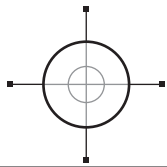
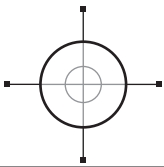


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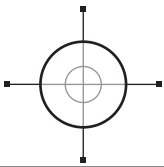
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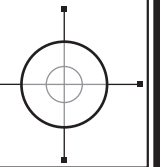
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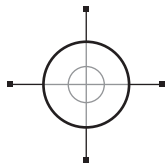
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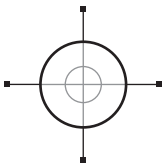
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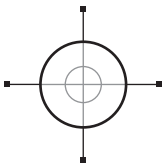
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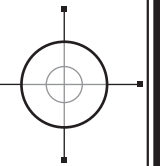
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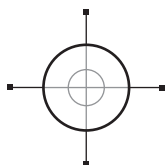
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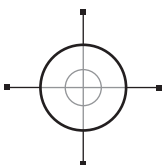
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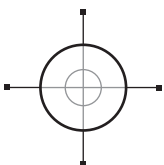
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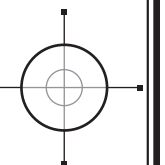
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benevolent



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avid



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acquire

(vb.) to come into possession of

*The captive dolphin has **acquired** a taste for freshwater perch, a fish not found in its normal habitat.*

Word Forms: acquirable, acquirability, acquirement, acquirer, acquiree

Related Word: acquisition



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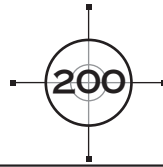
aesthetic

(adj.) relating to beauty

*Alaina chose this church for her wedding because of its **aesthetic** qualities; it was the most beautiful chapel she had ever seen.*

Word Forms: aesthetically, aesthetics (n.), aestheticize, aesthete, aesthetician

Antonym Form: unaesthetic



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amiable

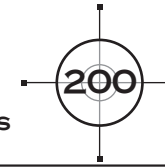
(adj.) friendly

*The **amiable** celebrity was known for his willingness to sign autographs and visit with his fans.*

Word Forms: amiably, amiability, amiableness

Antonym Form: unamiable

Related Word: amicable



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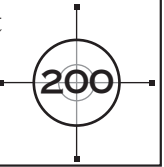
antagonize

(vb.) to provoke or display hostility

*Annie **antagonized** her little brother by knocking over his tower of toy bricks.*

Word Forms: antagonizable, antagonistic, antagonistically, antagonism, antagonist

Antonym Forms: protagonism, protagonist



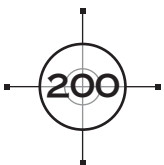
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arrogant

(adj.) having feelings of excessive pride and self-worth

*The **arrogant** soccer player thought he was too important to waste time meeting his fans.*

Word Forms: arrogantly, arrogance, arrogancy



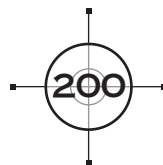
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aspiration

(n.) a desire to succeed

*The military medic had **aspirations** of becoming a doctor after his tour of duty.*

Word Forms: aspirational, aspire, aspiringly, aspirer



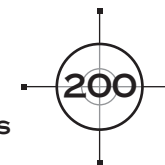
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astute

(adj.) intelligent and clever

*An **astute** student figures out his English teacher's favorite novel and then reads it for his book report.*

Word Forms: astutely, astuteness



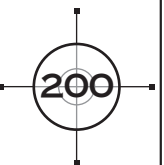
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autonomy

(n.) independence

*The Confederate states fought to gain **autonomy** from the Union during the Civil War.*

Word Forms: autonomous, autonomously, autonomist



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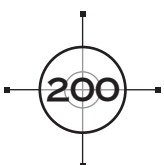
avid

(adj.) enthusiastic

*Alvin is an **avid** baseball card collector, having amassed over ten thousand cards.*

Word Forms: avidly, avidness

Related Word: avidious



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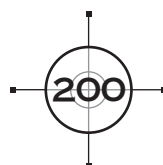
benevolent

(adj.) charitable; kind

*The **benevolent** nun spent her entire life working with the poor.*

Word Forms: benevolently, benevolence, benevolence

Related Words: benefactor, benefit



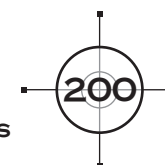
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bewilder

(vb.) to puzzle

*Bea was **bewildered** by the puzzle; no matter how hard she concentrated, she could not find a solution.*

Word Forms: bewilderedly, bewilderingly, bewilderness, bewilderment



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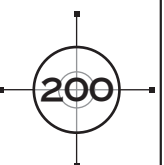
callous

(adj.) insensitive; emotionally hardened

*The senator's **callous** indifference to the suffering of the people in the war-torn country cost him reelection to a second term.*

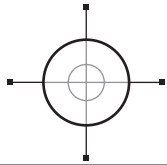
Word Forms: callously, callousness

Related Word: callus



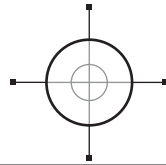
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capricious



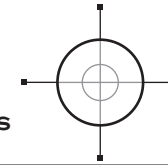
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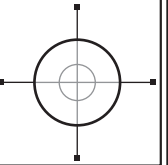
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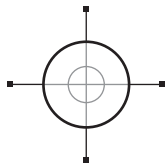
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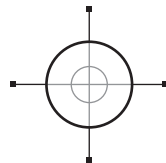
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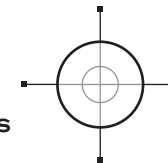
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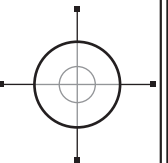
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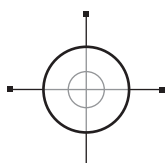
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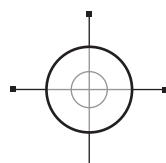
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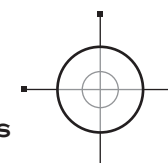
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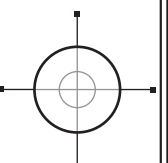
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conciliate



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camaraderie

(n.) friendship

The **camaraderie** among the soldiers lasted long after the end of the second World War; the men kept in touch and met for reunions for over forty years.

Related Word: comrade



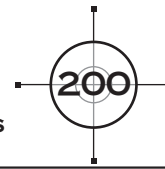
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candid

(adj.) open and straightforward

Much to my surprise, Candace was quite **candid** when talking about the private traumas of her childhood.

Word Forms: candidly, candidness



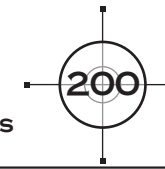
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cantankerous

(adj.) ill-tempered and unwilling to cooperate

The **cantankerous** old man took the little boy's sucker and refused to give it back, even when the child's mother threatened to call the police.

Word Forms: cantankerously, cantankerousness



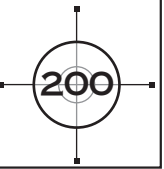
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capricious

(adj.) apt to change suddenly

Cane's **capricious** personality made him a fun friend but a terrible boss; social spontaneity was exciting but workplace unpredictability was frustrating.

Word Forms: capriciously, capriciousness, caprice



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censure

(n.) strong disapproval

High school teachers voiced their **censure** of the new novel, citing mature themes as their main reason for leaving it off the summer reading list.

Word Forms: censure (vb.), censureless, censurable, censurably, censurability, censurer

Related Word: censor



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coherent

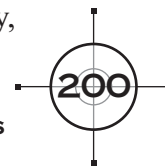
(adj.) clear and logical

Kobe decided to start recycling when his daughter made a **coherent** argument about the money, energy, and environment he would save.

Word Forms: coherently, cohere, coherence, coherency

Antonym Forms: incoherent, incoherently, incoherence

Related Words: cohesive, cohesion



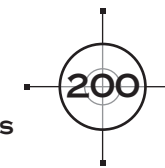
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collaborate

(vb.) to work together

Colleen and Curtis **collaborated** on the book; Colleen wrote the stories and Curtis illustrated the scenes.

Word Forms: collaboration, collaborative, collaboratively, collaborator



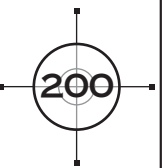
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complacent

(adj.) contented to a fault with oneself or one's actions

After twenty five years of teaching, Mr. Compton had become **complacent**, failing to keep up with new trends in education.

Word Forms: complacently, complacence, complacency, complacential



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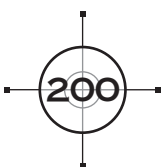
conciliate

(vb.) to win over; to make peace

The manager was able to **conciliate** the angry customer by offering her a fifty dollar gift certificate.

Word Forms: conciliable, conciliation, conciliatory, conciliatorily, conciliatoriness

Related Word: reconcile



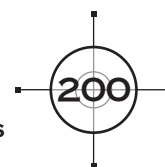
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concise

(adj.) expressing much in few words

Your essay should be **concise**; be sure to remove any unnecessary words and sentences.

Word Forms: concisely, conciseness, concision



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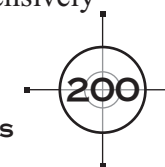
condescend

(vb.) to behave as if lowering oneself to an inferior level

Constance believed that her wealth permitted her to be rude and arrogant; she refused to **condescend** to speak to the bell boy at the upscale hotel.

Word Forms: condescending (adj.), condescendingly, condescension, condescensive, condescensively

Related Word: descend



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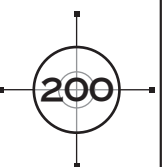
convoluted

(adj.) complicated

Connor was unable to finish the seventeenth-century novel due to the **convoluted** language of the period.

