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**abstruse**

*adj.* hard to understand

Mr. Abbott tried to teach us how to solve an *abstruse* math problem, but it was too complicated for most of us to understand.

**Word Forms:** abstrusely, abstruseness, abstrusity

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**adulation**

*n.* excessive admiration

Adèle’s *adulation* of the television star began to worry her parents when she started sending him letters every day.

**Word Forms:** adulate, adulatory, adulator

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**alacrity**

*adj.* liveliness and eagerness

Alaina impressed her new boss by accepting the task with *alacrity*; she was both eager and excited to get started.

**Word Form:** alacritous

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**ameliorate**

*vb.* to make better

Amelia was an outstanding caregiver; she could *ameliorate* a patient’s discomfort just by smiling kindly and speaking in a soothing tone.

**Word Forms:** ameliorable, ameliorableness, ameliorant, ameliorative, amelioratory, ameliorator

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**anachronistic**

*adj.* out of chronological order

Today’s announcement about the impending demolition of the baseball stadium is *anachronistic*; the stadium was razed early last week.

**Word Forms:** anachronistically, anchrology, anachronic, anachronism, anachronous, anachronously

**Related Word:** chronological, chronology

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**arboreal**

*adj.* relating to trees

The emerald tree boa is an *arboreal* snake; it spends all of its life in the trees of the Amazon rainforest.

**Word Forms:** arboreally, arboreous

**Related Word:** arbor

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**assiduous**

*adj.* constant and attentive

Ashley is an *assiduous* researcher; she was able to find articles on the poet that even the librarian could not locate.

**Word Forms:** assiduously, assiduousness, assiduity

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**auspicious**

*adj.* favorable; fortunate

Austin waited for an *auspicious* time to ask his father to borrow the car; he finally had his chance on the day that his dad received a sizable raise at work.

**Word Forms:** auspiciously, auspiciousness

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**austere**

*adj.* 1. strict; disciplined; serious
  2. simple; undecorated

Mr. Aston is the most *austere* teacher at the high school; he does not tolerate any talking in his classroom nor does he accept late assignments.

**Word Forms:** austerely, austereness, austerity

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**avarice**

*n.* extreme greed for material wealth

Avery amassed million-dollar homes, luxury cars, and exquisite jewelry to satisfy her *avarice*, but somehow she still wanted more.

**Word Forms:** avaricious, avariciously, avariciousness

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**banal**

*adj.* repeated too often; overfamiliar through overuse

The plot of the movie is unoriginal and *banal*; everything that takes place in this film has happened in a dozen other movies.

**Word Forms:** banally, banalize, banality

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**bombast**

*n.* pompous or pretentious talk or writing

Be sure that your speech isn’t pretentious or inflated, as the audience has no time to listen to *bombast*.

**Word Forms:** bombastic, bombastically, bombaster
clandestine  cathartic  cataclysm  castigate

dalliance  contrite  conscientious  conflagration

didactic  denigrate  deleterious  decorous
castigate

(vb.) to criticize or punish severely
Cassie was castigated by her parents and the school principal for her role in the cheating scam.

Word Forms: castigation, castigative, castigatory, castigator

cataclysm

(n.) a violent upheaval
The political uprising against the dictator is a cataclysm that will hopefully result in a more democratic regime.

Word Forms: cataclysmic, cataclysmically, cataclysmal
Related Word: catastrophe

cathartic

(adj.) inducing a release of tense emotions
Painting was a cathartic exercise for Cathy: through her paintings of the house she was able to release the anger and fear she developed while living there.

Word Forms: cathartically, catharticalness

clandestine

(adj.) secret
The school administrators held clandestine meetings about the school uniform policy; they were afraid that if the public knew they were contemplating a new policy, the outcry would squash the issue.

Word Forms: clandestinely, clandestineness, clandestinity

conflagration

(n.) a destructive fire
The fire department determined that the conflagration in the old warehouse was a result of faulty wiring.

Word Forms: conflagrative, conflagrate, conflagrant

conscientious

(adj.) characterized by extreme care and great effort
Connie was the most conscientious student in class; she made sure that her project was free of mistakes, displayed in a binder, and turned in on time.

Word Forms: conscientiously, conscientiousness
Antonym Form: unconscientious
Related Word: conscience

decorous

(adj.) proper and dignified
The decorous host made sure that she followed proper rules for table settings; each seat had four forks, three spoons, and two knives, all of which were arranged correctly for the five-course meal.

