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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.
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.


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.

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<td>high; as altitude, altar.</td>
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<td>mind; as unanimous, animosity</td>
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<td>year; as annals, biennial.</td>
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<td>open; as aperient, aperture.</td>
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<td>fit, join; as adapt.</td>
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<td>rule, govern; as anarchy.</td>
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<td>skill; as art.</td>
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<td>hear, listen; as audible.</td>
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<td>gold; as auriferous (ferr = carry).</td>
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<td>short; as abbreviate.</td>
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<td>fall; as cadence, casual, accident.</td>
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<td>sing; as canticle, chant.</td>
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<td>take, hold; as capable, captive.</td>
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<td>head; as capital.</td>
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<td>carn</td>
<td>flesh; as carnivorous (vor = devour).</td>
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<td>ced, cess</td>
<td>go, yield; as accede, access.</td>
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<td>swift; as celerity.</td>
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<td>hundred; as century.</td>
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<td>cing, cinet</td>
<td>bind; as surcingle, cincture, succinct.</td>
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<td>lean, bend; as decline.</td>
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<td>heart; as accord.</td>
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<td>crown; as coronation.</td>
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<td>body; as corpuscle; corporal.</td>
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<td>believe; as credible.</td>
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<td>care; as accurate.</td>
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<td>curr, curs</td>
<td>run; as current, cursory.</td>
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<td>circle; as bicycle.</td>
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<td>give; as date, edition.</td>
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<td>tooth; as dentist.</td>
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<td>day; as dial.</td>
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<td>speak, say; as contradict.</td>
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<td>worthy; as dignity, disdain.</td>
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<td>domin</td>
<td>lord, master; as dominate.</td>
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<td>sleep; as dormant.</td>
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<td>due, duct</td>
<td>lead, bring; as induce, conduct.</td>
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<td>equal; as equanimity (anim = mind).</td>
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<td>speak; as affable.</td>
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<td>face, form; as efface.</td>
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<td>fac, fact</td>
<td>make, form, do; as facile, faction.</td>
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<td>happy; as felicity.</td>
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<td>carry, bear, bring; as fertile, confer.</td>
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<td>fess</td>
<td>acknowledge; as confess.</td>
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<td>fid</td>
<td>faith, trust; as confide.</td>
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<td>end, limit; as final.</td>
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<td>shape; as conform.</td>
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<td>strong; as fortitude.</td>
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<td>frag, fract</td>
<td>break; as fragile, fraction.</td>
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<td>fund, fus</td>
<td>pour, melt; as fusible, confound.</td>
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<td>gen, gener</td>
<td>kind, race; as gender, general.</td>
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<td>gest</td>
<td>carry; bring; as congestion.</td>
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<td>grad; gress</td>
<td>step, go; as gradual, digress.</td>
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<td>grain; as granary.</td>
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<td>graph</td>
<td>write; as autograph.</td>
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<td>pleasing; as grateful.</td>
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<td>fat, thick; as gross.</td>
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<td>hour; as horology.</td>
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<td>host, guest; as hospitable.</td>
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<td>entire, whole; as integral.</td>
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<td>throw; as inject.</td>
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<td>judge; as judiciary.</td>
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<td>join; as conjunction.</td>
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<td>swear; as adjure.</td>
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<td>law, right; as jurist.</td>
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<td>lat</td>
<td>carry, bring; as dilate.</td>
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<td>send, bring; as legacy, allege.</td>
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<td>gather, choose; as <em>legion</em>, <em>eclectic</em>.</td>
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<td>liber</td>
<td>free; as <em>liberty</em>.</td>
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<td>flax; as <em>linen</em>, <em>lining</em>.</td>
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<td>tongue; as <em>linguist</em>.</td>
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<td>letter; as <em>literal</em>, <em>literary</em>.</td>
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<td>loc</td>
<td>place; as <em>local</em>, <em>dislocate</em>.</td>
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<td>log</td>
<td>word, speech, reason; as <em>catalogue</em>, <em>logic</em>.</td>
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<td>loqu, locut</td>
<td>speak, talk; as <em>loquacious</em>, <em>circumlocution</em>.</td>
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<td>sport, play; as <em>ludicrous</em>, <em>illusion</em>.</td>
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<td>great; as <em>magnitude</em>.</td>
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<td>hand; as <em>manual</em>, <em>maintain</em>.</td>
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<td>stay, dwell; as <em>manor</em>, <em>mansion</em>.</td>
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<td>the sea; as <em>marine</em>.</td>
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<td>mother; as <em>maternal</em>, <em>matrimony</em>.</td>
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<td>mind; as <em>mental</em>.</td>
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<td>merchandise, trade; as <em>commerce</em>.</td>
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<td>dip, sink; as <em>submerge</em>.</td>
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<td>meter; metr</td>
<td>measure; as <em>chronometer</em>, <em>symmetry</em>.</td>
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<td>wander; as <em>migrate</em>.</td>
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<td>wonder, look; as <em>admire</em>, <em>mirror</em>.</td>
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<td>mit, miss</td>
<td>send; as <em>admit</em>, <em>commission</em>.</td>
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<td>mon, monit</td>
<td>advise, remind; as <em>monument</em>, <em>monitor</em>.</td>
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<td>mun, munit</td>
<td>fortify; as <em>munition</em>.</td>
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<td>seek; as <em>impetus</em>, <em>petition</em>.</td>
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<td>phil, philo</td>
<td>loving; as <em>philosophy</em> (soph = wisdom).</td>
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<td>powerful; as potentate.</td>
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<td>prehend, prehens</td>
<td>take, grasp; as apprehend, prehensile.</td>
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<td>first; as primary.</td>
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<td>prick, point; as puncture.</td>
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<td>quadr</td>
<td>square, fourfold; as quadrant.</td>
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<td>quant</td>
<td>how much; as quantity.</td>
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<td>quer, quisit</td>
<td>seek, ask; as query, inquisition.</td>
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<td>quies</td>
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<td>rap, rapt</td>
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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 *fore-father*.
- **mis**: wrong; as *mis-deed, mis-chance*.
- **un**: the opposite of; as *un-truth, un-belief*.

