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VOCAB 5: SAT WORDS

| WORD                                     | DEFINITION   | IN A SENTENCE   | SYNONYM | ANTONYM | REMINDS ME |
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| AMENABLE (adj)                           | Having an inclination to do something; willing to be persuaded                                     | He was amenable to change, welcoming new ideas and technologies.  |         |         |            |
| ASPERSION (n)                            | A false, misleading charge meant to harm someone's reputation                                      | Casting aspersion on your enemies might have bad repercussions.   |         |         |            |
| BRUSQUE (adj)                            | Talking/behaving in a direct, brief but unfriendly manner; blunt to the point of ungraciousness    | She asked for a cup of coffee and received a brusque reply, "We don't have any."                          |         |         |            |
| CONTRAVENE (v)                           | To fail to do what is required by law or rule  | The overcrowded dance club contravened safety regulations.  |         |         |            |
| CORROBORATE (v)                          | To support with evidence or authority  | The witnesses corroborated the policeman's testimony.   |         |         |            |
| CURSORY (adj)                            | Rapidly and often superficially performed or produced  | Only a cursory inspection of the building's electrical wiring was done.                                   |         |         |            |
| DEARTH (n)                               | The state or condition of not having enough of something. Scarcity.                                | The dearth of salesclerks at the shoe store annoyed us.   |         |         |            |
| DESLOT (n)/<br>DESLOTIC (adj)            | A ruler who has total power and often uses it in cruel ways; cruel or tyrannical                   | He was a successful basketball coach, but many people regarded him as a petty despot.                     |         |         |            |
| DISSIPATE (v)                            | To spread out and disappear; to separate into parts and disappear/go away                          | The morning sun dissipated the fog.   |         |         |            |
| MYOPIC (adj)                             | Lack of foresight or discernment, narrow view of something; difficulty in seeing objects far away. | We must be wary of myopic prejudice—for further knowledge of individuals can dispel ill-informed notions. |         |         |            |
| EQUIVOCATE (v)/<br>EQUIVOCATION<br>(adj) | To use unclear language to deceive or mislead someone.   | The applicant seemed to be equivocating when we asked about his previous employment.                      |         |         |            |
| EXPUNGE (v)                              | To remove or destroy something completely  | Time and weather and expunged any evidence that people once lived here.                                   |         |         |            |
| GERMANE (adj)                            | Being both relevant and appropriate.   | Please stick to facts that are germane to the dispute—we don't need any distractions.                     |         |         |            |
| HEGEMONY (n)                             | Influence or control over a group of people (nation, etc)  | They discussed the national government's hegemony over their tribal community.                            |         |         |            |
| INURE (v)                                | To make someone accustomed to unpleasantness or a bad situation.                                   | Does violence on TV inure children to violence in real life?  |         |         |            |

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| LANGUOR (n)                           | A state of feeling tired or relaxed; listless; weakness of mind/body                                 | Sleeping in the shade, they enjoyed the languor brought on by a hot summer afternoon.  |  |  |  |
| PROBITY (n)                           | Honesty and integrity; adherence to the highest principles and ideals.                               | The defense attorney questioned the probity of the witness.  |  |  |  |
| PUERILE (adj)                         | Silly or childish; lacking seriousness or good judgment.   | The teacher told the teen that such puerile behavior would not be tolerated in class.  |  |  |  |
| REPROBATE (n), (v)                    | <b>A person who behaves in an immoral way;</b><br><br>To condemn as unworthy or unacceptable.        | The program to rehabilitating reprobates turned them into law-abiding citizens.<br><br>The board will likely reprobate his request for parole. |  |  |  |
| RESCIND (v)                           | To reject or repeal. To Cancel or void something.  | The board member voted to rescind the deal when they learned the vendor was dishonest.   |  |  |  |
| RESPLENDENT (adj)<br>RESPLENDENCE (n) | Shining brilliantly. Very bright and attractive.   | The fields were resplendent with flowers.  |  |  |  |
| STOLID (adj)                          | Showing little or no emotion; not easily excited or upset.   | She remained stolid during the trial.  |  |  |  |
| TACIT (adj)<br>TACITURN (adj)         | Tacit: expressed without being directly stated.<br>Taciturn: tending to be quiet, not speaking often | She felt she had her parents' tacit approval to borrow the car.  |  |  |  |
| TEMERITY (n)                          | The quality of being confident and unafraid of danger or punishment (may seem foolish/rude)          | She had the temerity to ask my boyfriend on a date.  |  |  |  |
| VACUOUS (adj)                         | Having little substance, meaning, intelligence, or serious thought.                                  | The critic said the movie was vacuous and dull, but I enjoyed the fighting scenes.   |  |  |  |

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