Word Forms: decorously, decorousness
Antonym Forms: indecorous, indecorously, indecorousness
Related Word: decorum

deleterious

(adj.) harmful
The deleterious effects of cigarette smoking, such as emphysema and lung cancer, are highlighted in the public service campaign.

Word Forms: deleteriously, deleterousness
Related Word: delete

denigrate

(vb.) to damage the reputation of
The candidate hoped to denigrate his opponent’s character by exposing the embezzlement scandal.

Word Forms: denigration, denigrative, denigratory, denigrator

related Words: autodidactic, autodidact

Didactic

(adj.) educational
The children’s book is not only entertaining, but also didactic: the comical story serves to teach students about the dietary habits of several marine animals.

Word Forms: didactically, didactical, didacticism, didact
Related Words: autodidactic, autodidact
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<th>(adj.) intending to delay</th>
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**espouse**

*(vb.)* to adopt or marry (such as an idea or cause)

Although Esmerelda had never practiced a formal religion, she **espoused** her fiancé’s faith in order to join the church before the wedding.

**Word Forms:** espousal, espouser

**Related Word:** spouse

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**evanescent**

*(adj.)* vanishing

Many people believe that youth is *evanescent*, quickly vanishing before it can be truly appreciated.

**Word Forms:** evanescently, evanescence, evanescent

**Related Word:** vanish

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**exonerate**

*(vb.)* to clear from blame

The use of DNA helped **exonerate** the innocent man; twenty years after he was sent to prison, he was released with an apology for the wrongful conviction.

**Word Forms:** exoneration, exonerative, exonerator

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**exorbitant**

*(adj.)* greatly exceeding bounds of reason or moderation

I am forced to stop shopping at that grocery store until the owners lower the *exorbitant* prices on meats and produce.

**Word Forms:** exorbitantly, exorbitance

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**exuberant**

*(adj.)* overflowing, especially with joy

The young wife was *exuberant* when her husband returned safely from the military after a year-long tour of duty overseas.

**Word Forms:** exuberantly, exuberance, exuberate

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**facetious**

*(vb.)* not intended to be taken seriously

Fatima, who hated getting her teeth cleaned, was being *facetious* when she said, “I love going to the dentist!”

**Word Forms:** facetiously, facetiousness

**Antonym Forms:** unfacetious

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**fastidious**

*(adj.)* giving careful attention to detail; hard to please

Mrs. Foster, my English teacher, is a *fastidious* grader; she deducts points for any little error in grammar, punctuation, or spelling.

**Word Forms:** fastidiously, fastidiousness

**Antonym Forms:** unfastidious

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**felicity**

*(n.)* pleasing and appropriate style

The book review highlighted both the *felicities* and the imperfections of the novel; the critic enjoyed the character sketches but found the plot unbelievable.

**Word Forms:** felicitous, felicitously, felicitousness

**Antonym Forms:** infelicity, infelicitous, infelicitously

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**garrulous**

*(adj.)* excessively talkative or wordy

The *garrulous* hairdresser talked the entire time he cut my hair; I heard his entire life story, from his first school field trip to his most recent visit to the bank.

**Word Forms:** garrulously, garrulousness, garrulity

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**gratuitous**

*(n.)* free; given without reason

On Monday, our supervisor announced that all employees were receiving two *gratuitous* tickets to this weekend’s concert.

**Word Forms:** gratuitously, gratuitousness, gratuity

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**gregarious**

*(adj.)* sociable

Greg is a *gregarious* student who finds it difficult to avoid socializing during class.

**Word Forms:** gregariously, gregariousness

**Antonym Forms:** ungregarious

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**hackneyed**

*(adj.)* repeated too often; overfamiliar through overuse

Instead of relying on *hackneyed* clichés in your essay, try to create original metaphors and similes.

**Word Forms:** hackney (vb.)
harangue

(adj.) a long, pompous speech

At the assembly, the principal delivered a harangue on the merits of perfect attendance and good behavior.

Word Forms: harangue (vb.), haranguer

impervious

(adj.) not capable of being affected

Ima was impervious to Jack’s insults; nothing he said seemed to affect her.

Word Forms: imperviously, imperviousness, impervious

Antonym Forms: pervious, perviously, perviousness

impugn

(vb.) to attack as false or wrong

The candidate impugned his opponent’s voting record, showing instances where his opponent voted against reform he now supported.

