

66 Most Common SAT Words

Abhorrent—disgusting, loathsome	Frugal—economical
Adulation—excessive flattery or admiration	Hedonist—one devoted to pleasure
Amicable—friendly	Holistic—emphasizing the whole
Anachronism—an error in order of time	Ideologue—a theorist
Apprehensive—anxious or fearful about the future	Idiosyncratic—of peculiar behavioral characteristics
Auspicious—attended by favorable circumstances	Impetuous—marked by violent force
Boorish—rude or clumsy in behavior	Impregnable—impossible to attack or challenge
Cartography—the art of making maps or charts	Incisive—clear and sharp
Cathartic—cleansing	Ineffable—incapable of being expressed
Censure—an expression of strong disapproval	Intrepid—fearless
Collusion—a secret agreement for illegal purposes	Laggard—straggler
Consummate—complete in every respect	Lamentation—expression of sorrow
Cursory—performed with haste	Laud—to glorify
Decorous—proper	Lucid—easily understood
Deride—to speak of or treat with contempt	Malleable—capable of being molded
Destitution—complete poverty	Mundane—ordinary
Diffidence—the quality or state of being shy	Nefarious—infamous by way of being wicked
Disparage—to reduce in esteem or rank	Obstinate—stubborn
Dogmatic—arrogant assertion of unproved principles	Obstreperous—noisily defiant
Eclectic—combining elements from a variety of sources	Polarization—interests about two conflicting positions
Eloquent—vividly or movingly expressive	Precocious—characterized by early development
Elucidate—to make clear or plain	Prosaic—commonplace
Embody—to give bodily form to	Quell—to put down forcefully
Equanimity—the quality of being calm	Rancor—resentment
Equitable—just or impartial	Rebuke—to criticize sharply
Equivocal—of uncertain significance	Refute—to prove to be false
Eulogy—a written tribute	Rhetoric—the study of using language
Evanescent—vanishing like vapor	Sanguine—of a reddish color
Exemplary—worthy of imitation	Staid—fixed or permanent
Felicitous—admirably suited	Superfluous—being beyond what is needed or required
Florid—flowery	Swagger—to brag or boast
	Venerate—to regard with respect
	Vindicated—to clear of accusation
	Vindictive—revengeful
	Zealous—marked with enthusiasm