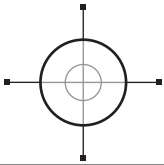
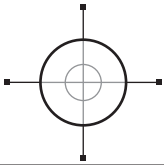


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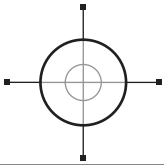
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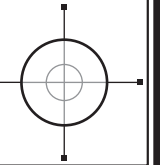
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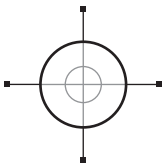
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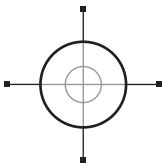
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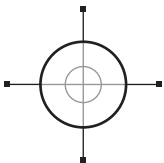
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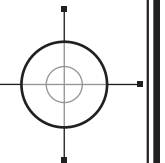
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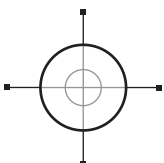
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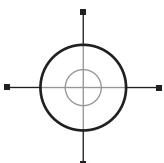
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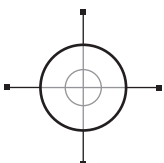
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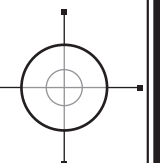
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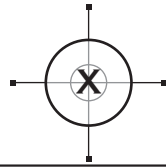
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abstemious

(*adj.*) sparing in consumption, especially of food and drink

*Abby's emaciated figure was the result of her **abstemious** lifestyle; she never ate breakfast or lunch, and rarely ate dinner.*

Word Forms: abstemiously, abstemiousness
Related Word: abstinent



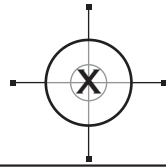
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amalgamation

(*n.*) a combination

*Amy's new dance routine is an **amalgamation** of styles, including ballet and jazz.*

Word Forms: amalgam, amalgamate, amalgamable, amalgamative, amalgamator



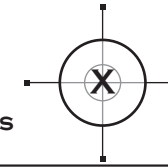
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analgesic

(*adj.*) capable of relieving pain

*Although Andy was in the most painful stages of the disease, his daughter's visit was **analgesic**; he was so happy to see her that his pain was significantly reduced.*

Word Forms: analgesic (*n.*), analgetic
Related Word: analgesia



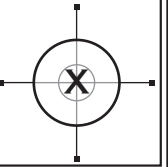
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anthropocentrism

(*n.*) theory that regards humans as the central element of the universe

*People who support the theory of **anthropocentrism** have a difficult time believing in the existence of intelligent life on other planets.*

Word Forms: anthropocentric, anthropocentrically, anthropocentricity



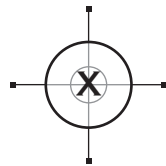
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avuncular

(*adj.*) resembling an uncle in kindness or indulgence

*Mr. Avery developed an **avuncular** affection for his neighbor's children after having spent so many years next door to them.*

Word Forms: avuncularly, avuncularity
Related Word: uncle



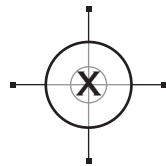
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bromide

(*n.*) a common saying

*As true as the old **bromides** are, such as "It is better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all," none of them are much comfort to a newly-broken heart.*

Word Forms: bromidic, bromidically



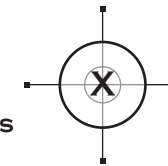
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byzantine

(*adj.*) highly complex or intricate

*In a home loan, the **byzantine** language and unfamiliar terminology can be intimidating to a first-time home buyer.*

Word Forms: Byzantine, Byzantinism



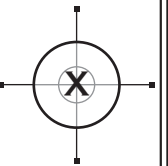
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cacophony

(*n.*) harsh, jarring sound

*On the first day of school, the band's output was a **cacophony** of trumpets and horns; however, by the end of the year, the horn section blended well with the rest of the ensemble.*

Word Forms: cacophonous, cacophonously, cacophonousness



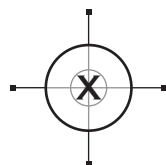
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calumny

(*n.*) a false statement intended to harm someone's reputation

*Callie delivered the **calumny** about Brittany to an audience in the cafeteria; she hoped the lie would keep the other girl from becoming Prom queen.*

Word Forms: calumniate, calumination, calumnious, calumniously, calumniatory, calumniator



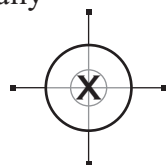
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canonical

(*adj.*) authorized or accepted

*Pluto is no longer a **canonical** planet; due to its small mass, it was reclassified as a "dwarf planet" in 2006.*

Word Forms: canonically, canon, canonic
Antonym Forms: uncanonical, uncanonically



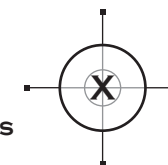
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chicanery

(*n.*) the use of tricks to deceive someone

*The con artist relied on **chicanery** to get his victims to reveal their Social Security numbers; he promised them a tropical vacation for simply listing their personal information.*

Word Forms: chicanerie, chicaner



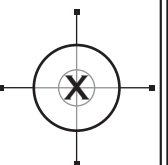
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churlish

(*adj.*) rude and vulgar

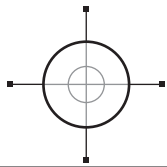
*Cheryl did not think the man's **churlish** jokes were appropriate, and asked that he apologize for his vulgarity.*

Word Forms: churlishly, churlishness, churl



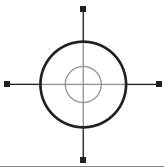
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cumbersome



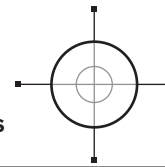
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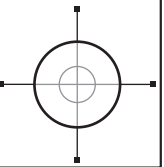
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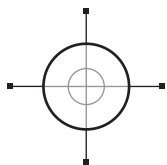
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circumlocution



