to cater to another's unworthy desires, especially sexual

panegyric—a formal tribute

panoply—a suit of armor; a protective or showy covering

paradigm—an example or model

paradox—a statement that appears false but may be true; a statement that contradicts itself and is false

paragon—a model of perfection

- paramount**—chief; dominant
- paranoia**—a state in which one believes that others are against him or that he is a great or famous person
- paraphernalia**—personal possessions; equipment or gear
- parasite**—one who lives off another without giving anything in return
- paregoric**—a medicine
- pariah**—an outcast
- parity**—equality
- parlance**—a manner of speaking or writing
- paroxysm**—an attack or convulsion
- parricide**—the killing of a parent
- parry**—to ward off (a blow); to evade
- parsimony**—stinginess
- partiality**—bias; prejudice
- parvenu**—one who has risen in wealth or power quickly
- passive**—yielding; nonresisting
- pastoral**—pertaining to shepherds or rural life in general
- patent**—obvious
- pathetic**—pitiful
- pathos**—a feeling of pity or sorrow
- patriarch**—a father and ruler
- patricide**—the killing of one's father
- patrimony**—an inheritance
- paucity**—scarcity
- pecadillo**—a minor fault
- peculate**—to embezzle
- pecuniary**—pertaining to money
- pedagogue**—a teacher, often a narrow-minded one
- pedantic**—narrow-minded in teaching
- pedestrian**—ordinary and uninteresting
- pejorative**—derogatory
- pellucid**—clear; easy to understand
- penance**—voluntary self-punishment
- penchant**—a taste or liking
- pendant**—something that hangs
- pendent**—hanging
- penitent**—sorry or ashamed
- pensive**—thoughtful
- penurious**—stingy; poverty-stricken
- penury**—poverty
- percussion**—the impact of one thing against another
- perdition**—damnation; hell
- peregrinations**—travels
- peremptory**—final; undeniable or unopposable; dictatorial
- perennial**—lasting all through the year; lasting a long time

perfidious—treacherous

perforce—necessarily

perfunctory—without care;
superficial

perigee—the point nearest the
earth in an orbit

peripatetic—moving or walking
about

periphery—the boundary of
something; the perimeter

perjury—telling a lie under oath

permeable—able to be passed
through

permeate—to pass through; to
spread through

permutation—a complete change

pernicious—deadly

perpetrate—to do (something bad)

perpetual—eternal

perquisite—a benefit in addition to
one's regular pay; prerogative

persiflage—a light style of talking;
banter

perspective—the appearance of
things caused by their positions
and distances; a way of seeing
things in their true relation to
each other

perspicacious—keen; acute in
judgment

pertinacious—persistent

pertinent—relevant

perturb—to upset or alarm

peruse—to study; to read casually

pervade—to spread throughout

perverse—wrong or corrupt;
perverted; stubborn

perversion—an abnormal form; a
twisting or distortion

pervious—able to be passed
through or penetrated;
open-minded

pessimist—one who looks on the
dark side and expects the worst

pestilence—an epidemic;
anything harmful

petrify—to turn to stone; to harden;
to stun with fear

petulant—pert; irritable

phalanx—military ranks in close
formation; a group of individuals

philander—to carry on light love
affairs

philanthropist—one who gives
money to help others

philistine—a narrow and
conventional person who ignores
the arts and culture

phlegmatic—sluggish; calm

phobia—an irrational,
unwarranted fear (of something)

- physiognomy**—one's face and facial expressions
- pied**—spotted
- piety**—truthfulness to religious duties; devotion to family
- pillage**—to loot or plunder
- pinion**—to cut or tie a bird's wings to keep it from flying; to bind a man's arms; to shackle
- pious**—devout
- piquant**—sharp or biting to the taste; stimulating
- pique**—to offend or provoke
- pithy**—meaningful; concise
- pittance**—a meager amount
- placate**—to pacify
- placid**—calm; quiet
- plaintive**—mournful
- plait**—to pleat or braid
- platitude**—a dull or commonplace remark
- platonic**—intellectual or spiritual but not sexual (relationship)
- plaudit**—applause; an expression of approval
- plausible**—apparently true
- plebeian**—a common man
- plebiscite**—a vote by the people on a political issue
- plenary**—full; complete
- plenipotentiary**—a man who has full power as a governmental representative
- plethora**—excess
- plutocracy**—government by the wealthy
- poach**—to trespass; to steal
- pogrom**—a systematic persecution or killing of a group
- poignant**—sharply affecting the senses or feelings
- politic**—prudent; crafty
- poltroon**—a coward
- polygamy**—having more than one husband or wife
- polyglot**—speaking or writing several languages
- pommel**—the knob on the end of a sword or on a saddle
- pompous**—stately; self-important
- ponder**—to consider carefully
- portend**—to foreshadow
- portent**—an omen
- portly**—stout
- posit**—to place in position; to set forth as fact
- posterity**—all future generations
- posthumous**—born after one's father is dead; published after the writer's death; happening after death

postprandial—after dinner

potable—drinkable

potentate—a ruler

potential—possible; latent

potpourri—a collection of varied things

poultice—a hot, soft mass, sometimes put on sore parts of the body

practicable—feasible; usable

pragmatic—practical; dealing with daily matters

prate—to chatter

precarious—uncertain; risky

precedent—a legal occurrence that is an example for future ones

precept—a rule of conduct

precipitate—to throw downward, to bring on

precipitous—like a precipice; abrupt

preclude—to make impossible; to prevent

precocious—developing earlier than usual

precursor—a forerunner

predatory—living by robbing or exploiting others; feeding on other animals

predicate—to state as a quality of someone or something; to affirm

predilection—a preference

predispose—to make receptive

preeminent—better than others in a particular quality

prefatory—introductory

prelude—opening

premeditate—to think out ahead of time

premise—a statement on which an argument is based

premonition—a forewarning; a forehoding

preponderate—to sink downward; to predominate

posterous—absurd

prerogative—a right or privilege

presage—to warn; to predict

prescience—foreknowledge

presentiment—a premonition or foreboding

presumption—taking something upon oneself without permission; forwardness

pretentious—claiming greatness; showing off

preternatural—abnormal; supernatural

prevaricate—to avoid the truth; to lie

primordial—existing from the beginning; original

- pristine**—in original condition;
pure and unspoiled
- privy (to)**—told about (something)
in secret
- probity**—honesty
- proboscis**—a long snout; a nose
- proclivity**—a slope; a tendency
- procrastinate**—to delay or
postpone
- prodigal**—wasteful; generous
- prodigious**—wonderful; huge
- profane**—nonreligious; irreverent
- proffer**—to offer
- proficient**—skilled
- profligate**—immoral; wasteful
- profound**—very deep
- profusion**—a great abundance
- progenitor**—a forefather
- progeny**—children or descendants
- prognosis**—a forecast
- proletarian**—a worker
- prolific**—producing a lot (of
children, fruit, or ideas)
- prolix**—wordy; long-winded
- promiscuous**—containing many
various elements; engaging in
indiscriminate sexual affairs
- promontory**—a headland
- promulgate**—to make known
- prone**—lying face downward;
disposed (to do something)
- propagate**—to breed or reproduce
- propensity**—a natural tendency
- propinquity**—nearness; kinship
- propitiate**—to appease
- propitious**—gracious; boding well;
advantageous
- proponent**—one who puts forth an
idea
- propound**—to propose
- propriety**—suitability
- prosaic**—commonplace
- proscribe**—to outlaw or forbid
- prosody**—the study or the art of
verse or versification
- prostrate**—lying face downward;
overcome
- protege**—one who is helped in his
career by another
- protocol**—a document outlining
points of agreement; a system of
proper conduct in diplomatic
encounters
- prototype**—a model
- protract**—to prolong
- protrude**—to stick out
- protuberant**—sticking out
- provident**—providing for future
needs
- proviso**—a condition (that one
must meet)
- provoke**—to excite; to anger

prowess—boldness; skill

proximity—nearness

proxy—a person who acts for another

prudent—careful; wise

puerile—childish

pugnacious—quarrelsome

puissant—powerful

pulchritude—beauty

pulmonary—pertaining to the lungs

punctilious—careful about detail; exact

pungent—sharp; biting

punitive—pertaining to punishment

purlain—to steal

purport—to claim

purveyor—one who supplies

purview—scope; range

pusillanimous—timid; un courageous

putative—reputed

putrid—rotten; stinking

quail—to lose courage

qualm—a sudden ill feeling; a sudden misgiving

quandary—a dilemma

queasy—nauseous; uneasy

quell—to subdue; to quiet

querulous—complaining

query—a question

quibble—to object to something for petty reasons

quiescent—inactive

quietude—quiet; rest

quintessence—the most perfect example

quip—a witty remark

quirk—a twist (as of luck); an evasion; a peculiarity

quixotic—like Don Quixote; romantic and idealistic

quizzical—comical; teasing; questioning

R

Q

quack—one who practices medicine without training; a charlatan

quaff—to drink

quagmire—a bog; a difficult situation

rabble—a mob; the masses

rabid—violent; fanatical

raillery—satire; teasing

raiment—clothing

ramification—a branching; a consequence or result of something

- rampant**—growing or spreading richly; wild and uncontrollable in behavior
- rancid**—spoiled, as stale fat
- rancor**—hate
- rankle**—to provoke anger or rancor
- rant**—to rave
- rapacious**—greedy; predatory
- rapine**—taking away people's property by force; plunder
- rapprochement**—a bringing together
- rarefied**—thin; refined
- ratiocination**—reasoning
- rationalize**—to explain rationally; to find motives for one's behavior that are not the true ones
- raucous**—loud and rowdy
- ravage**—to ruin
- ravening**—look greedily for prey
- ravenous**—extremely hungry
- rebate**—to return (part of money paid); to deduct (from a bill)
- rebuke**—to scold sharply
- recalcitrant**—stubborn; hard to handle
- recant**—to take back (a belief or statement)
- recapitulate**—to summarize
- recidivist**—one who falls back into crime or other bad behavior
- reciprocal**—done in return; occurring on both sides
- recision**—the act of rescinding
- recluse**—one who lives apart from others
- reconcile**—to bring together again; to make consistent
- recondite**—not understandable by most people; obscure
- reconnaissance**—looking over a situation to get information
- recourse**—turning to (someone or something) for help
- recreant**—cowardly; disloyal
- recrimination**—answering an attack by attacking in return
- rectify**—to make right
- rectitude**—moral uprightness
- recumbent**—lying down; resting
- recurrent**—happening again one or more times
- redeem**—to get back; to save from sin; to make (oneself) worthy again by making amends
- redolent**—sweet-smelling
- redoubtable**—fearful
- redress**—to rectify
- redundant**—more than enough; wordy

refection—refreshment

refraction—the bending of a light ray or sound wave

refractory—stubborn

refulgent—shining

refutation—disproof

regale—to entertain with a feast

regeneration—renewal; rebirth

regime—a system or period of government

regimen—a system of diet and other physical care designed to aid health

regressive—going backward

reimburse—to pay back

reiterate—to repeat over and over

rejuvenate—to make seem young again

relegate—to send away (to someplace)

relevant—pertaining to the matter in question

relinquish—to give (something) up

relish—to enjoy

remediable—curable; correctable

reminisce—to remember

remiss—careless in one's duty

remission—forgiveness; a letting up

remnant—remainder

remonstrate—to protest

remunerative—profitable

render—to give over; to give up; to cause to become

renegade—one who gives up his religion or cause and joins the opposition

renounce—to give up (a right, for example)

renovate—to renew

reparable—able to be repaired

reparation—a repairing; making up for a wrong

repartee—a clever reply; clever conversation back and forth

repast—a meal

repercussion—an effect of an event

repertoire—the selection of works a performer or group is prepared to perform

replenish—to refill

replete—full; stuffed

repository—a place where things are kept

reprehensible—deserving criticism

reprieve—a postponement of punishment

reprimand—a formal rebuke

- reprisal**—force used in retaliation for an act by another country
- reproach**—to make (someone) feel ashamed
- reprobate**—a person of no principles
- reprove**—to rebuke or disapprove
- repudiate**—to disown; to deny
- repugnant**—contradictory; offensive
- requiem**—a Mass or music for the dead
- requisite**—required
- requite**—to return or repay
- rescind**—to repeal (an order)
- resilient**—elastic; buoyant
- respite**—a delay; a letup
- resplendent**—splendid
- restitution**—restoration; reimbursement
- restive**—balky; unruly; restless
- resurgent**—rising again
- resuscitate**—to revive
- retaliate**—to return injury or evil in kind
- retentive**—holding; able to remember
- reticent**—speaking very little
- retinue**—a group of followers or attendants
- retort**—to answer in kind; to reply sharply or cleverly
- retract**—to take back
- retribution**—just punishment or reward
- retrieve**—to recover (something); to save
- retroactive**—applying to the past
- retrograde**—going backward
- retrospective**—looking backward
- revelry**—merrymaking
- reverberate**—to echo
- reverie**—a daydream
- revert**—to go back to a former state
- revile**—to abuse; to scold
- revoke**—to withdraw; to rescind
- revulsion**—a sudden change in feeling; disgust
- rheumy**—watery
- ribald**—vulgar; coarse
- rife**—occurring everywhere; plentiful
- rigor**—strictness; exactness
- risible**—laughable
- risqué**—daring
- robust**—healthy and strong
- rococo**—an elaborate architectural style
- roseate**—rosy; cheerful
- rote**—routine
- rotund**—rounded; stout

rubicund—reddish

rudiment—a basic principle; a first stage

rueful—pitiable; mournful

ruminare—to ponder

rummage—to search through

ruse—a trick

ruthless—cruel

S

sable—black

saccharine—pertaining to sugar; too sweet

sacerdotal—priestly

sacrilegious—in violation of something sacred

sacrosanct—holy; not to be violated

sadist—one who gets pleasure from hurting others

sagacious—perceptive; shrewd

sage—wise

salacious—lecherous; pornographic

salient—leaping; standing out; prominent

saline—salty

sallow—having a sickly, yellowish coloring

salubrious—healthful

salutary—conducive to good health

sanctity—holiness

sang-froid—coolness; calmness

sanguine—blood-colored; cheerful and optimistic

sapient—wise

sardonic—sarcastic

sartorial—pertaining to tailors or clothing

sate—to satisfy completely

satiare—to glut

saturate—to soak

saturnine—gloomy

savant—a scholar

savoir faire—tact

savor—to season; to taste or smell appreciatively

scabrous—scaly; improper

scapegoat—one who is blamed for the wrongs of another

scathing—harsh; biting

schism—a split

scintilla—a tiny bit

scintillate—to sparkle; to show verbal brilliance

scion—an offspring

scoff—to jeer (at)

scourge—a whip; a punishment

scruple—a qualm or doubt

scrupulous—very careful in doing what is correct

- scrutiny**—close inspection
- scurrilous**—coarse; vulgar
- scuttle**—to scurry; to sink (a ship);
to abandon (a plan)
- sebaceous**—pertaining to fat
- secede**—to withdraw
- secular**—worldly
- sedate**—calm; serious
- sedentary**—sitting much of the
time
- seditious**—pertaining to revolt
against the government
- sedulous**—diligent
- seethe**—to boil; to foam
- seine**—a fishing net
- seismic**—pertaining to earthquakes
- semantic**—pertaining to meaning
- semblance**—appearance
- senile**—showing mental
deterioration due to old age
- sensual**—pertaining to the body or
the senses
- sententious**—pointed; full of trite
wordings
- sentient**—feeling; conscious
- sepulcher**—a tomb
- sequester**—to set apart; to
withdraw
- serene**—calm
- serrated**—having notches along
the edge
- servile**—slavelike
- sever**—to separate; to cut in two
- shackle**—to hold back; to restrain
- shambles**—a slaughterhouse; a
place of disorder
- shard**—a broken piece (of pottery)
- sheathe**—to put (a knife or sword)
into its covering
- shibboleth**—a phrase or a practice
that is observed by a particular
group
- shoddy**—cheap; poorly made
- shunt**—to turn aside
- sidereal**—pertaining to the stars or
constellations
- simian**—pertaining to monkeys
- simile**—a figure of speech that
compares things by using like
or as
- simper**—to smile in a silly way
- simulate**—to pretend or fake
- sinecure**—a job that requires little
work
- sinister**—threatening; evil
- sinuous**—winding; devious
- skeptical**—doubting
- skittish**—playful; jumpy
- skulk**—to slink
- slake**—to satisfy
- slatternly**—dirty; untidy

sleazy—flimsy (as a fabric); cheap
or shoddy

slothful—lazy

slough—to shed; a swamp

slovenly—careless or untidy

sluggard—a lazy person

sobriety—soberness

sojourn—a temporary stay

solecism—a misuse of grammar; a
breach of manners

solicitous—expressing care; eager

soliloquy—a talking to oneself

solstice—the point at which the
sun is farthest north or south of
the equator

solvent—able to pay one's debts

somatic—pertaining to the body

somnambulism—sleep-walking

somnolent—sleepy; making one
sleepy

sonorous—rich and full (sound)

soothsayer—one who predicts the
future

sophisticated—urbane; not naive

sordid—dirty; ignoble

soupçon—a trace or hint

spasmodic—intermittent

specious—appearing correct but
not really so

specter—a ghost

spectral—ghostly

splenetic—bad-tempered

spontaneous—arising naturally or
by its own force

sporadic—occasional

sportive—playful

spurious—false; not real

squalid—filthy; sordid

squander—to waste

staid—sober

stalwart—sturdy; brave; firm

stamina—endurance

stark—prominent; barren; blunt

status—position or state

staunch, staunch—to stop (blood)
flowing from a wound; to stop or
check

stellar—pertaining to the stars

stentorian—very loud

stigma—a sign of disgrace

stilted—elevated; pompous

stint—to hold back in distributing
or using

stipend—a salary or allowance

stoical—showing no reaction to
various emotions or events

stolid—unexcitable

strait—a narrow waterway; a
difficult situation

stragem—a scheme or trick

striated—striped or furrowed

stricture—censure; a limitation

- strident**—having a harsh or shrill sound
- stringent**—strict
- stultify**—to make stupid, dull, or worthless
- suave**—urbane; polished
- subaltern**—a subordinate
- subjugate**—to conquer
- sublimate**—to purify
- sublime**—exalted; grand
- suborn**—to get someone to do something illegal
- sub rosa**—in private
- subsequent**—coming later
- subservient**—servile
- subsidiary**—supplementary; secondary
- subsidy**—a grant of money
- subsistence**—a means of providing one's basic needs
- substantiate**—to confirm
- subterfuge**—any means by which one conceals his intentions
- subtle**—thin; characterized by slight differences and qualities; not obvious
- subversive**—inclined to overthrow or harm the government
- succinct**—clear and brief
- succor**—to aid
- succulent**—juicy
- suffuse**—to spread throughout
- sully**—to soil
- sultry**—hot and close
- summation**—adding up
- sumptuous**—lavish
- sunder**—to split apart
- sundry**—miscellaneous
- superannuated**—too old to be of use; outdated
- supercilious**—haughty
- superficial**—pertaining to the surface aspects of something
- superfluous**—more than the amount needed
- superlative**—of the best kind; supreme
- supersede**—to take the place of
- supine**—lying on the back
- supple**—flexible
- suppliant**—one who prays for or asks for (something)
- surcease**—an end
- surfeit**—to provide too much of something; to satiate
- surly**—rude and ill-tempered
- surmise**—a guess made on the basis of little evidence
- surreptitious**—secret
- surrogate**—a substitute
- surveillance**—a watch over someone

sustenance—maintenance

sybaritic—loving luxury

sycophant—one who flatters to gain favor of important people

sylvan—pertaining to the woods

symmetry—balance

symposium—a meeting for the exchange of ideas

synchronize—to regulate several things so they will correspond in time

synopsis—a summary

synthesis—a putting together

synthetic—not natural; artificial

I

tacit—unspoken; understood rather than declared

taciturn—reluctant to speak

tactful—saying and doing the appropriate thing when people's feelings are involved

tactile—pertaining to the sense of touch

taint—to infect or spoil

talisman—a charm supposed to have magic power

tangible—touchable; objective

tantamount—equal (to)

tantalize—to tempt (someone) with something he cannot have

tautological—employing needless repetition of an idea

tawdry—cheap and gaudy

tawny—tan in color

tedious—tiresome

temerity—foolish boldness

temperate—moderate

template—a pattern

temporal—temporary; worldly

tenacious—holding fast

tenet—a principle

tentative—proposed but not final; hesitant

tenuous—thin; slight

tenure—the period of time for which something is held; a permanent status in a job based on length of service

tepid—lukewarm

termagant—a shrewish old woman

terminal—pertaining to the end

terrestrial—earthly; pertaining to land

terse—concise

tertiary—third

testy—irritable

theocracy—rule of a state by God or by God's authority

therapeutic—curing

- thermal**—pertaining to heat
- thespian**—pertaining to drama; an actor
- thralldom**—slavery
- throes**—pangs
- thwart**—to obstruct or prevent
- tirade**—a lengthy, violent speech
- titanic**—huge
- tithe**—a tenth of something
- titular**—pertaining to a title; in name only
- toady**—one who tries to gain another's favor; sycophant
- tome**—a book, especially a large one
- torpid**—dormant; slow-moving
- tortuous**—twisting; devious
- toxic**—poisonous
- tract**—a stretch of land
- tractable**—easy to manage or control
- traduce**—to slander
- trammel**—to confine or entangle
- tranquil**—calm; peaceful
- transcend**—to go beyond
- transcribe**—to write out in one form from another
- transgression**—a breaking of a rule; a violation of a limit
- transient**—not permanent
- transition**—a change from one thing to another
- transitory**—fleeting
- translucent**—allowing light through
- transmute**—to change from one form to another
- transpire**—to become known
- transverse**—lying across
- trappings**—one's clothes and equipment
- trauma**—a severe injury or shock
- travail**—hard work; pain
- traverse**—to go across
- travesty**—a burlesque; a distortion (of something)
- treatise**—a formal, written presentation of a subject
- trek**—to travel slowly
- tremor**—a trembling; a vibration
- tremulous**—trembling; afraid
- trenchant**—keen; forceful
- trepidation**—uncertainty and anxiety
- tribulation**—great unhappiness; a trying circumstance
- tribunal**—a law court
- trite**—overworked; no longer novel
- troth**—truth; one's word, as a promise
- truckle**—to submit and be servile

truculent—cruel; rude
truism—a statement that is known to be true
trumpery—something pretentious but not worth anything
truncate—to cut off part of
truncheon—a club
tryst—a meeting
tumid—swollen; inflated
turbid—muddy; dense
turbulence—a state of commotion or agitation
turgid—swollen; pompous
turncoat—a renegade; a traitor
turnkey—a jailer
turpitude—vileness
tutelage—care; guardianship
tyro—a beginner