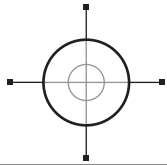
Word Forms: convolutedly, convolutedness

Related Word: involuted



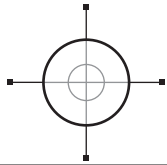
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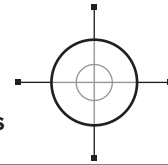
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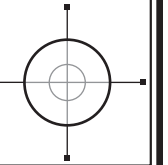
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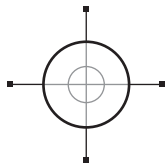
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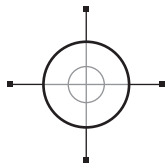
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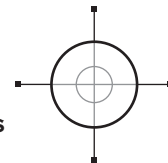
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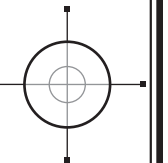
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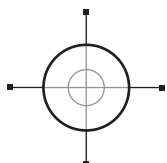
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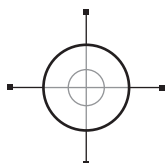
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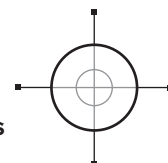
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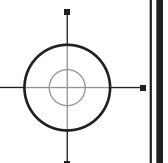
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dogmatic



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cunning

(adj.) deceptive and sly

The **cunning** fox slipped into the henhouse when the farmer left the barn and went back to the house.

Word Forms: cunning (n.), cunningly, cunningness
Antonym Forms: uncunning, uncunningly, uncunningness



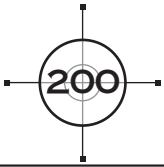
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cynical

(adj.) distrusting and pessimistic

Cyndi's **cynical** attitude made it hard for her to believe in anyone's good intentions.

Word Forms: cynically, cynicism, cynic



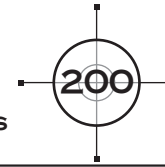
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dearth

(n.) a lack in supply

During the Second World War, the **dearth** of male baseball players led to the creation of a women's baseball league.

Word Forms: dearily, dearthiness



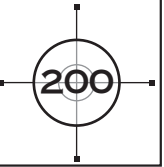
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diligent

(adj.) detailed and persistent

The **diligent** editor was praised for her ability to find errors in even the most pain-staking text.

Word Forms: diligently, diligence, diligency
Antonym Form: negligent



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diminish

(vb.) to decrease in size, extent, or range

The loud music from the party next door **diminished** after the police showed up.

Word Forms: diminishable, diminishment



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disillusion

(vb.) to free from false beliefs

As a young politician, Dane believed he could stop the corruption that ran through the county government, but he was quickly **disillusioned** by the extent of the illegal activity.

Word Forms: disillusionment, disillusionive, disillusionize, disillusionist



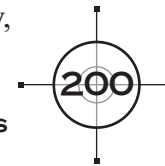
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disingenuous

(adj.) insincere

Denise's **disingenuous** apology was just an attempt to get out of her punishment; she was not truly sorry for going to the concert without permission.

Word Forms: disingenuously, disingenuousness, disingenuity
Antonym Forms: ingenuous, ingenuously, ingenuousness
Related Word: genuine



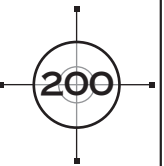
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disparate

(adj.) different and distinct

The mixture of three **disparate** styles—jazz, rock, and country—created a unique sound and a diverse audience.

Word Forms: disparately, disparateness
Related Word: disparity



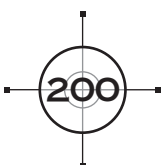
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dogmatic

(adj.) characterized by assertion of unproved or unprovable principles

The **dogmatic** scientist continued to publish his theory, despite the fact that it was unproven.

Word Forms: dogmatically, dogmaticalness, dogmatize, dogmatism, dogmatist
Related Word: dogma



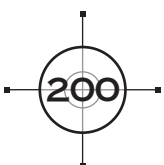
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dubious

(adj.) doubtful; questionable

The candidate's **dubious** past came back to haunt her in the election.

Word Forms: dubiously, dubiousness, dubitable
Antonym Forms: indubious, indubiously
Related Word: doubt



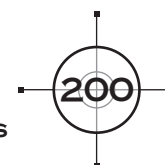
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eccentric

(adj.) peculiar; odd

The **eccentric** woman often wore an angel halo and ballet tutu to the grocery store.

Word Forms: eccentric (n.), eccentricity, eccentrical, eccentrically



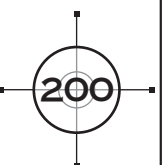
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elite

(adj.) selected as the best

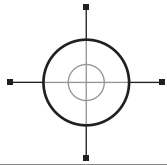
The **elite** college only admitted students with the highest SAT scores.

Word Forms: elite (n.), elitist, elitism



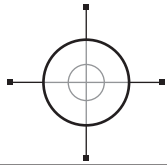
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emphatic



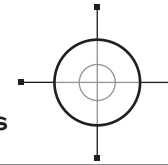
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empathy



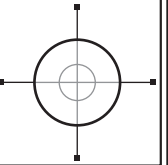
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elucidate



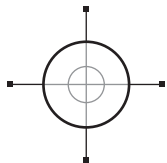
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eloquent



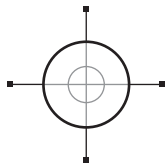
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exasperate



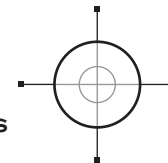
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exacerbate



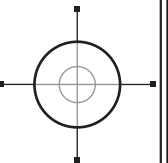
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erroneous



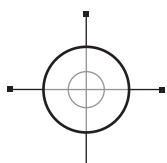
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eradicate



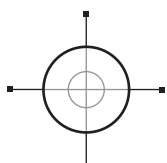
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gullible



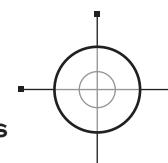
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frugal



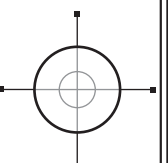
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flagrant



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exploit



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eloquent

(*adj.*) expressing oneself powerfully and effectively

The minister's **eloquent** sermon stirred the members of the church.

Word Forms: eloquently, eloquence

Antonym Forms: ineloquent, ineloquently, ineloquence

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elucidate

(*vb.*) to make clear by explanation

The story in the newspaper **elucidated** some of the details of the mystery that had previously raised questions.

Word Forms: elucidation, elucidative, elucidatory, elucidator

Related Word: lucid

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empathy

(*n.*) the understanding of another's feelings

Emma felt **empathy** for the victims of the earthquake, having lost her own home to a hurricane last year.

Word Forms: empathize, empathetic, empathetically

Antonym Forms: antipathy, antipathetic, antipathetically

Related Words: sympathy, apathy

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emphatic

(*adj.*) expressed with emphasis

The teacher was **emphatic** about the project's due date; no late assignments would be accepted.

Word Forms: emphatically, emphaticalness

Antonym Forms: unemphatic, unemphatically

Related Words: emphasis, emphasize

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eradicate

(*vb.*) to destroy

Since 1988, the worldwide effort to **eradicate** polio has reduced cases of the disease by over ninety-nine percent.

Word Forms: eradication, eradivative, eradicant, eradicator

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erroneous

(*adj.*) mistaken; containing error

Erin's **erroneous** identification of the purse snatcher led to the conviction of an innocent man.

Word Forms: erroneously, erroneousness

Related Word: error

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exacerbate

(*vb.*) to increase the harshness or bitterness of

My headache was **exacerbated** by the child playing drums on the pots and pans.

Word Forms: exacerbatingly, exacerbation

Related Word: acerbate

Note: *exacerbate* is often confused with *exasperate* (meaning *to irritate*).

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exasperate

(*vb.*) to intensely irritate

The airline passenger was **exasperated** by the last minute cancellation of his flight.

Word Forms: exasperatedly, exasperatingly, exasperation, exasperator

Related Word: asperate

Note: *exasperate* is often confused with *exacerbate* (meaning *to increase*).

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exploit

(*vb.*) to use for one's own advantage

The company was criticized for **exploiting** the workers by not paying a fair wage.

Word Forms: exploitable, exploitability, exploitative, exploitative, exploitive, exploiter

Antonym Form: unexploited

Related Word: exploit (*n.*)

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flagrant

(*adj.*) shockingly obvious

When the referee did not call the **flagrant** foul, the announcer suggested the ref needed a eye exam.

Word Forms: fragrance, flagrancy, flagrantness

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frugal

(*adj.*) characterized by the avoidance of excessive spending

A **frugal** shopper will always wait for items to go on sale or clearance before purchasing them.

Word Forms: frugally, frugality, frugality

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gullible

(*adj.*) easily deceived or tricked

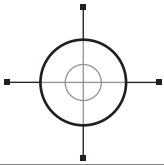
The **gullible** little girl actually believed the magician made the woman disappear.