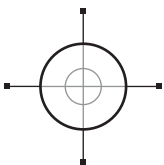
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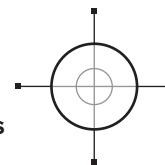
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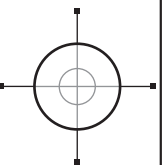
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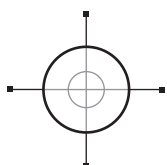
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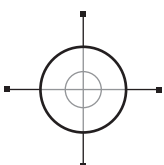
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epistolary



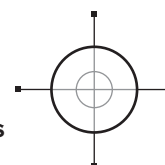
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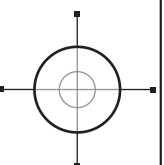
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egregious



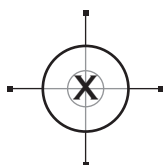
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circumlocution

(*n.*) an indirect way of expressing something

*Sergio hoped that his **circumlocution** would stall the reporters long enough for him to think of a better answer to their question.*

Word Forms: circumlocutory, circumlocutorily, circumlocutional, circumlocutionary



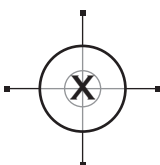
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concomitant

(*adj.*) existing or occurring at the same time

*Building a home can be an exciting and enjoyable process, but it also has **concomitant** stress associated with the difficult decisions that must be made daily.*

Word Forms: concomitant (*n.*), concomitantly, concomitance



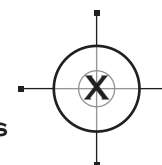
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corpulent

(*adj.*) excessively fat

*The **corpulent** man purchased two adjacent airline seats in order to have a more comfortable flight.*

Word Forms: corpulently, corpulence, corpulency



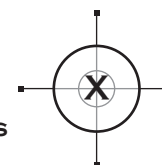
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cumbersome

(*adj.*) clumsy, awkward, and heavy

*The old television set was **cumbersome**, making it difficult to move into the other room.*

Word Forms: clumsily, clumsiness
Related Words: cumber, encumber



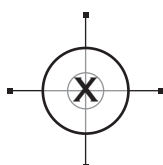
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demarcate

(*vb.*) to set, mark, or draw the boundaries of something

*The twins **demarcated** the room after their fight; Demarcus was only allowed access to the right side of their room, while Demonte had to stay on the left side.*

Word Forms: demarcation, demarcator



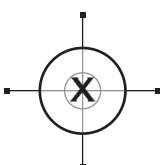
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disenfranchise

(*vb.*) to deprive of voting rights

*American citizens who are convicted of a felony are **disenfranchised**, losing their right to vote in any election.*

Word Forms: disenfranchisement, disfranchise
Antonym Forms: enfranchise, franchise



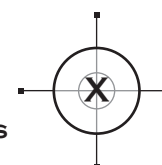
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draconian

(*adj.*) harsh and severe

*In the novel, the king used **draconian** forms of punishment—such as torture or starvation—against any one caught plotting against the monarchy.*

Word Forms: draconic, draconically



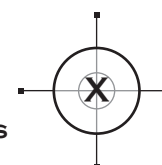
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egalitarian

(*adj.*) characterized by the belief in equal rights for all people

*Edgar's **egalitarian** beliefs made him an excellent husband; he divided the housework equally, helping his wife with cooking, cleaning, and childcare.*

Word Forms: egalitarian (*n.*), egalitarianism, equality
Related Word: equality



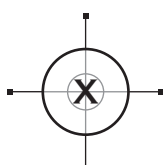
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egregious

(*adj.*) outrageously bad or offensive

*Edie made the **egregious** mistake of asking the slightly overweight woman if she were expecting a baby.*

Word Forms: egregiously, egregiousness



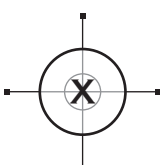
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emollient

(*adj.*) having a softening or soothing effect, especially to the skin

*Emmaline applied an **emollient** lotion to the rough calluses on her hands.*

Word Forms: emollient



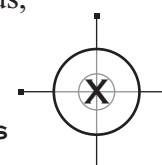
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ephemeral

(*adj.*) lasting a very short time

*Effie's sadness over her breakup is **ephemeral**; she will quickly find a new boyfriend to help her forget the last.*

Word Forms: ephemeral (*n.*), ephemerally, ephemeralness, ephemerality, ephemorous, ephemeron



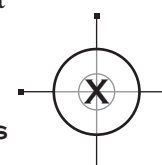
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epistolary

(*adj.*) relating to letters

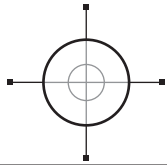
*The couple has developed an **epistolary** relationship; although they have never met, they communicate regularly through emails and letters.*

Word Forms: epistle, epistolatory, epistolical, epistolical, epistolize, epistoler, epistolist



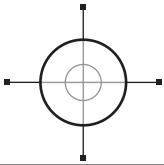
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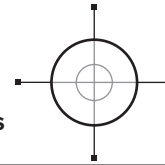
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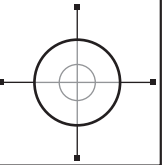
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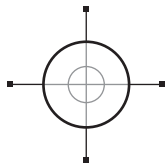
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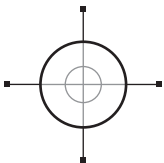
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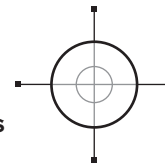
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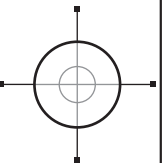
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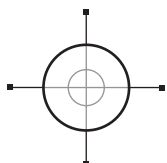
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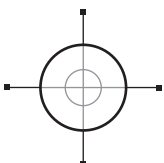
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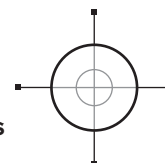
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ignominious



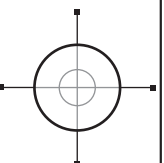
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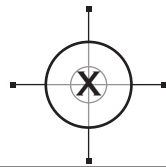
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erudition

(*n.*) knowledge gained from study

Erik's **erudition** is sure to help him win a lot of money on the trivia-based quiz show.

