

# PSAT Vocabulary Crossword Puzzle 1

1. Using the Across and Down clues, write the correct words in the numbered grid below.

The crossword puzzle grid contains the following words:

- 1. V I T U P E R A T I V E
- 2. C A R
- 3. C R E D I B L E
- 4. R E N O U N C E
- 5. E
- 6. S U B S T A N T I A T E
- 7. R
- 8. V I N D I C A T E
- 9. S O P H I S T R Y
- 10. I N C O N T A R T I C
- 11. E X O N E R A T E
- 12. R
- 13. P A C
- 14. C O N C I L I A T O R Y
- 15. S A N C T I M
- 16. R E L I N Q U I S H
- 17. C
- 18. P A R I T Y
- 19. E
- 20. R E M I S S
- 21. D
- 22. R E P U D I A T E
- 23. L I T I G I O U S
- 24. S O L I C I T O U S
- 25. N B N I D I C I R C U M S C R I B E
- 26. S T A I D
- 27. A R C A N E
- 28. T

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## ACROSS

1. to harshly criticize
3. believable
4. to give up (i.e., a title) by formal announcement
6. to establish by proof or competent evidence
8. to free from blame
9. plausible but misleading beliefs
11. to free from blame
14. appeasing; soothing
16. to retire from; abandon
18. equality, as in amount, status, or character
20. negligent, careless, or slow in performing one's duty
22. reject the validity of
23. prone to engage in lawsuits
24. concerned
26. of settled or sedate character; not flighty or capricious
27. known or understood by few
28. draw a circle around, restrict

## DOWN

1. truthfulness
2. to harshly criticize
5. to issue official blame
7. disposed to be silent or not to speak freely
10. something indisputably true
12. preferring isolation
13. biased in favor of a party, group, or cause
14. touching; in contact
15. feigning piety or righteousness
17. concerned
19. moral uprightness
21. to condemn openly
25. officially charge with wrongdoing

rectitude

litigious

scrupulous

arcane

veracity

vindicate

contiguous

circumscribe

relinquish

repudiate

censure

denounce

remiss

partisan

substantiate

indict

incontrovertible

sanctimonious

castigate

sophistry

exonerate

staid

reticent

renounce

reclusive

credible

solicitous

vituperative

conciliatory

parity