U

ubiquitous—omnipresent
ulterior—on the far side; later; beyond what is said
ultimate—the farthest, final, or highest
ultimatum—a nonnegotiable demand
umbrage—offense
unadulterated—pure
unanimity—agreement
unassuming—modest
unbridled—uncontrolled; free
uncanny—strange; weird
unconscionable—done without applying one’s conscience
uncouth—clumsy; not having culture or polish
unction—ointment; an intense manner of behavior; unctuousness
unctuous—oily; displaying fake religious feeling
undulate—to move in waves
unearth—to dig up
unequivocal—clear
unfaltering—unhesitating
unfathomable—not understandable
ungainly—awkward
unguent—an ointment
unimpeachable—undoubtable; above reproach
unique—unlike any other
unkempt—untidy
unmitigated—unrelieved
unprecedented—never having occurred before
unremitting—not letting up
unruly—unmanageable
unseemly—not proper
untenable—unable to be held
unwitting—unconscious; unaware

unwonted—rare
upbraid—to rebuke
urbane—polished and refined
usurp—to take by force
usury—lending money at outrageously high interest rates
utilitarian—useful
utopian—idealistic; perfect
uxorious—overly fond of one's wife

V

vacillate—to move one way and then the other; to waver
vacuous—empty; stupid
vagary—a peculiarity
vainglorious—vain and boastful
valiant—brave
validate—to confirm legally
vanguard—the group in front
vapid—dull
variegated—having a variety of colors in splotches; diverse
vaunt—a boast
veer—to change direction
vegetate—to have a dull, inactive existence
vehement—having great force or passion
venal—bribable
vendetta—a feud
vendor—a seller
vengeance—punishment; revenge
vencer—a thin covering of fine wood over cheaper wood; a thin and superficial display of a noble quality
venerable—old and honorable
venerate—to respect deeply
venial—forgivable
vent—to allow (steam or feelings) to escape
veracious—truthful
verbatim—word-for-word
verbiage—wordiness
verbose—wordy
verdant—green
verily—truly
verisimilar—appearing to be true
verity—truth
vernacular—the common speech of an area or its people
versatile—changeable; adaptable
vertigo—dizziness
vestige—a trace
viable—able or likely to live
viand—something to eat
vicarious—substitute; done or experienced by one person through another
vicissitudes—changes
victuals—food

vie—to compete

W

vigilant—watchful

vilify—to slander

vindicate—to free of blame

vindictive—seeking revenge

virile—manly; masculine

virtuoso—a skilled performer

virulent—deadly

visage—one's face

viscid—sticky; viscous

viscous—sticky; viscid

visionary—like a vision; unrealistic

vitiate—to spoil or debase

vitriolic—bitter

vituperation—harsh language

vivacious—lively

vivid—lively; intense

vociferous—loud

volatile—turning to vapor quickly;
changeable

volition—employing one's will

voluble—talkative

voluptuous—sensual; inclined
toward luxury

voracious—greedy

votary—one who has taken a vow; a
follower or supporter of a cause

vouchsafe—to grant

vulnerable—in a position to be
attacked or injured

waggish—playful

waive—to give up (a right, etc.)

wan—pale

wane—to decrease

wanton—morally loose;
unwarranted

warranty—a guarantee

wary—cautious

wastrel—one who wastes (money)

weal—welfare

wheedle—to coax

whet—to sharpen

whimsical—fanciful

whit—(the) least bit

wily—sly

windfall—a surprising bit of good
luck

winnow—to pick out the good
elements or parts of something

winsome—charming

witless—foolish

witticism—a clever remark

wized—withered; dried up

wont—accustomed

wraith—a ghost

wreak—to allow to be expressed;
to inflict

wrest—to take away by force

wry—twisted; stubborn

Y

yeoman—a man who has a small amount of land

Z

zany—clownish; crazy

zealot—one who is extremely devoted to his cause

zenith—the highest point

zephyr—a breeze

zest—spirited enjoyment

FIFTY VOCABULARY
PRACTICE TESTS OF
ONE THOUSAND WORDS
WHOSE MEANINGS YOU
SHOULD KNOW

The 1000 words (in capital letters) in the following Practice Tests have been carefully selected. You should know the meanings of these words since many of them appear frequently in passages such as those you will encounter in the Critical Reading test.

Vocabulary Test 1

1. OBNOXIOUS
 - (A) dreamy
 - (B) visible
 - (C) angry
 - (D) daring
 - (E) objectionable
2. VERBATIM
 - (A) word for word
 - (B) at will
 - (C) without fail
 - (D) in secret
 - (E) in summary
3. ENTICE
 - (A) inform
 - (B) observe
 - (C) permit
 - (D) attract
 - (E) disobey
4. ACCLAIM
 - (A) discharge
 - (B) excel
 - (C) applaud
 - (D) divide
 - (E) speed
5. TURBULENCE
 - (A) treachery
 - (B) commotion
 - (C) fear
 - (D) triumph
 - (E) overflow
6. DEFER
 - (A) discourage
 - (B) postpone
 - (C) empty
 - (D) minimize
 - (E) estimate
7. ADAGE
 - (A) proverb
 - (B) supplement
 - (C) tool
 - (D) youth
 - (E) hardness
8. ENSUE
 - (A) compel
 - (B) remain
 - (C) absorb
 - (D) plead
 - (E) follow
9. ZENITH
 - (A) lowest point
 - (B) compass
 - (C) summit
 - (D) middle
 - (E) wind direction
10. HYPOTHETICAL
 - (A) magical
 - (B) visual
 - (C) two-faced
 - (D) theoretical
 - (E) excitable

11. SUPERFICIAL
(A) shallow
(B) unusually fine
(C) proud
(D) aged
(E) spiritual
12. DISPARGE
(A) separate
(B) compare
(C) refuse
(D) belittle
(E) imitate
13. PROTAGONIST
(A) prophet
(B) explorer
(C) talented child
(D) convert
(E) leading character
14. LUDICROUS
(A) profitable
(B) excessive
(C) disordered
(D) ridiculous
(E) undesirable
15. INTREPID
(A) moist
(B) tolerant
(C) fearless
(D) rude
(E) gay
16. FILCH
(A) hide
(B) swindle
(C) drop
(D) steal
(E) covet
17. URBANE
(A) well-dressed
(B) polished
(C) rural
(D) friendly
(E) prominent
18. DECANT
(A) bisect
(B) speak wildly
(C) bequeath
(D) pour off
(E) abuse verbally
19. ANTITHESIS
(A) contrast
(B) conclusion
(C) resemblance
(D) examination
(E) dislike
20. HERETICAL
(A) heathenish
(B) impractical
(C) quaint
(D) rash
(E) unorthodox

Vocabulary Test 2

1. IMPROMPTU
 - (A) offhand
 - (B) laughable
 - (C) fascinating
 - (D) rehearsed
 - (E) deceptive
2. CHIVALROUS
 - (A) crude
 - (B) military
 - (C) handsome
 - (D) foreign
 - (E) courteous
3. HAVOC
 - (A) festival
 - (B) disease
 - (C) ruin
 - (D) sea battle
 - (E) satchel
4. REJUVENATE
 - (A) reply
 - (B) renew
 - (C) age
 - (D) judge
 - (E) reconsider
5. STILTED
 - (A) stiffly formal
 - (B) talking much
 - (C) secretive
 - (D) fashionable
 - (E) senseless
6. SOLILOQUY
 - (A) figure of speech
 - (B) historical incident
 - (C) monologue
 - (D) isolated position
 - (E) contradiction
7. AFFABLE
 - (A) monotonous
 - (B) affected
 - (C) wealthy
 - (D) sociable
 - (E) selfish
8. NEBULOUS
 - (A) subdued
 - (B) eternal
 - (C) dewy
 - (D) cloudy
 - (E) careless
9. STEREOTYPED
 - (A) lacking originality
 - (B) illuminating
 - (C) pictorial
 - (D) free from disease
 - (E) sparkling
10. STUPEFY
 - (A) lie
 - (B) talk nonsense
 - (C) bend
 - (D) make dull
 - (E) overeat

11. SAGE
(A) wise man
(B) tropical tree
(C) tale
(D) era
(E) fool
12. ADMONISH
(A) polish
(B) escape
(C) worship
(D) distribute
(E) caution
13. BESET
(A) plead
(B) perplex
(C) pertain to
(D) deny
(E) caution
14. FIGMENT
(A) ornamental openwork
(B) perfume
(C) undeveloped
(D) statuette
(E) invention
15. GLIB
(A) dull
(B) thin
(C) weak
(D) fluent
(E) sharp
16. COALESCE
(A) associate
(B) combine
(C) contact
(D) conspire
(E) cover
17. QUACK
(A) clown
(B) philanthopist
(C) jester
(D) dressmaker
(E) charlatan
18. GAUCHE
(A) clumsy
(B) stupid
(C) feeble-minded
(D) impudent
(E) foreign
19. REDUNDANT
(A) necessary
(B) plentiful
(C) sufficient
(D) diminishing
(E) superfluous
20. ATROPHY
(A) lose leaves
(B) soften
(C) waste away
(D) grow
(E) spread

Vocabulary Test 3

1. COMPREHEND
 - (A) agree
 - (B) settle
 - (C) decide
 - (D) relieve
 - (E) understand
2. ARDENT
 - (A) eager
 - (B) silvery
 - (C) difficult
 - (D) youthful
 - (E) argumentative
3. EPITAPH
 - (A) witty saying
 - (B) satirical poem
 - (C) concluding speech
 - (D) seat beside a wall
 - (E) inscription on a tomb
4. BEFIT
 - (A) assist
 - (B) suit
 - (C) slander
 - (D) stretch
 - (E) effect
5. HABITAT
 - (A) routine
 - (B) carriage
 - (C) long-term resident
 - (D) dwelling place
 - (E) article of clothing
6. REVERBERATE
 - (A) uncover
 - (B) blame
 - (C) resound
 - (D) regain
 - (E) restore to life
7. PRECEDENCE
 - (A) procession
 - (B) impulsiveness
 - (C) formality
 - (D) priority
 - (E) hesitation
8. SUFFICE
 - (A) endure
 - (B) annex
 - (C) be foolish
 - (D) be adequate
 - (E) eat up
9. PERTINENT
 - (A) convincing
 - (B) applicable
 - (C) habitual
 - (D) foolproof
 - (E) careful
10. TEMPESTUOUS
 - (A) violent
 - (B) short-lived
 - (C) hard-hearted
 - (D) heated
 - (E) outrageous

11. VEHEMENT
(A) thorough
(B) unexpected
(C) foreful
(D) smooth-running
(E) airy
12. RENUMERATION
(A) understanding
(B) finality
(C) indebtedness
(D) protest
(E) compensation
13. FRIVOLTY
(A) lightness
(B) irritability
(C) falseness
(D) ornamentation
(E) impurity
14. AURA
(A) bitterness
(B) delight
(C) part of the ear
(D) prophet
(E) distinctive atmosphere
15. PERSONABLE
(A) self-centered
(B) attractive
(C) insulting
(D) intimate
(E) sensitive
16. RESILIENCE
(A) submission
(B) elasticity
(C) vigot
(D) determination
(E) recovery
17. ANALOGY
(A) similarity
(B) transposition
(C) variety
(D) distinction
(E) appropriateness
18. FACETIOUS
(A) obscene
(B) shrewd
(C) impolite
(D) complimentary
(E) witty
19. DIATRIBE
(A) debate
(B) monologue
(C) oration
(D) tirade
(E) conversation
20. MALEDICTION
(A) curse
(B) mispronunciation
(C) grammatical error
(D) tactless remark
(E) epitaph

Vocabulary Test 4

1. INTRUGUE
 - (A) request
 - (B) plot
 - (C) veto
 - (D) poison
 - (E) trespass
2. EXPLICIT
 - (A) violent
 - (B) incomplete
 - (C) forgotten
 - (D) lengthy
 - (E) definite
3. CEDE
 - (A) force
 - (B) stop
 - (C) yield
 - (D) keep
 - (E) warn
4. STEALTHY
 - (A) disobedient
 - (B) slender
 - (C) discontented
 - (D) sly
 - (E) vulgar
5. DAUNTLESS
 - (A) lazy
 - (B) poor
 - (C) bold
 - (D) modest
 - (E) uncivilized
6. DEBONAIR
 - (A) gay
 - (B) corrupt
 - (C) fragile
 - (D) extravagant
 - (E) healthful
7. JARGON
 - (A) unintelligible speech
 - (B) kind of gait
 - (C) word game
 - (D) exaggeration
 - (E) misinformation
8. PONDEROUS
 - (A) conceited
 - (B) shameful
 - (C) fearful
 - (D) heavy
 - (E) abundant
9. AMNESTY
 - (A) loss of memory
 - (B) ill will
 - (C) general pardon
 - (D) indistinctness
 - (E) improvement
10. DELETE
 - (A) injure
 - (B) delay
 - (C) please
 - (D) erase
 - (E) reveal

11. PILFER
(A) drain
(B) pray
(C) steal
(D) laugh
(E) toy with
12. CHAGRIN
(A) delight
(B) deceit
(C) wit
(D) caution
(E) vexation
13. DEFAMATION
(A) slander
(B) debt
(C) infection
(D) embezzlement
(E) deterioration
14. SUNDRY
(A) quiet
(B) various
(C) luxurious
(D) cheerless
(E) brittle
15. PALATIAL
(A) tasty
(B) magnificent
(C) disordered
(D) extreme
(E) secure
16. AGGREGATE
(A) result
(B) difference
(C) quotient
(D) product
(E) sum
17. APLOMB
(A) caution
(B) timidity
(C) self-assurance
(D) shortsightedness
(E) self-restraint
18. THERAPEUTIC
(A) curative
(B) restful
(C) warm
(D) stimulating
(E) professional
19. TRANSMUTE
(A) remove
(B) change
(C) duplicate
(D) carry
(E) explain
20. ATTRITION
(A) annihilation
(B) encirclement
(C) counter attack
(D) appeasement
(E) wearing down

Vocabulary Test 5

1. FORTITUDE
 - (A) wealth
 - (B) courage
 - (C) honesty
 - (D) loudness
 - (E) luck
2. ABOLITION
 - (A) retirement
 - (B) disgust
 - (C) enslavement
 - (D) unrestricted power
 - (E) complete destruction
3. LABYRINTH
 - (A) pool
 - (B) maze
 - (C) formula
 - (D) monster
 - (E) song
4. MAIM
 - (A) heal
 - (B) disable
 - (C) outwit
 - (D) murder
 - (E) bury
5. CRESTFALLEN
 - (A) haughty
 - (B) dejected
 - (C) fatigued
 - (D) disfigured
 - (E) impolite
6. CUISINE
 - (A) headdress
 - (B) game of chance
 - (C) leisurely voyage
 - (D) artistry
 - (E) style of cooking
7. CENSURE
 - (A) erase
 - (B) build up
 - (C) criticize adversely
 - (D) charm
 - (E) help
8. DEVIATE
 - (A) destroy
 - (B) lower in value
 - (C) invent
 - (D) stray
 - (E) depress
9. SWARTHY
 - (A) dark-complexioned
 - (B) slender
 - (C) grass-covered
 - (D) springy
 - (E) rotating
10. MERCENARY
 - (A) poisonous
 - (B) unworthy
 - (C) serving only for pay
 - (D) luring by false charms
 - (E) showing pity

11. EXHILARATION
(A) animation
(B) withdrawal
(C) payment
(D) suffocation
(E) despair
12. RASPING
(A) irritating
(B) scolding
(C) fastening
(D) sighing
(E) plundering
13. PROPONENT
(A) spendthrift
(B) rival
(C) distributor
(D) advocate
(E) neighbor
14. REDUNDANT
(A) flooded
(B) dreadful
(C) aromatic
(D) excessive
(E) reclining
15. DESULTORY
(A) humid
(B) envious
(C) living in seclusion
(D) involving a choice
(E) aimless
16. TRUNCATE
(A) divide equally
(B) end swiftly
(C) cut off
(D) act cruelly
(E) cancel
17. OSCILLATE
(A) confuse
(B) kiss
(C) turn
(D) vibrate
(E) whirl
18. INOCULATE
(A) make harmless
(B) infect
(C) cure
(D) overcome
(E) darken
19. PERUSAL
(A) approval
(B) estimate
(C) reading
(D) translation
(E) computation
20. QUERULOUS
(A) peculiar
(B) fretful
(C) inquisitive
(D) shivering
(E) annoying

Vocabulary Test 6

1. ACUTE
(A) keen
(B) bitter
(C) brisk
(D) genuine
(E) certain
2. CLIENTELE
(A) legal body
(B) customers
(C) board of directors
(D) servants
(E) tenants
3. SUCCUMB
(A) follow
(B) help
(C) respond
(D) yield
(E) overthrow
4. SLOTH
(A) selfishness
(B) hatred
(C) laziness
(D) misery
(E) slipperiness
5. INFRINGE
(A) enrage
(B) expand
(C) disappoint
(D) weaken
(E) trespass
6. UNCANNY
(A) ill-humored
(B) immature
(C) weird
(D) unrestrained
(E) insincere
7. SUBMISSIVE
(A) unintelligent
(B) underhanded
(C) destructive
(D) enthusiastic
(E) meek
8. PEER
(A) ancestor
(B) teacher
(C) judge
(D) equal
(E) assistant
9. EULOGIZE
(A) kill
(B) apologize
(C) glorify
(D) soften
(E) imitate
10. INNOVATION
(A) change
(B) prayer
(C) hint
(D) restraint
(E) inquiry

11. BEGUILE
(A) cheapen
(B) underestimate
(C) charm
(D) sympathize
(E) forgive
12. AVID
(A) lighthearted
(B) eager
(C) cautious
(D) insincere
(E) fast-moving
13. OMNIVOROUS
(A) devouring everything
(B) many-sided
(C) powerful
(D) living on plants
(E) all-knowing
14. APPEND
(A) rely
(B) recognize
(C) arrest
(D) divide
(E) attach
15. STRATEGEM
(A) sneak attack
(B) military command
(C) thin layer
(D) deceptive device
(E) narrow passage
16. AUTONOMY
(A) tyranny
(B) independence
(C) plebiscite
(D) minority
(E) dictatorship
17. MACHINATIONS
(A) inventions
(B) ideas
(C) mysteries
(D) plots
(E) alliances
18. SCHISM
(A) government
(B) religion
(C) division
(D) combination
(E) coalition
19. PUSILLANIMOUS
(A) cowardly
(B) extraordinary
(C) ailing
(D) evil-intentioned
(E) excitable
20. TERMINOLOGY
(A) technicality
(B) finality
(C) formality
(D) explanation
(E) nomenclature