Word Forms: eruditional, erudite, eruditely, eruditeness



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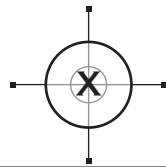
exculpate

(*vb.*) to clear from blame

The arson suspect was **exculpated** when forensics revealed that the fire had been the result of faulty wiring.

Word Forms: exculpable, exculpation, exculpatory
Antonym Forms: inculpate, inculpable, inculpation, inculpably, inculpatory, inculpability, inculpableness

Related Words: culpable, culprit



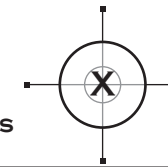
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exegetis

(*n.*) an explanation or critical interpretation (especially of the Bible)

The minister is delivering an **exegetis** on the first two books of the Bible, where he will interpret the lessons from Genesis and Exodus and apply them to modern times.

Word Forms: exegetic, exegetical, exegetically, exegete, exegetist



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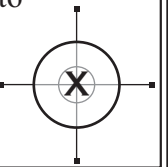
flotsam

(*n.*) 1. floating wreckage
2. useless, discarded items

In the filthy city, the gullies are filled with **flotsam** that finds its way into the sewer after a heavy rain.

Related Word: jetsam

Note: *Flotsam* originally referred to the floating wreckage of a boat, while *jetsam* referred to the items discarded by a ship in distress. Both are loosely used today to refer to useless, discarded items.



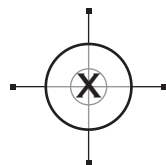
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foible

(*n.*) a minor flaw or weakness of character

Foster's only **foible** is his inability to make a decision.

Related Word: feeble



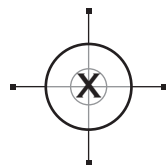
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fomentation

(*n.*) a push for trouble or rebellion

The juniors would never have participated in senior skip day if it weren't for the **fomentation** of their friends in the higher grade.

Word Forms: foment, fomenter



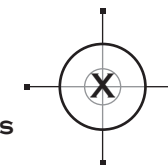
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foppish

(*adj.*) affecting extreme elegance in dress and manner

The **foppish** fellow wore a three piece suit and a top hat to the wedding.

Word Forms: foppishly, foppishness, foppery, fop



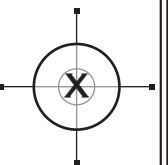
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gustatory

(*adj.*) relating to the sense of taste

The restaurant provides a unrivaled **gustatory** experience by offering skewers of beef, pork, and poultry marinated in exotic oils.

Word Forms: gustatorily, gustation, gustative, gustativeness



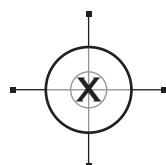
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halcyon

(*adj.*) joyful, peaceful, or prosperous

During the company's **halcyon** days, the employees were making higher than average wages and enjoying benefits unmatched by other corporations.

Word Forms: halcyonian, halcyonic



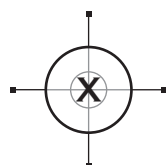
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histrionic

(*adj.*) overly dramatic

The **histrionic** patient pretended to faint when he saw the needle used for the vaccination.

Word Forms: histrionic (*n.*), histrionics, histrionical, histrionically



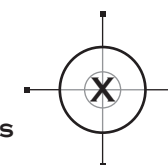
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ignominious

(*adj.*) disgraceful and shameful

Izzy's **ignominious** crime brought shame and embarrassment to her entire family.

Word Forms: ignominiously, ignominiousness, ignominy



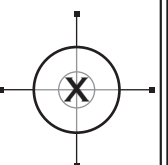
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impious

(*adj.*) lacking respect or devotion, usually for a god or religion

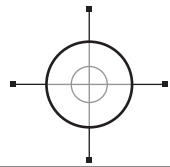
Imogene had a difficult time convincing her **impious** husband to attend church with the family.

Word Forms: impiously, impiousness
Antonym Forms: pious, piously, piousness



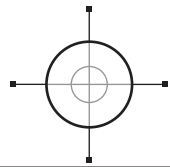
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insidious



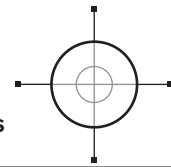
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inimical



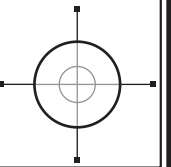
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inchoate



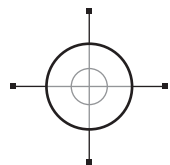
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impute



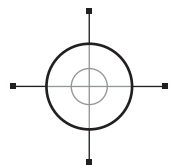
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loquacious



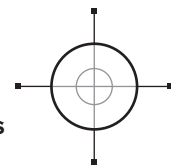
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lexicography



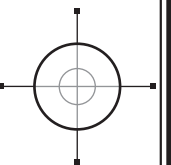
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irascible



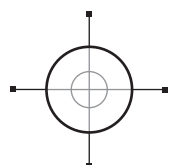
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invidious



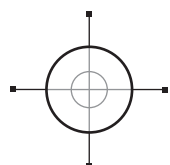
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mélange



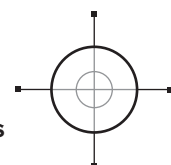
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malodorous



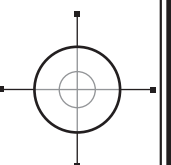
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malediction



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lugubrious



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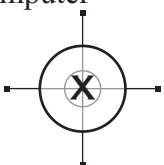
impute

(vb.) to attribute or credit to

The doctors **imputed** her sudden weight loss to a problem with her thyroid gland.