Word Forms: gullibly, gullibility

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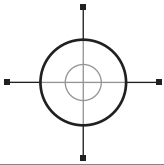
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incompetent



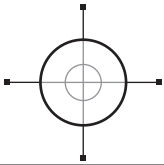
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impetuous



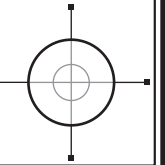
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idiosyncrasy



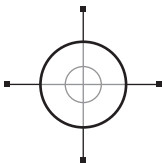
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hierarchy



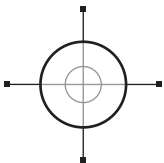
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inherent



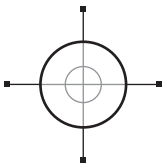
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indulgent



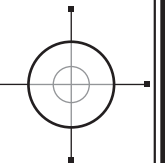
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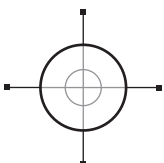
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incontrovertible



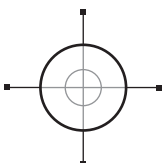
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modest



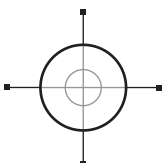
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meticulous



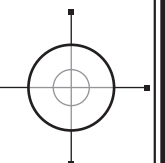
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liberated



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irrelevant



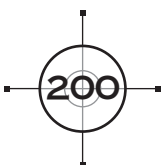
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hierarchy

(*n.*) a ranking system

*As the company's newest employee, Hiram was at the bottom of the office **hierarchy** even though he had many more years of experience than his coworkers.*

Word Forms: hierarchal, hierarchical, hierarchically, hierarchize, hierarch, hierarchist



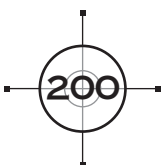
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idiosyncrasy

(*n.*) a characteristic that is peculiar to a specific person

*Some people found Ida's **idiosyncrasy** a source of humor, but I never made fun of her for wearing her shirt backwards.*

Word Forms: idiosyncratic, idiosyncratically



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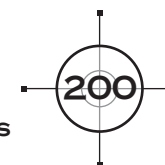
impetuous

(*adj.*) impulsive

*While at the airshow to see old war planes, Ivan made an **impetuous** decision to go skydiving.*

Word Forms: impetuously, impetuosity, impetuosity

Related Word: impetus



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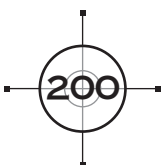
incompetent

(*adj.*) incapable; not qualified

*The **incompetent** driver failed to yield, which caused the oncoming car to swerve and crash.*

Word Forms: incompetent (*n.*), incompetently, incompetence, incompetency

Antonym Forms: competent, competently, competence, competency



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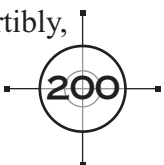
incontrovertible

(*adj.*) unquestionable; impossible to deny

*Protesters demanded the release of the imprisoned woman, saying there was **incontrovertible** proof of her innocence.*

Word Forms: incontrovertibly, incontrovertibility, incontrovertibleness

Antonym Forms: controvertible, controvertibly, controvertibility, controvertibleness, controvert



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incredulous

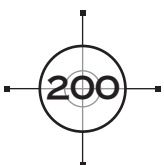
(*adj.*) skeptical; not willing to believe

*The **incredulous** car buyer did not believe the dealer's claim that the car was accident-free; he insisted on seeing a report on the car's history.*

Word Forms: incredulously, incredulousness, incredulity

Antonym Forms: credulous, credulously, credulousness, credulity

Related Word: incredible



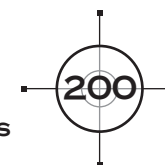
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indulgent

(*adj.*) yielding; lenient; tolerant

*The **indulgent** mother gave her child everything he wanted.*

Word Forms: indulgently, indulgence, indulgency, indulge



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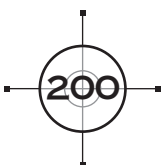
inherent

(*adj.*) existing as a natural and essential characteristic

*The abused dog had an **inherent** distrust of men, so only female volunteers at the shelter could get close enough to bathe him.*

Word Forms: inherently, inhere, inherence

Related Word: inherit



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irrelevant

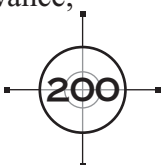
(*adj.*) unrelated; not connected

*The purpose of the staff meeting is to discuss the issues with our health insurance; any other complaints are **irrelevant** and will not be discussed.*

Word Forms: irrelevantly, irrelevance, irrelevancy

Antonym Forms: relevant, relevantly, relevance, relevancy

Related Words: irrelative, relative



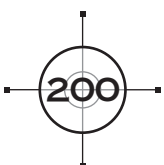
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liberated

(*adj.*) free; unrestrained

*When the farmer accidentally left the stall door open, the **liberated** horse sprinted for the woods.*

Word Forms: liberate, liberative, liberatory, liberation, liberator



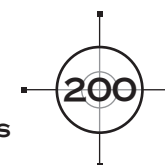
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meticulous

(*adj.*) extremely careful and precise with details

*Miss Walter demanded **meticulous** essays; perfect spelling and punctuation were essential for a high grade.*

Word Forms: meticulously, meticulousness, meticulousity



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modest

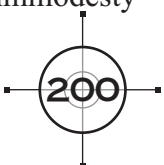
(*adj.*) displaying a moderate or ordinary opinion of one's own talents or abilities

*Although Moe was a gifted athlete, he was very **modest**; he felt that his contribution to the team was no more extraordinary than any of his teammates'.*

Word Forms: modestly, modesty

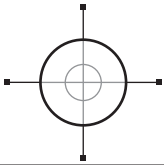
Antonym Forms: immodest, immodestly, immodesty

Related Word: moderate



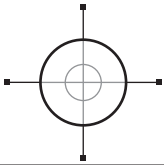
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notorious



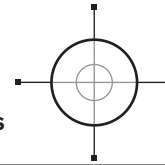
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negligent



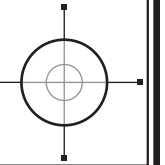
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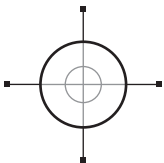
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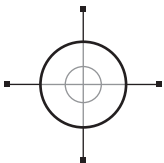
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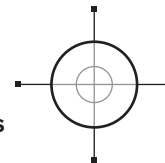
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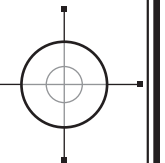
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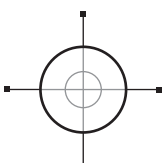
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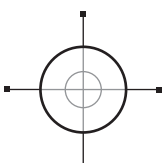
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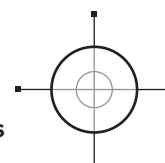
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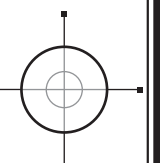
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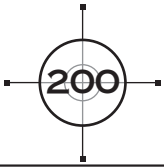
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mundane

(*adj.*) ordinary and somewhat boring

*While a trip to the beach had once been exciting, we went so often that it had become **mundane**.*

Word Forms: mundanely, mundaneness, mundanity



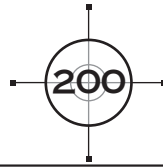
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naïve

(*adj.*) inexperienced and gullible

*Nan was **naïve** in thinking that no one looked at her online social page except her friends; her father was shocked by the pictures she posted last month.*

Word Forms: naïvely, naïveness, naïveté



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negligent

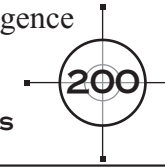
(*adj.*) careless and neglectful

*The **negligent** babysitter was caught on the videotape ignoring the cries of the helpless infant.*

Word Forms: negligently, negligence, negligible, negligibly

Antonym Forms: diligent, diligently, diligence

Related Word: neglect



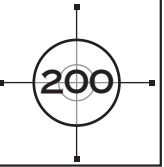
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notorious

(*adj.*) well-known for unfavorable reasons

*The librarian is **notorious** for sending students to detention.*

Word Forms: notoriously, notoriousness, notoriety



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obsolete

(*adj.*) no longer in use

*The typewriter became **obsolete** when the personal computer was made affordable for the general public.*

Word Forms: obsoletely, obsolescence, obsolesce



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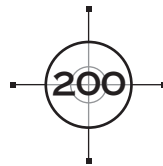
oppress

(*vb.*) to keep down

*The dictator **oppressed** the lower classes by stripping them of their rights and depriving them of an income.*

Word Forms: oppressingly, oppressible, oppressive, oppression, oppressor

Related Words: suppress, repress



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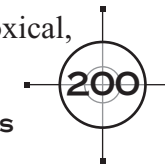
orthodox

(*adj.*) customary; traditional

*Maria and Bryan chose an **orthodox** ceremony with the standard wedding vows and the typical progression of events.*

Word Forms: orthodoxly, orthodoxness, orthodoxal, orthodoxical, orthodoxy

Antonym Forms: unorthodox, unorthodoxical, heterodox



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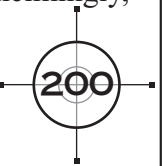
overwhelming

(*adj.*) overpowering; intense

*The stench of burning popcorn was **overwhelming**, invading every room in the house and forcing us to evacuate to the porch.*

Word Forms: overwhelmingly, overwhelm

Antonym Forms: underwhelming, underwhelmingly, underwhelm



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partisan

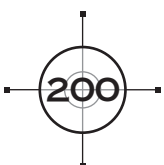
(*adj.*) tending to favor one group or one way of thinking

*Gun control is a **partisan** issue; one party favors government management while the other party prefers individual authority.*

Word Forms: partisanship, partisanry, partisan (*n.*)

Antonym Forms: nonpartisan, bipartisan

Related Word: party



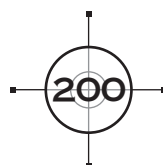
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perpetuate

(*vb.*) to cause to continue

*Pacey could stop the rumor by refusing to repeat it, or **perpetuate** it by passing it on to his best friend.*

Word Forms: perpetual, perpetually, perpetuation, perpetuity, perpetuator



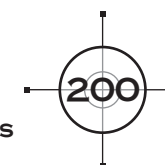
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petty

(*adj.*) of little importance; minor

*Pete and I had a **petty** argument about which way the toilet paper should be put on the holder.*

Word Forms: pettily, pettiness



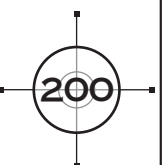
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phenomenon