Those used to form adjectives:
- **a**: on; as *a-live, a-board, a-sleep*.
- **for**: quite, thoroughly; as *for-lorn*.
- **un**: not; as *un-true, un-wise*.
- **mis**: wrong; as *mis-shapen*.

Those used to form verbs:
- **a**: out, from, away, often used to intensify the meaning of the verb; as *a-rise, a-wake, a-rouse*.
- **be**: by, and is used in several ways:
  1. To intensify the meaning of the verb; as *be-daub, be-smear*.
  2. To change intransitive verbs to transitive ones; as *be-speak, be-think*.
  3. To form transitive verbs out of adjectives and nouns; as *be-friend, be-night, be-troth*.
- **for**: through, thoroughly, used to intensify the meaning of the verb; as *for-bid, for-give, for-get*.
- **fore**: before; as *fore-bode, fore-tell*.
- **mis**: wrongly; as *mis-believe, mis-call*.
un back; as un-bind, un-do.
with back, against; as with-draw, with-stand.

Those used to form adverbs:
a on; as a-foot, a-field.
be on; as be-fore, be-sides.

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 a-vert, ab-jure, abs-ent.
ad to; as ad-here. By assimilation ad takes the forms a, ac, af, al, an, ap, as and at, as a-spire, ac-cord, a-fect, al-lude, an-nex, ap-peal, as-sume, at-tract.
amb, am (fromambi) about; as amb-ition, am-putate.
ante or anti before; as ante-date, anti-cipate.
bis, bi twice; as bi-sect.
circum around; as circum-navigate.
com, con together; as com-mand, con-vivial. This prefix assumes the forms col and cor before l and r and co before a vowel; as col-lect, cor-rect, com-mit, co-eval, co-worker.
contra, contro, or counter against; as contra-dict, contra-vert, counter-act.
de down, from, about; as de-scend, de-part, de-scribe.
demi half; as demi-god.
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- **dis, di, dif** apart; in two, denoting difference or negation; as *dis-sent*, *di-vision*, *dif-ficulty*.

- **ex, e, or ef** out of, from; as *ex-alt*, *e-lect*, *ef-face*.

- **extra** out of, beyond; as *extra-ordinary*.

- **in** in, into; as *in-vade*. This prefix changes by assimilation into *il, im, ir*; as *il-lustrate, im-merse, ir-ritate*. In its French form, *en*, it is found in *en-chant, en-dure*, etc.