Word Forms: imputable, imputably, imputative, imputatively, imputativeness, imputedly, imputer

Related Word: putative

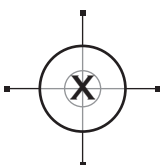


inchoate

(adj.) in the early stages of development

I think your **inchoate** plan for the fund-raiser has a lot of potential, but we need to sit down and discuss some important details before moving forward.

Word Forms: inchoately, inchoateness, inchoation, inchoative, inchoatively



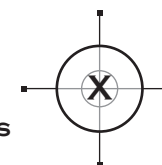
inimical

(adj.) harmful or hostile

Oscar cast an **inimical** sneer at Melissa when she took credit for his idea.

Word Forms: inimically, inimicalness, inimicality, inimicable

Related Word: enemy

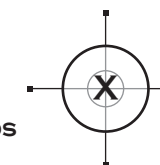


insidious

(adj.) intended to entrap, deceive, or harm

Sid devised an **insidious** plan to get the witness to admit he hadn't really witnessed the crime.

Word Forms: insidiously, insidiousness

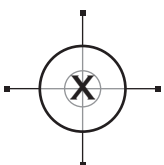


invidious

(adj.) intended to hurt, offend, or discriminate

Ivan's **invidious** remarks to his wife shocked their guests; they had no idea that he could be so cruel.

Word Forms: invidiously, invidiousness



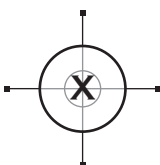
irascible

(adj.) quickly aroused to anger

The **irascible** old lady caused a scene at the restaurant by yelling at the manager when her hamburger was overcooked.

Word Forms: irascibly, irascibleness, irascibility

Related Word: ire



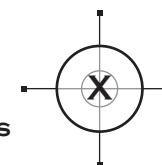
lexicography

(n.) the act of writing dictionaries

Noah Webster's career in **lexicography** developed from his dissatisfaction with British school books; he wrote his first dictionary to help his elementary students learn to spell.

Word Forms: lexicographic, lexicographical, lexicographically, lexicographer

Related Words: lexicon, dyslexic



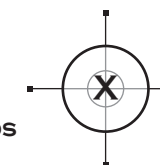
loquacious

(adj.) extremely talkative

Lance was disappointed in his **loquacious** date; she talked so much that she never had time to listen to any of his own stories.

Word Forms: loquaciously, loquaciousness, loquacity

Related Words: eloquent, ventriloquist, soliloquy

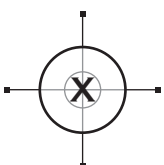


lugubrious

(adj.) excessively mournful; sad and gloomy

Lucy's **lugubrious** behavior has started to annoy her friends; it has been two months since her breakup with Josh, but she is still as gloomy as if it had happened yesterday.

Word Forms: lugubriously, lugubriousness, lugubriosity

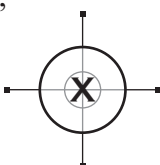


malediction

(n.) a curse

The members of the team feared that the old woman had placed a **malediction** upon their season because they hadn't won a game since accidentally shattering her windshield with a foul ball.

Word Forms: maledictive, maledictory, maledict
Antonym Forms: benediction, benedictive, benedictory



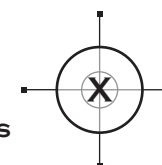
malodorous

(adj.) having an unpleasant smell

My **malodorous** shoe smelled so terrible that my mom threw it away.

Word Forms: malodorously, malodorousness

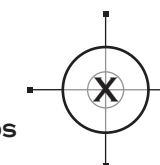
Related Words: odor, odorously



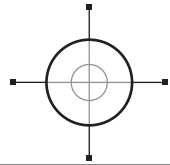
mélange

(n.) a mixture

Melanie's walls are decorated with a **mélange** of surfing posters and beach photographs.

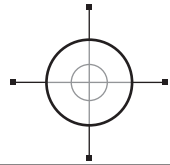


munificent



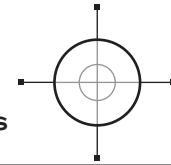
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moratorium



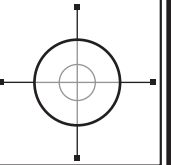
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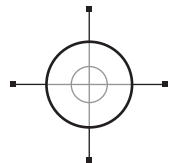
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mendicant



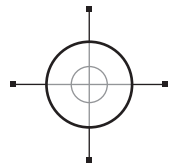
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nihilism



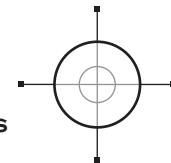
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neophyte



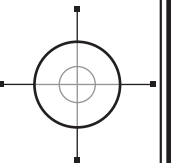
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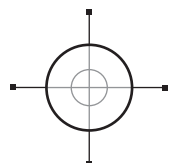
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myopic



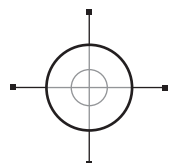
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parsimonious



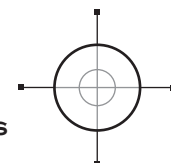
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panacea



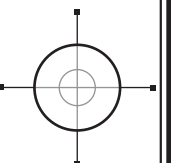
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obstreperous



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obfuscate



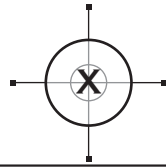
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mendicant

(adj.) begging

In the poverty-stricken country, **mendicant** children approach tourists to ask for food and money.

Word Forms: mendicancy, mendicity



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morass

(n.) 1. a swamp
2. a difficult situation

After Morgan accepted Jill's invitation to the dance, he found himself in a **morass**; his friend offered him a ticket to a concert that he really wanted to see, but it happened to be on the same night as the dance.

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moratorium

(n.) suspension of an ongoing activity

Because a large number of students had been late returning from lunch, the principal placed a **moratorium** on off-campus lunch privileges.

Word Forms: moratory

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munificent

(adj.) very generous

The **munificent** donor gave the hospital enough money to build a specialized center for heart patients.