Vocabulary Test 7

1. COLLABORATE
 - (A) condense
 - (B) converge
 - (C) arrange in order
 - (D) provide proof
 - (E) act jointly
2. FUTILITY
 - (A) uselessness
 - (B) timelessness
 - (C) stinginess
 - (D) happiness
 - (E) indistinctness
3. INTACT
 - (A) blunt
 - (B) fashionable
 - (C) hidden
 - (D) uninjured
 - (E) attentive
4. FERVOR
 - (A) originality
 - (B) justice
 - (C) zeal
 - (D) productivity
 - (E) corruption
5. UNERRING
 - (A) modest
 - (B) illogical
 - (C) ghostly
 - (D) matchless
 - (E) unfailing
6. REFUTE
 - (A) polish
 - (B) disprove
 - (C) throw away
 - (D) break up
 - (E) shut out
7. CONSENSUS
 - (A) steadfastness of purpose
 - (B) general agreement
 - (C) lack of harmony
 - (D) informal vote
 - (E) impressive amount
8. COMPLIANT
 - (A) tangled
 - (B) grumbling
 - (C) self-satisfied
 - (D) treacherous
 - (E) submissive
9. ACCESS
 - (A) agreement
 - (B) rapidity
 - (C) welcome
 - (D) approach
 - (E) surplus
10. PRUDENT
 - (A) wise
 - (B) overcritical
 - (C) famous
 - (D) dull
 - (E) early

11. INCUR
(A) take to heart
(B) anticipate
(C) bring down on oneself
(D) impress by repetition
(E) attack
12. CAUSTIC
(A) solemn
(B) puzzling
(C) biting
(D) influential
(E) attentive
13. DILATE
(A) retard
(B) fade
(C) wander
(D) expand
(E) startle
14. APATHY
(A) fixed dislike
(B) skill
(C) sorrow
(D) lack of feeling
(E) discontent
15. ELICIT
(A) draw forth
(B) cross out
(C) run away
(D) lengthen
(E) revise
16. STIPEND
(A) increment
(B) bonus
(C) commission
(D) gift
(E) salary
17. LITIGATION
(A) publication
(B) argument
(C) endeavor
(D) lawsuit
(E) ceremony
18. FIASCO
(A) disappointment
(B) turning point
(C) loss
(D) celebration
(E) complete failure
19. VAGARY
(A) caprice
(B) confusion
(C) extravagance
(D) loss of memory
(E) shiftlessness
20. GRAPHIC
(A) serious
(B) concise
(C) short
(D) detailed
(E) newsworthy

Vocabulary Test 8

1. APPEASE
 - (A) attack
 - (B) soothe
 - (C) pray for
 - (D) estimate
 - (E) confess
2. RUTHLESS
 - (A) senseless
 - (B) sinful
 - (C) ruddy
 - (D) pitiless
 - (E) degrading
3. MUSTER
 - (A) rebel
 - (B) mask
 - (C) gather
 - (D) dampen
 - (E) grumble
4. ABDUCT
 - (A) embarrass
 - (B) desert
 - (C) omit
 - (D) kidnap
 - (E) resign
5. KNOLL
 - (A) elf
 - (B) mound
 - (C) bell
 - (D) development
 - (E) technique
6. IRATE
 - (A) evil
 - (B) wandering
 - (C) repetitious
 - (D) colorful
 - (E) angry
7. GRIMACE
 - (A) peril
 - (B) subtle suggestion
 - (C) signal
 - (D) wry face
 - (E) impurity
8. ACME
 - (A) layer
 - (B) summit
 - (C) edge
 - (D) pit
 - (E) interval
9. COVENANT
 - (A) solemn agreement
 - (B) formal invitation
 - (C) religious ceremony
 - (D) general pardon
 - (E) hiding place
10. APPALL
 - (A) honor
 - (B) decorate
 - (C) calm
 - (D) bore
 - (E) dismay

11. JUDICIOUS
(A) wise
(B) dignified
(C) lighthearted
(D) confused
(E) respectful
12. UNSCATHED
(A) unashamed
(B) uninjured
(C) unskilled
(D) unsuccessful
(E) unconscious
13. CHIDE
(A) misbehave
(B) cool
(C) select
(D) conceal
(E) scold
14. CHARLATAN
(A) scholar
(B) acrobat
(C) quack
(D) faithful
(E) fast talker
15. DISBURSE
(A) remove forcibly
(B) twist
(C) amuse
(D) vary slightly
(E) pay out
16. CONNOTATION
(A) implication
(B) footnote
(C) deviation
(D) comment
(E) definition
17. TORTUOUS
(A) crooked
(B) difficult
(C) painful
(D) impassable
(E) slow
18. FULMINATING
(A) throbbing
(B) pointed
(C) wavelike
(D) thundering
(E) bubbling
19. CIRCUMVENT
(A) freshen
(B) change
(C) control
(D) harass
(E) avoid
20. CARTEL
(A) syndicate
(B) world government
(C) industrial pool
(D) skilled craft
(E) instrument of credit

Vocabulary Test 9

1. PARAMOUNT
(A) equal
(B) supreme
(C) well-known
(D) difficult
(E) ready
2. BROCHURE
(A) heavy shoe
(B) weapon
(C) pamphlet
(D) roaster
(E) ornament
3. FIDELITY
(A) happiness
(B) bravery
(C) prosperity
(D) hardness
(E) loyalty
4. DIFFUSE
(A) explain
(B) scatter
(C) differ
(D) congeal
(E) dart
5. AGGRESSIVE
(A) disgusting
(B) impulsive
(C) short-sighted
(D) coarse-grained
(E) self-assertive
6. AMASS
(A) accumulate
(B) encourage
(C) comprehend
(D) blend
(E) astonish
7. DIABOLIC
(A) puzzling
(B) uneducated
(C) ornamental
(D) fiendish
(E) spinning
8. FORBEARANCE
(A) rejection
(B) forgetfulness
(C) sensitivity
(D) patience
(E) expectation
9. TAIN
(A) snarl
(B) infect
(C) unite
(D) annoy
(E) list
10. DISGRUNTLED
(A) untidy
(B) rambling
(C) disabled
(D) cheating
(E) displeased

11. ANTIPATHY
(A) exact opposite
(B) intense dislike
(C) high praise
(D) tolerance
(E) preventive medicine
12. HOMOGENEOUS
(A) numerous
(B) healthful
(C) similar
(D) assorted
(E) educational
13. ARCHIVES
(A) public records
(B) models
(C) supporting columns
(D) tombs
(E) large ships
14. INFAMY
(A) anger
(B) truth
(C) disgrace
(D) weakness
(E) excitement
15. IMPINGE
(A) swear
(B) involve
(C) erase
(D) encroach
(E) beg
16. PROLIFIC
(A) meager
(B) obedient
(C) fertile
(D) hardy
(E) scanty
17. ASSUAGE
(A) create
(B) ease
(C) enlarge
(D) prohibit
(E) rub out
18. DECORUM
(A) wit
(B) charm
(C) adornment
(D) seemliness
(E) charity
19. PHLEGMATIC
(A) tolerant
(B) careless
(C) sensitive
(D) indifferent
(E) sick
20. INTREPID
(A) quick-witted
(B) brutal
(C) fearless
(D) torrid
(E) hearty

Vocabulary Test 10

1. PLACID
 - (A) apparent
 - (B) peaceful
 - (C) wicked
 - (D) unusual
 - (E) absent-minded
2. EVASIVE
 - (A) emotional
 - (B) effective
 - (C) destructive
 - (D) empty
 - (E) shift
3. CHAOS
 - (A) complete disorder
 - (B) deep gorge
 - (C) challenge
 - (D) sudden attack
 - (E) rejoicing
4. DESPICABLE
 - (A) insulting
 - (B) ungrateful
 - (C) contemptible
 - (D) unbearable
 - (E) jealous
5. DERIDE
 - (A) question
 - (B) ignore
 - (C) mock
 - (D) unseat
 - (E) produce
6. ELUDE
 - (A) gladden
 - (B) fascinate
 - (C) mention
 - (D) escape
 - (E) ignore
7. MUTABLE
 - (A) colorless
 - (B) harmful
 - (C) uniform
 - (D) changeable
 - (E) invisible
8. INDICATIVE
 - (A) suggestive
 - (B) curious
 - (C) active
 - (D) angry
 - (E) certain
9. LEVITY
 - (A) cleanness
 - (B) tastiness
 - (C) deadliness
 - (D) sluggishness
 - (E) lightness
10. EXCRUCIATING
 - (A) disciplinary
 - (B) screaming
 - (C) torturing
 - (D) offensive
 - (E) outpouring

11. DEPOSE
(A) lay bare
(B) deprive of office
(C) empty
(D) behead
(E) blemish
12. OSTENTATIOUS
(A) unruly
(B) showy
(C) varied
(D) scandalous
(E) probable
13. CONCLAVE
(A) private meeting
(B) covered passage
(C) solemn vow
(D) curved surface
(E) ornamental vase
14. FRAY
(A) combat
(B) trickery
(C) unreality
(D) madness
(E) freedom
15. OBSESS
(A) fatten
(B) beset
(C) make dull
(D) exaggerate
(E) interfere
16. ACTUATE
(A) frighten
(B) direct
(C) isolate
(D) dismay
(E) impel
17. MOUNTEBANK
(A) trickster
(B) courier
(C) scholar
(D) cashier
(E) pawnbroker
18. LACONIC
(A) terse
(B) informal
(C) convincing
(D) interesting
(E) tedious
19. BOORISH
(A) sporting
(B) tiresome
(C) argumentative
(D) monotonous
(E) rude
20. ERUDITE
(A) modest
(B) egotistical
(C) learned
(D) needless
(E) experienced

Vocabulary Test 11

1. CHAFE
 - (A) pretend
 - (B) joke
 - (C) drink deeply
 - (D) irritate
 - (E) lose courage
2. MISCONSTRUE
 - (A) hate
 - (B) destroy
 - (C) misbehave
 - (D) misinterpret
 - (E) misplace
3. PHILANTHROPIST
 - (A) student of language
 - (B) collector of stamps
 - (C) lover of mankind
 - (D) seeker of truth
 - (E) enemy of culture
4. CASTE
 - (A) feudal system
 - (B) division of society
 - (C) political theory
 - (D) method of punishment
 - (E) monetary system
5. CHASTEN
 - (A) punish
 - (B) engrave
 - (C) attract
 - (D) trick
 - (E) laugh at
6. CONDUCTIVE
 - (A) pardonable
 - (B) identical
 - (C) incidental
 - (D) helpful
 - (E) exceptional
7. SUBORDINATE
 - (A) hostile
 - (B) inferior
 - (C) separate
 - (D) earlier
 - (E) adaptable
8. SUPERFLUOUS
 - (A) inexact
 - (B) excessive
 - (C) insincere
 - (D) excellent
 - (E) unreal
9. WIELD
 - (A) protect
 - (B) handle
 - (C) postpone
 - (D) resign
 - (E) unite
10. GARISH
 - (A) showy
 - (B) talkative
 - (C) sleepy
 - (D) thin
 - (E) vine-covered

11. EQUITABLE
(A) charitable
(B) even-tempered
(C) two-faced
(D) undecided
(E) just
12. AFFRONT
(A) quarrel
(B) fright
(C) denial
(D) boast
(E) insult
13. EPOCH
(A) heroic deed
(B) legend
(C) witty saying
(D) period of time
(E) summary
14. RETRIBUTION
(A) donation
(B) jealousy
(C) intense education
(D) slow withdrawal
(E) punishment
15. ABASE
(A) forgive
(B) degrade
(C) attach
(D) take leave
(E) cut off
16. ACRIMONIOUS
(A) repulsive
(B) enchanting
(C) stinging
(D) snobbish
(E) disgusting
17. EMBRYONIC
(A) hereditary
(B) arrested
(C) developed
(D) functioning
(E) rudimentary
18. INEXORABLE
(A) unfavorable
(B) permanent
(C) crude
(D) relentless
(E) incomplete
19. PROTRACTED
(A) boring
(B) condensed
(C) prolonged
(D) comprehensive
(E) measured
20. OBSEQUIIOUS
(A) courteous
(B) fawning
(C) respectful
(D) overbearing
(E) inexperienced

Vocabulary Test 12

1. MEANDER
 - (A) grumble
 - (B) wander aimlessly
 - (C) come between
 - (D) weigh carefully
 - (E) sing
2. DESTITUTION
 - (A) trickery
 - (B) fate
 - (C) lack of practice
 - (D) recovery
 - (E) extreme poverty
3. MALIGN
 - (A) slander
 - (B) prophesy
 - (C) entreat
 - (D) approve
 - (E) praise
4. IMPOTENT
 - (A) unwise
 - (B) lacking strength
 - (C) free of sin
 - (D) without shame
 - (E) commanding
5. SNIVEL
 - (A) crawl
 - (B) cut short
 - (C) whine
 - (D) doze
 - (E) giggle
6. SOJOURN
 - (A) court order
 - (B) nickname
 - (C) temporary stay
 - (D) slip of the tongue
 - (E) makeshift
7. PLATITUDE
 - (A) home remedy
 - (B) trite remark
 - (C) balance wheel
 - (D) rare animal
 - (E) protective film
8. CONCORD
 - (A) brevity
 - (B) blame
 - (C) kindness
 - (D) worry
 - (E) agreement
9. ABOMINABLE
 - (A) hateful
 - (B) ridiculous
 - (C) untamed
 - (D) mysterious
 - (E) boastful
10. QUALM
 - (A) sudden misgiving
 - (B) irritation
 - (C) cooling drink
 - (D) deceit
 - (E) attention to detail

11. CAREEN
(A) celebrate
(B) mourn
(C) ridicule
(D) lurch
(E) beckon
12. CONVIVIAL
(A) formal
(B) gay
(C) rotating
(D) well-informed
(E) insulting
13. RAMPANT
(A) playful
(B) crumbling
(C) roundabout
(D) unchecked
(E) defensive
14. DOCILE
(A) delicate
(B) positive
(C) dreary
(D) obedient
(E) melodious
15. VESTIGE
(A) bone
(B) test
(C) entrance
(D) cloak
(E) trace
16. LOQUACIOUS
(A) queer
(B) logical
(C) gracious
(D) rural
(E) talkative
17. PUGNACIOUS
(A) bold
(B) combative
(C) brawny
(D) pug-nosed
(E) valiant
18. ASTRINGENT
(A) bossy
(B) musty
(C) flexible
(D) corrosive
(E) contracting
19. ESCARPMENT
(A) threat
(B) limbo
(C) cliff
(D) behemoth
(E) blight
20. AMENITIES
(A) prayers
(B) ceremonies
(C) pageanttries
(D) pleasantries
(E) social functions

Vocabulary Test 13

1. IMPEDIMENT
 - (A) foundation
 - (B) conceit
 - (C) hindrance
 - (D) luggage
 - (E) instrument
2. ADHERE
 - (A) pursue
 - (B) control
 - (C) arrive
 - (D) cling
 - (E) attend
3. COMPOSURE
 - (A) sensitiveness
 - (B) weariness
 - (C) stylishness
 - (D) hopefulness
 - (E) calmness
4. PROVOCATION
 - (A) sacred vow
 - (B) formal announcement
 - (C) cause of irritation
 - (D) careful management
 - (E) expression of disgust
5. SAVORY
 - (A) thrifty
 - (B) wise
 - (C) appetizing
 - (D) warm
 - (E) uncivilized
6. CANDID
 - (A) hidden
 - (B) shining
 - (C) straightforward
 - (D) critical
 - (E) warmhearted
7. ECLIPSE
 - (A) stretch
 - (B) obscure
 - (C) glow
 - (D) overlook
 - (E) insert
8. CORRELATE
 - (A) punish
 - (B) wrinkle
 - (C) conspire openly
 - (D) give additional proof
 - (E) connect systematically
9. INFIRMITY
 - (A) disgrace
 - (B) unhappiness
 - (C) rigidity
 - (D) hesitation
 - (E) weakness
10. PALPITATE
 - (A) faint
 - (B) harden
 - (C) throb
 - (D) soothe
 - (E) taste

11. IMPRUDENT
(A) reckless
(B) unexcitable
(C) poor
(D) domineering
(E) powerless
12. DISSENSION
(A) friction
(B) analysis
(C) swelling
(D) injury
(E) slyness
13. DISCONCERT
(A) separate
(B) cripple
(C) lessen
(D) upset
(E) dismiss
14. RUDIMENTARY
(A) discourteous
(B) brutal
(C) displeasing
(D) elementary
(E) embarrassing
15. AUTONOMOUS
(A) self-governing
(B) self-important
(C) self-educated
(D) self-explanatory
(E) self-conscious
16. DEPLORE
(A) condone
(B) forget
(C) forgive
(D) deny
(E) regret
17. BANAL
(A) commonplace
(B) flippant
(C) pathetic
(D) new
(E) unexpected
18. ABACUS
(A) casserole
(B) blackboard
(C) slide rule
(D) adding device
(E) long spear
19. SEISMISM
(A) inundation
(B) tide
(C) volcano
(D) earthquake
(E) tornado
20. AMELIORATE
(A) favor
(B) improve
(C) interfere
(D) learn
(E) straddle

Vocabulary Test 14

1. DEBRIS
 - (A) sadness
 - (B) decay
 - (C) ruins
 - (D) landslide
 - (E) hindrance
2. CONSOLIDATE
 - (A) show pity
 - (B) strengthen
 - (C) restrain
 - (D) infect
 - (E) use up
3. STAMINA
 - (A) flatness
 - (B) clearness
 - (C) hesitation
 - (D) vigor
 - (E) reliability
4. FACET
 - (A) phase
 - (B) humor
 - (C) story
 - (D) discharge
 - (E) assistance
5. INANIMATE
 - (A) emotional
 - (B) thoughtless
 - (C) lifeless
 - (D) inexact
 - (E) silly
6. CALLOUS
 - (A) frantic
 - (B) misinformed
 - (C) youthful
 - (D) impolite
 - (E) unfeeling
7. ENHANCE
 - (A) sympathize
 - (B) act out
 - (C) weaken
 - (D) make greater
 - (E) fascinate
8. DISREPUTABLE
 - (A) impolite
 - (B) bewildered
 - (C) debatable
 - (D) unavailable
 - (E) shameful
9. SEDATE
 - (A) sober
 - (B) seated
 - (C) buried
 - (D) drugged
 - (E) timid
10. LUCRATIVE
 - (A) lazy
 - (B) coarse
 - (C) profitable
 - (D) brilliant
 - (E) amusing

11. ASCERTAIN
(A) hold fast
(B) long for
(C) declare
(D) find out
(E) avoid
12. LITERAL
(A) flowery
(B) matter-of-fact
(C) sidewise
(D) well-educated
(E) firsthand
13. OSCILLATE
(A) please
(B) swing
(C) purify
(D) saturate
(E) harden
14. CONCISE
(A) accurate
(B) brief
(C) sudden
(D) similar
(E) painful
15. CONSTERNATION
(A) restraint
(B) close attention
(C) dismay
(D) self-importance
(E) acknowledgment
16. CHARY
(A) burned
(B) careful
(C) comfortable
(D) fascinating
(E) gay
17. CORPULENT
(A) dead
(B) fat
(C) full
(D) organized
(E) similar
18. ENIGMA
(A) ambition
(B) foreigner
(C) instrument
(D) officer
(E) riddle
19. INEPT
(A) awkward
(B) intelligent
(C) ticklish
(D) tawdry
(E) uninteresting
20. INVETERATE
(A) evil
(B) habitual
(C) inconsiderate
(D) reformed
(E) unintentional

Vocabulary Test 15

1. COLOSSAL
 - (A) ancient
 - (B) influential
 - (C) destructive
 - (D) dramatic
 - (E) huge
2. EVICT
 - (A) summon
 - (B) excite
 - (C) force out
 - (D) prove
 - (E) draw off
3. MISCHANCE
 - (A) omission
 - (B) ill luck
 - (C) feeling of doubt
 - (D) unlawful act
 - (E) distrust
4. FELON
 - (A) criminal
 - (B) fugitive
 - (C) traitor
 - (D) coward
 - (E) loafer
5. DEPLORE
 - (A) empty
 - (B) regret deeply
 - (C) spread out
 - (D) take an oath
 - (E) omit
6. IMPLICIT
 - (A) unquestioning
 - (B) rude
 - (C) relentless
 - (D) sinful
 - (E) daring
7. SLOVENLY
 - (A) sleepy
 - (B) tricky
 - (C) untidy
 - (D) moody
 - (E) cowardly
8. EXTRANEOUS
 - (A) familiar
 - (B) unprepared
 - (C) foreign
 - (D) proper
 - (E) utmost
9. IMPASSE
 - (A) command
 - (B) stubbornness
 - (C) crisis
 - (D) deadlock
 - (E) failure
10. ABSOLVE
 - (A) forgive
 - (B) reduce
 - (C) mix
 - (D) deprive
 - (E) detect