(*n.*) an occurrence, often which is impressive or unusual

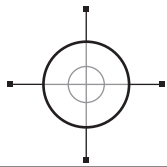
*Echolocation is a sensory **phenomenon** that is used by some animals to locate objects in their environment.*

Word Forms: phenomenal, phenomenally, phenomenize, phenom



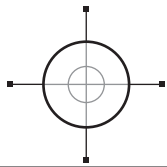
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propaganda



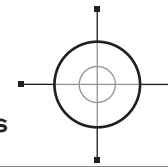
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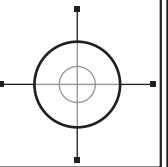
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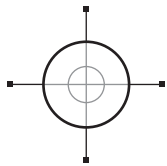
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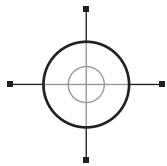
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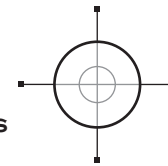
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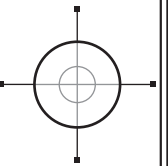
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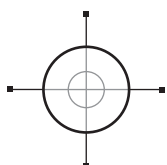
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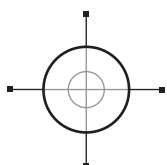
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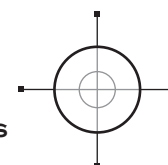
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rhetoric



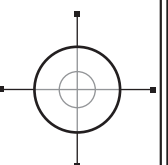
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reticent



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resilient



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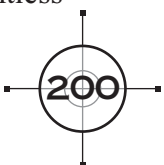
(*n.*) an example that is used to justify similar occurrences at a later time

*When the supervisor allowed Priscilla to leave early every day, he set a **precedent** that he could not deny to other employees in her position.*

Word Forms: precedented

Antonym Forms: unprecedented, precedentless

Related Word: precede



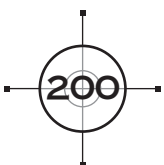
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prevalent

(*adj.*) widespread; commonly occurring

*Small mouth bass are the most **prevalent** species of fish in the lake, accounting for more than half of all fish caught by anglers.*

Word Forms: prevalently, prevalence, prevalentness, prevail



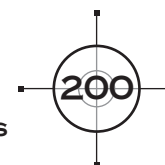
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prominent

(*adj.*) important; noticeable

*The senator is a **prominent** woman who is well-known for fighting unfair labor practices.*

Word Forms: prominently, prominence, prominency



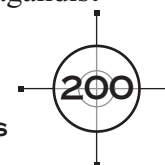
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propaganda

(*n.*) information that is spread for the purpose of promoting some cause

*The brochure about the new high school was **propaganda** intended to earn the community's support for the multi-million dollar project.*

Word Forms: propagandism, propagandize, propagandistic, propagandistically, propagandist



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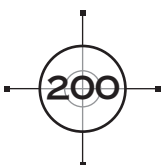
provincial

(*adj.*) unsophisticated and limited; associated with the country

*The officer judged Prescott by his **provincial** dress; she assumed he was unsophisticated just because he wore a straw hat and overalls.*

Word Forms: provincially, provincialism, provincialize, provincialist

Related Word: province



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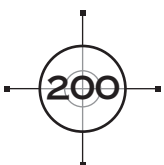
provocative

(*adj.*) tending to rouse feelings of excitement, irritation, or anger

*At the press conference, the boxer made **provocative** remarks intended to anger his opponent.*

Word Forms: provocatively, provocativeness, provoke, provocation, provocateur

Related Word: provoke



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prudent

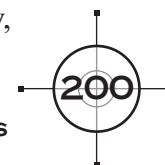
(*adj.*) careful and sensible

*Perry made a **prudent** decision when he chose not to ride home with his friend who had been drinking.*

Word Forms: prudently, prudence, prudence, prudential

Antonym Forms: imprudent, imprudently, imprudence, imprudential

Related Word: prude



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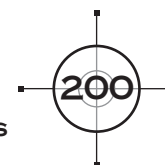
reprehensible

(*adj.*) deserving of punishment

*It's a harsh punishment, but I do not feel sorry for you; stealing from a charity is a **reprehensible** crime.*

Word Forms: reprehensibly, reprehensibility, reprehensibleness, reprehension

Related Word: reprehend



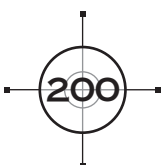
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resilient

(*adj.*) easily recovering or rebounding

*Fire ants are **resilient** pests; even if you destroy their mound, they'll quickly rebuild just a few feet away.*

Word Forms: resiliently, resilience, resiliency



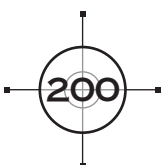
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reticent

(*adj.*) inclined to keep quiet and private

*Ironically, the actor once known for his outspoken behavior actually became **reticent** in his later years, refusing to grant interviews for the last twenty years of his life.*

Word Forms: reticently, reticence, reticency



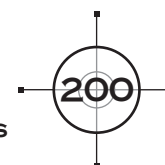
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rhetoric

(*n.*) skill in using language to persuade; empty talk

*The real estate agent was well-versed in the **rhetoric** needed to sell the broken-down house.*

Word Forms: rhetorical, rhetorically, rhetoricalness



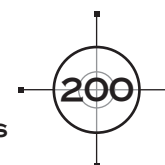
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rigorous

(*adj.*) rigidly accurate; strict

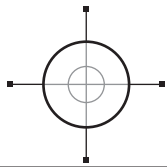
*Reggie started a **rigorous** weight loss plan that consisted of a strict diet and intense exercise schedule.*

Word Forms: rigorously, rigorousness, rigor



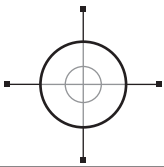
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spontaneous



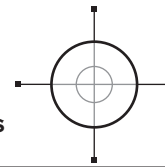
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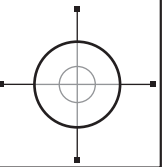
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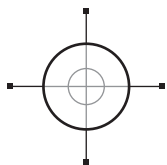
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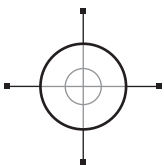
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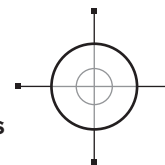
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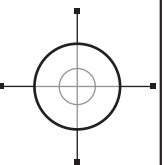
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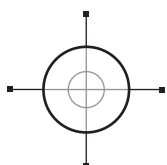
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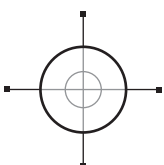
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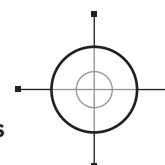
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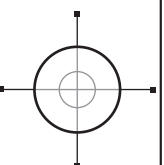
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trivial



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scrupulous

(adj.) abiding by morals or strict rules

The **scrupulous** executive would not let the advertisement run with the misleading information printed in it.

Word Forms: scrupulously, scrupulousness, scrupulosity

Antonym Forms: unscrupulous, unscrupulously, unscrupulousness, unscrupulosity

Related Word: scruples

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smug

(adj.) marked by excessive self-satisfaction

The **smug** senior thought that she had the homecoming election all wrapped up; however, she was beaten by a junior who was much more polite to the underclassmen.

Word Forms: smugly, smugness

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somber

(adj.) gloomy and serious

I could tell by the **somber** look on my teacher's face that something had gone terribly wrong.

Word Forms: somberly, somberness

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spontaneous

(adj.) unplanned; impulsive

When the soldier exited the airplane, the crowd at the gate broke into **spontaneous** applause.

Word Forms: spontaneously, spontaneousness, spontaneity

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superficial

(adj.) on the surface; shallow; not significant

The officer was grazed by the bullet but luckily the wound was **superficial** and didn't require stitches.

Word Forms: superficially, superficialness, superficiality, superficialize, superficialist

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superfluous

(adj.) having more than needed or wanted; excessive

The lawyer's continuing arguments were **superfluous**, as the jury had already reached a verdict.

Word Forms: superfluously, superfluosness, superfluity

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temperate

(adj.) moderate; not extreme

The plants prefer a **temperate** climate—not too hot and not too cold.

Word Forms: temperately, temperateness, temperance, temper (vb.)

Antonym Forms: intemperate, intemperately, intemperateness

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tenacious

(adj.) unyielding; stubborn

The **tenacious** defense refused to let the opponent score.

Word Forms: tenaciously, tenaciousness, tenacity

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trivial

(adj.) small and of little importance

The documentary on poverty reminded me that my own financial issues are **trivial** compared to the concerns of the homeless people featured in the film.

Word Forms: trivially, trivialness, trivialize

Related Word: trivia

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tyranny

(n.) dominance through threat of punishment and violence

The leader ruled by **tyranny**, threatening to imprison any people who spoke out against the government.

Word Forms: tyrannical, tyrannically, tyrannicize, tyrannous, tyrant

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venerated

(adj.) highly respected

The **venerated** teacher had earned the respect of his students by helping them meet the high expectations he set for them.

Word Forms: venerate, venerable, venerably, venerability, veneration, venerationally, venerator

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vigor

(n.) healthy, energetic strength

The kitten attacked the ball of paper with **vigor**, powerfully batting it across the room.