Word Forms: munificently, munificentness, munificence

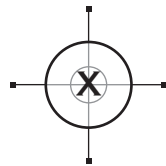
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myopic

(adj.) lacking long-term vision

Maya has a **myopic** outlook when it comes to investment; she complains about the money she is investing now, rather than focusing on the money she will make in the future.

Word Forms: myopically, myopia



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nascent

(adj.) being born or beginning

The **nascent** hockey team did not have much experience, as this was their first year in the league.

Word Forms: nascence, nascency

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neophyte

(n.) a beginner

Neil is a **neophyte** at downhill skiing, so he should stick to the smaller hills today.

Word Forms: neophytic, neophytish, neophytism

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nihilism

(n.) belief in the rejection of rules and the destruction of social and political order

During the rebellion, the followers of **nihilism** were the first to break the laws in the city.

Word Forms: nihilistic, nihilistically, nihility, nihilist

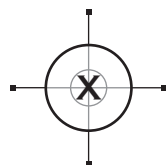
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obfuscate

(vb.) to confuse or make unclear

If the solution requires the units to be in inches, the makers of the SAT may **obfuscate** the question by describing the problem in feet.

Word Forms: obfuscation, obfuscatory



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obstreperous

(adj.) noisily defiant or aggressive

The **obstreperous** students crowded the school board meeting to protest the new dress code.

Word Forms: obstreperously, obstreperousness, obstreperosity

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panacea

(n.) a cure for all diseases, or a solution to all problems

The manager believed the new software was a **panacea** for all of the company's computer problems, but Pam was skeptical of its ability to improve the entire system.

Word Form: panacean

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parsimonious

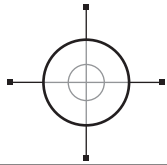
(adj.) extremely reluctant to spend money; frugal and stingy

The **parsimonious** woman told her grandchildren that the gumballs in the candy machine were too expensive.

Word Forms: parsimoniously, parsimoniousness, parsimony

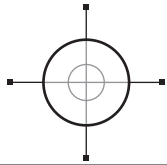
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pernicious



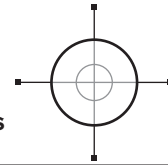
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perfidious



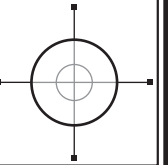
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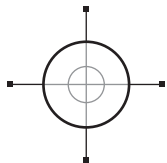
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paucity



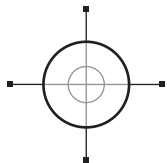
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potentate



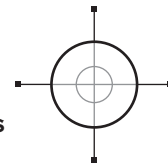
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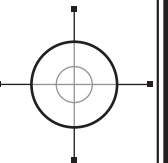
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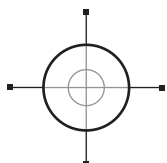
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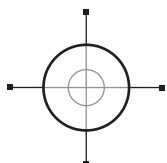
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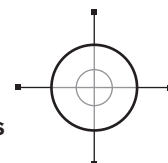
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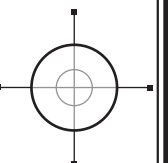
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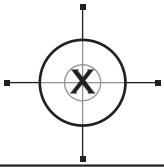


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paucity

(*n.*) an insufficient quantity or number

*As four more uninvited guests arrived at the barbecue, Pam realized there was a **paucity** of hamburger buns.*



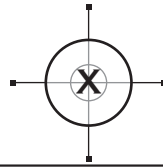
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penurious

(*adj.*) extremely reluctant to spend money; stingy and frugal or extremely poor

*The **penurious** old man refused to donate his spare change to the charity.*

Word Forms: penuriously, penuriousness, penury



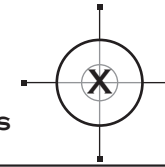
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perfidious

(*adj.*) tending to betray

*The **perfidious** soldier was selling classified secrets to the army's enemies.*

Word Forms: perfidiously, perfidiousness, perfidy



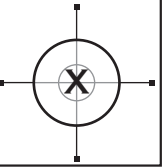
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pernicious

(*adj.*) exceedingly harmful

*The **pernicious** rumor could ruin several lives if permitted to spread.*

Word Forms: perniciously, perniciousness

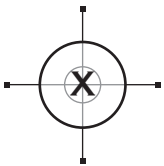


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perquisite

(*n.*) a payment or benefit in addition to one's regular pay

*While working at the marina, my **perquisites** included free boat storage, a discount at the tackle shop, and daily tips from the customers.*



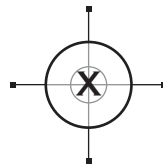
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picayune

(*adj.*) small and of little importance

*The man is a fool to let a **picayune** argument destroy his friendship with his neighbor.*

Word Forms: picayunish, picayunishly, picayunishness



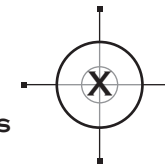
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polyglot

(*adj.*) able to speak, read, or write in many languages

*The **polyglot** woman was an asset to the international company; she could converse with customers in Japan, Germany, Spain, and Italy.*

Word Forms: polyglot (*n.*), polyglotism
Related Word: monoglot



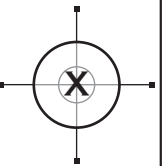
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potentate

(*n.*) a powerful ruler

*The **potentate** was born into the power of the monarchy; his family had ruled the three countries for over six hundred years.*

Related Word: potent



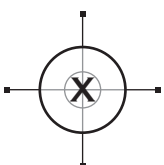
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progenitor

(*n.*) a direct ancestor or originator

*Although dogs now come in all shapes, sizes, and temperaments, the **progenitor** of their species was the wild wolf.*

Word Forms: progenitorial, progenitorship
Related Word: genitor



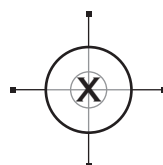
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proletarian

(*adj.*) of the working class

*Education is an important **proletarian** value; working class parents believe that a college degree will offer their children many more career choices.*