11. PROLETARIAT
(A) revolutionists
(B) intellectuals
(C) slaves
(D) laboring classes
(E) landowners
12. REQUISITE
(A) desirable
(B) ridiculous
(C) liberal
(D) necessary
(E) majestic
13. TENACIOUS
(A) violent
(B) given to arguing
(C) slender
(D) holding fast
(E) menacing
14. SCINTILLATE
(A) whirl
(B) wander
(C) scorch
(D) sharpen
(E) sparkle
15. PROPRIETY
(A) success
(B) cleverness
(C) nearness
(D) security
(E) suitability
16. OBEISANCE
(A) salary
(B) justification
(C) conduct
(D) deference
(E) forethought
17. PEDANTIC
(A) stilted
(B) odd
(C) footworn
(D) selfish
(E) sincere
18. PETULANT
(A) lazy
(B) loving
(C) patient
(D) peevish
(E) wary
19. PROCLIVITY
(A) backwardness
(B) edict
(C) rainfall
(D) slope
(E) tendency
20. TRENCHANT
(A) keen
(B) good
(C) edible
(D) light
(E) subterranean

Vocabulary Test 16

1. CUMBERSOME
 - (A) habitual
 - (B) clumsy
 - (C) hasty
 - (D) blameworthy
 - (E) uneducated
2. CAPTIVATE
 - (A) charm
 - (B) dictate terms
 - (C) overturn
 - (D) find fault
 - (E) hesitate
3. ZEALOUS
 - (A) serious
 - (B) speedy
 - (C) flawless
 - (D) necessary
 - (E) enthusiastic
4. AROMATIC
 - (A) shining
 - (B) precise
 - (C) ancient
 - (D) fragrant
 - (E) dry
5. RETROSPECT
 - (A) careful inspection
 - (B) reversal of form
 - (C) review of the past
 - (D) respect for authority
 - (E) special attention
6. WHET
 - (A) bleach
 - (B) exhaust
 - (C) harden
 - (D) stimulate
 - (E) question
7. CONTUSION
 - (A) puzzle
 - (B) shrinkage
 - (C) bruise
 - (D) uncleanness
 - (E) fraud
8. COMPATIBLE
 - (A) eloquent
 - (B) adequate
 - (C) overfed
 - (D) comfortable
 - (E) harmonious
9. CALLOUS
 - (A) secretive
 - (B) unruly
 - (C) gloomy
 - (D) unfeeling
 - (E) hotheaded
10. REPUDIATE
 - (A) reject
 - (B) revalue
 - (C) repay
 - (D) forget
 - (E) forgive

11. UNWITTING
(A) undignified
(B) unintentional
(C) slack
(D) obstinate
(E) unaccustomed
12. ATTRIBUTE
(A) quality
(B) tax
(C) desire
(D) law
(E) final sum
13. SCRUPULOUS
(A) scornful
(B) clean
(C) frightening
(D) doubting
(E) conscientious
14. USURP
(A) lend money
(B) replace
(C) murder
(D) surrender
(E) seize by force
15. CESSATION
(A) witnessing
(B) stopping
(C) strain
(D) leave-taking
(E) unwillingness
16. VAPID
(A) carefree
(B) crazy
(C) insipid
(D) spotty
(E) speedy
17. PROGNOSTICATE
(A) forecast
(B) ravish
(C) salute
(D) scoff
(E) succeed
18. PROPRIETY
(A) advancement
(B) atonement
(C) fitness
(D) sobriety
(E) use
19. PULCHRITUDE
(A) beauty
(B) character
(C) generosity
(D) intelligence
(E) wickedness
20. SCRUPULOUS
(A) drunken
(B) ill
(C) masterful
(D) exact
(E) stony

Vocabulary Test 17

1. RESOLUTE
 - (A) determined
 - (B) vibrating
 - (C) irresistible
 - (D) elastic
 - (E) demanding
2. CRYSTALLIZE
 - (A) glitter
 - (B) give definite form to
 - (C) chill
 - (D) sweeten
 - (E) polish vigorously
3. REGIME
 - (A) ruler
 - (B) military unit
 - (C) form of government
 - (D) contagion
 - (E) guardian
4. LACERATED
 - (A) unconscious
 - (B) stitched
 - (C) slender
 - (D) raveled
 - (E) mangled
5. AMISS
 - (A) friendly
 - (B) faulty
 - (C) tardy
 - (D) central
 - (E) purposeless
6. INDOLENCE
 - (A) poverty
 - (B) laziness
 - (C) danger
 - (D) truth
 - (E) attention
7. PRECARIOUS
 - (A) trustful
 - (B) early
 - (C) previous
 - (D) cautious
 - (E) uncertain
8. CONNOISSEUR
 - (A) investigator
 - (B) government official
 - (C) pretender
 - (D) critical judge
 - (E) portrait artist
9. HILARITY
 - (A) wittiness
 - (B) disobedience
 - (C) mirth
 - (D) heedlessness
 - (E) contentment
10. EMIT
 - (A) overlook
 - (B) adorn
 - (C) discharge
 - (D) encourage
 - (E) stress

11. AD INFINITUM
(A) to a limit
(B) from eternity
(C) occasionally
(D) endlessly
(E) to the finish
12. EXTRICATE
(A) disentangle
(B) die out
(C) praise
(D) purify
(E) argue with
13. SQUALID
(A) dirty
(B) unresponsive
(C) wasteful
(D) stormy
(E) congested
14. COERCE
(A) coincide
(B) strengthen
(C) accompany
(D) compel
(E) seek out
15. INTER
(A) bury
(B) stab
(C) change
(D) make peace
(E) emphasize
16. INVARIABLE
(A) diverse
(B) eternal
(C) fleeting
(D) inescapable
(E) uniform
17. VORACIOUS
(A) excitable
(B) honest
(C) greedy
(D) inclusive
(E) circular
18. CONCENTRATE
(A) agitate
(B) protest
(C) debate
(D) harden
(E) consolidate
19. PLAGIARIZE
(A) annoy
(B) borrow
(C) steal ideas
(D) imitate poorly
(E) impede
20. CORTEGE
(A) advisers
(B) official papers
(C) slaves
(D) retinue
(E) personal effects

Vocabulary Test 18

1. DYNAMIC
 - (A) specialized
 - (B) active
 - (C) fragile
 - (D) magical
 - (E) comparative
2. ACHILLES' HEEL
 - (A) source of strength
 - (B) critical test
 - (C) hereditary curse
 - (D) vulnerable point
 - (E) base conduct
3. AD LIB
 - (A) cheerfully
 - (B) freely
 - (C) carefully
 - (D) literally
 - (E) wisely
4. DECRY
 - (A) baffle
 - (B) weep
 - (C) trap
 - (D) belittle
 - (E) imagine
5. RAVAGE
 - (A) ruin
 - (B) tangle
 - (C) delight
 - (D) scold
 - (E) crave
6. RENDEZVOUS
 - (A) surrender
 - (B) appointment
 - (C) souvenir
 - (D) hiding place
 - (E) mutual exchange
7. SKULK
 - (A) trail
 - (B) shadow
 - (C) ambush
 - (D) lurk
 - (E) race
8. COTERIE
 - (A) formal farewell
 - (B) trite remark
 - (C) exclusive group
 - (D) conclusive argument
 - (E) good taste
9. NUPTIAL
 - (A) moonlike
 - (B) blunted
 - (C) ritualistic
 - (D) matrimonial
 - (E) blessed
10. BALKED
 - (A) swindled
 - (B) thwarted
 - (C) enlarged
 - (D) waded
 - (E) punished

11. CRESCENDO
(A) increasing volume
(B) decreasing tempo
(C) abrupt ending
(D) discordant note
(E) musical composition
12. INDISCREET
(A) unpopular
(B) embarrassing
(C) disloyal
(D) unwise
(E) greatly upset
13. UNWIELDY
(A) stubborn
(B) unhealthy
(C) monotonous
(D) shameful
(E) clumsy
14. ENVISAGE
(A) plot
(B) conceal
(C) wrinkle
(D) contemplate
(E) sneer
15. INTERIM
(A) go-between
(B) meantime
(C) mixture
(D) hereafter
(E) period of rest
16. ANTIPATHY
(A) sympathy
(B) detachment
(C) aversion
(D) amazement
(E) opposition
17. DEMUR
(A) object
(B) agree
(C) murmur
(D) discard
(E) consider
18. PARAGON
(A) dummy
(B) lover
(C) image
(D) model
(E) favorite
19. FINITE
(A) impure
(B) firm
(C) minute
(D) limited
(E) unbounded
20. AUTARCHY
(A) laissez-faire
(B) motor-mindedness
(C) pacifism
(D) lawless confusion
(E) self-government

Vocabulary Test 19

1. DISHEARTEN
 - (A) shame
 - (B) discourage
 - (C) astound
 - (D) disown
 - (E) cripple
2. COMPONENT
 - (A) memorial
 - (B) pledge
 - (C) convenience
 - (D) ingredient
 - (E) similarity
3. LURK
 - (A) stagger
 - (B) tempt
 - (C) sneak
 - (D) grin
 - (E) rob
4. GRUDGING
 - (A) impolite
 - (B) dirty
 - (C) hoarse
 - (D) alarming
 - (E) unwilling
5. SEMBLANCE
 - (A) likeness
 - (B) noise
 - (C) foundation
 - (D) glance
 - (E) error
6. NETTLE
 - (A) irritate
 - (B) catch
 - (C) accuse
 - (D) make ill
 - (E) fade away
7. TREMULOUS
 - (A) slow
 - (B) high-pitched
 - (C) huge
 - (D) shaking
 - (E) spirited
8. TERSE
 - (A) delicate
 - (B) nervous
 - (C) mild
 - (D) numb
 - (E) concise
9. AFFINITY
 - (A) solemn declaration
 - (B) indefinite amount
 - (C) natural attraction
 - (D) pain
 - (E) wealth
10. VOLATILE
 - (A) disobedient
 - (B) changeable
 - (C) forceful
 - (D) willing
 - (E) luxurious

11. CONJECTURE
(A) work
(B) joke
(C) initiation
(D) monument
(E) guess
12. DAIS
(A) platform
(B) easy chair
(C) waiting room
(D) ornamental pin
(E) figurehead
- 13.. IMPETUS
(A) deadlock
(B) collision
(C) warning
(D) wickedness
(E) stimulus
14. INTROSPECTIVE
(A) lacking strength
(B) practicing self-examination
(C) highly critical
(D) intrusive
(E) lacking confidence
15. DEIFY
(A) describe
(B) disobey
(C) make presentable
(D) worship as a god
(E) challenge
16. DISCRIMINATION
(A) acquittal
(B) insight
(C) caution
(D) indiscretion
(E) distortion
17. INVECTIVE
(A) richness
(B) goal
(C) solemn oath
(D) praise
(E) verbal abuse
18. ADROIT
(A) hostile
(B) serene
(C) pompous
(D) skillful
(E) allergic
19. LESION
(A) injury
(B) contortion
(C) suffering
(D) convulsion
(E) aggravation
20. DILETTANTE
(A) epicure
(B) dabbler
(C) procrastinator
(D) literary genius
(E) playboy

Vocabulary Test 20

1. HOMAGE
 - (A) welcome
 - (B) honor
 - (C) coziness
 - (D) criticism
 - (E) regret
2. DISPERSE
 - (A) restore
 - (B) spread
 - (C) grumble
 - (D) soak
 - (E) spend
3. RATIONAL
 - (A) resentful
 - (B) overjoyed
 - (C) sensible
 - (D) reckless
 - (E) apologetic
4. RECLUSE
 - (A) schemer
 - (B) criminal
 - (C) miser
 - (D) adventurer
 - (E) hermit
5. COMPLACENCY
 - (A) tenderness
 - (B) admiration
 - (C) dependence
 - (D) unity
 - (E) self-satisfaction
6. MENACE
 - (A) kill
 - (B) threaten
 - (C) waste
 - (D) indicate
 - (E) tease
7. DUPE
 - (A) combine
 - (B) reproduce
 - (C) fool
 - (D) grab
 - (E) follow
8. ABATE
 - (A) surprise
 - (B) desert
 - (C) decrease
 - (D) humiliate
 - (E) pay for
9. CONGENITAL
 - (A) existing at birth
 - (B) displaying weakness
 - (C) related by marriage
 - (D) overcrowded
 - (E) unintelligent
10. INSURGENT
 - (A) impractical
 - (B) unbearable
 - (C) overhanging
 - (D) rebellious
 - (E) patriotic

11. AGGREGATION
(A) method
(B) irritation
(C) prize
(D) collection
(E) blessing
12. SUBLIME
(A) exalted
(B) underhanded
(C) funny
(D) conceited
(E) secondary
13. POTENTATE
(A) slave
(B) soldier
(C) adviser
(D) informer
(E) ruler
14. INTIMIDATE
(A) frighten
(B) suggest
(C) dare
(D) border upon
(E) befriend
15. SARDONIC
(A) decorative
(B) polished
(C) strange
(D) fashionable
(E) sarcastic
16. PROVISIONAL
(A) military
(B) tentative
(C) absentee
(D) democratic
(E) appointed
17. CONDIMENT
(A) ledger
(B) ore
(C) telegraph device
(D) musical instrument
(E) spice
18. RECALCITRANT
(A) insincere
(B) obstinate
(C) crafty
(D) conservative
(E) reconcilable
19. BON MOT
(A) witticism
(B) pun
(C) praise
(D) last word
(E) exact meaning
20. ACCOUTREMENTS
(A) sealed orders
(B) equipment
(C) cartoons
(D) correspondence
(E) financial records

Vocabulary Test 21

1. ELECTRIFY
 - (A) punish
 - (B) improve
 - (C) thrill
 - (D) explain
 - (E) investigate
2. DISCRETION
 - (A) special privilege
 - (B) individual judgment
 - (C) unfair treatment
 - (D) disagreement
 - (E) embarrassment
3. GRAPPLE
 - (A) dive
 - (B) wrestle
 - (C) handle
 - (D) fit together
 - (E) fondle
4. LAUDABLE
 - (A) brave
 - (B) comical
 - (C) peaceful
 - (D) praiseworthy
 - (E) conspicuous
5. LONGEVITY
 - (A) wisdom
 - (B) length of life
 - (C) society
 - (D) system of measure
 - (E) loudness
6. BLANCH
 - (A) destroy
 - (B) drink
 - (C) whiten
 - (D) feel
 - (E) mend
7. SHREW
 - (A) moneylender
 - (B) fortune-teller
 - (C) chronic invalid
 - (D) unruly child
 - (E) scolding woman
8. STALWART
 - (A) diseased
 - (B) feeble
 - (C) needy
 - (D) sturdy
 - (E) truthful
9. APOGEE
 - (A) rate of ascent
 - (B) fortune-teller
 - (C) measuring device
 - (D) expression of regret
 - (E) highest point
10. BANTER
 - (A) tease playfully
 - (B) strut boldly
 - (C) ruin
 - (D) bend slightly
 - (E) relieve

11. GRANDIOSE
(A) selfish
(B) thankful
(C) quarrelsome
(D) elderly
(E) impressive
12. INCONGRUOUS
(A) indistinct
(B) unsuitable
(C) unimportant
(D) illegal
(E) inconvenient
13. PRONE
(A) disposed
(B) speechless
(C) tardy
(D) two-edged
(E) quick
14. EMISSARY
(A) rival
(B) secret agent
(C) master of ceremonies
(D) refugee
(E) clergyman
15. INVALIDATE
(A) turn inward
(B) deprive of force
(C) mistrust
(D) support with facts
(E) neglect
16. HYPOTHESIS
(A) assumption
(B) proof
(C) estimate
(D) random guess
(E) established truth
17. ALACRITY
(A) slowness
(B) indecision
(C) caution
(D) promptness
(E) fearlessness
18. JETTISON
(A) throw overboard
(B) dismantle
(C) scuttle
(D) unload cargo
(E) camouflage
19. VACILLATE
(A) glitter
(B) swerve
(C) surrender
(D) soften
(E) waver
20. ASTUTE
(A) shrewd
(B) futile
(C) potent
(D) provocative
(E) ruthless

Vocabulary Test 22

1. REPRESS
 - (A) sharpen
 - (B) restrain
 - (C) repeat
 - (D) disgust
 - (E) grieve
2. BREACH
 - (A) obstruction
 - (B) violation
 - (C) anticipation
 - (D) accusation
 - (E) decoration
3. DILIGENT
 - (A) hesitant
 - (B) prosperous
 - (C) offensive
 - (D) industrious
 - (E) straightforward
4. CONCOCT
 - (A) devise
 - (B) link together
 - (C) harmonize
 - (D) meet privately
 - (E) sweeten
5. FLAMBOYANT
 - (A) scandalous
 - (B) showy
 - (C) nonsensical
 - (D) manly
 - (E) temporary
6. ECCENTRICITY
 - (A) overabundance
 - (B) self-consciousness
 - (C) adaptability
 - (D) publicity
 - (E) oddity
7. VINDICTIVE
 - (A) gloomy
 - (B) cowardly
 - (C) vengeful
 - (D) cheerful
 - (E) boastful
8. GRAPHIC
 - (A) vivid
 - (B) harsh-sounding
 - (C) free from error
 - (D) dignified
 - (E) pliable
9. PLACARD
 - (A) poster
 - (B) souvenir
 - (C) soothing medicine
 - (D) exact reproduction
 - (E) contemptuous remark
10. PUTREFY
 - (A) scour
 - (B) paralyze
 - (C) rot
 - (D) neglect
 - (E) argue

11. CLEMENCY
(A) purity
(B) timidity
(C) courage
(D) simplicity
(E) mildness
12. UNSCATHED
(A) uninterested
(B) unsettled
(C) unspoken
(D) unharmed
(E) unknown
13. RELINQUISH
(A) shrink from
(B) take pity on
(C) yield
(D) lessen
(E) recall
14. ALLAY
(A) offend
(B) suffer
(C) resemble
(D) assign
(E) calm
15. ANIMOSITY
(A) liveliness
(B) worry
(C) ill will
(D) regret
(E) sarcasm
16. PROVISIO
(A) final treaty
(B) condition
(C) demand
(D) official document
(E) proclamation
17. MACABRE
(A) gruesome
(B) meager
(C) sordid
(D) fantastic
(E) cringing
18. AUGMENT
(A) curtail
(B) change
(C) restore
(D) conceal
(E) increase
19. INTEGRAL
(A) useful
(B) powerful
(C) essential
(D) mathematical
(E) indestructible
20. IMPUNITY
(A) shamelessness
(B) power of action
(C) self-reliance
(D) haughtiness
(E) exemption from punishment

Vocabulary Test 23

1. SOLICIT
 - (A) request
 - (B) worry
 - (C) command
 - (D) deny
 - (E) depend
2. PERTURB
 - (A) pierce
 - (B) filter
 - (C) calculate
 - (D) agitate
 - (E) disregard
3. JAUNTY
 - (A) bored
 - (B) envious
 - (C) quarrelsome
 - (D) chatty
 - (E) lively
4. DRIVEL
 - (A) shrill laughter
 - (B) foolish talk
 - (C) untidy dress
 - (D) waste matter
 - (E) quaint humor
5. FRUGAL
 - (A) sickly
 - (B) saving
 - (C) slow
 - (D) chilled
 - (E) frightened
6. IOTA
 - (A) first step
 - (B) sacred picture
 - (C) ornamental scroll
 - (D) crystalline substance
 - (E) very small quantity
7. POACH
 - (A) squander
 - (B) trespass
 - (C) outwit
 - (D) bully
 - (E) borrow
8. DEFECTION
 - (A) delay
 - (B) slander
 - (C) respect
 - (D) desertion
 - (E) exemption
9. MASTICATE
 - (A) chew
 - (B) slaughter
 - (C) ripen
 - (D) enroll
 - (E) tangle
10. ANALOGY
 - (A) imitation
 - (B) research
 - (C) calendar
 - (D) similarity
 - (E) disagreement

11. GIRD
(A) stare
(B) thresh
(C) encircle
(D) complain
(E) perforate
12. BIZARRE
(A) charitable
(B) joyous
(C) flattering
(D) insane
(E) fantastic
13. PERENNIAL
(A) superior
(B) unceasing
(C) notable
(D) short-lived
(E) authoritative
14. PROGENITOR
(A) genius
(B) wastrel
(C) forefather
(D) magician
(E) publisher
15. EMBELLISH
(A) organize
(B) involve
(C) rob
(D) beautify
(E) correct
16. LATENT
(A) inherent
(B) lazy
(C) dormant
(D) crushed
(E) anticipated
17. OBDURATE
(A) patient
(B) stupid
(C) rude
(D) stubborn
(E) tolerant
18. BIZARRE
(A) boastful
(B) warlike
(C) sluggish
(D) fantastic
(E) oriental
19. ARROYO
(A) cliff
(B) plain
(C) ranch
(D) gully
(E) cactus
20. AUGUR
(A) enlarge
(B) foretell
(C) suggest
(D) evaluate
(E) minimize