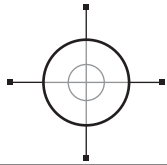
Word Forms: vigorous, vigorously, vigorousness

Related Word: invigorate

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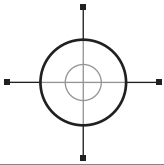
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allege



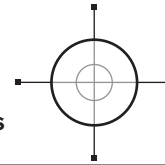
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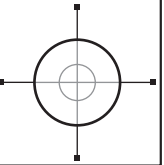
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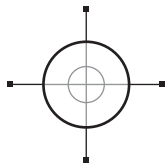
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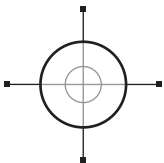
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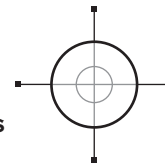
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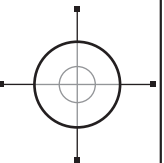
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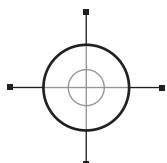
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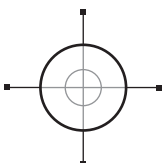
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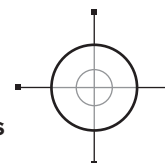
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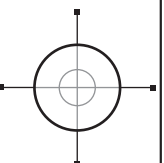
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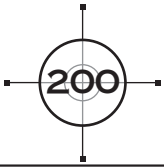
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abstract

(*vb.*) to draw or take away

Even though Abby never mentioned her childhood, John **abstracted** from the conversation that she had a strict upbringing.

Word Forms: abstract (*n.*), abstract (*adj.*), abstractly, abstraction, abstractness, abstracter



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adversary

(*n.*) an opponent or enemy

The character's **adversary** plotted to embarrass her during the homecoming dance.

Word Forms: adversarial, adversariously, adversariness
Related Words: adverse, adversity, averse



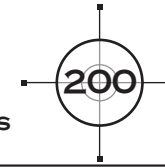
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advocate

(*vb.*) to argue in favor of

Adam **advocated** for longer lunch hours when he was elected class president.

Word Forms: advocate (*n.*), advocacy, advocative, advocatory, advocator



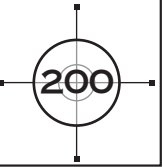
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allege

(*vb.*) to declare without proof

The teacher **alleged** that Allie cheated on the test, even though he had no proof.

Word Forms: allegeable, allegation, alleged, allegedly, alleger



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alleviate

(*vb.*) to provide relief; to make easier

The medicine was created to **alleviate** headaches.

Word Forms: alleviation, alleviant, alleviative, alleviatory, alleviator



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allude

(*vb.*) to make an indirect reference to

Mrs. Alvarez **alluded** to a pop quiz on Monday, but would not confirm or deny its occurrence.

Word Forms: allusion, allusive, allusively



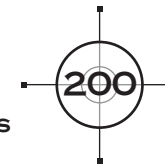
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ambiguous

(*adj.*) open to more than one interpretation

Amber's **ambiguous** reply left me wondering where she had been all night.

Word Forms: ambiguously, ambiguousness, ambiguity
Antonym Forms: unambiguous, unambiguously, unambiguity



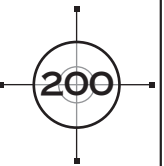
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ambivalent

(*adj.*) having mixed feelings

Ambrose is **ambivalent** about attending college, which is why his applications still aren't completed.

Word Forms: ambivalently, ambivalence, ambivalency



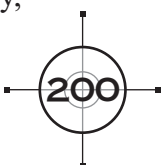
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analogous

(*adj.*) corresponding; similar

The **analogous** relationship between the brain and a computer has been the subject of many movies.

Word Forms: analogously, analogousness, analogy, analogue, analogize, analogic, analogically, analogicalness, analogist



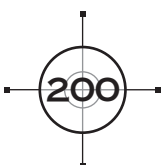
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anecdote

(*n.*) a short account of an amusing incident

The speaker used a **anecdote** about his dog to humorously illustrate why loyalty is important.

Word Forms: anecdotal, anecdotally, anecdotal, anecdotically, anecdotist
Related Word: anecdotage



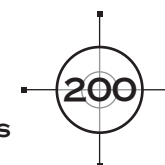
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anthropology

(*n.*) the study of the origins, behavior, and culture of human beings

In my **anthropology** class we studied the development of culture in ancient Egypt.

Word Forms: anthropologic, anthropological, anthropologically, anthropologist



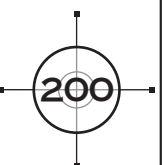
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archeology

(*n.*) the study of prehistoric people and their cultures

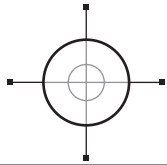
His interest in Native American **archaeology** led to a large collection of arrowheads.

Word Forms: archaeologic, archaeological, archaeologically, archaeologist



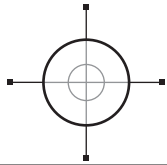
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assume



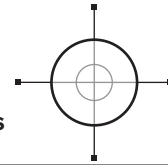
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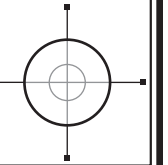
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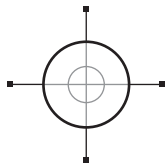
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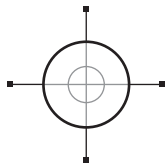
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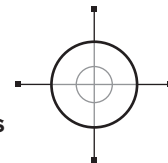
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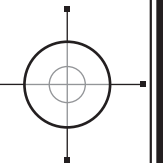
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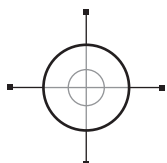
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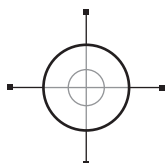
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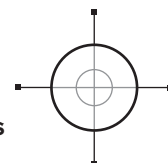
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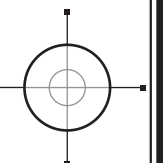
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condone



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condemn



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articulate

(*adj.*) clearly pronounced; well-spoken

The **articulate** carpenter clearly expressed his concerns to the architect.

Word Forms: articulate (*vb.*), articulately, articulation, articulateness, articulative, articulator
Antonym Forms: inarticulate, inarticulately, inarticulation, inarticulateness

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ascertain

(*vb.*) to make certain

The detective was able to **ascertain** the suspect's whereabouts on the night of the burglary through surveillance video.

Word Forms: ascertainable, ascertainableness, ascertainably, ascertainment, ascertainer

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assert

(*vb.*) to state confidently

Sam **asserted** his innocence when interviewed by the principal, swearing that he had nothing to do with the senior prank.

Word Forms: assertedly, assertion, assertional, assertible, asserter
Related Words: assertive, assertory

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assume

(*vb.*) to accept as true without proof

Important Note: Assumptions made by an author are key components of reading questions. On the SAT, assumptions are unstated propositions that are accepted as true. You must be able to identify assumptions in order to form conclusions based on those assumptions. Consider the following sentence:

Mrs. Crawford will cancel the field trip next week if we continue to misbehave in class.

- *Fact:* We have previously misbehaved in class.
- *Assumption:* Field trips are fun.
- *Assumption:* Mrs. Crawford has the authority to cancel the trip.

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augment

(*vb.*) to enlarge or increase

In an effort to **augment** her paper on William Faulkner, Audry added three pages about the author's childhood.

Word Forms: augmentation, augmentable, augmentative, augmentatively, augmenter

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belie

(*vb.*) to misrepresent

Her soft voice **belies** her aggressive demeanor.

Word Forms: believer
Related Word: lie

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bolster

(*vb.*) to support and strengthen

The manager hoped to **bolster** the morale of his sales team by creating an incentive program.

Word Forms: bolster (*n.*), bolsterer

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commend

(*vb.*) to praise

Corey was **commended** for returning the wallet he found at the mall.

Word Forms: commendable, commendably, commendingly, commendableness, commendation, commendatory, commender

Related Word: recommend

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condemn

(*vb.*) to express strong disapproval of

By 1800, slavery was **condemned** in many of the northern states.

Word Forms: condemningly, condemnable, condemnably, condemnatory, condemnation, condemnee, condemner, condemnor

Related Word: damn

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condone

(*vb.*) to excuse, overlook, or make allowances for

The honor code states that you **condone** cheating by not reporting it to a teacher.

Word Forms: condonable, condonance, condonation, condoner

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constrain

(*vb.*) to hold back

The size of the small aquarium will **constrain** the growth of the turtle.

Word Forms: constrainable, constrainably, constrainedly, constrainingly, constraint, constrainer

Related Word: strain

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contempt

(*n.*) scorn or open disrespect

Connie was looked upon with **contempt** by her peers when she was discovered spreading rumors about them.