Word Forms: proletarianly, proletarianness, proletarianism, proletary, proletariat



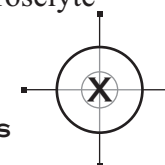
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proselytize

(*vb.*) to convert someone to another belief, religion, party, or cause

*Prewitt spent the summer **proselytizing** for the governor's re-election campaign.*

Word Forms: proselytistic, proselytization, proselytism, proselytical, proselytizer, proselyte



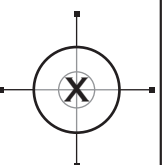
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pugnacious

(*adj.*) tending to quarrel or fight easily

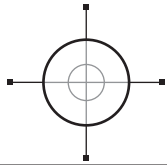
*Paul cannot walk his **pugnacious** dog in the park because she always starts fights with the other dogs.*

Word Forms: pugnaciously, pugnaciousness, pugnacity
Related Word: pugilistic



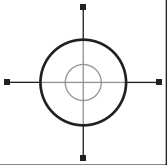
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recalcitrant



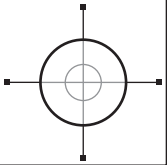
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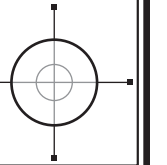
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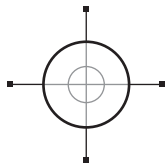
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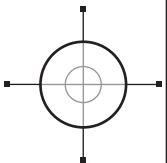
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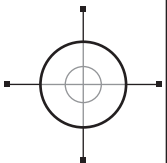
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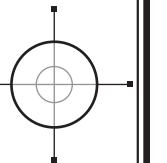
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rhapsodize



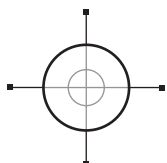
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remuneration



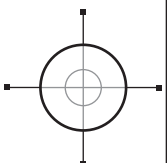
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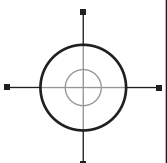
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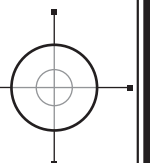
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somnolent



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sibilant



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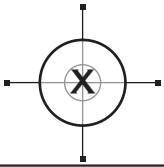
punctilious

(*adj.*) marked by precise accordance with details

*Mr. Putnam is **punctilious** about punctuation; all of his students must correctly use periods, commas, and semicolons if they want a good grade.*

Word Forms: punctiliously, punctiliousness, punctilio

Related Word: punctual



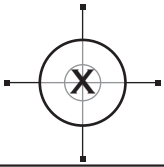
quixotic

(*adj.*) not sensible about practical matters; idealistic and unrealistic

*I let Quincy make his **quixotic** plans for our summer vacation; he would soon realize that his itinerary was too expensive and unrealistic.*

Word Forms: quixotical, quixotically, quixotism, quixote

Related Name: Don Quixote

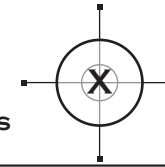


raiment

(*n.*) clothes

*Raymond brought a change of **raiment** with him so that he could shower and dress after basketball practice.*

Related Word: array

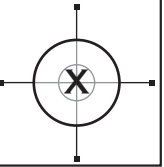


recalcitrant

(*adj.*) stubbornly resistant to authority or control

*The **recalcitrant** protesters were not fazed by the presence of the campus security officer, and only a handful of them disbanded when the police arrived.*

Word Forms: recalcitrant (*n.*), recalcitrance, recalcitrancy, recalcitrate, recalcitration

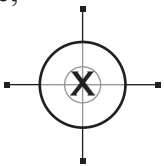


remuneration

(*n.*) payment

*Each of the workers received **remuneration** for helping Remy paint his house.*

Word Forms: remunerate, remunerable, remunerability, remunerably, remunerative, remuneratively, remunerativeness, remuneratory, remunerator

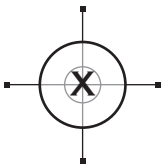


rhapsodize

(*vb.*) to talk with great enthusiasm

*The saleswoman **rhapsodized** about the benefits of her company's product.*

Word Forms: rhapsody, rhapsodic, rhapsodical, rhapsodically, rhapsodist



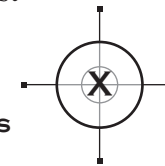
schism

(*n.*) division of a group into opposing factions

*The disagreement in the teacher's lounge created two **schisms** in the school: teachers who approved of the rule change, and those who opposed it.*

Word Forms: schismatic, schismatically, schismaticalness, schimatize, schimatist

Antonym Form: schismless



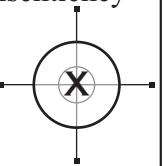
sentient

(*adj.*) experiencing sense perception and consciousness

*In the film, the robot becomes **sentient**, experiencing human emotions and senses.*

Word Forms: sentiently, sentience, sentiency

Antonym Forms: insentient, insentience, insentiency

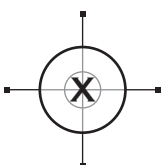


sibilant

(*adj.*) having a hissing sound

*The patient's respiration was weak and **sibilant**, the result of smoking for so many years.*

Word Forms: sibilantly, sibilance, sibilancy



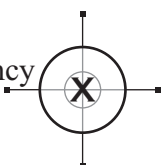
somnolent

(*adj.*) sleepy or drowsy

*The **somnolent** truck driver had been awake all night and was anxious to find a rest area so she could sleep.*

Word Forms: somnolently, somnolence, somnolency, somnolescent

Antonym Forms: insomnia, insomnolent, insomnolently, insomnolence, insomnolency



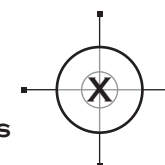
sonorous

(*adj.*) full and loud and deep, as a sound

*The sound from the **sonorous** bell echoed throughout the cathedral.*

Word Forms: sonorously, sonorousness, sonority

Antonym Form: insonorous

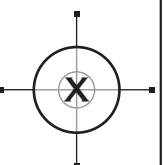


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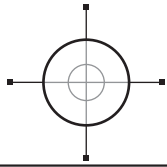
(*n.*) a false argument meant to trick someone