Vocabulary Test 24

1. DILEMMA
 - (A) punishment
 - (B) division in ranks
 - (C) ability to detect
 - (D) perplexing choice
 - (E) word with two meanings
2. CELESTIAL
 - (A) musical
 - (B) heavenly
 - (C) stately
 - (D) unmarried
 - (E) aged
3. MILITANT
 - (A) political
 - (B) mighty
 - (C) aggressive
 - (D) peaceable
 - (E) illegal
4. EMINENT
 - (A) noted
 - (B) moral
 - (C) future
 - (D) low
 - (E) unwise
5. PERCEIVE
 - (A) resolve
 - (B) observe
 - (C) organize
 - (D) stick in
 - (E) copy down
6. IDIOSYNCRASY
 - (A) stupidity
 - (B) virtue
 - (C) personal peculiarity
 - (D) foreign dialect
 - (E) similarity
7. EDIFICE
 - (A) tool
 - (B) large building
 - (C) garden
 - (D) mushroom
 - (E) set of books
8. SEEDY
 - (A) dishonest
 - (B) helpless
 - (C) vague
 - (D) nervous
 - (E) shabby
9. SUPPLANT
 - (A) spend
 - (B) unite
 - (C) recall
 - (D) replace
 - (E) purpose
10. DESIST
 - (A) loiter
 - (B) stand
 - (C) hurry
 - (D) stumble
 - (E) stop

11. IMPLEMENT
(A) carry out
(B) fall apart
(C) give freely
(D) object strongly
(E) praise highly
12. INSUBORDINATE
(A) unreal
(B) disobedient
(C) inferior
(D) unfaithful
(E) unnecessary
13. ITINERANT
(A) small
(B) intensive
(C) repetitive
(D) wandering
(E) begging
14. ADVERSITY
(A) misfortune
(B) surprise
(C) economy
(D) publicity
(E) warning
15. DISSIPATE
(A) explain
(B) puzzle
(C) rearrange
(D) envy
(E) waste
16. CONTRITE
(A) infectious
(B) worried
(C) penitent
(D) sympathetic
(E) tolerant
17. OFFICIOUS
(A) silly
(B) gay
(C) sarcastic
(D) meddlesome
(E) quarrelsome
18. PAEAN
(A) prize
(B) song of praise
(C) decoration
(D) certificate
(E) story of heroism
19. EXOTIC
(A) romantic
(B) exciting
(C) wealthy
(D) strange
(E) tropical
20. ARCHIPELAGO
(A) slender isthmus
(B) long, narrow land mass
(C) string of lakes
(D) high, flat plain
(E) group of small islands

Vocabulary Test 25

1. CURRENTLY
 - (A) at the present time
 - (B) swiftly
 - (C) commendably
 - (D) smoothly
 - (E) electrically
2. PARTICIPANT
 - (A) a form of the verb
 - (B) haste
 - (C) sharer
 - (D) weak player
 - (E) very steep hill
3. INEVITABLE
 - (A) not subject to evil
 - (B) obscure
 - (C) probable
 - (D) unavoidable
 - (E) harmful
4. INVINCIBLE
 - (A) unable to be defended
 - (B) undeniable
 - (C) past help
 - (D) unable to be conquered
 - (E) very sharp
5. TENACITY
 - (A) laziness
 - (B) misfortune
 - (C) persistency
 - (D) poise
 - (E) stability
6. FANATICISM
 - (A) perplexity
 - (B) endurance
 - (C) remarkable power
 - (D) idleness
 - (E) excessive enthusiasm
7. CREVICE
 - (A) scouting party
 - (B) difficult travel
 - (C) a tight squeeze
 - (D) fissure
 - (E) implement for digging
8. SAGELY
 - (A) carelessly
 - (B) mildly
 - (C) tastefully
 - (D) bitterly
 - (E) wisely
9. CONCERTED
 - (A) accompanied by music
 - (B) disturbed
 - (C) arranged by mutual consent
 - (D) handled with care
 - (E) cut short
10. OSTENSIBLY
 - (A) apparently
 - (B) meekly
 - (C) cruelly
 - (D) bravely
 - (E) with hostility

11. UNCOMPROMISING
(A) capable
(B) unsuccessful
(C) unwilling to make concessions
(D) arranged in a conference
(E) lacking in courage
12. COLLATERAL
(A) something given as security
(B) profitable enterprise
(C) unnecessary help
(D) steep slope
(E) very wide board
13. CONSERVATIVE
(A) exact
(B) moderate
(C) natural
(D) unusual
(E) deceptive
14. RETROSPECT
(A) special kind of telescope
(B) microscope
(C) prism
(D) review of the past
(E) forecast of future events
15. DEVIATE
(A) speak ill of
(B) sap the life out of
(C) turn from a course
(D) turn upside down
(E) injure
16. DESPICABLE
(A) contemptible
(B) poverty-stricken
(C) destructible
(D) peace-loving
(E) without intelligence
17. INCITEMENT
(A) commotion
(B) exception
(C) stimulation
(D) duration
(E) emotion
18. INCONTROVERTIBLE
(A) not advisable
(B) not accepted
(C) steadfast
(D) difficult to understand
(E) not to be disputed
19. PROLETARIAN
(A) politician
(B) laborer
(C) cruel tyrant
(D) soldier
(E) stupid fellow
20. COMPLEMENT
(A) flattery
(B) contempt
(C) remuneration
(D) tool
(E) completing part

Vocabulary Test 26

1. INCESSANTLY
 - (A) uncertainly
 - (B) continuously
 - (C) incidentally
 - (D) universally
 - (E) quickly
2. INTRICATE
 - (A) involved
 - (B) erect
 - (C) remote
 - (D) unjust
 - (E) ignorant
3. DISSENTING
 - (A) agreeing
 - (B) fooling
 - (C) withholding approval
 - (D) annoying
 - (E) removing odor
4. REFUTE
 - (A) disobey
 - (B) remove to a far point
 - (C) offend
 - (D) disprove
 - (E) strike
5. POTENT
 - (A) lacking strength
 - (B) making a request
 - (C) having power
 - (D) soothing
 - (E) perfumed
6. COMPLACENT
 - (A) businesslike
 - (B) obedient
 - (C) self-satisfied
 - (D) dishonest
 - (E) careless
7. CYNICAL
 - (A) poisonous
 - (B) sneering
 - (C) pleasure-loving
 - (D) sinful
 - (E) careless
8. DISPARAGE
 - (A) belittle
 - (B) declare unequal
 - (C) separate
 - (D) divide
 - (E) dismiss
9. ANARCHY
 - (A) government by one man
 - (B) government by the rich
 - (C) government by the poor
 - (D) absence of government
 - (E) hostility
10. PAYEE
 - (A) one who becomes wealthy
 - (B) debtor
 - (C) banker
 - (D) savage rodent
 - (E) one to whom money is paid

11. TRADITIONAL
(A) fundamental
(B) customary
(C) lasting
(D) conclusive
(E) old-fashioned
12. COMPULSION
(A) force
(B) tact
(C) persuasion
(D) bribery
(E) sophistry
13. SINISTER
(A) unmarried
(B) black
(C) evil
(D) peculiar
(E) discontented
14. NULLIFY
(A) execute
(B) destroy
(C) establish
(D) confirm
(E) sustain
15. LONGEVITY
(A) accomplishment
(B) fame
(C) good deed
(D) sense of humor
(E) long life
16. SURVEILLANCE
(A) close watch
(B) hiding
(C) smoke screen
(D) exact measuring
(E) subordination
17. RENDITION
(A) completion
(B) mutilation
(C) interpretation
(D) hearing
(E) overturning
18. PERMEATE
(A) impress
(B) permit
(C) penetrate
(D) imperil
(E) conquer
19. INNOCUOUS
(A) intact
(B) harmless
(C) spotless
(D) trusting
(E) childish
20. INCARCERATE
(A) imperil
(B) fine
(C) torture
(D) imprison
(E) behead

Vocabulary Test 27

1. VAGUE
 - (A) obscure
 - (B) valuable
 - (C) vivid
 - (D) gray
 - (E) real
2. SENTIMENTAL
 - (A) criminal
 - (B) romantic
 - (C) consistent
 - (D) morbid
 - (E) fruitful
3. REGIME
 - (A) summary
 - (B) manner of rule
 - (C) company of soldiers
 - (D) opinion
 - (E) stern commander
4. FEAT
 - (A) duty
 - (B) unusual injury
 - (C) act
 - (D) struggle
 - (E) victory
5. JEOPARDIZE
 - (A) offend
 - (B) disgust
 - (C) discourage
 - (D) endanger
 - (E) prolong
6. CONTROVERSY
 - (A) long report
 - (B) agreement
 - (C) alternative
 - (D) disputation
 - (E) doubt
7. UNKEMPT
 - (A) uncontrolled
 - (B) inharmonious
 - (C) unpretentious
 - (D) crude
 - (E) untidy
8. PANDEMONIUM
 - (A) cure-all
 - (B) collection
 - (C) hatred
 - (D) tumult
 - (E) reptile
9. INTROSPECTION
 - (A) self-examination
 - (B) research
 - (C) questionnaire
 - (D) intrusion
 - (E) self-assertion
10. STOLID
 - (A) red
 - (B) sunburned
 - (C) sullen
 - (D) pallid
 - (E) dull

11. INFLEXIBLE

- (A) weak
- (B) righteous
- (C) harmless
- (D) unyielding
- (E) uneasy

12. SALVAGE

- (A) save
- (B) cut the edge of material
- (C) apply ointment
- (D) destroy
- (E) treat brutally

13. SUCCUMB

- (A) compromise
- (B) die
- (C) compete
- (D) besiege
- (E) conquer

14. PRECISION

- (A) fussiness
- (B) determination
- (C) accuracy
- (D) cutting
- (E) progress

15. CULT

- (A) mob
- (B) party
- (C) club
- (D) nation
- (E) sect

16. INTEGRITY

- (A) honesty
- (B) humor
- (C) knowledge
- (D) kindness
- (E) courage

17. DOCILE

- (A) grateful
- (B) childish
- (C) sweet
- (D) obedient
- (E) adoring

18. RELENTLESS

- (A) stern
- (B) remorseful
- (C) exhausted
- (D) not difficult
- (E) insipid

19. CONSTERNATION

- (A) discontent
- (B) disappointment
- (C) disapproval
- (D) dismay
- (E) distrust

20. CAPITULATE

- (A) classify
- (B) reach up
- (C) cover
- (D) count
- (E) surrender

Vocabulary Test 28

1. ETHICS
 - (A) religion
 - (B) conduct
 - (C) character
 - (D) mathematics
 - (E) moral principles
2. ZEALOUSNESS
 - (A) earliness
 - (B) firmness
 - (C) earnestness
 - (D) unwillingness
 - (E) indifference
3. CLIENTELE
 - (A) artists
 - (B) classmates
 - (C) friends
 - (D) customers
 - (E) scientists
4. CHRONOLOGY
 - (A) perpetual calendar
 - (B) conformed habit
 - (C) time sequence
 - (D) table of contents
 - (E) prolonged suffering
5. ARTICULATION
 - (A) accent
 - (B) dialect
 - (C) enunciation
 - (D) pitch
 - (E) impediment
6. AUTOCRATIC
 - (A) democratic
 - (B) yielding
 - (C) resolute
 - (D) dictatorial
 - (E) motorminded
7. OBSESSION
 - (A) asset
 - (B) fixed idea
 - (C) main concern
 - (D) idol
 - (E) thought
8. VESTIGE
 - (A) cause
 - (B) garment
 - (C) proof
 - (D) symbol
 - (E) trace
9. SUBVERSIVE
 - (A) changeable
 - (B) controversial
 - (C) destructive
 - (D) drowned
 - (E) saucy
10. OBLOQUY
 - (A) objection
 - (B) result
 - (C) wastefulness
 - (D) greed
 - (E) abuse

11. DETERIORATE

- (A) defend
- (B) delay
- (C) depreciate
- (D) originate
- (E) ornament

12. ADOLESCENT

- (A) carefree
- (B) worshipful
- (C) foolish
- (D) youthful
- (E) awkward

13. ANTAGONIST

- (A) opponent
- (B) killer
- (C) actor
- (D) trainer
- (E) underdog

14. DILUTE

- (A) chill
- (B) sweeten
- (C) sip
- (D) mix
- (E) weaken

15. PRETEXT

- (A) form
- (B) solution
- (C) excuse
- (D) course
- (E) result

16. CANDID

- (A) shifty
- (B) impudent
- (C) sweet
- (D) frank
- (E) bold

17. CONCUR

- (A) agree
- (B) beat
- (C) blame
- (D) happen
- (E) try

18. CAPITULATE

- (A) behead
- (B) creep
- (C) overturn
- (D) repeat
- (E) surrender

19. DOGMA

- (A) Bible study
- (B) personal opinion
- (C) free thought
- (D) statute
- (E) doctrine

20. ACUMEN

- (A) cupidity
- (B) honesty
- (C) hardness
- (D) craftiness
- (E) cleverness

Vocabulary Test 29

1. MELANCHOLY
 - (A) awkward
 - (B) disagreeable
 - (C) gloomy
 - (D) remote
 - (E) haughty
2. VOGUE
 - (A) elegance
 - (B) fashion
 - (C) attire
 - (D) ambiguity
 - (E) reputation
3. MASSIVE
 - (A) autocratic
 - (B) lavish
 - (C) weighty
 - (D) indispensable
 - (E) destructive
4. ASPHYXIA
 - (A) animation
 - (B) prostration
 - (C) despair
 - (D) suffocation
 - (E) loss of memory
5. USURP
 - (A) imprison
 - (B) insult
 - (C) parade
 - (D) seize
 - (E) torture
6. COSMOS
 - (A) breviary
 - (B) comrade
 - (C) forest
 - (D) rogue
 - (E) universe
7. EPIGRAM
 - (A) obituary notice
 - (B) balanced sentence
 - (C) prophecy
 - (D) pithy saying
 - (E) exclamation
8. PROPHYLACTIC
 - (A) causative
 - (B) curative
 - (C) toxic
 - (D) preventive
 - (E) sterile
9. GARRULOUS
 - (A) queer
 - (B) logical
 - (C) gracious
 - (D) rural
 - (E) voluble
10. RESCIND
 - (A) revoke
 - (B) inflame
 - (C) rescue
 - (D) beg
 - (E) request

11. FELONY
(A) accusation
(B) release
(C) trial
(D) companionship
(E) crime
12. DECOY
(A) amuse
(B) exploit
(C) forage
(D) lure
(E) brighten
13. DAZING
(A) alarming
(B) scolding
(C) sleeping
(D) whirling
(E) stunning
14. ENTHUSIASTIC
(A) ardent
(B) appreciative
(C) frank
(D) fascinating
(E) uneasy
15. GRAPPLE
(A) grace
(B) grind
(C) grip
(D) grovel
(E) grumble
16. PROFOUND
(A) faulty
(B) deep
(C) distinctive
(D) authentic
(E) unreasonable
17. EXODUS
(A) request
(B) departure
(C) rebuke
(D) journey
(E) revelation
18. FATHOM
(A) assay
(B) budget
(C) consider
(D) understand
(E) weight
19. LACONIC
(A) concise
(B) informal
(C) convincing
(D) interesting
(E) tedious
20. INIQUITY
(A) persecution
(B) righteousness
(C) wickedness
(D) disparity
(E) irregularity

Vocabulary Test 30

1. SKEPTICISM
 - (A) awe
 - (B) education
 - (C) displeasure
 - (D) opinion
 - (E) doubt
2. DETOUR
 - (A) swear
 - (B) go around
 - (C) wreck
 - (D) let slip
 - (E) turn back
3. CRUCIAL
 - (A) painful
 - (B) difficult
 - (C) decisive
 - (D) negligible
 - (E) irritable
4. CALCULATE
 - (A) compute
 - (B) expect
 - (C) investigate
 - (D) multiply
 - (E) specify
5. ESPIONAGE
 - (A) perfidy
 - (B) sabotage
 - (C) spying
 - (D) sedition
 - (E) treachery
6. AMALGAMATE
 - (A) confuse
 - (B) disband
 - (C) produce
 - (D) unite
 - (E) victimize
7. HYPHOTHESIS
 - (A) proof
 - (B) assumption
 - (C) estimate
 - (D) random guess
 - (E) established truth
8. INCALCULABLE
 - (A) boundless
 - (B) frugal
 - (C) incompetent
 - (D) nonessential
 - (E) unreasonable
9. CAJOLE
 - (A) banter
 - (B) fondle
 - (C) compliment
 - (D) mislead
 - (E) coax
10. PSALTERY
 - (A) ledger
 - (B) ore
 - (C) telegraph device
 - (D) spice
 - (E) musical instrument

11. VERSATILE
(A) all-round
(B) awkward
(C) poetic
(D) unusual
(E) wasteful
12. DORMANT
(A) agile
(B) inactive
(C) docile
(D) profound
(E) unsocial
13. PROXY
(A) agent
(B) lawyer
(C) promoter
(D) referee
(E) local magistrate
14. APTITUDE
(A) height
(B) donation
(C) feeling
(D) ability
(E) knowledge
15. DELUGE
(A) flood
(B) loss
(C) support
(D) sympathy
(E) trouble
16. FORTITUDE
(A) completion
(B) misfortune
(C) pluck
(D) success
(E) truthfulness
17. SHEATH
(A) belt
(B) clothing
(C) hook
(D) linen
(E) scabbard
18. ELECTORATE
(A) nominee
(B) office holder
(C) group of voters
(D) privileged class
(E) defeated candidate
19. APPROXIMATION
(A) amplitude
(B) annuity
(C) antecedent
(D) approach
(E) accumulation
20. ADROIT
(A) allergic
(B) hostile
(C) pompous
(D) serene
(E) skillful

Vocabulary Test 31

1. AFFILIATE
(A) associate
(B) begin
(C) communicate
(D) compare
(E) compete
2. DEFLATE
(A) decorate
(B) destroy
(C) expand
(D) peel
(E) reduce
3. NONCHALANT
(A) ignoble
(B) inoffensive
(C) mentally unsound
(D) undecided
(E) unruffled
4. RASH
(A) merciless
(B) quarrelsome
(C) reckless
(D) thunderstruck
(E) vigorous
5. TYCOON
(A) blusterer
(B) bureaucrat
(C) industrial magnate
(D) statesman
(E) strikebreaker
6. CAUSTIC
(A) desultory
(B) fallacious
(C) reasonable
(D) stinging
(E) wearing
7. CACHE
(A) box
(B) cave
(C) hiding place
(D) restroom
(E) wagon
8. AWRY
(A) askew
(B) deplorable
(C) odd
(D) simple
(E) striking
9. CRUET
(A) bottle
(B) cake
(C) napkin
(D) plate
(E) salad
10. RUTHLESS
(A) widowed
(B) masculine
(C) bitter
(D) cruel
(E) toothless

11. ANTIDOTE

- (A) cure-all
- (B) diet
- (C) laxative
- (D) remedy
- (E) salve

12. AMICABLE

- (A) constant
- (B) friendly
- (C) pliable
- (D) tough
- (E) vigorous

13. DIVULGE

- (A) hide
- (B) muddle
- (C) reveal
- (D) suspect
- (E) understand

14. PASSIVE

- (A) helpful
- (B) impulsive
- (C) submissive
- (D) tired
- (E) treacherous

15. DETRIMENTAL

- (A) determined
- (B) forceful
- (C) injurious
- (D) potent
- (E) tactful

16. INCOHERENT

- (A) brief
- (B) disconnected
- (C) exaggerated
- (D) hasty
- (E) inadequate

17. MASTICATE

- (A) assimilate
- (B) chew
- (C) digest
- (D) liberate
- (E) slice

18. VERTICAL

- (A) curved
- (B) direct
- (C) flat
- (D) perpendicular
- (E) straight

19. CREDIBLE

- (A) believable
- (B) praiseworthy
- (C) readable
- (D) religious
- (E) understandable