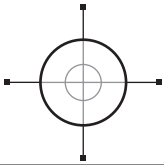
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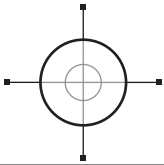
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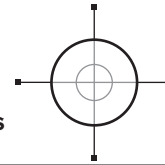
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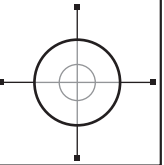
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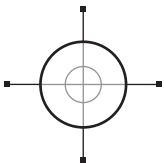
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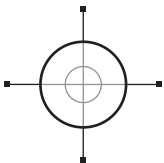
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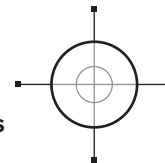
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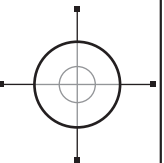
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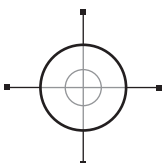
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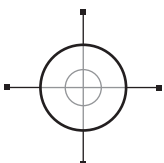
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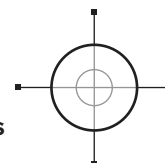
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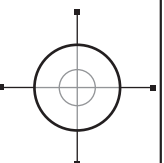
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differentiate



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conventional

(*adj.*) following accepted customs and behaviors

*Consuelo favored **conventional** wedding vows, while Callie wanted to break tradition and write her own.*

Word Forms: conventionally, convention, conventionality, conventionaly, conventionalize, conventionalist

Antonym Forms: unconventional, unconventionally, unconventionality

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corroborate

(*vb.*) to confirm or support with evidence

*Coral's thesis was **corroborated** by three supporting paragraphs, each of which presented an example that proved her main idea.*

Word Forms: corroborated, corroboration, corroborative, corroboratively, corroboratory, corroborant, corroborator

Antonym Form: uncorroborated

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debunk

(*vb.*) to prove untrue

*The reporter **debunked** the urban legend about the witch in the woods by revealing wild goats as the sources of the strange noises.*

Word Form: debunker

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decry

(*vb.*) to express strong disapproval of

*The politician **decried** the injustices suffered by the people of the nation.*

Word Forms: decrier, decrial

Related Word: cry

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deject

(*vb.*) to lower someone's spirits; make downhearted

*The news of her father's declining condition **dejected** Denise, as she had been sure his health was finally starting to improve.*

Word Forms: dejected (*adj.*), dejectedly, dejectedness, dejectory, dejection

Related Words: reject, eject

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denounce

(*vb.*) to openly speak out against

*The sports reporter **denounced** the professional football team for raising ticket prices again.*

Word Forms: denouncement, denunciate, denunciatory, denunciative, denunciation, denouncer

Related Words: announce, pronounce, renounce

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depict

(*vb.*) to represent or show

*The author **depicts** the historical figure as a charming but manipulative woman.*

Word Forms: depictive, depiction, depicter

Related Words: depicture, picture

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deride

(*vb.*) to ridicule

*The unsupportive team captain **derided** Desiree's attempts to make the volleyball squad.*

Word Forms: deridingly, derision, derisible, derider

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differentiate

(*vb.*) to mark as different

*It is easy to **differentiate** between the twins; Daisy has blond hair and Daphne has red hair.*

Word Forms: differentiation, differential, differentially

Antonym Form: undifferentiated

Related Word: different

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digress

(*vb.*) to wander away, especially from the main subject of writing or speaking

*When Diane was describing the floats in yesterday's parade, she **digressed** into a story from her childhood.*

Word Forms: digressingly, digression, digressional, digressionaly, digresser

Related Word: progress (*vb.*)

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discern

(*vb.*) to perceive or understand with sight or other senses

*The captain **discerned** another ship in the fog.*

Word Forms: discernible, discernibly, discernment, discernibility, discernableness, discerner

Antonym Forms: indiscernible, indiscernibly, indiscernibility, indiscernibleness

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disclose

(*vb.*) to reveal or uncover

*The teacher **disclosed** to her class the winner of the Homecoming contest before the announcement was made to the student body.*

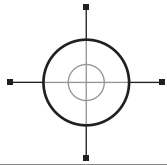
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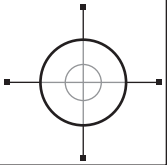
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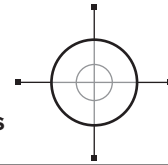
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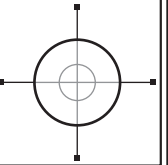
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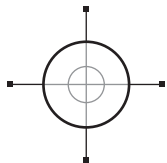
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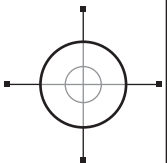
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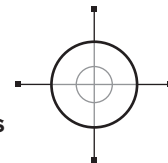
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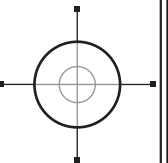
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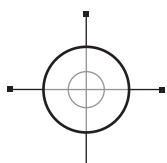
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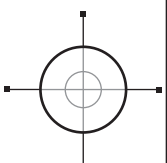
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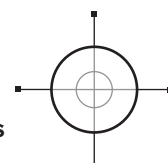
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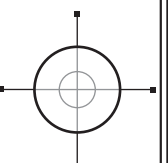
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evoke



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equivocal



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disdain

(*n.*) a lack of respect accompanied by a feeling of intense dislike

*The suspect was looked upon with **disdain** by the detectives who investigated the terrible crime.*

Word Forms: disdain (*vb.*), disdainful, disdainfully, disdainfulness

Related Word: deign

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disparage

(*vb.*) to belittle or criticize

*My mom's feelings were hurt when I **disparaged** her cooking skills.*

Word Forms: disparagement, disparaging (*adj.*), disparagingly, disparager

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dispute

(*vb.*) to question the truth of

*The church **disputes** the theory of evolution, instead citing religious sources of creation.*

Word Forms: dispute (*n.*), disputable, disputeless, disputant, disputation, disputer

Antonym Forms: indisputable, indisputably

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elicit

(*vb.*) to call or bring out

*The woman **elicits** sympathy from her audience by telling the story of her difficult childhood.*

Word Forms: elicitation, elicitor

Related Word: solicit

Note: *elicit* is often confused with *illicit*, which means *illegal*

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embellish

(*vb.*) to make better by adding details (especially false details)

*When he saw the crowd losing interest in his tale, Emilio **embellished** the story by adding an adventure in a cave.*

Word Forms: embellishment, embellisher

Antonym Forms: unembellished

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emulate

(*vb.*) to imitate in order to match or excel

*Emily hoped to **emulate** her older sister's success on the tennis court.*

Word Forms: emulative, emulatively, emulation, emulator

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endure

(*vb.*) to continue despite difficulty

*Enzo **endured** Mr. Smith's extremely boring lecture on photosynthesis.*

Word Forms: enduring (*adj.*), enduringly, enduringness, endurance, endurer

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epitome

(*n.*) a perfect example

*Paula is the **epitome** of a politician, with her good looks, bright smile, and charming personality.*

Word Forms: epitomize, epitomical, epitomization, epitomizer

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equivocal

(*adj.*) uncertain; open to multiple interpretations

*The politician's **equivocal** statement about the environment could support either side of the issue.*

Word Forms: equivocality, equivocacy, equivocally, equivocalsness

Antonym Forms: unequivocal, unequivocally, unequivocalness

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evoke

(*vb.*) to call forth emotions, feelings, or responses

*Evan's stirring speech **evoked** a standing ovation from the audience.*

Word Forms: evocable, evocation, evoker, evocator

Related Words: invoke, provoke, revoke

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exemplary

(*adj.*) serving as a worthy example

*The student's **exemplary** attendance record was recognized at the awards ceremony.*

Word Forms: exemplarily, exemplariness, exemplarity, exemplar

Related Words: example, exemplify

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explicit

(*adj.*) clearly expressed or demonstrated

*Mr. Jones left **explicit** directions for the substitute so he was surprised when they were not followed.*

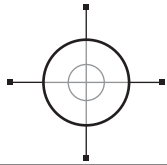
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Antonym Forms: inexplicit, inexplicitly, implicit, implicitly, implicitness

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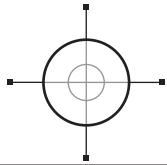
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futile



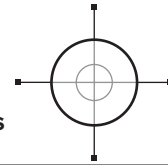
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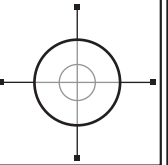
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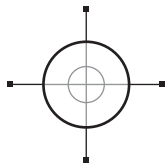
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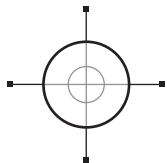
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implausible



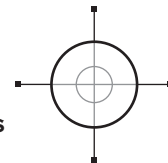
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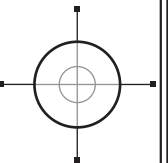
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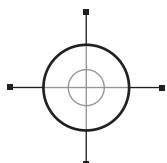
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generalization



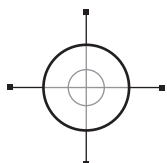
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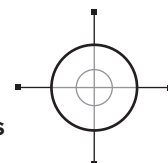
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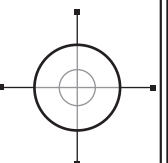
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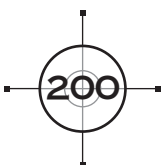
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extol

(vb.) to praise highly

The critic **extolled** the works of Shakespeare, citing them as the most important contribution to the English language.

Word Forms: extollingly, extolment, extoller



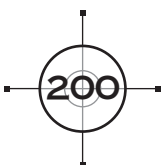
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foster

(vb.) to encourage or care for

The arts foundation hopes to **foster** art education in the schools by donating supplies and materials.

Word Forms: fostered (adj.), fosteringly, fosterer



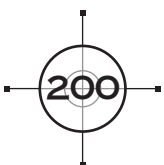
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fundamental

(adj.) essential; basic

The **fundamental** principle of the educational theory is that all students can learn.

Word Forms: fundamentally, fundamentality, fundamentalism, fundamentalness, fundamentalist



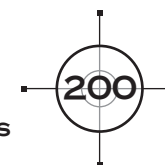
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futile

(adj.) useless; unproductive

Forcing the students to abide by the dress code is **futile**; they will continue to wear whatever they want.

Word Forms: futilely, futility, futility



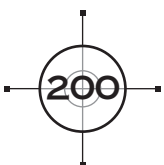
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generalization

(n.) an opinion or conclusion formed from only a few facts or examples

Saying that freshmen are younger than sophomores is a **generalization** that is usually—but not always—true.

Word Forms: generalize, generalizable, generalizer
Related Word: general



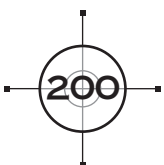
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hostile

(adj.) openly opposed; showing ill-will

Several **hostile** threats against the suspect's lawyer were made by unidentified callers.