*The mayor used **sophistry** to trick most of the town residents into believing that the property tax increase was necessary.*

Word Forms: sophism, sophist, sophister

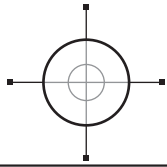


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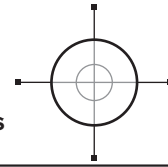
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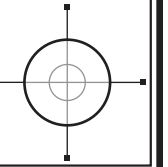
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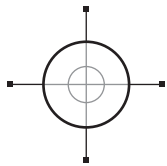
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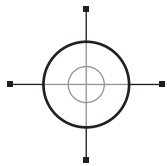
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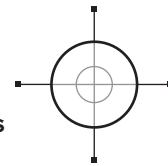
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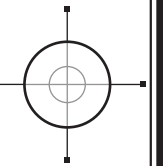
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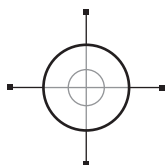
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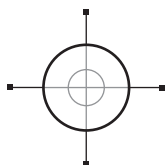
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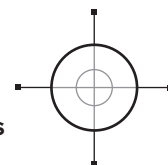
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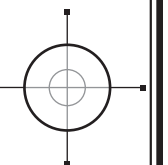
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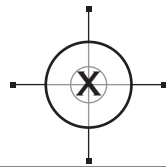
soporific

(*adj.*) tending to make sleepy or drowsy

*Sophie sang the **soporific** lullaby to help her young daughter fall asleep.*

Word Forms: soporifically, soporiferous, soporiferously, soporiferousness

Related Words: soporose, soporous

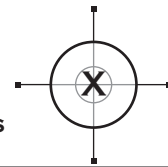


specious

(*adj.*) 1. plausible but false
2. deceptively pleasing

*The merits of the diet are **specious**; while we want to believe we can eat unlimited protein, there are many health risks associated with the high-cholesterol plan.*

Word Forms: speciously, speciousness, speciosity

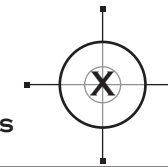


stevedore

(*n.*) a laborer who loads and unloads vessels in a port

*Before the ship left port, the **stevedores** loaded it with nearly four tons of food and supplies for the long voyage.*

Word Form: stevedore (*vb.*)

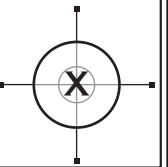


stricture

(*n.*) a criticism

*The film critic made several **strictures** about the movie's poor dialogue.*

Word Form: strictured

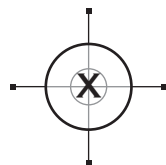


stultify

(*vb.*) to make one appear foolish, stupid, or useless

*The high school student **stultified** herself by insisting that Pittsburgh was in Tennessee.*

Word Forms: stultifyingly, stultification, stultifier

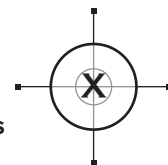


supercilious

(*adj.*) arrogantly disdainful

*Sue, who always wore designer clothes, glanced at my generic shoes with a **supercilious** sneer.*

Word Forms: superciliously, superciliousness

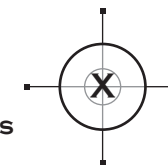


temerity

(*n.*) fearless daring

*Tim jumped from the plane with **temerity**; he seemed so fearless and relaxed that it was difficult to tell that this was his first skydiving experience.*

Word Forms: temerarious, temerariouly, temerariousness

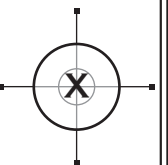


tinder

(*n.*) easily combustible material used for starting a fire

*The scout leader found dried grass and dried leaves to use as **tinder** when starting the camp fire.*

Word Forms: tindery
Related Word: tinderbox

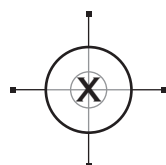


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(*adj.*) overly sweet or sentimental

*The movie is quite **treacly**, with several emotional scenes, and should be viewed with a box of tissues instead of a box of popcorn.*

Word Forms: treacle

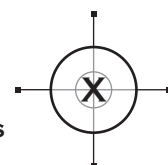


truncated

(*adj.*) shortened by cutting off a part

*The author published a **truncated** version of the original novel, as he knew most people would not want to read a book with so many pages.*

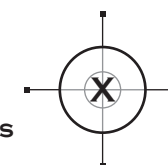
Word Forms: truncate, truncately, truncation
Related Word: trunk



turpitude

(*n.*) vile, shameful behavior

*In the play, the character's **turpitude** exceeds the villainous behavior exhibited by typical antagonists.*

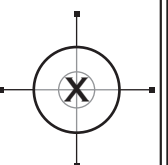


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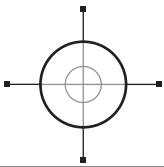
(*adj.*) unpleasantly and excessively suave

*The **unctuous** salesman winked at the ladies and flashed his college football ring at the men; ironically, his "charm" chased most customers away.*

Word Forms: unctuously, unctuousness, unctuousity

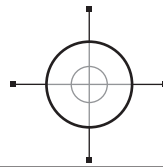


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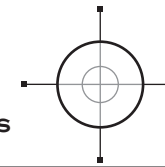
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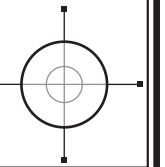
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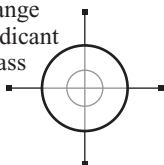
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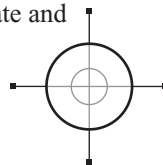
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Flash Card Components

Part of Speech: Identifying the part of speech is essential to understanding the word. This is especially true for words that serve as more than one part of speech, such as *dispute*. The word *dispute* can be a verb (“*he disputed the results*”) or a noun (“*I had a dispute with my teacher*”).