20. VERACITY

- (A) truth
- (B) beauty
- (C) importance
- (D) luck
- (E) necessity

Vocabulary Test 32

1. DILEMMA
(A) quarrel
(B) denial
(C) predicament
(D) apparition
(E) embarrassment
2. APPORTIONED
(A) collected
(B) saved
(C) changed
(D) distributed
(E) accumulated
3. WRITHE
(A) slip
(B) sob
(C) relax
(D) resist
(E) squirm
4. CALLOUS
(A) flowerlike
(B) harmful
(C) pale
(D) unfeeling
(E) warm
5. MEDIOCRE
(A) ordinary
(B) confused
(C) skillful
(D) distraught
(E) self-satisfied
6. FIDELITY
(A) bank
(B) loyalty
(C) insurance
(D) policy
(E) valor
7. MOCK
(A) injure
(B) grieve
(C) laugh
(D) dull
(E) taunt
8. MARTIAL
(A) warlike
(B) married
(C) creative
(D) unyielding
(E) strict
9. TRANSCEND
(A) translate
(B) enjoy
(C) strike out
(D) surpass
(E) climb
10. DISPUTATIOUS
(A) odorous
(B) argumentative
(C) unclear
(D) sour
(E) overflowing

11. FICTITIOUS
(A) difficult
(B) imaginary
(C) novel
(D) ordinary
(E) unknown
12. EPISODE
(A) fable
(B) incident
(C) letter
(D) postscript
(E) reverie
13. SUFFICIENT
(A) actual
(B) adequate
(C) real
(D) related
(E) well-known
14. METHODICALLY
(A) calmly
(B) carelessly
(C) openly
(D) systematically
(E) vigorously
15. LISTLESS
(A) attentive
(B) delighted
(C) slender
(D) languid
(E) thoughtful
16. INGENIOUS
(A) clever
(B) crafty
(C) insipid
(D) naive
(E) sincere
17. OBSTRUCT
(A) block
(B) build
(C) disturb
(D) experiment
(E) imprison
18. HUMANE
(A) benevolent
(B) convincing
(C) traditional
(D) virile
(E) welcome
19. EMISSARY
(A) alien
(B) pioneer
(C) envoy
(D) saboteur
(E) substitute
20. INFESTED
(A) devoured
(B) introduced
(C) overrun
(D) surrounded
(E) tainted

Vocabulary Test 33

1. ABRIDGE
 - (A) dilate
 - (B) shorten
 - (C) go over
 - (D) build
 - (E) connect
2. HUMID
 - (A) funny
 - (B) hot
 - (C) kindly
 - (D) moist
 - (E) normal
3. STABILIZE
 - (A) fasten
 - (B) pick
 - (C) steady
 - (D) succor
 - (E) vary
4. PENSIVE
 - (A) awkward
 - (B) declining
 - (C) iridescent
 - (D) thoughtful
 - (E) thwarted
5. ALLOT
 - (A) apportion
 - (B) economize
 - (C) offer
 - (D) permit
 - (E) restrict
6. IMPEACH
 - (A) accuse
 - (B) convict
 - (C) sear
 - (D) preserve
 - (E) pierce
7. PREDICAMENT
 - (A) argument
 - (B) danger
 - (C) plight
 - (D) prominence
 - (E) struggle
8. INFRINGEMENT
 - (A) admission
 - (B) assessment
 - (C) dissolution
 - (D) restriction
 - (E) violation
9. SANCTION
 - (A) condemn
 - (B) destroy
 - (C) neutralize
 - (D) terrify
 - (E) ratify
10. VINDICTIVE
 - (A) colorful
 - (B) helpful
 - (C) sour
 - (D) revengeful
 - (E) winning

11. DEADLOCK
(A) useless material
(B) fatigue
(C) will
(D) fixed limit
(E) state of inaction
12. DEPUTY
(A) arranger
(B) detective
(C) fugitive
(D) substitute
(E) cleanser
13. OPPRESS
(A) conclude
(B) crush
(C) branch out
(D) alter
(E) stay within
14. REVELATION
(A) respect
(B) disclosure
(C) repetition
(D) suitability
(E) remainder
15. IRKSOME
(A) unreasonable
(B) unclean
(C) related
(D) aglow
(E) tedious
16. SALLOW
(A) yellowish
(B) external
(C) healing
(D) quiet
(E) vague
17. IMPERIOUS
(A) large
(B) surprising
(C) overbearing
(D) mischievous
(E) healthy
18. STRINGENT
(A) rigid
(B) threaded
(C) musty
(D) obtainable
(E) avoided
19. ATTRIBUTE
(A) characteristic
(B) donation
(C) friction
(D) vengeance
(E) dress
20. WRANGLE
(A) dispute
(B) come to grips
(C) squirm
(D) expel moisture
(E) plead

Vocabulary Test 34

1. COMMEND
(A) begin
(B) praise
(C) remark
(D) graduate
(E) plead
2. PLACID
(A) public
(B) watered
(C) quiet
(D) established
(E) colorless
3. SEGREGATE
(A) multiply
(B) encircle
(C) conform
(D) isolate
(E) deny
4. DERIDE
(A) plead
(B) mock
(C) appeal
(D) surprise
(E) obligate
5. GUILLE
(A) blame
(B) market
(C) direction
(D) deceit
(E) throat
6. PRUDENT
(A) critical
(B) cautious
(C) bluish
(D) unfinished
(E) outrageous
7. BRUNT
(A) mistake
(B) tact
(C) swine
(D) force
(E) scald
8. IMPETUOUS
(A) faultless
(B) masterful
(C) insolent
(D) urgent
(E) hasty
9. COMPUTE
(A) reckon
(B) shorten
(C) concede
(D) deny
(E) enclose
10. SQUALID
(A) unrealistic
(B) crouching
(C) filthy
(D) fretful
(E) flattened

11. ULTIMATUM
(A) shrewd plan
(B) final terms
(C) first defeat
(D) dominant leader
(E) electric motor
12. GIRD
(A) surround
(B) appeal
(C) request
(D) break
(E) glance
13. WANGLE
(A) moan
(B) mutilate
(C) exasperate
(D) manipulate
(E) triumph
14. PROCUREMENT
(A) acquisition
(B) resolution
(C) healing
(D) importance
(E) miracle
15. CULMINATION
(A) rebellion
(B) lighting system
(C) climax
(D) destruction
(E) mystery
16. INSUPERABLE
(A) incomprehensible
(B) elaborate
(C) unusual
(D) indigestible
(E) unconquerable
17. CLICHÉ
(A) summary argument
(B) new information
(C) new hat
(D) trite phrase
(E) lock devise
18. CONCESSION
(A) nourishment
(B) plea
(C) restoration
(D) similarity
(E) acknowledgment
19. INSIPID
(A) disrespectful
(B) uninteresting
(C) persistent
(D) whole
(E) stimulating
20. REPRISAL
(A) retaliation
(B) drawing
(C) capture
(D) release
(E) suspicion

Vocabulary Test 35

1. SIGNIFICANT
 - (A) needless
 - (B) real
 - (C) childish
 - (D) important
 - (E) precise
2. DOGGED
 - (A) obstinate
 - (B) sickly
 - (C) poetic
 - (D) honorable
 - (E) religious
3. CUSTODY
 - (A) dessert
 - (B) plea for action
 - (C) swearing
 - (D) imprisonment
 - (E) regard
4. RESIDUE
 - (A) remainder
 - (B) evaporation
 - (C) rent
 - (D) admission
 - (E) payment
5. MERGER
 - (A) leniency
 - (B) plunge
 - (C) detective
 - (D) magician
 - (E) consolidation
6. OBSCURITY
 - (A) slyness
 - (B) indistinctness
 - (C) ease
 - (D) disappearance
 - (E) sadness
7. ACCORD
 - (A) opposition
 - (B) agreement
 - (C) praise
 - (D) exclamation
 - (E) helpfulness
8. RIGOR
 - (A) activity
 - (B) shagginess
 - (C) sorrow
 - (D) severity
 - (E) repayment
9. RESOLUTELY
 - (A) fully
 - (B) briefly
 - (C) firmly
 - (D) finally
 - (E) calmly
10. AUSTERITY
 - (A) heat
 - (B) displeasure
 - (C) honesty
 - (D) hospitableness
 - (E) sternness

11. DUBIOUS
(A) economical
(B) well-groomed
(C) boring
(D) discouraged
(E) uncertain
12. ATROCIOUS
(A) brutal
(B) innocent
(C) shrunken
(D) yellowish
(E) unsound
13. BLITHE
(A) wicked
(B) criminal
(C) merry
(D) unintelligible
(E) substantial
14. PRESTIGE
(A) speed
(B) influence
(C) omen
(D) pride
(E) excuse
15. TRITE
(A) brilliant
(B) unusual
(C) funny
(D) stiff
(E) commonplace
16. VINDICATE
(A) outrage
(B) waver
(C) enliven
(D) justify
(E) fuse
17. EXUDE
(A) accuse
(B) discharge
(C) inflect
(D) appropriate
(E) distress
18. LIVID
(A) burned
(B) patient
(C) hurt
(D) salted
(E) discolored
19. FACTION
(A) clique
(B) judgment
(C) truth
(D) type of architecture
(E) health
20. INCLEMENT
(A) merciful
(B) sloping
(C) harsh
(D) disastrous
(E) personal

Vocabulary Test 36

1. FOIL
 - (A) defeat
 - (B) punish
 - (C) accuse
 - (D) pray
 - (E) return
2. PREVALENT
 - (A) brilliant
 - (B) mediocre
 - (C) previous
 - (D) occurring often
 - (E) occurring seldom
3. CONTEMPLATE
 - (A) recall
 - (B) consider
 - (C) respect
 - (D) commit
 - (E) distribute
4. CRYSTALLIZE
 - (A) overwhelm completely
 - (B) lead to confusion
 - (C) assume definite form
 - (D) blame
 - (E) glamorize
5. SORCERY
 - (A) ancestry
 - (B) grief
 - (C) acidity
 - (D) filth
 - (E) witchcraft
6. RETROSPECT
 - (A) withdrawal
 - (B) review of the past
 - (C) very severe punishment
 - (D) prediction
 - (E) self-examination
7. VENEER
 - (A) respect
 - (B) arrival
 - (C) poison
 - (D) summons
 - (E) gloss
8. SUBSIDIZE
 - (A) store for later use
 - (B) aid with public money
 - (C) place under military control
 - (D) check
 - (E) ridicule in public
9. OMINOUS
 - (A) devouring everything
 - (B) all-inclusive
 - (C) having two meanings
 - (D) foreboding
 - (E) vegetable
10. INADVERTENTLY
 - (A) actually
 - (B) harmlessly
 - (C) heedlessly
 - (D) angrily
 - (E) confidently

11. AUTHORIZE
(A) compose
(B) self-educate
(C) permit
(D) manage
(E) complicate
12. VERSATILE
(A) imaginative
(B) many-sided
(C) proud
(D) upright
(E) self-centered
13. OPPORTUNE
(A) self-confident
(B) rare
(C) frequent
(D) timely
(E) contrasting
14. STIFLE
(A) smother
(B) yawn
(C) heighten
(D) promise
(E) strike
15. ACRID
(A) agricultural
(B) athletic
(C) extremely tasty
(D) fierce
(E) bitterly irritating
16. FUTILITY
(A) loyalty
(B) evil
(C) faith
(D) hatred
(E) uselessness
17. METAPHOR
(A) unrhymed poetry
(B) change of structure
(C) part of a foot
(D) implied comparison
(E) signal light
18. STATIC
(A) not moving
(B) referring to the state
(C) itemized
(D) clear
(E) pointed
19. TENTATIVE
(A) formal
(B) experimental
(C) affectionate
(D) tight
(E) progressive
20. FORESTALL
(A) dispossess
(B) overshadow
(C) anticipate
(D) establish
(E) prepare

Vocabulary Test 37

1. SULK
 - (A) cry
 - (B) annoy
 - (C) lament
 - (D) be sullen
 - (E) scorn
2. FLOUNDER
 - (A) investigate
 - (B) label
 - (C) struggle
 - (D) consent
 - (E) escape
3. PARLEY
 - (A) discussion
 - (B) thoroughfare
 - (C) salon
 - (D) surrender
 - (E) division
4. MAESTRO
 - (A) official
 - (B) ancestor
 - (C) teacher
 - (D) watchman
 - (E) alien
5. MEANDERING
 - (A) cruel
 - (B) adjusting
 - (C) winding
 - (D) smooth
 - (E) combining
6. GNARLED
 - (A) angry
 - (B) bitter
 - (C) twisted
 - (D) ancient
 - (E) embroidered
7. TEMPERANCE
 - (A) moderation
 - (B) climate
 - (C) carelessness
 - (D) disagreeableness
 - (E) rigidity
8. PRECARIOUS
 - (A) foresighted
 - (B) careful
 - (C) modest
 - (D) headstrong
 - (E) uncertain
9. COVETOUS
 - (A) undisciplined
 - (B) grasping
 - (C) timid
 - (D) insincere
 - (E) secretive
10. PRIVATION
 - (A) reward
 - (B) superiority in rank
 - (C) hardship
 - (D) suitability of behavior
 - (E) solitude

11. DESIGNATE
(A) draw
(B) expel
(C) permit
(D) name
(E) repeat
12. BIPARTISAN
(A) adhering to views of one party
(B) prejudiced
(C) representing two parties
(D) bisected
(E) narrow
13. FERVOR
(A) artistic ability
(B) hatred
(C) kindness
(D) intense feeling
(E) coldness
14. ELUSIVE
(A) helpful
(B) baffling
(C) abundant
(D) lessening
(E) expanding
15. EXPLOIT
(A) utilize
(B) favor
(C) expel
(D) pool
(E) labor
16. ANECDOTE
(A) equipment
(B) remedy for poison
(C) brief narrative
(D) inquiry
(E) hysteria
17. USURP
(A) seize by force
(B) accompany
(C) become useful
(D) move cityward
(E) return
18. WILY
(A) stubborn
(B) graceful
(C) nervous
(D) insignificant
(E) crafty
19. NOMENCLATURE
(A) election
(B) system of names
(C) morality
(D) grammar
(E) migration
20. ACQUIESCE
(A) provide
(B) share
(C) climb
(D) submit
(E) proceed

Vocabulary Test 38

1. CRUCIAL
 - (A) technical
 - (B) decisive
 - (C) ill-natured
 - (D) inelegant
 - (E) greatly distorted
2. IMPLICATE
 - (A) please
 - (B) expect
 - (C) involve
 - (D) trick
 - (E) ambush
3. DOMESTIC
 - (A) internal
 - (B) alien
 - (C) untrained
 - (D) political
 - (E) beneficial
4. AUDACIOUS
 - (A) daring
 - (B) fearful
 - (C) indifferent
 - (D) attentive
 - (E) wicked
5. BUOYANT
 - (A) unwise
 - (B) cheerful
 - (C) alarming
 - (D) uncertain
 - (E) juvenile
6. GAUNT
 - (A) stiff
 - (B) white
 - (C) repulsive
 - (D) harsh-sounding
 - (E) lean
7. PHOBIA
 - (A) temper
 - (B) disease
 - (C) puzzle
 - (D) dream
 - (E) fear
8. DIVERSITY
 - (A) amusement
 - (B) discouragement
 - (C) variety
 - (D) mistrust
 - (E) confusion
9. PRESUMPTUOUS
 - (A) forward
 - (B) foreshadowing
 - (C) costly
 - (D) renewable
 - (E) unhealthful
10. ENIGMATIC
 - (A) sarcastic
 - (B) skillful
 - (C) puzzling
 - (D) healthy
 - (E) like an insect

11. INFILTRATE
(A) pass through
(B) stop
(C) consider
(D) challenge openly
(E) meet secretly
12. REVOCATION
(A) certificate
(B) repeal
(C) animation
(D) license
(E) pleas
13. LOQUACIOUS
(A) grim
(B) stern
(C) talkative
(D) light-hearted
(E) liberty-loving
14. APERTURE
(A) basement
(B) opening
(C) phantom
(D) protective coloring
(E) light refreshment
15. PUNGENT
(A) biting
(B) smooth
(C) quarrelsome
(D) wrong
(E) proud
16. CORROBORATE
(A) deny
(B) elaborate
(C) confirm
(D) gnaw
(E) state
17. BENEVOLENCE
(A) good fortune
(B) well-being
(C) inheritance
(D) violence
(E) charitableness
18. PETULANT
(A) rotten
(B) fretful
(C) unrelated
(D) weird
(E) throbbing
19. DERELICT
(A) abandoned
(B) widowed
(C) faithful
(D) insincere
(E) hysterical
20. INCISIVE
(A) stimulating
(B) accidental
(C) brief
(D) penetrating
(E) final

Vocabulary Test 39

1. DWINDLE
(A) hang loosely
(B) decisive
(C) fight
(D) share
(E) decrease
2. FORTHRIGHT
(A) direct
(B) constitutional
(C) unpleasant
(D) polite
(E) accidental
3. VIGILANT
(A) forceful
(B) immoral
(C) alert
(D) sightless
(E) many-sided
4. CONFIRMATION
(A) trust
(B) suspense
(C) encounter
(D) restraint
(E) proof
5. PREVAIL
(A) introduce
(B) misjudge
(C) rescue
(D) triumph
(E) overestimate
6. ALOOF
(A) hard
(B) imaginary
(C) reserved
(D) happy
(E) willing
7. UNSCRUPULOUS
(A) unprincipled
(B) unbalanced
(C) careless
(D) disfigured
(E) obstinate
8. PROFOUND
(A) deep
(B) disrespectful
(C) plentiful
(D) positive
(E) expert
9. PRETEXT
(A) argument
(B) excuse
(C) preliminary examination
(D) first glimpse
(E) sermon
10. INFER
(A) surprise
(B) hope
(C) disagree
(D) conclude
(E) shift quickly

11. LAUD

- (A) praise
- (B) cleanse
- (C) replace
- (D) squander
- (E) frown upon

12. TAUNT

- (A) jeer at
- (B) tighten
- (C) rescue
- (D) interest
- (E) ward off

13. DEITY

- (A) renown
- (B) divinity
- (C) delicacy
- (D) destiny
- (E) futility

14. GRAVITY

- (A) displeasure
- (B) thankfulness
- (C) suffering
- (D) roughness
- (E) seriousness

15. CONTEMPTUOUS

- (A) thoughtful
- (B) soiled
- (C) dishonorable
- (D) scornful
- (E) self-satisfied

16. WAIVE

- (A) exercise
- (B) swing
- (C) claim
- (D) give up
- (E) wear out

17. ASPIRE

- (A) fade away
- (B) excite
- (C) desire earnestly
- (D) breathe heavily
- (E) roughen

18. PERTINENT

- (A) related
- (B) saucy
- (C) quick
- (D) impatient
- (E) excited

19. DEVASTATION

- (A) desolation
- (B) displeasure
- (C) dishonor
- (D) neglect
- (E) religious fervor

20. IMMINENT

- (A) sudden
- (B) important
- (C) delayed
- (D) threatening
- (E) forceful

Vocabulary Test 40

1. CONTROVERSIAL
(A) faultfinding
(B) pleasant
(C) debatable
(D) ugly
(E) talkative
2. GHASTLY
(A) hasty
(B) furious
(C) breathless
(D) deathlike
(E) spiritual
3. BELLIGERENT
(A) wordly
(B) warlike
(C) loudmouthed
(D) furious
(E) artistic
4. PROFICIENCY
(A) wisdom
(B) oversupply
(C) expertness
(D) advancement
(E) sincerity
5. COMPASSION
(A) rage
(B) strength of character
(C) forcefulness
(D) sympathy
(E) uniformity
6. DISSENSION
(A) treatise
(B) pretense
(C) fear
(D) lineage
(E) discord
7. INTIMATE
(A) charm
(B) hint
(C) disguise
(D) frighten
(E) hum
8. BERATE
(A) classify
(B) scold
(C) underestimate
(D) take one's time
(E) evaluate
9. DEARTH
(A) scarcity
(B) width
(C) affection
(D) wealth
(E) warmth
10. MEDITATE
(A) rest
(B) stare
(C) doze
(D) make peace
(E) reflect

11. BONDAGE

- (A) poverty
- (B) redemption
- (C) slavery
- (D) retirement
- (E) complaint

12. AGILITY

- (A) wisdom
- (B) nimbleness
- (C) agreeableness
- (D) simplicity
- (E) excitement