- **in** not; by assimilation *il, im, ir*; as *in-distinct, il-legal, im-piety, ir-revocable*.

- **inter, intro** between, within, among; as *inter-pose, intro-duce, enter-prise*.

- **male** ill; as *mal-treat, male-volent*.

- **non** not; as *non-sense*.

- **ob** in front of, against; by assimilation, *oc, of, op*; as *ob-viate, oc-cupy, offend, op-pose*.

- **pene, pen** almost; as *pen-insula*.

- **per** through; by assimilation, *pel* and *pil*; as *per-ceive, pel-lucid, pil-grim*.

- **post** after; as *post-pone, post-script*.

- **pre** before; as *pre-dict, pre-cede*.

- **preter** past, beyond; as *preter-ite, preter-natural*.

- **pro** forward, before; as *pro-ceed, pro-gress*. *Pro* is found in the forms *pur* and *por* in *pur-chase, pur-sue, por-tray*.

- **pro** instead of; as *pro-noun*.

- **re, red** back, again; as *re-cede, re-adopt, red-olent*.

- **retro** backwards; as *retro-grade, retro-spect*.

- **se, sed** apart, away; as *se-cede, sed-ition*.

- **semi** half; as *semi-circle*.

- **sine** without; as *sine-cure*. 
sub under, up from below; by assimilation, suc,
suf, sug, sum, sup, sur, sus; as sub-ject, suc-cor,
suffer, sug-gest, sum-mon, sup-press, sur-prise,
sus-tain.

subter under; as sub-ter-fuge.

super, sur above, beyond; as super-pose, super-natural,
sur-name.

trans across; as trans-form.

ultra beyond; as ultra-liberal.

un, uni one; as un-animous, uni-form.

vice instead of; as vice-chancellor, vice-roy.

GREEK PREFIXES

The following are the Greek prefixes in most common use:

a, an not; as an-archy, a-morphous.

amphi on both sides, round about; as amphi-bious,
amphi-theater.

ana up, back; as ana-tomy, ana-lysis.

anti against, opposite to; as anti-dote, ant-arctic.

apo, ap away from; as apo-state, apo-stle, ap-helion.

archi, arche, arch first, chief; as archi-tect, arche-type,
arch-bishop.

auto, auth self; as auto-crat, auto-nomy, auth-entic.

cata, cat down, over; as cata-logue, cat-astrophe.

dia through, across; as dia-meter, dia-gonal.

dis, di twice; as dis-syllable, di-pthong.

dys ill; as dys-peptic.

ec, ex out of; as ec-entric, ex-odus.

en, el, em in, all, at; as en-comium, el-ipse, emphasis.
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epi upon; as epi-taph, epi-demic.

eu, ev well; as eu-logy, ev-angelist.

hemi half; as hemi-sphere.

hyper over, above; as hyper-bole, hyper-critical.

hypo under; as hypo-crite.

meta, met after, changed for; as meta-phor, met-onymy.

mono alone; as mono-gram, mono-poly.

pan all; as pan-acea, pan-orama.

para, par beside, against; as para-dox, par-enthesis.

peri around; as peri-meter, peri-gee, peri-helion.

poly many; as poly-gamy, poly-gon, poly-technic.

pro before; as pro-phet, pro-logue.

syn, syl, sym, sy with; as syn-tax, syl-lable, sym-pathy, sy-stem.

ENGLISH SUFFIXES

The principal English suffixes are the following:

Those used to form abstract nouns:

dom denoting judgment, authority, dominion; as
    wis-dom, free-dom, king-dom.

hood, head denoting state, rank, character; as man-hood,
    god-head.

ing denoting action, state; as read-ing, hear-ing.

ness denoting state, quality; as good-ness, great-ness.

red denoting mode, fashion; as hat-red, kind-red.

ship denoting shape, manner, form; as friend-ship,
    wor-ship = worth-ship.

Those used to form diminutives:

en as maid-en, kitt-en (from cat), kitch-en (from
    cook).
ie

as bird-ie, dog-g-ie, Ann-ie.

ing

as farth-ing (from fourth), tith-ing (from tenth).

kin

as bump-kin, lamb-kin, nap-kin.

ling

as dar-ling, duck-ling, gos-ling.

ock

as bull-ock, hill-ock.