Word Forms: impugnable, impugnability, impugnment, impugner

Antonym Forms: oppugn

incongruity

(n.) the quality of disagreeing; being unsuitable and inappropriate

Inga’s incongruity made it difficult to reason with her; she seemed to find fault with every logical position.

Word Forms: incongruent, incongruently, incongruence, incongruous, incongruously, incongruousness

Antonym Forms: congruity, congruent, congruently, congruence, congruous, congruously, congruousness

incorrigible

(adj.) incapable of being corrected or punished

The incorrigible child continued to throw his vegetables even after the mother threatened to send him to his room.

Word Forms: incorrigibly, incorrigibles, incorrigibility

Antonym Forms: corrigeble, corrigeably, corrigibles, corrigibility

indigenous

(adj.) native to

Although the flower can now be found all over the eastern United States, it is indigenous to Florida.

Word Forms: indigenously, indigenousness, indigency, indigen, indigene

ineffable

(adj.) incapable of being put into words

Effie’s joy at being reunited with her long-lost brother was ineffable; although she tried to describe how she was feeling, words could not explain her happiness.

Word Forms: ineffably, ineffableness, ineffability

Antonym Form: effable

innocuous

(adj.) harmless

No one had to be evacuated after the tanker spill, as the gas released was innocuous.

Word Forms: innocuously, innocuousness, innocuity

Antonym Forms: nocuous, nocuously, nocuousness

Related Word: inoculate

insipid

(adj.) bland, dull, or uninteresting

When I left for college, the insipid cafeteria food made me miss my father’s home-cooked meals.

Word Forms: insipidly, insipidness, insipidity

Antonym Forms: sipid, sipidity

insolence

(n.) rudeness

The headmaster made it clear that insolence would not be tolerated; rude behavior towards any faculty member would result in suspension or expulsion.

Word Forms: insolent (n.), insolently, insolence

intransigent

(adj.) refusing to yield or compromise

When it came to Edgar’s hunting trophies, Enid was intransigent; she refused to hang the stuffed ducks and deer head on the living room wall.

Word Forms: intransigent (n.), intransigently, intransigence, intransigency

juxtapose

(vb.) to place side by side

When Justin’s baby picture was juxtaposed with his father’s baby picture, the resemblance between the two was remarkable.

Word Forms: juxtaposition

Related Word: pose
**machination**

(n.) a crafty plot

The fairy tale follows the machinations of an evil step-sisiter who is out to steal the prince from the heroine.

*Word Forms*: machinate, machinator

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**magnanimous**

(adj.) noble and generous in spirit

The magnanimous donor has given over ten million dollars to children’s charities in the city.

*Word Forms*: magnanimously, magnanimousness, magnanimity

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**malevolent**

(adj.) evil

The malevolent old man plotted the demise of his neighbor’s barking dog.

*Word Forms*: malevolently, malevolence, malevolency

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**malleable**

(adj.) capable of being shaped or influenced

Mallory worried that her malleable son would learn inappropriate behavior from the older boys he played with at school.

*Word Forms*: malleably, malleableness, malleability

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**mendacious**

(adj.) lying, false, or untrue

The mendacious little girl said that she didn’t take her mother’s lipstick, but the bright red evidence was splashed all over her face.

*Word Forms*: mendaciously, mendaciousness, mendacity

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**meritocracy**

(n.) a form of social system in which power goes to those with superior abilities

Critics argue that a meritocracy cannot be fairly created, as intelligence and ability are difficult to measure accurately.

*Word Form*: meritocratic

*Related Word*: merit

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**morose**

(adj.) gloomy

After his girlfriend moved away, Morris became morose and depressed.

*Word Forms*: morosely, moroseness, morosity

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**nefarious**

(adj.) extremely wicked

In the novel, the nefarious character plotted to financially destroy the hero.

*Word Forms*: nefariously, nefariousness

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**obdurate**

(adj.) stubborn

The obdurate child refused to eat his vegetables and sat at the dinner table with the untouched broccoli until bedtime.

*Word Forms*: obdurately, obduratefulness, obduracy

*Related Word*: indurate

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**obsequious**

(adj.) overly flattering or obedient

The new employee was distrusted by his co-workers because of his obsequious behavior; he agreed with everything the boss said and laughed at all of her bad jokes.

*Word Forms*: obsequiously, obsequiousness, obsequence

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**opulent**

(adj.) rich and luxurious

The opulent kitchen had marble counter tops and solid gold fixtures.