Word Forms: hostilely, hostility



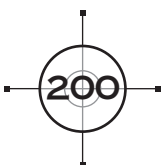
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illuminate

(vb.) to make clear; to supply light

The presentation on the artist was **illuminating**; I did not know that he was originally from China.

Word Forms: illumine, illuminatingly, illumination, illuminational
Related Words: luminary



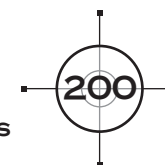
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implausible

(adj.) not believable

The teacher did not believe his **implausible** excuse for not completing the assignment.

Word Forms: implausibly, implausibility, implausibleness
Antonym Forms: plausible, plausibly, plausibility, plausibleness



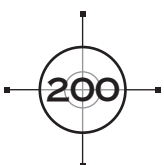
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implicit

(adj.) implied though not directly expressed

Although we never mentioned the fight, there seemed to be an **implicit** agreement not to talk about it.

Word Forms: implicitly, implicitness, implicitness
Antonym Forms: explicit, explicitly, explicitness



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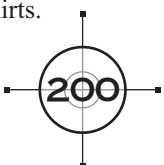
imply

(vb.) to suggest without directly stating

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When I arrived at school, I saw that all of the other students were wearing blue shirts too.

- **Fact:** All of the other students are wearing blue shirts.
- **Implication:** I am a student.
- **Implication:** I am wearing a blue shirt.



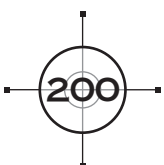
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improvise

(vb.) to perform or manage without preparation or required materials

The recipe called for molasses, but because I didn't have any I had to **improvise** with honey.

Word Forms: improvisation, improvisational, improvisationally, improviser



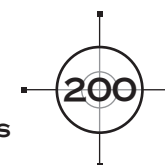
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indifferent

(adj.) showing lack of interest, concern, or bias

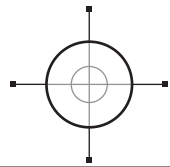
The writer produced an **indifferent** article about the two candidates by successfully suppressing her preference for one or the other.

Word Forms: indifferently, indifference



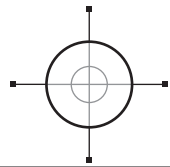
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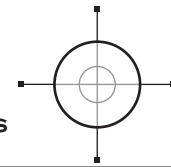
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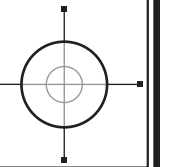
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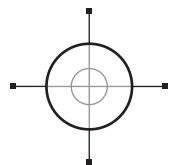
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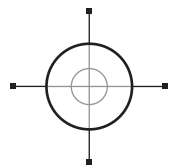
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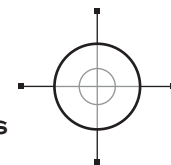
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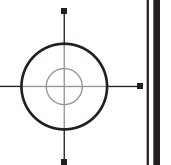
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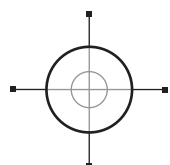
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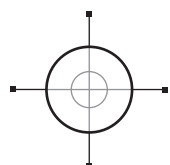
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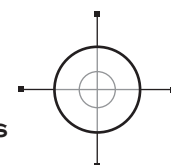
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parenthetical



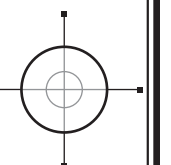
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obscure



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objective



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indignant

(*adj.*) displaying anger due to unfairness

*The seniors were **indignant** over their disqualification in the homecoming contest, claiming that the decision was unfair.*

Word Forms: indignantly, indignation



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induce

(*vb.*) to lead or bring about

*The presence of the washed up jellyfish **induced** a panic in the beachgoers, few of whom dared to venture into the water.*

Word Forms: inducible, inducement, induction
Related Word: conduce, produce, seduce



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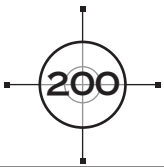
infer

(*vb.*) to conclude based on reasoning or evidence

Important Note: The SAT reading section will require you to make several inferences based on the passages. You must reach these conclusions through reasoning. Consider an example:

Malia had a hard time maneuvering on her crutches while carrying the open umbrella in the pouring rain.

- *Inference:* Malia has an injury.
- *Inference:* Malia is trying to avoid getting wet.



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insight

(*n.*) a clear understanding of a situation

*Jane's **insight** into the computer problem was the result of years of working with the computer system.*

Word Forms: insightful, insightfully, insightfulness
Antonym Form: oversight



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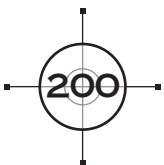
invoke

(*vb.*) to summon into action or bring into existence

*The psychic claimed that he could **invoke** the spirits in the house through an old-fashioned séance.*

Word Forms: invocable, invocation, invocational, invoker

Related Words: evoke, provoke, revoke



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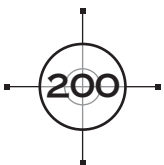
lament

(*vb.*) to express grief; to mourn

*When Lamont left for college, his little sister **lamented** his absence for weeks.*

Word Forms: lament (*n.*), lamentingly, lamentable, lamentably, lamenter

Antonym Forms: unlamented



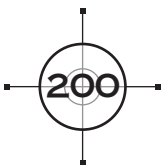
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mar

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

*My nearly-perfect report card was **marred** by a low grade in speech class.*

Word Forms: mar (*n.*), marred (*adj.*)
Antonym Forms: unmarred



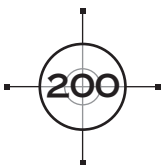
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nostalgia

(*n.*) a desire to return to the past

*When I revisited my childhood home, I was surprised by the **nostalgia** that I felt.*

Word Forms: nostalgic, nostalgically, nostalgist



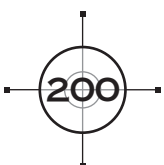
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objective

(*adj.*) not influenced by personal feelings or bias

*It is important for a judge to be **objective**; he cannot let his personal beliefs affect his rulings.*

Word Forms: objectively, objectiveness, objectivity
Antonym Forms: unobjective, subjective, subjectively, subjectiveness, subjectivity



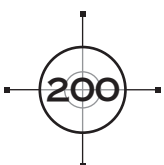
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obscure

(*adj.*) not clearly understood or expressed

*Most of the movie audience did not understand the **obscure** reference to the other movie.*

Word Forms: obscure (*vb.*), obscurely, obscureness, obscuredly, obscurity



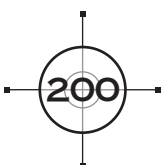
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parenthetical

(*adj.*) characterized by the use of parenthesis

*A remark in parenthesis is called a **parenthetical** remark, which is usually used to qualify or explain the preceding part of the sentence.*

Word Forms: parenthetic, parenthetically, parentheticalness
Related Word: parenthesis



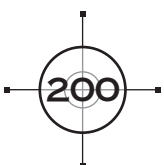
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perplex

(*vb.*) to puzzle or confuse

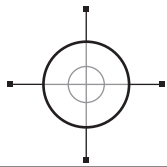
*Percy was **perplexed** by the complex puzzle and distressed that he could not find a solution.*

Word Forms: perplexed (*adj.*), perplexingly, perplexity, perplexer



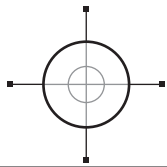
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pretense



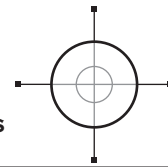
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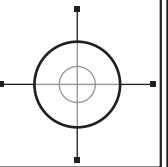
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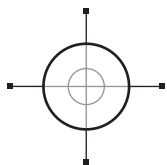
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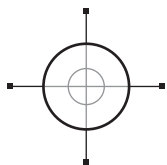
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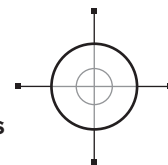
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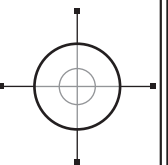
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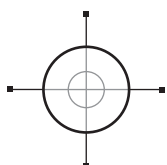
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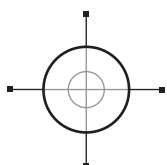
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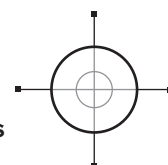
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reiterate



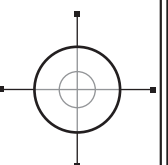
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refute



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reconcile



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pertinent

(*adj.*) relevant

*The professor distributed a list of articles and books that were **pertinent** to the discussions in his course.*

Word Forms: pertinently, pertinence, pertinency

Antonym Forms: impertinent, impertinently, impertinence, impertinency

Related Word: pertain

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pragmatic

(*adj.*) practical; guided by practice rather than theory

*When her bobby pin broke, Penelope found a **pragmatic** solution; she used a paper clip to hold back her stray hair.*

Word Forms: pragmatical, pragmatically, pragmaticalness, pragmatism, pragmatistic, pragmatist

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presume

(*vb.*) to accept as true without proof

*I **presume** that you are tired after your long drive today.*

Word Forms: presumption, presumable, presumably, presumedly, presumptive, presumptuous, presumer

Related Word: assume

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pretense

(*n.*) a false act intending to deceive

*He secured an interview using the **pretense** that he had a doctorate from Yale, but the hiring committee quickly discovered that this was not true.*

Word Forms: pretenseful, pretension, pretentious, pretentiously

Antonym Forms: pretenseless, unpretentious

Related Word: pretend

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profound

(*adj.*) deep; intense

*Her **profound** knowledge of electricity was showcased at the science fair, where she won first place for her project.*