Miscellaneous:

er, ar, or, ier, yer
denoting the agent or doer; as paint-er,
begg-ar, sail-or, cloth-ier, law-yer.

ster
(formerly a feminine suffix) denoting a female agent; as spin-ster; also an agent of either sex; as huck-ster, poll-ster. It is also used as a term of depreciation; as game-ster, young-ster.

ard, art
characterizing a person by a peculiarity; as cow-ard, drunk-ard, brag-g-art.

le, el
denoting an instrument; as gird-le, hand-le, shov-el.

ther
marking the agent and used in terms of relationship; as fa-ther, daugh-ter, mo-ther.

craft
denoting skill, a trade; as book-craft, wood-craft.

fare
denoting way, course; as thorough-fare, wel-fare.

ric
denoting power, dominion; as bishop-ric.

wright
a workman; as wheel-wright; play-wright.

monger
a dealer; as news-monger.

Those used to form adjectives:

ed, d
the suffix of the past participle, is added to nouns to form adjectives; as wing-ed, talent-ed, bright-eye-d, golden-hair-ed.

en
made of; as wood-en, gold-en.

fast
fast, firm; as stead-fast, shame-faced = shame-fast, which is the old form of the word.
fold
denoting multiplication; as two-fold, mani-fold.

ful
full; as hate-ful, will-ful.

ing
the suffix of the present participle; as pleas-ing, annoy-ing.

ish
like, when added to nouns; as boy-ish, girl-ish;
when added to adjectives, the suffix means
“somewhat,” “rather”; as black-ish, green-ish.

less
loose from, without; as fear-less, shame-less.
This suffix has no connection with the
comparative of little.

like
like; as child-like, war-like.

ly
like; as man-ly, sick-ly. This suffix is a softened
form of the preceding.

some
like, partaking of a certain quality; as glad-
some, loath-some. This suffix is found in a cor-
rupt form in buxom, flotsam, and jetsam.

teen, ty
ten; as in the numerals.

th
ordinal; as fif-th, six-th.

ward
becoming, leading to; as south-ward, for-ward.

wise
mode, way, manner; as like-wise, other-wise.

y, ey
of the nature of; as ic-y, show-y.

Those used to form verbs:
en
imparting the idea of cause, forms transitive
verbs from nouns and adjectives; as
strength-en, black-en, fat-t-en.

er, r
is added to adjectives and verbs, and imparts
to the base word a frequentative and intensive
force; as hind-er, low-er, wand-er (from wend),
glimm-er (from gleam).
le, l 
is added to nouns and verbs, and imparts
to the base word the sense of frequency, or
dimunition; as nest-le, thratt-le (from throat),
start-le, stradd-le (from stride).

k 
frequentative; as tal-k (from tell), har-k (from
hear).

se 
to make, forms transitive verbs from
adjectives; as clean-se

Those used to form adverbs:

es or s 
the old suffix of the possessive case; as in
need-s, beside-s, thence, unawar-es.

ere 
denoting place in; as here (related to he), th-ere
(related to that), wh-ere (related to who).

ly 
a softened form of like; as on-ly, utter-ly,
wicked-ly.

ling, long 
denoting direction; as in dark-ling, head-long,
side-long.

ther 
denoting place to; as hi-ther, thi-ther, whi-ther.

ward, wards 
denoting direction; as home-ward, back-wards.

wise 
mode or manner; as like-wise, other-wise.

way, ways 
In Old English, the accusative (objective case)
of nouns was sometimes used with the force
of an adverb. Hence the adverbs al-ways,
straight-way. The general use of the possessive
suffix -es or -s to form adverbs is accountable
for the forms al-ways, straight-ways, side-ways.
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 *cour-age,* *hom-age,* *foli-age.*

    anee, ancy, ence, or ency
    - state or quality of being; as *abund-ance,* *const-ancy,* *indulg-ence,* *consist-ency.*

    ice
    - that which; as *just-ice.*

    ment
    - state of being, that which; as *excite-ment,* *command-ment.* It is also used to denote instrument, as in *docu-ment,* *orna-ment.*