*Word Forms*: opulently, opulence, opulency

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**ostensible**

(adj.) pretended

Austin’s ostensible excuse for missing school was that his grandmother was in the hospital; the real reason, however, was that he went to the beach.

*Word Forms*: ostensibly, ostensive

*Related Word*: ostentatious
petulant  
prosaic  
raucous  
Perspicacity  
proliferate  
rancorous  
Quiescent  
Pedantic  
pristine  
Precocious  
Pedagogical  
Querulous
pedagogical
(adj.) relating to education or teaching
The course for new teachers taught the pedagogical principal that all children could learn.
Word Forms: pedagogy, pedagogic, pedagogically, pedagogism, pedagogy, pedagogish, pedagog

pedantic
(adj.) overly focused on small details while teaching or learning
It was difficult to be Penny’s lab partner because she was pedantic about recording every single step of the scientific method.
Word Forms: pedantical, pedantically, pedanticalness, pedanticism, pedantism, pedantry, pedant, pedantesque, pedantish

perspicacity
(n.) intelligence manifested by being astute
My accountant’s perspicacity saved me thousands of dollars on my tax returns because he found rebates that all of the other accountants had missed.
Word Forms: perspicacious, perspicaciously, perspicaciousness
Related Words: perspicuity, perspicuous

petulant
(adj.) easily irritated over small issues
The petulant actress stormed off the set when she discovered that her dressing room did not have her favorite brand of bottled water.
Word Forms: petulantly, petulance, petulancy
Related Word: petty

precocious
(adj.) advanced in development or maturity (especially in mental aptitude)
The precocious little boy, who was only in kindergarten, was able to solve the algebraic equation without any help from his teacher.
Word Forms: precociously, precociousness, precocity

pristine
(adj.) pure, clean, or unused
The interior of the old car was in pristine condition; the upholstery was spotless and the original equipment worked perfectly.
Word Form: pristinely

proliferate
(vb.) to grow rapidly
The franchise has proliferated in a very short time; while there were just two restaurants ten years ago, there are now more than two hundred nationwide.
Word Forms: proliferative, proliferation, proliferator
Related Word: prolific

prosaic
(adj.) dull and lacking excitement
Pam claimed the movie was predictable and prosaic, causing her to fall asleep halfway through.
Word Forms: prosaical, prosaically, prosaicness, prosaicism

querulous
(adj.) complaining
Quentin’s querulous tone irritated Nina; no matter how hard she worked, he always found something about which to complain.
Word Forms: querulously, querulousness

quiescent
(adj.) being quiet or still or inactive
When the mine closed, the once-bustling town became quiescent and forlorn.
Word Forms: quiescently, quiescence, quiescency
Related Word: quiet

rancorous
(adj.) showing deep-seated resentment
In the fairy tale, the rancorous stepmother is jealous of the young maiden’s beauty, youth, and innocence.
Word Forms: rancor, rancorously, rancorousness
Related Word: rancid

raucous
(adj.) unpleasantly loud and harsh
Rachel’s raucous laughter often drove people away.
Word Forms: raucously, raucousness, raucity
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<td>The celebrity <strong>repudiated</strong> claims that she had undergone plastic surgery.</td>
<td>The spoiled eggs that had sat in the hot car for several weeks offered the most <strong>repugnant</strong> smell I had ever experienced.</td>
<td>The <strong>sagacious</strong> teacher was quickly able to pinpoint Sarah’s learning disability, and thus tailor lessons to better help the child comprehend the material.</td>
<td>The principal gave me a <strong>sancitionous</strong> lecture about my tardiness, even though he was late to our last two student senate meetings.</td>
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<td>Dr. Sanchez enjoyed working with Sandy, his most <strong>sanguine</strong> patient; she was always confident that her test results would be good, and if they weren’t, she was optimistic about her treatment.</td>
<td>The animated movie has been praised for its <strong>scintillating</strong> dialogue, which is intended more for adults than children.</td>
<td>Siera was impressed by Wayne’s <strong>sedulous</strong> pursuit of a date; every day for the last three weeks, he had sent her a flower with a note asking her to prom.</td>
<td>The <strong>solicitous</strong> applicant was forced to wait three months before he received a response from the college.</td>
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Part of Speech

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

Interjection (int.): word used to convey emotion

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

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

Word Forms: tumultuously, tumultuousness, tumult, tumultuary

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4. petulant
5. pedantic
6. meretricious
7. morose

How to Study Vocabulary Words

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. Have someone quiz you.
   Place a check in the target if you get one right.