Word Forms: profoundly, profoundness, profundity

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quell

(*vb.*) to put an end to

*The coach **quelled** the rumor that he was taking another job by signing an extension of his current contract.*

Word Forms: quellable, queller

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query

(*vb.*) to ask

*The reporter **queried** the mayor about his role in the embezzlement scandal.*

Word Forms: query (*n.*), queryingly, querier

Related Words: inquire, inquiry

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rebut

(*vb.*) to prove false using evidence

*The lawyer **rebutted** the witness's testimony by providing contrary evidence.*

Word Forms: rebuttable, rebuttal, rebutter

Related Word: but (*conj.*)

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reconcile

(*vb.*) to make compatible; to bring into harmony

*After years of separation due to an argument, the sisters **reconciled** when they both apologized.*

Word Forms: reconciliation, reconcilingly, reconcilable, reconcilableness, reconciliation, reconciler

Antonym Form: irreconcilable

Related Word: conciliate

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refute

(*vb.*) to prove to be false; to deny as true

*The senator **refuted** claims that he was arrested for careless driving by publishing his flawless driving record in the state's largest newspaper.*

Word Forms: refutable, refutably, refutability, refutation, refutal, refuter

Antonym Forms: irrefutable, irrefutably, irrefutability

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reiterate

(*vb.*) to say again

*Since you didn't hear me the first time, let me **reiterate** the rules of the game.*

Word Forms: reiterable, reiterative, reiteratively, reiteration, reiterator

Related Word: iterate

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renounce

(*vb.*) to give up; to turn away from

*The king **renounced** the throne when he married a woman who was not accepted by the royal family.*

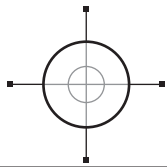
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Related Words: announce, denounce

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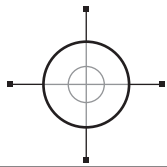
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scorn



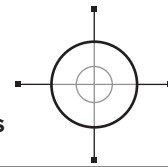
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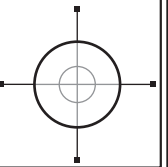
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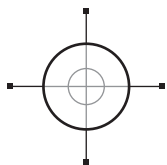
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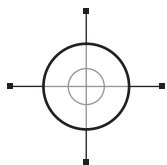
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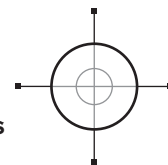
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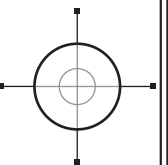
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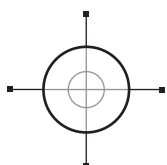
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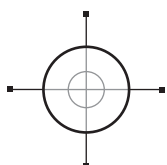
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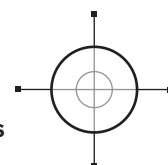
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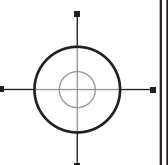
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subtle



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substantiate



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revere

(vb.) to regard with respect and awe

*Paul Revere was one of many colonists who **revered** freedom and democracy.*

Word Forms: reverable, reverent, reverently, reverence, reverential, reverer

Antonym Forms: irreverent, irreverently, irreverence

Related Word: reverend

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sarcasm

(n.) cutting, ironic language intending to ridicule

*When Sara said she liked Blake's car, he knew she meant the exact opposite; her **sarcasm** was meant to make fun of his inexpensive automobile.*

Word Forms: sarcastic, sarcastically, sarcasticness, sarcastical

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satire

(n.) the use of ridicule or a work (such as an essay, play, or movie) intending to ridicule

*The movie is a **satire**, making fun of all the teenage horror movies that came before it.*

Word Forms: satiric, satirical, satirically, satiricalness, satirize, satirizable, satirization, satirizer

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scorn

(n.) a lack of respect accompanied by a feeling of intense dislike

*Steve knew that he deserved the **scorn** of his teammates after he was caught cheating, but their reaction still saddened him.*

Word Forms: scorn (vb.), scornful, scornfully, scornfulness, scorningly, scorner

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scrutinize

(vb.) to inspect carefully

*Ruth **scrutinized** the classified ads, carefully reading each of the posted jobs.*

Word Forms: scrutinizingly, scrutinization, scrutiny, scrutinizer

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skeptical

(adj.) having doubt

*Skip was **skeptical** of the car dealer's promise of free oil changes, so he asked for the offer in writing.*

Word Forms: skeptically, skepticalness, skepticism, skeptic

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subjective

(adj.) influenced by personal feelings or bias

*Suzanne felt that her evaluation was unfairly **subjective** because it was clear her supervisor had a grudge against her.*

Word Forms: subjectively, subjectiveness, subjectivity

Antonym Forms: objective, objectively, objectiveness, objectivity

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subsequent

(adj.) coming later; following in order

*You will need to remember this basic arithmetic formula for **subsequent** assignments later this year.*

Word Forms: subsequently, subsequentness, subsequence

Related Words: sequel, sequence

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substantiate

(vb.) to establish or strengthen

*Her case against the insurance company was **substantiated** by other plaintiffs who suffered the same injustice.*

Word Forms: substantiatable, substantiation, substantiative, substantiator

Antonym Form: unsubstantiated

Related Word: substantial

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subtle

(adj.) difficult to detect

*The **subtle** irony throughout the novel is missed by most readers.*

Word Forms: subtly, subtleness, subtlety

Antonym Forms: unsubtle, unsubtly

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supplant

(vb.) to replace or take the place of

*In the early 1990s, compact discs **supplanted** long-playing records.*

Word Forms: supplantation, supplanter

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suppress

(vb.) to stop; to control

*The news anchor **suppressed** a smile when the reporter fell down, but laughed hysterically as soon as they went off the air.*

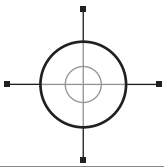
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Related Word: oppress, repress

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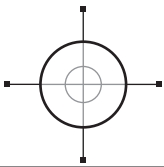
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vindicate



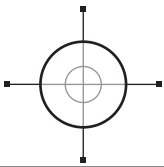
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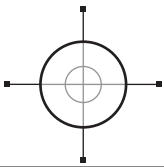
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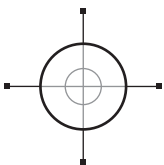
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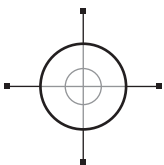
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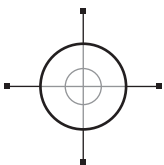
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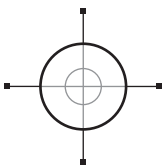
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wary



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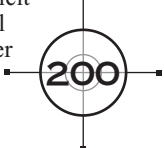
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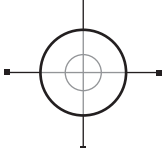


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The word that completes a Sentence Completion blank is always a perfect fit. Not only does the correct answer look right and sound right, but it also has a definition that perfectly meshes with the context of the sentence. While you do not need to 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.

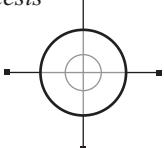
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The 200 most commonly-occurring SAT words in Critical Readings questions and answer choices from a survey of over 60 real SAT tests



sustain

(vb.) to uphold as valid

The critic **sustained** that the performance was superb, even though his peers thought it fell short of expectations.

Word Forms: sustainable, sustainability, sustainedly, sustainingly, sustainment
Related Word: maintain



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undermine

(vb.) to weaken

My argument for a soda machine in school was **undermined** by the ill-timed report on teenage obesity.

Word Forms: underminingly, underminer



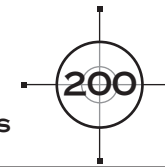
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underscore

(vb.) to emphasize

The recent dorm room fire **underscores** the need for fire extinguishers in every room.

Word Forms: underscore (n.)
Related Word: underline



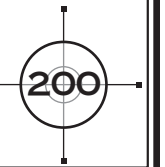
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vindicate

(vb.) to clear, justify, or prove

Vinnie's victory in court **vindicated** his actions; it proved that he was allowed to build a privacy fence between the two houses.

Word Forms: vindication, vindicator
Related Word: vindictive



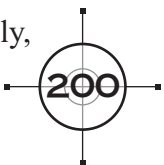
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vulnerable

(adj.) capable of being wounded or attacked

Without their mother's protection, the baby rabbits are **vulnerable** to attack by birds, rodents, and other small mammals.

Word Forms: vulnerably, vulnerability, vulnerableness
Antonym Forms: invulnerable, invulnerably, invulnerability, invulnerableness



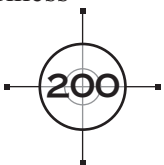
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wary

(adj.) watchful; distrustful

The children were taught to be **wary** of strangers.

Word Forms: warily, wariness
Antonym Forms: unwary, unwarily, unwariness



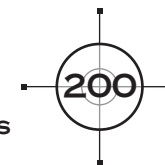
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whimsical

(adj.) characterized by carefree impulses

The babysitter's **whimsical** personality meant that the kids were never bored; one minute they were making peanut butter cookies, and the next they were reenacting a scene from a famous play.

Word Forms: whimsically, whimsicality
Related Words: whim, whimsy



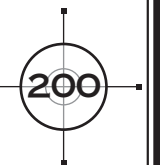
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zealous

(adj.) enthusiastic and devoted

The **zealous** sports fan had a tattoo of his favorite team's logo on his ankle.

Word Forms: zealously, zealousness, zealot
Related Word: zeal



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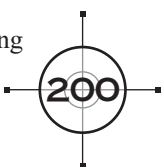


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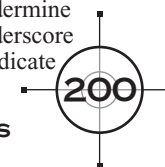
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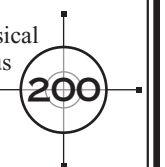
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