

Sentence Completion Bingo Directions

Objective: To improve SAT vocabulary and practice sentence completion questions.

Teams: Individuals

Length: About 30 minutes

Preparation: • Make one copy of a blank Bingo Board for each student.

• Make one copy of the Vocabulary Definitions for each student.

Optional: • Candy bars for prizes (be sure to bring 3 or 4 in the event of a tie)

• 15 to 20 pieces of individually-wrapped candy to use as Bingo covers

Directions:

1. (Optional) Distribute 15 to 20 pieces of of individually-wrapped candy (i.e. Starburst, Hershey's Kisses, etc.) to use as Bingo covers. Warn students not to eat the candy until the game is over.
2. Before reading the directions, have students complete their Bingo boards. Ask them to randomly assign each word below the Bingo board to a box by writing the word in the space. Stress the importance of randomly distributing the words on the Bingo board. An example of a completed Bingo board is provided. Feel free to show the students so they understand how to complete the board.
3. When all students have completed their Bingo board, remind them to cross out the "Free Space." Then begin by reading the first sentence. Allow students 30 to 60 seconds to decide which vocabulary word completes the sentence. Students should cross out the selected vocabulary word.

Optional Notes:

- Some teachers do not allow students to use the vocabulary definitions to help complete the sentences.
 - You may choose to read the sentences in the order provided or in a random order.
 - You will likely need to reread the sentence several times. Some instructors make overhead transparencies of the sentences and allow students to read them on the projector.
4. The winner is the first student to yell "BINGO!" when he or she crosses out an entire row, either horizontally, vertically, or diagonally. Ask the student to read the answers to the five squares in the row and verify that the sentences that correspond to these answers were read (beware of cheating).
 5. Review the answers to all of the sentences that were read.

Bingo Questions (For Instructor)

If you choose to read sentences in a random order, be sure to mark each sentence you read. This will help you verify the winner.

	The city is planning to ----- the abandoned building and build a park in its place.	raze
	The professor's ----- explanation was so easy to understand that even a child could have followed his directions.	lucid
	Kalina was ----- and kind; she welcomed me into her home and went out of her way to make sure that I was introduced to all of her friends.	amiable
	The car was in ----- condition; although it was produced in 1964, it looked like it had just rolled off of the assembly line.	pristine
	The ----- smoke from the burning rubber caused my eyes to water uncontrollably.	acrid
	Questioning the suspect right now is ----- because he refuses to speak without his lawyer present.	futile
	Damon is a ----- shopper; he clips coupons, compares prices, and targets sale and clearance items.	frugal
	In late summer, the squirrel will ----- a large collection of nuts and berries to eat throughout the winter months.	amass
	The crying baby and the talkative passenger began to ----- Michael; he tried to hide his irritation by asking the flight attendant for a pillow.	vex
	The top of the mountain was hidden in a ----- of fog.	shroud

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	The admissions board strives for a ----- group of freshman; such diversity creates a higher quality learning environment.	motley
	Public speaking has always been my -----; I freeze up in front of a crowd and am unable to deliver my speech.	nemesis
	Having only taken a ----- glance at the newspaper article, I missed the details about the description of the suspect.	cursory
	Abraham Lincoln was praised for the ----- of the Gettysburg address because it only lasted two minutes, unlike typical speeches of the time which could last for hours.	brevity
	For the geese, migration is ----- behavior; their need to fly south in October has existed in them since birth, and is as natural as breathing or eating.	innate
	In the 1500s, many Europeans thought the Earth was flat, but Magellan's trip around the world proved this ----- wrong.	fallacy
	Although sitcoms are based on comedy and meant to be funny, the show is ----- of any humor and will likely be cancelled before the pilot airs.	devoid
	Although you may be nervous or embarrassed to share information with your doctor, it is extremely important that you be ----- and honest about your medical history.	candid
	Samara was afraid that her classmates would ----- at her idea, saying that it was impossible or ridiculous.	scoff
	By failing to study or attend class, Dylan put his grades in -----.	peril

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	My brother rarely gets angry, but his ----- was uncontrollable when I wrecked his car.	wrath
	The small picture frame was not as ----- as the large one; the small one had fewer embellishments and less elaborate woodwork.	ornate
	When my coworker was fired for gossiping too much, it was hard to feel ----- for her; so many people had been hurt by her rumors and most of them felt her punishment was deserved.	empathy
	It is difficult to trust Melinda because she is so -----; she claims to be your best friend one day and she ignores you the next.	fickle

Vocabulary Definitions

- acrid** (adj.) irritating to the eyes or nose
- amass** (vb.) to collect
- amiable** (adj.) friendly
- brevity** (n.) shortness
- candid** (adj.) open and honest
- cursory** (adj.) performed quickly without attention to detail
- devoid** (adj.) lacking; without
- empathy** (n.) understanding of another's feelings
- fallacy** (n.) a false notion
- fickle** (adj.) subject to sudden changes in mood or affections
- frugal** (adj.) not wasteful; spending little money
- futile** (adj.) pointless
- innate** (adj.) natural; inborn
- lucid** (adj.) easily understood; clear
- motley** (adj.) diverse; colorful
- nemesis** (n.) something that causes one's downfall
- ornate** (adj.) elaborately decorated
- peril** (n.) danger
- pristine** (adj.) untouched; in original condition
- raze** (vb.) to destroy
- scoff** (vb.) to mock
- shroud** (n.) a cover
- vex** (vb.) to annoy; to irritate
- wrath** (n.) extreme anger

SENTENCE COMPLETION BINGO

		FREE SPACE		

Randomly assign each of the following words to one box above by writing the word in the space. Cross out each word below as you use it so that you do not choose it again. All 24 words will be used.

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devoid	empathy	fallacy	fickle	frugal	futile
innate	lucid	motley	nemesis	ornate	peril
pristine	raze	scoff	shroud	vex	wrath

COMPLETED EXAMPLE

fallacy	motley	amiable	vex	raze
fickle	cursory	lucid	peril	wrath
brevity	acid	FREE SPACE	scoff	pristine
nemesis	futile	ornate	frugal	devoid
empathy	candid	innate	shroud	amass

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