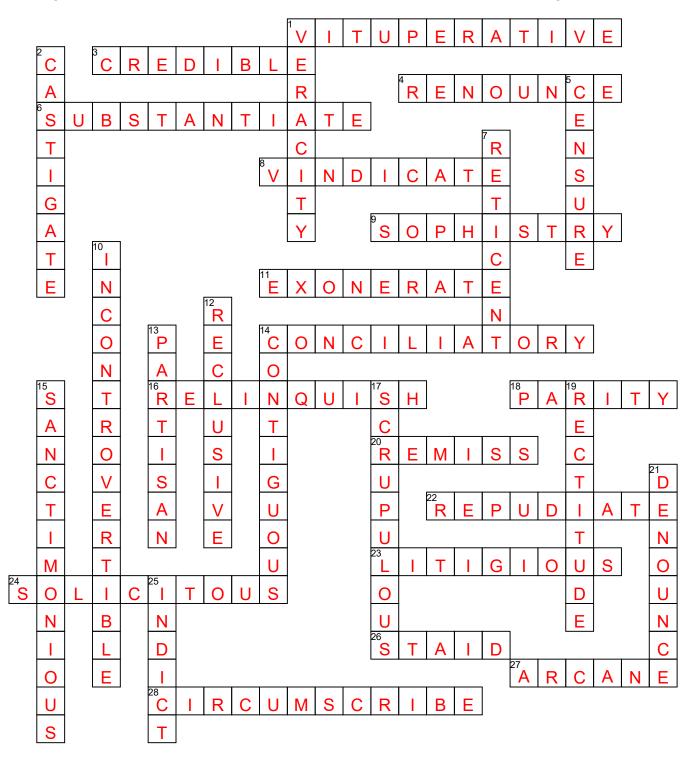
PSAT Vocabulary Crossword Puzzle 1

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



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

staid
reticent
renounce
reclusive
credible
solicitous
vituperative
conciliatory

parity

exonerate