

PSAT Vocabulary Study Sheet 1

1. exonerate to free from blame
2. parity equality, as in amount, status, or character
3. vituperative to harshly criticize
4. repudiate reject the validity of
5. castigate to harshly criticize
6. circumscribe draw a circle around, restrict
7. staid of settled or sedate character; not flighty or capricious
8. sophistry plausible but misleading beliefs
9. reticent disposed to be silent or not to speak freely
10. solicitous concerned
11. relinquish to retire from; abandon
12. rectitude moral uprightness
13. litigious prone to engage in lawsuits
14. credible believable
15. contiguous touching; in contact
16. indict officially charge with wrongdoing
17. vindicate to free from blame
18. incontrovertible something indisputably true
19. arcane known or understood by few
20. renounce to give up (i.e., a title) by formal announcement
21. sanctimonious feigning piety or righteousness
22. veracity truthfulness
23. reclusive preferring isolation
24. denounce to condemn openly
25. partisan biased in favor of a party, group, or cause
26. remiss negligent, careless, or slow in performing one's duty
27. substantiate to establish by proof or competent evidence
28. scrupulous concerned
29. censure to issue official blame
30. conciliatory appeasing; soothing