13. ABDICATE

- (A) achieve
- (B) protest
- (C) renounce
- (D) demand
- (E) steal

14. STIFLE

- (A) talk nonsense
- (B) sidestep
- (C) depress
- (D) smother
- (E) stick

15. EDICT

- (A) abbreviation
- (B) lie
- (C) carbon copy
- (D) correction
- (E) decree

16. AMITY

- (A) ill will
- (B) hope
- (C) pity
- (D) friendship
- (E) pleasure

17. COERCION

- (A) force
- (B) disgust
- (C) suspicion
- (D) pleasure
- (E) criticism

18. ABASH

- (A) embarrass
- (B) encourage
- (C) punish
- (D) surrender
- (E) overthrow

19. TACITURN

- (A) weak
- (B) evil
- (C) tender
- (D) silent
- (E) sensitive

20. REMISS

- (A) memorable
- (B) neglectful
- (C) useless
- (D) prompt
- (E) exact

Vocabulary Test 41

1. IMMORTAL
(A) disgraceful
(B) stupendous
(C) steadfast
(D) blameless
(E) imperishable
2. CRAFTY
(A) sly
(B) irritable
(C) seaworthy
(D) operatic
(E) municipal
3. QUIRK
(A) opportunity
(B) questioning
(C) peculiarity
(D) mistaken identity
(E) persistent annoyance
4. ADEPT
(A) grateful
(B) additional
(C) awkward
(D) skillful
(E) orderly
5. DISSUADE
(A) discharge
(B) discourage
(C) underrate
(D) convince
(E) lead astray
6. RECIPROCAL
(A) independent
(B) remorseful
(C) commercial
(D) international
(E) mutual
7. VOGUE
(A) picture
(B) history
(C) cloudiness
(D) popularity
(E) mischief
8. FLAIR
(A) aptitude
(B) bright light
(C) anger
(D) boasting remark
(E) frightening experience
9. COVET
(A) shelter
(B) crave
(C) crouch
(D) bargain
(E) hatch
10. LANGUID
(A) roundabout
(B) learned
(C) spiritless
(D) hidden
(E) praiseworthy

11. ARID
(A) mountainous
(B) fragrant
(C) soiled
(D) dry
(E) productive
12. DEFRAUD
(A) cheat
(B) uncover
(C) pay
(D) delay
(E) accuse
13. DELUGE
(A) deceive
(B) follow
(C) conclude
(D) transport
(E) overwhelm
14. POMPOUS
(A) occasionally leaky
(B) self-important
(C) thoughtful
(D) powerful
(E) respectful
15. HARASS
(A) rave
(B) shelter
(C) pierce
(D) restrain
(E) torment
16. APPARITION
(A) skeleton
(B) fort
(C) ghost
(D) dream
(E) insect
17. INFAMOUS
(A) detestable
(B) humble
(C) gloomy
(D) scholarly
(E) unsuspected
18. CHRONIC
(A) irritable
(B) historic
(C) sudden
(D) habitual
(E) timely
19. TERSELY
(A) vigorously
(B) with difficulty
(C) informally
(D) physically
(E) concisely
20. IMPERTURBABLE
(A) quick-tempered
(B) calm
(C) envious
(D) excitable
(E) impassable

Vocabulary Test 42

1. STAGNANT
 - (A) inactive
 - (B) alert
 - (C) selfish
 - (D) difficult
 - (E) scornful
2. MANDATORY
 - (A) insane
 - (B) obligatory
 - (C) evident
 - (D) strategic
 - (E) unequaled
3. INFERNAL
 - (A) immodest
 - (B) incomplete
 - (C) domestic
 - (D) second-rate
 - (E) fiendish
4. EXONERATE
 - (A) free from blame
 - (B) warn
 - (C) drive out
 - (D) overcharge
 - (E) plead
5. ARBITER
 - (A) friend
 - (B) judge
 - (C) drug
 - (D) tree surgeon
 - (E) truant
6. ENMITY
 - (A) boredom
 - (B) puzzle
 - (C) offensive language
 - (D) ill will
 - (E) entanglement
7. DISCRIMINATE
 - (A) fail
 - (B) delay
 - (C) accuse
 - (D) distinguish
 - (E) reject
8. DERISION
 - (A) disgust
 - (B) ridicule
 - (C) fear
 - (D) anger
 - (E) heredity
9. EXULTANT
 - (A) essential
 - (B) elated
 - (C) praiseworthy
 - (D) plentiful
 - (E) high-priced
10. OSTENSIBLE
 - (A) vibrating
 - (B) odd
 - (C) apparent
 - (D) standard
 - (E) ornate

11. CURTAIL

- (A) jump
- (B) lessen
- (C) design
- (D) collect
- (E) dance

12. INVERSE

- (A) opposite
- (B) immovable
- (C) remote
- (D) progressive
- (E) complicated

13. SUAVE

- (A) careful
- (B) attractive
- (C) foreign
- (D) unnatural
- (E) polished

14. FEASIBLE

- (A) indefinite
- (B) practicable
- (C) inadvisable
- (D) edible
- (E) prominent

15. ANIMATE

- (A) paint
- (B) praise highly
- (C) enliven
- (D) suggest indirectly
- (E) debate

16. STRIFE

- (A) conflict
- (B) weariness
- (C) joy
- (D) union
- (E) strength

17. AVOWAL

- (A) vacancy
- (B) hobby
- (C) desertion
- (D) settled dislike
- (E) open declaration

18. REBUFF

- (A) deduct
- (B) cancel
- (C) snub
- (D) return
- (E) echo

19. REPUDIATE

- (A) hail
- (B) support
- (C) start
- (D) disown
- (E) duplicate

20. WILY

- (A) graceful
- (B) drooping
- (C) cunning
- (D) untamed
- (E) nervous

Vocabulary Test 43

1. FIDELITY
 - (A) selfishness
 - (B) faithfulness
 - (C) cruelty
 - (D) indifference
 - (E) weakness
2. AVERT
 - (A) prevent
 - (B) convince
 - (C) flee
 - (D) meet
 - (E) fear
3. TEPID
 - (A) hesitant
 - (B) fierce
 - (C) lukewarm
 - (D) singular
 - (E) temperamental
4. EXCERPT
 - (A) omission
 - (B) sales tax
 - (C) cancellation
 - (D) pleasure trip
 - (E) selected passage
5. INTERMINABLE
 - (A) periodic
 - (B) unbearable
 - (C) well-blended
 - (D) short-lived
 - (E) unending
6. PRECIPICE
 - (A) forecast
 - (B) cliff
 - (C) danger
 - (D) instructor
 - (E) obstinacy
7. SCRUTINY
 - (A) muscle
 - (B) advertising
 - (C) scowl
 - (D) close examination
 - (E) tense situation
8. REPUGNANT
 - (A) distasteful
 - (B) irritable
 - (C) regretful
 - (D) honored
 - (E) restful
9. ALLOCATE
 - (A) address
 - (B) tempt
 - (C) distribute
 - (D) permit
 - (E) drift
10. PROFUSION
 - (A) declaration
 - (B) abundance
 - (C) skillfulness
 - (D) depth
 - (E) anxiety

11. ABHOR
(A) hate
(B) admire
(C) taste
(D) skip
(E) resign
12. DUTIFUL
(A) lasting
(B) sluggish
(C) required
(D) soothing
(E) obedient
13. ZEALOT
(A) breeze
(B) enthusiast
(C) vault
(D) wild animal
(E) musical instrument
14. MANGANIMOUS
(A) high-minded
(B) faithful
(C) concerned
(D) individual
(E) small
15. CITE
(A) protest
(B) depart
(C) quote
(D) agitate
(E) perform
16. OBLIVION
(A) hindrance
(B) accident
(C) courtesy
(D) forgetfulness
(E) old age
17. CARDINAL
(A) independent
(B) well-organized
(C) subordinate
(D) dignified
(E) chief
18. DEplete
(A) restrain
(B) corrupt
(C) despair
(D) exhaust
(E) spread out
19. SUPERSEDE
(A) retire
(B) replace
(C) overflow
(D) bless
(E) oversee
20. SPORADIC
(A) bad-tempered
(B) infrequent
(C) radical
(D) reckless
(E) humble

Vocabulary Test 44

1. NEUTRALIZE
 - (A) entangle
 - (B) strengthen
 - (C) counteract
 - (D) combat
 - (E) converse
2. INSINUATE
 - (A) destroy
 - (B) hint
 - (C) do wrong
 - (D) accuse
 - (E) release
3. DIMINUTIVE
 - (A) proud
 - (B) slow
 - (C) small
 - (D) watery
 - (E) puzzling
4. PLIGHT
 - (A) departure
 - (B) weight
 - (C) conspiracy
 - (D) predicament
 - (E) stamp
5. ILLICIT
 - (A) unlawful
 - (B) overpowering
 - (C) ill-advised
 - (D) small-scale
 - (E) unreadable
6. BENIGN
 - (A) contagious
 - (B) fatal
 - (C) ignorant
 - (D) kindly
 - (E) decorative
7. REVERIE
 - (A) abusive language
 - (B) love song
 - (C) backward step
 - (D) daydream
 - (E) holy man
8. APPREHENSIVE
 - (A) quiet
 - (B) firm
 - (C) curious
 - (D) sincere
 - (E) fearful
9. RECOIL
 - (A) shrink
 - (B) attract
 - (C) electrify
 - (D) adjust
 - (E) enroll
10. GUISE
 - (A) trickery
 - (B) request
 - (C) innocence
 - (D) misdeed
 - (E) appearance

11. FLUCTUATE

- (A) fall
- (B) impede
- (C) waver
- (D) raise
- (E) hasten

12. TRANQUIL

- (A) restless
- (B) calm
- (C) weary
- (D) understanding
- (E) blooming

13. STALEMATE

- (A) deadlock
- (B) excuse
- (C) panic
- (D) boredom
- (E) contract

14. IRRELEVANT

- (A) disrespectful
- (B) tolerant
- (C) sinful
- (D) unrelated
- (E) unresponsive

15. AUXILIARY

- (A) greedy
- (B) well-proportioned
- (C) self-governing
- (D) military
- (E) assistant

16. PROCRASTINATE

- (A) tell a lie
- (B) dismiss
- (C) postpone
- (D) furnish
- (E) imitate

17. FACILE

- (A) extraordinary
- (B) queer
- (C) breakable
- (D) easy
- (E) impossible

18. OBESE

- (A) lawful
- (B) extremely fat
- (C) challenging
- (D) bowing deeply
- (E) sad-faced

19. AUGMENT

- (A) increase
- (B) predict
- (C) disclose
- (D) challenge
- (E) testify

20. RESPITE

- (A) feud
- (B) receipt
- (C) flattery
- (D) teasing
- (E) lull

Vocabulary Test 45

1. INTRICATE
 - (A) thin
 - (B) reliable
 - (C) sly
 - (D) safe from danger
 - (E) complicated
2. INTEGRITY
 - (A) honesty
 - (B) interest
 - (C) comfort
 - (D) width
 - (E) pride
3. DISPEL
 - (A) rush
 - (B) alarm
 - (C) scatter
 - (D) amuse
 - (E) bewitch
4. PSEUDONYM
 - (A) title of nobility
 - (B) lack of a name
 - (C) family name
 - (D) pen name
 - (E) dishonorable name
5. SURMOUNT
 - (A) conquer
 - (B) release
 - (C) escape
 - (D) inset
 - (E) display
6. DIRE
 - (A) grimy
 - (B) noisy
 - (C) stubborn
 - (D) dreadful
 - (E) sharp-edged
7. INCOHERENT
 - (A) irritable
 - (B) uncomfortable
 - (C) disconnected
 - (D) unequalled
 - (E) ineffective
8. ABOUND
 - (A) jump about
 - (B) be plentiful
 - (C) shorten
 - (D) forsake
 - (E) limit
9. BESTOW
 - (A) discolor
 - (B) invade
 - (C) confer
 - (D) decorate
 - (E) occur
10. RUDIMENTARY
 - (A) web-like
 - (B) elementary
 - (C) systematic
 - (D) structural
 - (E) discourteous

11. RELINQUISH
(A) regret
(B) abandon
(C) pursue
(D) secure
(E) penetrate
12. INJUNCTION
(A) error
(B) attack
(C) injustice
(D) suggestion
(E) order
13. ADVENT
(A) attachment
(B) reference
(C) arrival
(D) excitement
(E) complaint
14. BICAMERAL
(A) dealing with life forms
(B) meeting on alternate years
(C) over-sweet
(D) having two legislative branches
(E) having two meanings
15. PERVERSE
(A) contrary
(B) stingy
(C) unfortunate
(D) hereditary
(E) easygoing
16. THWART
(A) assist
(B) whimper
(C) slice
(D) escape
(E) block
17. DEVOID
(A) empty
(B) illegal
(C) affectionate
(D) pious
(E) annoying
18. BLAND
(A) gentle
(B) guilty
(C) salty
(D) unfinished
(E) majestic
19. OSTRACIZE
(A) flatter
(B) scold
(C) show off
(D) banish
(E) vibrate
20. CANDOR
(A) sociability
(B) outspokenness
(C) grief
(D) light
(E) flattery

Vocabulary Test 46

1. ACQUIT
 - (A) increase
 - (B) harden
 - (C) clear
 - (D) sharpen
 - (E) sentence
2. DEXTERITY
 - (A) conceit
 - (B) skill
 - (C) insistence
 - (D) embarrassment
 - (E) guidance
3. ASSIMILATE
 - (A) absorb
 - (B) imitate
 - (C) maintain
 - (D) outrun
 - (E) curb
4. DESPONDENCY
 - (A) relief
 - (B) gratitude
 - (C) dejection
 - (D) hatred
 - (E) poverty
5. BUOYANT
 - (A) conceited
 - (B) cautioning
 - (C) youthful
 - (D) musical
 - (E) cheerful
6. CULINARY
 - (A) having to do with cooking
 - (B) pertaining to dressmaking
 - (C) fond of eating
 - (D) loving money
 - (E) tending to be secretive
7. CAPRICE
 - (A) wisdom
 - (B) ornament
 - (C) pillar
 - (D) whim
 - (E) energy
8. DETERRENT
 - (A) restraining
 - (B) cleansing
 - (C) deciding
 - (D) concluding
 - (E) crumbling
9. PUGNACIOUS
 - (A) sticky
 - (B) cowardly
 - (C) precise
 - (D) vigorous
 - (E) quarrelsome
10. ABSCOND
 - (A) detest
 - (B) reduce
 - (C) swallow up
 - (D) dismiss
 - (E) flee

11. BOUNTY
(A) limit
(B) boastfulness
(C) cheerfulness
(D) reward
(E) punishment
12. NOVICE
(A) storyteller
(B) iceberg
(C) adolescent
(D) mythical creature
(E) beginning
13. BOLSTER
(A) contradict
(B) insist
(C) defy
(D) sleep
(E) prop
14. MOBILE
(A) changeable
(B) scornful
(C) mechanical
(D) stylish
(E) solid
15. CREDULITY
(A) prize
(B) feebleness
(C) balance
(D) laziness
(E) belief
16. DOLDRUMS
(A) charity
(B) curing agents
(C) contagious disease
(D) low spirits
(E) places of safety
17. LOATH
(A) idle
(B) worried
(C) unwilling
(D) ready
(E) sad
18. ADROIT
(A) aimless
(B) clever
(C) moist
(D) false
(E) nearby
19. LITHE
(A) tough
(B) obstinate
(C) flexible
(D) damp
(E) gay
20. VACILLATE
(A) waver
(B) defeat
(C) favor
(D) endanger
(E) humiliate

Vocabulary Test 47

1. PREVARICATE
 - (A) hesitate
 - (B) lie
 - (C) protest
 - (D) ramble
 - (E) remain silent
2. INCREDULOUS
 - (A) argumentative
 - (B) imaginative
 - (C) indifferent
 - (D) irreligious
 - (E) skeptical
3. PLACATE
 - (A) amuse
 - (B) appease
 - (C) embroil
 - (D) pity
 - (E) reject
4. COGNIZANT
 - (A) afraid
 - (B) aware
 - (C) capable
 - (D) ignorant
 - (E) optimistic
5. DISSONANCE
 - (A) disapproval
 - (B) disaster
 - (C) discord
 - (D) disparity
 - (E) dissimilarity
6. IMMINENT
 - (A) declining
 - (B) distinguished
 - (C) impending
 - (D) terrifying
 - (E) unlikely
7. TORSION
 - (A) bending
 - (B) compressing
 - (C) sliding
 - (D) stretching
 - (E) twisting
8. ACCRUED
 - (A) added
 - (B) incidental
 - (C) miscellaneous
 - (D) special
 - (E) unearned
9. EFFRONTERY
 - (A) bad taste
 - (B) conceit
 - (C) dishonesty
 - (D) imprudence
 - (E) snobbishness
10. ACQUIESCENCE
 - (A) advice
 - (B) advocacy
 - (C) compliance
 - (D) friendliness
 - (E) opposition

11. RETICENT
(A) fidgety
(B) repetitious
(C) reserved
(D) restful
(E) truthful
12. STIPULATE
(A) bargain
(B) instigate
(C) prefer
(D) request
(E) specify
13. PSEUDO
(A) deep
(B) obvious
(C) pretend
(D) provoking
(E) spiritual
14. FLOTSAM
(A) dark sand
(B) fleet
(C) life preserver
(D) shoreline
(E) wreckage
15. AWRY
(A) askew
(B) deplorable
(C) odd
(D) simple
(E) striking
16. NEFARIOUS
(A) clever
(B) necessary
(C) negligent
(D) shortsighted
(E) wicked
17. GLIB
(A) cheerful
(B) delightful
(C) dull
(D) fluent
(E) gloomy
18. PAUCITY
(A) abundance
(B) ease
(C) hardship
(D) lack
(E) stoppage
19. LUCRATIVE
(A) debasing
(B) fortunate
(C) influential
(D) monetary
(E) profitable
20. INDUBITABLE
(A) doubtful
(B) fraudulent
(C) honorable
(D) safe
(E) undeniable

Vocabulary Test 48

1. CONNIVANCE
 - (A) approval
 - (B) collusion
 - (C) conflict
 - (D) permission
 - (E) theft
2. SAVANT
 - (A) diplomat
 - (B) inventor
 - (C) learned man
 - (D) thrifty person
 - (E) wiseacre
3. INCIPIENT
 - (A) beginning
 - (B) dangerous
 - (C) hasty
 - (D) secret
 - (E) widespread
4. VIRILE
 - (A) honest
 - (B) loyal
 - (C) manly
 - (D) pugnacious
 - (E) virtuous
5. ASSIDUOUS
 - (A) courteous
 - (B) diligent
 - (C) discouraged
 - (D) frank
 - (E) slow
6. CATAclySM
 - (A) blunder
 - (B) superstition
 - (C) treachery
 - (D) triumph
 - (E) upheaval
7. AUSPICIOUS
 - (A) condemnatory
 - (B) conspicuous
 - (C) favorable
 - (D) questionable
 - (E) spicy
8. BANter
 - (A) conversation
 - (B) criticism
 - (C) gossip
 - (D) irony
 - (E) jesting
9. VERNACULAR
 - (a) common speech
 - (b) correct usage
 - (c) long words
 - (d) oratory
 - (e) poetic style
10. EMOLUMENT
 - (a) capital
 - (b) compensation
 - (c) liabilities
 - (d) loss
 - (e) output

11. TURGID
(a) dusty
(b) muddy
(c) rolling
(d) swollen
(e) tense
12. EXPUNGE
(a) clarify
(b) copy
(c) delete
(d) investigate
(e) underline
13. ETHNOLOGY
(a) causation
(b) morals
(c) social psychology
(d) study of races
(e) word analysis
14. DEDUCE
(a) diminish
(b) infer
(c) outline
(d) persuade
(e) subtract
15. PANORAMIC
(a) brilliant
(b) comprehensive
(c) pretty
(d) fluorescent
(e) unique
16. IGNOMINY
(a) disgrace
(b) isolation
(c) misfortune
(d) sorrow
(e) stupidity
17. RELEVANT
(a) ingenious
(b) inspiring
(c) obvious
(d) pertinent
(e) tentative
18. GAMUT
(a) game
(b) range
(c) risk
(d) organization
(e) plan
19. APPOSITE
(a) appropriate
(b) contrary
(c) different
(d) spontaneous
(e) tricky
20. AMBULATORY
(a) able to walk
(b) confined to bed
(c) injured
(d) quarantined
(e) suffering from disease

Vocabulary Test 49

1. DISPARAGE
 - (A) belittle
 - (B) degrade
 - (C) erase
 - (D) reform
 - (E) scatter
2. LIMPID
 - (A) calm
 - (B) clear
 - (C) crippled
 - (D) delightful
 - (E) opaque
3. DERISIVE
 - (A) dividing
 - (B) furnishing
 - (C) reflecting
 - (D) expressing ridicule
 - (E) suggesting
4. DEBILITATE
 - (A) encourage
 - (B) insinuate
 - (C) prepare
 - (D) turn away
 - (E) weaken
5. OPULENT
 - (A) fearful
 - (B) free
 - (C) oversized
 - (D) trustful
 - (E) wealthy
6. BLANDISHMENT
 - (A) dislike
 - (B) flattery
 - (C) ostentation
 - (D) praise
 - (E) rejection
7. CRYPTIC
 - (A) appealing
 - (B) arched
 - (C) deathly
 - (D) hidden
 - (E) intricate
8. RAUCOUS
 - (A) harsh
 - (B) loud
 - (C) querulous
 - (D) rational
 - (E) violent
9. AVIDITY
 - (A) friendliness
 - (B) greediness
 - (C) resentment
 - (D) speed
 - (E) thirst
10. EPITOME
 - (A) conclusion
 - (B) effort
 - (C) letter
 - (D) summary
 - (E) summit