    mony
    - state of, that which; as *acri-mony,* *resti-mony.*

    ion
    - the act of, state of being; as *redempt-ion,* *evas-ion,* *act-ion.*

    tude
    - denoting condition; as *forti-tude,* *grati-tude.*

    ty
    - state or quality of; as *chari-ty,* *cruel-ty.*

    ure or eur
    - state of, that which; as *grand-eur,* *creat-ure.*

    y
    - denoting condition or faculty; as *misery,* *victor-y.*

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

    ain or an
    - connected with; as *artis-an,* *chapl-ain.*

    ant or ent
    - one who; as *assist-ant,* *stud-ent.*

    ary, ier, eer, or er
    - one who; as *secret-ary,* *brigad-ier,* *engin-eer,* *marin-er.*

    ate
    - one who; as *advoc-ate,* *cur-ate.* In the French form, *ee* or *e,* this suffix denotes the object of an action; as *legat-ee,* *nomin-ee,* *employ-ee.*
one who practises or is devoted to; as evangel-ist, theor-ist.

one who; as conspirat-or, success-or, doc-tor, preach-er.

denoting a female agent; as execu-trix.

3. Those forming diminutives:

as lib-el (from liber, a book), cast-le (from castrum, a fort).

as vesi-cle, animal-cule.

as glob-ule.

as ros-ette, stream-let.

4. Those forming collective nouns:

as bandit-ry.

Those used to form adjectives:

made of, having the quality of; as farin-aceous, cap-acious.

belonging to; as leg-al, reg-al.

connected with; as hum-an, hum-ane, cert-ain.

belonging to; as regul-ar, premi-er.

relating or belonging to; as station-ary, greg-arious.

that may be done; as port-able, sens-ible.

equivalent to the force of the present participle inflection -ing; as discord-ant, cur-rent.

becoming; as putr-escent.

partaking of; as pictur-esque.

belonging to; as civ-ic, rust-ic.

having the quality of; as acr-id, frig-id.

capable of being; as doc-ile, civ-il, gent-eel, ab-le.
ine
belonging to; as can-ine, sal-ine.

ive
inclined to; asplaint-ive, abus-ive.

ory
fitted or relating to; as admonit-ory.

ose or ous
full of; as verb-ase, curi-ous.

Those used to form verbs:
ate
to perform the act of, cause; as navig-ate.
fy
to make; as beauti-fy, magni-fy.
ish
to make; as fin-ish.

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ic
belonging to; as aromat-ic, graph-ic.

st
agent; as bapti-st, bolani-st.

isk
a diminutive; as aster-isk, obel-isk.

y
making abstract nouns; as philosoph-y, monarch-y.

ize or ise
forming verbs; as anglic-ize, critic-ise.
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*

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<td>ahead</td>
<td>promote—to move forward</td>
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### Prefixes that mean *bad*

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<td>wrong, bad</td>
<td>malady—illness</td>
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<td>malevolent—bad</td>
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<td>malfunction—bad functioning</td>
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<td>mis</td>
<td>wrong, badly</td>
<td>mistreat—to treat badly</td>
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<td>mistake—to get wrong</td>
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Prefixes that mean *away from, not, or against*

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<td>away from</td>
<td><em>absent</em>—not to be present, away</td>
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<td><em>abscond</em>—to run away</td>
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<td>de, dis</td>
<td>away from, down,</td>
<td><em>depart</em>—to go away from</td>
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<td>the opposite of,</td>
<td><em>decline</em>—to turn down</td>
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<td>apart, not</td>
<td><em>dislike</em>—not to like</td>
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<td><em>dishonest</em>—not honest</td>
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<td><em>distant</em>—apart</td>
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<td>out, from</td>
<td><em>exit</em>—to go out</td>
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<td><em>eject</em>—to throw out</td>
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<td><em>efface</em>—to rub out, erase</td>
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<td>in, il, ir, im</td>
<td>not</td>
<td><em>inactive</em>—not active</td>
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<td><em>impossible</em>—not possible</td>
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<td><em>nonstop</em>—having no stops</td>
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<td><em>unhelpful</em>—not helpful</td>
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<td><em>uninterested</em>—not interested</td>
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<td><em>anti-freeze</em>—a substance used to prevent</td>
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<td><em>anti-social</em>—refers to someone who’s not</td>
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<td>social</td>
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<td>ob</td>
<td>against, in front</td>
<td><em>obstacle</em>—something that stands in the way</td>
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Prefixes that denote distance

