

SAT Vocabulary - 100 Key Words - Study Sheet

1. abbreviate	shorten, abridge
2. abstinence	act of refraining from
3. adulation	high praise
4. adversity	misfortune
5. aesthetic	pertaining to beauty
6. amicable	agreeable
7. anachronistic	out-of-date
8. anecdote	short account of event
9. anonymous	nameless
10. antagonist	opponent
11. arid	extremely dry
12. assiduous	hard-working
13. asylum	sanctuary
14. benevolent	friendly, helpful
15. camaraderie	trust among friends
16. censure	to criticize harshly
17. circuitous	indirect, roundabout
18. clairvoyant	able to see the future
19. collaborate	to work together
20. compassion	sympathy, mercy
21. compromise	to settle differences
22. condescending	looking down upon; patronizing
23. conditional	provisional, contingent
24. conformist	follower of customs
25. congregation	crowd of people
26. convergence	joining of parts
27. deleterious	harmful

28. demagogue	rabble-rousing leader
29. digression	straying from main point
30. diligent	hard-working
31. discredit	dishonor, disgrace
32. disdain	to regard with scorn
33. divergent	variant, moving apart
34. empathy	sharing of feelings
35. emulate	follow an example
36. enervating	tiring, weakening
37. enhance	improve, augment
38. ephemeral	momentary, fleeting
39. evanescent	short-lived, as an image
40. exasperation	irritation, frustration
41. exemplary	outstanding
42. extenuating	guilt diminishing
43. florid	flushed, ornate
44. fortuitous	lucky
45. frugal	thrifty; cutting costs
46. hackneyed	overused, cliched
47. haughty	arrogant, condescending
48. hedonist	pleasure seeker
49. hypothesis	theory requiring proof
50. impetuous	rash, impulsive
51. impute	to attribute to someone
52. incompatible	unable to work together
53. inconsequential	trivial
54. inevitable	unavoidable, certain
55. integrity	honesty, decency
56. intrepid	fearless, adventurous

57. intuitive	instinctive, untaught
58. jubilation	joy, exultation
59. lobbyist	persuader of legislators
60. longevity	long life
61. mundane	ordinary, common
62. nonchalant	calm, casual
63. novice	beginner
64. opulent	wealthy
65. orator	speaker
66. ostentatious	displaying wealth
67. parched	dried up
68. perfidious	disloyal
69. precocious	talented beyond one's age
70. pretentious	pompous, self-important
71. procrastinate	to delay unnecessarily
72. prosaic	run-of-the-mill
73. prosperity	wealth, success
74. provocative	inflammatory
75. prudent	wise, careful, cautious
76. querulous	irritable
77. rancorous	hateful
78. reclusive	withdrawn, hermit-like
79. reconciliation	agreement after a quarrel
80. renovation	state of being renewed
81. resilient	quick to recover
82. restrained	controlled, restricted
83. reverence	profound respect
84. sagacity	wisdom
85. scrutinize	to observe carefully

86. spontaneity	impulsive action
87. spurious	phony, false
88. submissive	meek
89. substantiate	to verify, confirm
90. subtle	elusive, sly, ambiguous
91. superficial	lacking in depth
92. superfluous	more than enough
93. suppress	to end an activity
94. surreptitious	secret, stealthy
95. tactful	diplomatic, polite
96. tenacious	persistent, resolute
97. transient	temporary, fleeting
98. venerable	respectable due to age
99. vindicate	to clear from blame
100. wary	watchful, alert