11. HIATUS

- (A) branch
- (B) disease
- (C) gaiety
- (D) insect
- (E) opening

12. PLENARY

- (A) easy
- (B) empty
- (C) full
- (D) rewarding
- (E) untrustworthy

13. CAPRICIOUS

- (A) active
- (B) fickle
- (C) opposed
- (D) sheeplike
- (E) slippery

14. SPECIOUS

- (A) frank
- (B) particular
- (C) plausible
- (D) suspicious
- (E) vigorous

15. EXTIRPATE

- (A) besmirch
- (B) clean
- (C) eradicate
- (D) favor
- (E) subdivide

16. EQUIVOCAL

- (A) doubtful
- (B) medium
- (C) monotonous
- (D) musical
- (E) well-balanced

17. BENISON

- (A) approval
- (B) blessing
- (C) gift
- (D) prayer
- (E) reward

18. BEATIFIC

- (A) giving bliss
- (B) eager
- (C) hesitant
- (D) lovely
- (E) sad

19. SANGUINE

- (A) limp
- (B) mechanical
- (C) muddy
- (D) red
- (E) stealthy

20. SURCEASE

- (A) end
- (B) hope
- (C) resignation
- (D) sleep
- (E) sweetness

Vocabulary Test 50

1. SENTIENT
 - (A) very emotional
 - (B) capable of feeling
 - (C) hostile
 - (D) sympathetic
 - (E) wise
2. OBVIATE
 - (A) grasp
 - (B) reform
 - (C) simplify
 - (D) smooth
 - (E) make unnecessary
3. PERUSE
 - (A) endure
 - (B) perpetuate
 - (C) read
 - (D) undertake
 - (E) urge
4. RANCOR
 - (A) dignity
 - (B) fierceness
 - (C) odor
 - (D) spite
 - (E) suspicion
5. TRUNCHEON
 - (A) baton
 - (B) canopy
 - (C) dish
 - (D) gun
 - (E) rejected food
6. SEBACEOUS
 - (A) fatty
 - (B) fluid
 - (C) porous
 - (D) transparent
 - (E) watery
7. DILATORY
 - (A) hairy
 - (B) happy-go-lucky
 - (C) ruined
 - (D) tardy
 - (E) well-to-do
8. EBULLITION
 - (A) bathing
 - (B) boiling
 - (C) refilling
 - (D) retiring
 - (E) returning
9. RELEGATE
 - (A) banish
 - (B) deprive
 - (C) designate
 - (D) report
 - (E) request
10. RECONDITE
 - (A) brittle
 - (B) concealed
 - (C) explored
 - (D) exposed
 - (E) uninformed

11. REDOLENT
(A) odorous
(B) quick
(C) refined
(D) repulsive
(E) supple
12. DISSIMULATE
(A) confound
(B) pretend
(C) question
(D) separate
(E) strain
13. SUBLIME
(A) below par
(B) highly praised
(C) extreme
(D) noble
(E) settled
14. TERMAGANT
(A) fervor
(B) noisy woman
(C) sea bird
(D) sedative
(E) squirrel
15. SEDULOUS
(A) deceptive
(B) diligent
(C) grassy
(D) hateful
(E) sweet
16. VITIATE
(A) contaminate
(B) flavor
(C) freshen
(D) illuminate
(E) refer
17. CURVET
(A) come around
(B) follow
(C) leap
(D) restrain
(E) warp
18. ADVENTITIOUS
(A) accidental
(B) courageous
(C) favorable
(D) risk taking
(E) unexpected
19. ANIMUS
(A) animosity
(B) breath
(C) faith
(D) light
(E) poison
20. DESCRIED
(A) hailed
(B) rebuffed
(C) recalled
(D) regretted
(E) sighted

Answers to Vocabulary Tests

Test 1

1. E
2. A
3. D
4. C
5. B
6. B
7. A
8. E
9. C
10. D
11. A
12. D
13. E
14. D
15. C
16. D
17. B
18. D
19. A
20. E

Test 2

1. A
2. E
3. C
4. B
5. A
6. C
7. D
8. D
9. A
10. D
11. A
12. E
13. B
14. E
15. D
16. B
17. E
18. A
19. E
20. C

Test 3

1. E
2. A
3. E
4. B
5. D
6. C
7. D
8. D
9. B
10. A
11. C
12. E
13. A
14. E
15. B
16. B
17. A
18. E
19. D
20. A

Test 4

1. B
2. E
3. C
4. D
5. C
6. A
7. A
8. D
9. C
10. D
11. C
12. E
13. A
14. B
15. B
16. E
17. C
18. A
19. B
20. E

Test 5

1. B
2. E
3. B
4. B
5. B
6. E
7. C
8. D
9. A
10. C
11. A
12. A
13. D
14. D
15. E
16. C
17. D
18. B
19. C
20. B

Test 6

1. A
2. B
3. D
4. C
5. E
6. C
7. E
8. D
9. C
10. A
11. C
12. B
13. A
14. E
15. D
16. B
17. D
18. C
19. A
20. E

Test 7

1. E
2. A
3. D
4. C
5. E
6. B
7. B
8. E
9. D
10. A
11. C
12. C
13. D
14. D
15. A
16. E
17. D
18. E
19. C
20. D

Test 8

1. B
2. D
3. C
4. D
5. B
6. E
7. D
8. B
9. A
10. E
11. A
12. B
13. E
14. C
15. E
16. A
17. A
18. D
19. E
20. A

Test 9

1. B
2. C
3. E
4. B
5. E
6. A
7. D
8. D
9. B
10. E
11. B
12. C
13. A
14. C
15. D
16. C
17. B
18. D
19. D
20. C

Test 10

1. B
2. E
3. A
4. C
5. C
6. D
7. D
8. A
9. E
10. C
11. B
12. B
13. A
14. A
15. B
16. E
17. A
18. A
19. E
20. C

Test 11

1. D
2. D
3. C
4. B
5. A
6. D
7. B
8. B
9. B
10. A
11. E
12. E
13. D
14. E
15. B
16. C
17. E
18. D
19. C
20. B

Test 12

1. B
2. E
3. A
4. B
5. C
6. C
7. B
8. E
9. A
10. A
11. D
12. B
13. D
14. D
15. E
16. E
17. B
18. E
19. C
20. D

Test 13

1. C
2. D
3. E
4. C
5. C
6. C
7. B
8. E
9. E
10. C
11. A
12. A
13. D
14. D
15. A
16. E
17. A
18. D
19. D
20. B

Test 14

1. C
2. B
3. D
4. A
5. C
6. E
7. D
8. E
9. A
10. C
11. D
12. B
13. B
14. B
15. C
16. B
17. B
18. E
19. A
20. B

Test 15

1. E
2. C
3. B
4. A
5. B
6. A
7. C
8. C
9. D
10. A
11. D
12. D
13. D
14. E
15. E
16. D
17. A
18. D
19. E
20. A

Test 16

1. B
2. A
3. E
4. D
5. C
6. D
7. C
8. E
9. D
10. A
11. B
12. A
13. E
14. E
15. B
16. C
17. A
18. C
19. A
20. D

Test 17

1. A
2. B
3. C
4. E
5. B
6. B
7. E
8. D
9. C
10. C
11. D
12. A
13. A
14. D
15. A
16. D
17. C
18. E
19. C
20. D

Test 18

1. B
2. D
3. B
4. D
5. A
6. B
7. D
8. C
9. D
10. B
11. A
12. D
13. E
14. D
15. B
16. C
17. A
18. D
19. D
20. E

Test 19

1. B
2. D
3. C
4. E
5. A
6. A
7. D
8. E
9. C
10. B
11. E
12. A
13. E
14. B
15. D
16. B
17. E
18. D
19. A
20. B

Test 20

1. B
2. B
3. C
4. E
5. E
6. B
7. C
8. C
9. A
10. D
11. D
12. A
13. E
14. A
15. E
16. B
17. E
18. B
19. A
20. B

Test 21

1. C
2. B
3. B
4. D
5. B
6. C
7. E
8. D
9. E
10. A
11. E
12. B
13. A
14. B
15. B
16. A
17. D
18. A
19. E
20. A

Test 22

1. B
2. B
3. D
4. A
5. B
6. E
7. C
8. A
9. A
10. C
11. E
12. D
13. C
14. E
15. C
16. B
17. A
18. E
19. C
20. E

Test 23

1. A
2. D
3. E
4. B
5. B
6. E
7. B
8. D
9. A
10. D
11. C
12. E
13. B
14. C
15. D
16. C
17. D
18. D
19. D
20. B

Test 24

1. D
2. B
3. C
4. A
5. B
6. C
7. B
8. E
9. D
10. E
11. A
12. B
13. D
14. A
15. E
16. C
17. D
18. B
19. D
20. E

Test 25

1. A
2. C
3. D
4. D
5. C
6. E
7. D
8. E
9. C
10. A
11. C
12. A
13. B
14. D
15. C
16. A
17. C
18. E
19. B
20. E

Test 26

1. B
2. A
3. C
4. D
5. C
6. C
7. B
8. A
9. D
10. E
11. B
12. A
13. C
14. B
15. E
16. A
17. C
18. C
19. B
20. D

Test 27

1. A
2. B
3. B
4. C
5. D
6. D
7. E
8. D
9. A
10. E
11. D
12. A
13. B
14. C
15. E
16. A
17. D
18. A
19. D
20. E

Test 28

1. E
2. C
3. D
4. C
5. C
6. D
7. B
8. E
9. C
10. E
11. C
12. D
13. A
14. E
15. C
16. D
17. A
18. E
19. E
20. E

Test 29

1. C
2. B
3. C
4. D
5. D
6. E
7. D
8. D
9. E
10. A
11. E
12. D
13. E
14. A
15. C
16. B
17. B
18. D
19. A
20. C

Test 30

1. E
2. B
3. C
4. A
5. C
6. D
7. B
8. A
9. E
10. E
11. A
12. B
13. A
14. D
15. A
16. C
17. E
18. C
19. D
20. E

Test 31

1. A
2. E
3. E
4. C
5. C
6. D
7. C
8. A
9. A
10. D
11. D
12. B
13. C
14. C
15. C
16. B
17. B
18. D
19. A
20. A

Test 32

1. C
2. D
3. E
4. D
5. A
6. B
7. E
8. A
9. D
10. B
11. B
12. B
13. B
14. D
15. D
16. A
17. C
18. A
19. C
20. C

Test 33

1. B
2. D
3. C
4. D
5. A
6. A
7. C
8. E
9. E
10. D
11. E
12. D
13. B
14. B
15. E
16. A
17. C
18. A
19. A
20. A

Test 34

1. B
2. C
3. D
4. B
5. D
6. B
7. E
8. A
9. E
10. C
11. B
12. A
13. D
14. A
15. C
16. E
17. D
18. E
19. B
20. A

Test 35

1. D
2. A
3. D
4. A
5. E
6. B
7. B
8. D
9. C
10. E
11. E
12. A
13. C
14. B
15. E
16. D
17. B
18. E
19. A
20. C

Test 36

1. A
2. D
3. B
4. C
5. E
6. B
7. E
8. B
9. D
10. C
11. C
12. B
13. D
14. A
15. E
16. E
17. D
18. A
19. B
20. C

Test 37

1. D
2. C
3. A
4. C
5. C
6. C
7. A
8. E
9. B
10. C
11. D
12. C
13. D
14. B
15. A
16. C
17. A
18. E
19. B
20. D

Test 38

1. B
2. C
3. A
4. A
5. B
6. E
7. E
8. C
9. A
10. C
11. A
12. B
13. C
14. B
15. A
16. C
17. E
18. B
19. A
20. D

Test 39

1. E
2. A
3. C
4. E
5. D
6. C
7. A
8. A
9. B
10. D
11. A
12. A
13. B
14. E
15. D
16. D
17. C
18. A
19. A
20. D

Test 40

1. C
2. D
3. B
4. C
5. D
6. E
7. B
8. B
9. A
10. E
11. C
12. B
13. C
14. D
15. E
16. D
17. A
18. A
19. D
20. B

Test 41

1. E
2. A
3. C
4. D
5. B
6. E
7. D
8. A
9. B
10. C
11. D
12. A
13. E
14. B
15. E
16. C
17. A
18. D
19. E
20. B

Test 42

1. A
2. B
3. E
4. A
5. C
6. D
7. D
8. B
9. B
10. C
11. B
12. A
13. E
14. B
15. C
16. A
17. E
18. C
19. D
20. C

Test 43

1. B
2. A
3. C
4. E
5. E
6. B
7. D
8. A
9. C
10. B
11. A
12. E
13. B
14. A
15. C
16. D
17. E
18. D
19. B
20. B

Test 44

1. C
2. B
3. C
4. D
5. A
6. D
7. D
8. E
9. A
10. E
11. C
12. B
13. A
14. D
15. E
16. C
17. D
18. B
19. A
20. E

Test 45

1. E
2. A
3. C
4. D
5. A
6. D
7. C
8. B
9. C
10. B
11. B
12. D
13. C
14. D
15. A
16. E
17. A
18. A
19. D
20. B

Test 46

1. C
2. B
3. A
4. C
5. E
6. A
7. D
8. A
9. E
10. E
11. D
12. E
13. E
14. A
15. E
16. D
17. C
18. B
19. C
20. A

Test 47

1. B
2. E
3. B
4. B
5. C
6. C
7. E
8. A
9. D
10. C
11. C
12. E
13. C
14. E
15. A
16. E
17. D
18. D
19. E
20. E

Test 48

1. B
2. C
3. A
4. C
5. B
6. E
7. C
8. E
9. A
10. B
11. D
12. C
13. D
14. B
15. B
16. A
17. D
18. B
19. A
20. A

Test 49

1. A
2. B
3. D
4. E
5. E
6. B
7. D
8. A
9. B
10. D
11. E
12. C
13. B
14. C
15. C
16. A
17. B
18. A
19. D
20. A

Test 50

1. B
2. E
3. C
4. D
5. A
6. A
7. D
8. B
9. A
10. B
11. A
12. B
13. D
14. B
15. B
16. A
17. C
18. A
19. A
20. E

A LIST OF WORDS
APPEARING MORE THAN
ONCE ON THE SAT

We have made a computerized analysis of frequently occurring words on 47 complete SAT exams. (1,175 questions have been examined.) Following is a list of 167 SAT words or associated words appearing *more than once* on these 47 actual SAT exams.

The definitions of these words have not been included here because we want you to *refer to a dictionary* to learn the meanings of these words, which have been repeated in subsequent SAT question sections.

Note that after each word a numeral indicates the number of times that the word has appeared on the 47 actual SAT exams.

Also note that certain pairs of words have a left-side bracket. The bracket indicates that the words are very closely allied in meaning—so if you learn the meaning of one of the two words in the pair, you will easily arrive at the meaning of the other word of the pair.

Learn the meanings of these words, as they have a tendency to be repeated in questions of the SAT.

abolish 2	[coalesce 2	[distend 1
abridge 2	[coalescence 1	[distention 1
abstemious 2	[cohere 1	drawback 2
[accent 1	[coherent 1	efface 3
[accented 1	[compress 1	[effervesce 1
accolade 2	[compression 1	[effervescent 1
acquiesce 2	[confide 1	enhance 2
affirmation 2	[confidential 1	enigmatic 2
amass 2	confound 2	ephemeral 3
[ambivalence 1	congeal 2	equilibrium 3
[ambivalent 1	[contaminant 1	[euphonious 1
ambulatory 2	[contaminate 2	[euphony 1
ameliorate 2	converge 2	evacuate 2
amity 2	convivial 2	evanescent 2
anchor 2	copious 2	[expedite 1
antediluvian 2	corroborate 2	[expeditious 1
ascendancy 2	corrugated 2	[expendable 1
atrophy 2	[corrupt 1	[expenditures 1
[bane 1	[corruption 1	exclude 2
[baneful 1	cursorly 2	facilitate 2
bizarre 2	[daunt 3	fallow 2
blunder 2	[dauntless 1	fertile 2
bungle 2	debilitate 2	[flourish 3
burgeon 2	deplete 2	[flower 1
[capitulate 1	discrepancy 3	fraudulent 3
[capitulation 1	disentangle 2	[fruitful 1
capricious 4	[disputatious 1	[fruitless 1
clemency 2	[dispute 2	garner 2

guile 2	parsimony 2	somber 4
hackneyed 2	paucity 2	[specify 1
hefty 2	penury 2	[specificity 1
hideous 2	[peripheral 2	spurn 2
hilarity 2	[periphery 2	squander 2
humane 2	placate 2	stymie 2
[hypocrisy 1	[precise 1	subtle 2
[hypocritical 1	[precision 1	summary 2
innocuous 2	premature 2	summon 3
irascible 2	premeditated 2	sumptuous 2
jettison 2	prevalent 2	[surreptitious 1
kindle 2	proclivity 2	[surreptitiously 1
[leniency 1	[prodigal 1	tantamount 2
[lenient 1	[prodigious 2	[tenacious 1
levity 1	[profuse 1	[tenacity 1
levitate 1	[profusion 2	[transience 1
listless 2	[pulverize 1	[transient 1
maladroit 2	[pulverized 1	turbulence 3
mitigate 2	rant 2	venturesome 3
mobile 2	recalcitrant 2	viable 2
munificent 2	recant 2	[vibrancy 1
munificence 1	replete 2	[vibrant 1
myriad 2	rescind 2	vilification 2
nefarious 2	reserve 2	[virulence 1
[obscure 1	ruffle 2	[virulent 1
[obscurity 1	rupture 2	whet 2
[opaque 1	saccharine 2	zany 2
[opacity 1	salubrious 2	

WORDS COMMONLY
CONFUSED

aggravate/irritate	—to make worse —to annoy
allusion/illusion	—reference —error in vision
arbiter/arbitrary	—a supposedly unprejudiced judge —prejudiced
ascent/assent	—upward movement —agreement; to agree
ascetic/aesthetic	—self-denying —pertaining to the beautiful
averse/adverse	—disciplined —opposed
ban/bane	—prohibit —woe
canvas/canvass	—coarse cloth —examine; solicit
capital/capitol	—excellent; chief town; money; punishable by death or life imprisonment —state house
censure/censor	—find fault —purge or remove offensive passages

complacent/complaisant	—self-satisfied; smug —kindly; submissive
complement/compliment	—that which completes —praise
consul/council/counsel	—diplomatic representative —group of advisors —advice
contemptible/contemptuous	—despicable —scornful
continual/continuous	—occurring in steady, but not unbroken, order —occurring without interruption
cosmopolitan/metropolitan	—sophisticated —pertaining to the city
credible/creditable	—believable —worthy of praise
demure/demur	—pretending modesty —hesitate; raise objection
deprecate/depreciate	—disapprove regretfully —undervalue
discreet/discrete	—judicious; prudent —separate

disinterested/uninterested	—unprejudiced —not interested
divers/diverse	—several —varied
elicit/illicit	—extract —unlawful
emend/amend	—correct a text or manuscript —improve by making slight changes
eminent/imminent	—high in rank —threatening; at hand
equable/equitable	—even-tempered —just
exult/exalt	—rejoice —raise; praise highly
formally/formerly	—in a formal manner —at a previous time
gourmet/gourmand	—lover of good food —glutton
gorilla/guerrilla	—large ape —mercenary
hail/hale	—frozen pellets; to call; originate —strong, healthy

healthy/healthful	—possessing health —bringing about health
imply/infer	—indicate or suggest —draw a conclusion from
incredible/incredulous	—unbelievable —unbelieving
indigent/indigenous	—poor —native
ingenious/ingenuous	—skillful; clever; resourceful —frank; naïve
internment/interment	—imprisonment —burial
maize/maze	—corn —confusing network
martial/marital	—warlike —pertaining to marriage
mendacious/meritorious	—lying —possessing merit; praiseworthy
personal/personable	—private —attractive
perspicacious/perspicuous	—shrewd; acute —clear; lucid

practical/practicable	—sensible; useful —timely; capable of being accomplished
prodigal/prodigious	—wastefully lavish —extraordinarily large
prophecy/prophesy	—prediction —to predict
provided/providing	—on condition that —furnishing; giving
regal/regale	—royal —entertain lavishly
respectfully/respectively	—with respect —in the order already suggested
sanction/sanctity	—authorize —holiness
social/sociable	—pertaining to human society —companionable; friendly
statue/stature	—piece of sculpture —height
urban/urbane	—pertaining to the city —polished; suave
venal/venial	—corrupt, mercenary —pardonable

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