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

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| cap, capt, cept,ceive | to take, to hold | captive—one who is held captive
|         |                 | receive—to take receive
|         |                 | capable—to be able to take capable
|         |                 | hold of things hold of things
|         |                 | concept—an idea or thought concept
|         |                 | held in mind held in mind |
| cred   | to believe     | credible—believable credible
|         |                 | credit—belief, trust credit |
| curr, curs, cours | to run          | current—now in progress, running current
|         |                 | cursor—a moveable indicator cursor
|         |                 | recourse—to run for aid recourse |
| dic, dict | to say         | indicate—to say by demonstrating indicate
|         |                 | diction—verbal saying diction |
| duc, duct | to lead        | induce—to lead to action induce
|         |                 | aqueduct—a pipe or waterway that leads water somewhere aqueduct |
| fac, fic, fect, fy | to make, to do | facile—easy to do facile
|         |                 | fiction—something that has been made up fiction
|         |                 | satisfy—to make happy satisfy
|         |                 | affect—to make a change in affect |
| jec, ject | to throw       | project—to put forward project
|         |                 | trajectory—a path of an object that has been thrown trajectory |
| mit, mis | to send        | admit—to send in admit
<p>|         |                 | missile—something that gets sent through the air missile |</p>
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<td>to place</td>
<td><em>transpose</em>—to place across&lt;br&gt;<em>compose</em>—to put into place&lt;br&gt;many parts&lt;br&gt;<em>deposit</em>—to place in something</td>
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<td>scrib, script</td>
<td>to write</td>
<td><em>describe</em>—to write or tell about&lt;br&gt;<em>scripture</em>—a written tablet</td>
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<td>spec, spic</td>
<td>to look</td>
<td><em>specimen</em>—an example to look at&lt;br&gt;<em>inspect</em>—to look over</td>
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<td>ten, tain</td>
<td>to hold</td>
<td><em>maintain</em>—to hold up or keep&lt;br&gt;<em>retentive</em>—holding</td>
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<td>ven, vent</td>
<td>to come</td>
<td><em>advent</em>—a coming&lt;br&gt;<em>convene</em>—to come together</td>
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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, \textit{extricate} reminds us of the word “extract,” the opposite of which is “to put together.”

**EXAMPLE 1**

Opposite of \textit{STASIS}:

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

**EXPLANATORY ANSWER**

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

**EXAMPLE 2**

Opposite of \textit{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 timidly.

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

ROPOSE:  
(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 cliche  
(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
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*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) concilatory
    (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. IMPEROUS 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
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
abyssmal—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
adepth—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
aghast—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)
arbiter—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
aspiration—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
blarant—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
calumnny—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
carousel—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
cast—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
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
chaos—total disorder
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
cumvent—to surround; to prevent (something) by cleverness
citadel—a fortress
cite—to quote
civility—politeness
clandestine—secret
clarion—clear (sound) like a trumpet
clidean—to split
clement—leniency
clique—an exclusive group of people
cloister—a monastery or convent
clown—to satiate
coadjutor—an assistant
coalesce—to unite or merge
codicil—an addition or supplement
core—the 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

commminated—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
conducive—tending or leading
conduit—a pipe or channel for liquids
configuration—an arrangement
confiscate—to seize by authority
connagration—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
connisseur—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
cover—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
cumbrous—burdensome; clumsy
cuneate—wedge-shaped
cupidity—greed
curmudgeon—a bad-tempered person
curry—to try to obtain favor by flattery
cursory—superficial
curtail—to cut short
cynic—a person who believes all actions are motivated by selfishness
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
death—scarcity
deabacle—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
defacto—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
depraity—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
descent—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
detract—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
diatribes—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
disavow—deny
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
disconsolate—not harmonious
discouragement—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

dissentent—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

distrait—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 worthlessness part of something
drivels—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
duplicit—deception;
double—dealing
durance—imprisonment
duress—imprisonment; compulsion

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
embodiment—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
environ-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
evoke—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
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
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
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
felter— 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
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
 gloar—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
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

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
imbueto 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
indelible—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
inevitable—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
infirmitous—weakness
influence—a flowing in
infringe—to violate
ingenious—having genius; clever; original
ingenuous—candid; frank
ingrate—an ungrateful person
ingratiate—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
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