Definition: Each word is defined as it is most commonly used on the SAT. For example, the word *apt* is usually used to refer to likelihood (“*he was apt to get angry*”); however, on the SAT, the word *apt* most often refers to a person’s intelligence (“*he was an apt student*”). Therefore, the flash card definition reflects the common usage on the test.

Sentence: The word is used in a sentence to illustrate and clarify its meaning and usage. Some sentences use specific words and names as memory devices.



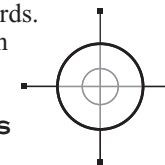
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Word Comprehension

The word that completes a Sentence Completion blank is always a perfect fit. Not only does the correct answer look right and sound right, but it also has a definition that perfectly meshes with the context of the sentence. While you do not need to know the definition of every word to get a perfect score on the SAT, a good vocabulary certainly helps make it easier to exceed your expectations.

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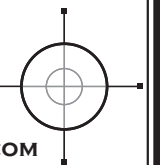
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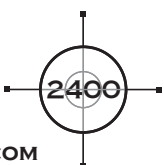
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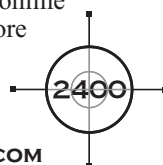
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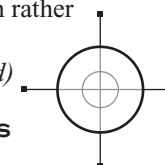
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How to Study Vocabulary Words

Studying vocabulary in multiple ways increases your retention of the definitions. Try these other study methods:

1. **Write out the words and their definitions.**
Transferring the words and their definitions to paper helps transfer the information into your long-term memory.
2. **Write new sentences for each word.**
Similarly, using the word in context helps cement its meaning.
3. **Draw a picture representing the word.**
Pictures can create a connection to the definition.
4. **Read the word aloud and say it in a sentence.**
Some students learn best by hearing information rather than by seeing it.

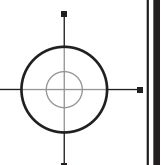
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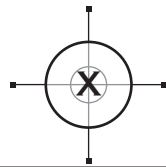
vainglorious

(*adj.*) feeling excessive self-importance or pride for one's own accomplishments

The **vainglorious** actor brushed aside the reporter's question about the charity event in order to talk about the oscar he won.

Word Forms: vaingloriously, vaingloriousness, vainglory

Related Word: vain



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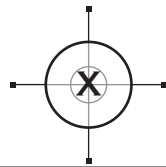
verisimilitude

(*n.*) the appearance of truth; the quality of seeming to be true

Even though the movie was based on a true story, the film lacked **verisimilitude**.

Word Forms: verisimilitudinous, verisimilar, verisimilarly

Related Words: veracity, similitude



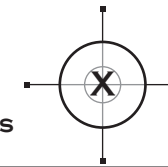
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vitiate

(*vb.*) to make imperfect; to corrupt

The king was **vitiated** by power; soon after his coronation, he began to abuse his subjects and destroy the fair laws his father had enacted.

Word Forms: vitiable, vitiation, vitiator



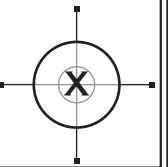
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vitriolic

(*adj.*) harsh or corrosive in tone

The orchestra teacher's **vitriolic** criticism stung Victoria; she had practiced all week only to be harshly critiqued in front of the entire class.

Word Forms: vitriolically, vitriol

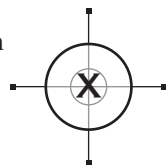


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Parts of Speech

Noun (*n.*): word that names a person, place, or thing

Pronoun (*pr.*): word that replaces a noun

Verb (*vb.*): word showing action or state of being

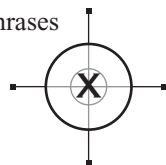
Preposition (*prep.*): word used to link a noun or pronoun to other words

Adjective (*adj.*): word which describes or modifies a noun or pronoun

Adverb (*adv.*): word which describes or modifies a verb, an adjective, or another adverb

Conjunction (*conj.*): word which links words or phrases

Interjection (*int.*): word used to convey emotion



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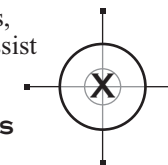
Flash Card Components

Word Forms: The main entry on each card is either the base word or the most commonly used form of the word, but the SAT may use any of the forms of the word listed. For example, if *indignant* (*adj.*) is the main word on a card, you should also be prepared to see *indignantly* (*adv.*) or *indignation* (*n.*) on the test.

Antonym Forms: An antonym is a word with opposite meaning. You must understand the meaning of both the entry word on the card and its antonym, as the SAT expects you to apply the definition of the root word to many different forms of the word. For example, if *implausible* means *unbelievable*, then *plausible* must mean *believable*.

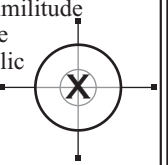
Related Words: Some words share common roots, prefixes, or suffixes. Related words are listed to assist you in remembering the definition of the word on the card.

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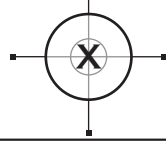
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5. Type the words and definitions.

Type all 100 words into a word processing document or spreadsheet. Then try to define them without looking at the definitions.

6. Analyze the roots, prefixes, and suffixes.

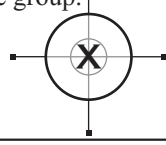
Can you find words that have the same suffix? If so, do they mean the same thing in both words? Learning to associate words with related words can help you solve even the toughest test questions.

7. Group words by meaning.

Many SAT words have similar meanings. Group them so you associate the meaning with all of the words in the group.

8. Have someone quiz you.

Place a check in the target if you get one right.



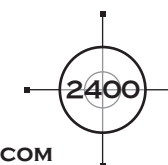
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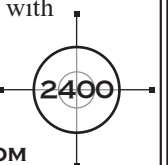
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