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

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jaundiced—yellow; prejudiced
jeopardy—peril
jettison—to throw overboard
jetty—a wall built out into the water
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
lament—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
licitious—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
loathe—to detest
loath—reluctant
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

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
malingering—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
misdemeanor—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

neolithic—pertaining to the Stone Age  
neophyte—a beginner  
nepotism—special consideration to relatives, particularly in assignment to offices or positions  
nettles—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  
nighturnal—pertaining to night  
nomesome—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)
expertise—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

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
officious—providing help that is not wanted
ogle—to look at openly and with desire
oleaginous—oily
olfactory—pertaining to the sense of smell

O

oaf—a clumsy, stupid person
obdurate—hardhearted; hardened; inflexible
obeisance—a motion of reverence
obese—very fat
obfuscate—to make unclear; to confuse
objurgate—to rebuke
oblation—an offering
oblique—slanting; indirect
obliquity—the state of being oblique
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

opportunity—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

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
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
preposterous—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
purloin—to steal
purport—to claim
purveyor—one who supplies
purview—scope; range
pusillanimous—timid; uncourageous
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

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
ravenging—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
recission—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
recrunt—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
reflection—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
requisite—to return or repay
rescind—to repeal (an order)
resilient—elastic; buoyant
respite—a delay; a letup
resplendent—splendid
restitution—restoration; reimbursement
resolute—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
ruminate—to ponder
rummage—to search through
ruse—a trick
ruthless—cruel

sable—black
saccharine—pertaining to sugar; too sweet
sacredotal—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
satiate—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
scorn—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
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)
sheath—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
slug—d 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, stanch—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
strategem—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—to 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
supplicant—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
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
terminity—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

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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)
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 hook, 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

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

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
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
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
vitiolic—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

W
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
wizened—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
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<td>(E) sharp</td>
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Vocabulary Test 3

1. **COMPREHEND**
   - (A) agree
   - (B) settle
   - (C) decide
   - (D) reprieve
   - (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. FRIVOLITY
   (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. PROPOSENT
(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. TAINT
   (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. PHLEGOMATIC
   (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) shifty

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) deadliest
   (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. OBSEQUIOUS
   (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) pageantries
(D) pleasantries
(E) social functions
Vocabulary Test 13

1. **IMPEDE**
   - (A) foundation
   - (B) conceit
   - (C) hindrance
   - (D) luggage
   - (E) instrument

2. **ADHERE**
   - (A) pursue
   - (B) control
   - (C) arrive
   - (D) cling
   - (E) attend

3. **COMPOSE**
   - (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
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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

6. IMPLICIT
   (A) unquestioning
   (B) rude
   (C) relentless
   (D) sinful
   (E) daring

2. EVICT
   (A) summon
   (B) excite
   (C) force out
   (D) prove
   (E) draw off

7. SLOVENLY
   (A) sleepy
   (B) tricky
   (C) untidy
   (D) moody
   (E) cowardly

3. MISCHANCE
   (A) omission
   (B) ill luck
   (C) feeling of doubt
   (D) unlawful act
   (E) distrust

8. EXTRANEOUS
   (A) familiar
   (B) unprepared
   (C) foreign
   (D) proper
   (E) utmost

4. FELON
   (A) criminal
   (B) fugitive
   (C) traitor
   (D) coward
   (E) loafer

9. IMPASSE
   (A) command
   (B) stubbornness
   (C) crisis
   (D) deadlock
   (E) failure

5. DEPLORE
   (A) empty
   (B) regret deeply
   (C) spread out
   (D) take an oath
   (E) omit

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

6. WHET
   (A) bleach
   (B) exhaust
   (C) harden
   (D) stimulate
   (E) question

2. CAPTIVATE
   (A) charm
   (B) dictate terms
   (C) overturn
   (D) find fault
   (E) hesitate

7. CONTUSION
   (A) puzzle
   (B) shrinkage
   (C) bruise
   (D) uncleaness
   (E) fraud

3. ZEALOUS
   (A) serious
   (B) speedy
   (C) flawless
   (D) necessary
   (E) enthusiastic

8. COMPATIBLE
   (A) eloquent
   (B) adequate
   (C) overfed
   (D) comfortable
   (E) harmonious

4. AROMATIC
   (A) shining
   (B) precise
   (C) ancient
   (D) fragrant
   (E) dry

9. CALLOUS
   (A) secretive
   (B) unruly
   (C) gloomy
   (D) unfeeling
   (E) hotheaded

5. RETROSPECT
   (A) careful inspection
   (B) reversal of form
   (C) review of the past
   (D) respect for authority
   (E) special attention

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
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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) waved
    (E) punished
11. CRESCENDO  
(A) increasing volume  
(B) decreasing tempo  
(C) abrupt ending  
(D) discordant note  
(E) musical composition

16. ANTIPATHY  
(A) sympathy  
(B) detachment  
(C) aversion  
(D) amazement  
(E) opposition

12. INDISCREET  
(A) unpopular  
(B) embarrassing  
(C) disloyal  
(D) unwise  
(E) greatly upset

17. DEMUR  
(A) object  
(B) agree  
(C) murmur  
(D) discard  
(E) consider

13. UNWIELDY  
(A) stubborn  
(B) unhealthy  
(C) monotonous  
(D) shameful  
(E) clumsy

18. PARAGON  
(A) dummy  
(B) lover  
(C) image  
(D) model  
(E) favorite

14. ENVISAGE  
(A) plot  
(B) conceal  
(C) wrinkle  
(D) contemplate  
(E) sneer

19. FINITE  
(A) impure  
(B) firm  
(C) minute  
(D) limited  
(E) unbounded

15. INTERIM  
(A) go-between  
(B) meantime  
(C) mixture  
(D) hereafter  
(E) period of rest

20. AUTARCHY  
(A) lassez-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
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(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. PROVISO
(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
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| 12. COLLATERAL | 17. INCITEMENT |
| (A) something given as security | (A) commotion |
| (B) profitable enterprise | (B) exception |
| (C) unnecessary help | (C) stimulation |
| (D) steep slope | (D) duration |
| (E) very wide board | (E) emotion |

| 13. CONSERVATIVE | 18. INCONTROVERTIBLE |
| (A) exact | (A) not advisable |
| (B) moderate | (B) not accepted |
| (C) natural | (C) steadfast |
| (D) unusual | (D) difficult to understand |
| (E) deceptive | (E) not to be disputed |

| 14. RETROSPECT | 19. PROLETARIAN |
| (A) special kind of telescope | (A) politician |
| (B) microscope | (B) laborer |
| (C) prism | (C) cruel tyrant |
| (D) review of the past | (D) soldier |
| (E) forecast of future events | (E) stupid fellow |

| 15. DEVIATE | 20. COMPLEMENT |
| (A) speak ill of | (A) flattery |
| (B) sap the life out of | (B) contempt |
| (C) turn from a course | (C) remuneration |
| (D) turn upside down | (D) tool |
| (E) injure | (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) kindliness
   (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) prosecution
   (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. HYPOTHESIS
   (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
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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
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<td>(D) fixed limit</td>
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<td>(D) alter</td>
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<td>(E) stay within</td>
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<td>(D) suitability</td>
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<td>(C) related</td>
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<td>(D) aglow</td>
<td>(D) expel moisture</td>
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<td>(E) tedious</td>
<td>(E) plead</td>
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# 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. **GUILE**  
   (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) usefulness

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) equipent  
   (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. IMPLICIT
   (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) occassionally 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. AVERN
   (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

6. **BENIGN**
   (A) contagious
   (B) fatal
   (C) ignorant
   (D) kindly
   (E) decorative

2. **INSINUATE**
   (A) destroy
   (B) hint
   (C) do wrong
   (D) accuse
   (E) release

7. **REVERIE**
   (A) abusive language
   (B) love song
   (C) backward step
   (D) daydream
   (E) holy man

3. **DIMINUTIVE**
   (A) proud
   (B) slow
   (C) small
   (D) watery
   (E) puzzling

8. **APPREHENSIVE**
   (A) quiet
   (B) firm
   (C) curious
   (D) sincere
   (E) fearful

4. **PLIGHT**
   (A) departure
   (B) weight
   (C) conspiracy
   (D) predicament
   (E) stamp

9. **RECOIL**
   (A) shrink
   (B) attract
   (C) electrify
   (D) adjust
   (E) enroll

5. **ILlicit**
   (A) unlawful
   (B) overpowering
   (C) ill-advised
   (D) small-scale
   (E) unreadable

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
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(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
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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.

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                          —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                                          |
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