**SAT Prep Vocabulary**

1. **abbreviate** -- (v) to shorten, abridge
2. **abstinence**-- (n) the act of refraining from pleasurable activity, e.g., eating or drinking
3. **adulation**-- (n) high praise
4. **adversity**-- (n) misfortune, an unfavorable turn of events
5. **aesthetic**-- (adj) pertaining to beauty or the arts
6. **amicable**-- (adj) friendly, agreeable
7. **anachronistic**-- (adj) out-of-date, not attributed to the correct historical period
8. **anecdote**-- (n) short, usually funny account of an event
9. **anonymous**-- (adj) nameless, without a disclosed identity
10. **antagonist**-- (n) foe, opponent, adversary
11. **arid**-- (adj) extremely dry or deathly boring
12. **assiduous**-- (adj) persistent, hard-working
13. **asylum**-- (n) sanctuary, shelter, place of refuge
14. **benevolent**-- (adj) friendly and helpful
15. **camaraderie**-- (n) trust, sociability amongst friends
16. **censure**-- (v) to criticize harshly
17. **circuitous**-- (adj) indirect, taking the longest route
18. **clairvoyant**-- (adj) exceptionally insightful, able to foresee the future
19. **collaborate**-- (v) to cooperate, work together
20. **compassion**-- (n) sympathy, helpfulness or mercy
21. **compromise**-- (v) to settle a dispute by terms agreeable to both sides
22. **condescending**-- (adj) possessing an attitude of superiority, patronizing
23. **conditional**-- (adj) depending on a condition, e.g., in a contract
24. **conformist**-- (n) person who complies with accepted rules and customs
25. **congregation**-- (n) a crowd of people, an assembly
26. **convergence**-- (n) the state of separate elements joining or coming together
27. **deleterious**-- (adj) harmful, destructive, detrimental
28. **demagogue**-- (n) leader, rabble-rouser, usually appealing to emotion or prejudice
29. **digression**-- (n) the act of turning aside, straying from the main point, esp. in a speech or argument
30. **diligent**-- (adj) careful and hard-working
31. **discredit**-- (v) to harm the reputation of, dishonor or disgrace
32. **disdain**-- (v) to regard with scorn or contempt
33. **divergent**-- (adj) separating, moving in different directions from a particular point
34. **empathy**-- (n) identification with the feelings of others
35. **emulate**-- (v) to imitate, follow an example
36. **enervating**-- (adj) weakening, tiring
37. **enhance**-- (v) to improve, bring to a greater level of intensity
38. **ephemeral**-- (adj) momentary, transient, fleeting
39. **evanescent**-- (adj) quickly fading, short-lived, esp. an image
40. **exasperation**-- (n) irritation, frustration
41. **exemplary**-- (adj) outstanding, an example to others
42. **extenuating**-- (adj) excusing, lessening the seriousness of guilt or crime, e.g., of mitigating factors
43. **florid**-- (adj) red-colored, flushed; gaudy, ornate
44. **fortuitous**-- (adj) happening by luck, fortunate
45. **frugal**-- (adj) thrifty, cheap
46. **hackneyed**-- (adj) cliched, worn out by overuse
47. **haughty**-- (adj) arrogant and condescending
48. **hedonist**-- (n) person who pursues pleasure as a goal
49. **hypothesis**-- (n) assumption, theory requiring proof
50. **impetuous**-- (adj) rash, impulsive, acting without thinking
51. **impute**-- (v) to attribute an action to particular person or group
52. **incompatible**-- (adj) opposed in nature, not able to live or work together
53. **inconsequential**-- (adj) unimportant, trivial
54. **inevitable**-- (adj) certain, unavoidable
55. **integrity**-- (n) decency, honesty, wholeness
56. **intrepid**-- (adj) fearless, adventurous
57. **intuitive**-- (adj) instinctive, untaught
58. **jubilation**-- (n) joy, celebration, exultation
59. **lobbyist**-- (n) person who seeks to influence political events
60. **longevity**-- (n) long life
61. **mundane**-- (adj) ordinary, commonplace
62. **nonchalant**-- (adj) calm, casual, seeming unexcited
63. **novice**-- (n) apprentice, beginner
64. **opulent**-- (adj) wealthy
65. **orator**-- (n) lecturer, speaker
66. **ostentatious**-- (adj) showy, displaying wealth
67. **parched**-- (adj) dried up, shriveled
68. **perfidious**-- (adj) faithless, disloyal, untrustworthy
69. **precocious**-- (adj) unusually advanced or talented at an early age
70. **pretentious**-- (adj) pretending to be important, intelligent or cultured
71. **procrastinate**-- (v) to unnecessarily delay, postpone, put off
72. **prosaic**-- (adj) relating to prose; dull, commonplace
73. **prosperity**-- (n) wealth or success
74. **provocative**-- (adj) tending to provoke a response, e.g., anger or disagreement
75. **prudent**-- (adj) careful, cautious
76. **querulous**-- (adj) complaining, irritable
77. **rancorous**-- (adj) bitter, hateful
78. **reclusive**-- (adj) preferring to live in isolation
79. **reconciliation**-- (n) the act of agreement after a quarrel, the resolution of a dispute
80. **renovation**-- (n) repair, making something new again
81. **resilient**-- (adj) quick to recover, bounce back
82. **restrained**-- (adj) controlled, repressed, restricted
83. **reverence**-- (n) worship, profound respect
84. **sagacity**-- (n) wisdom
85. **scrutinize**-- (v) to observe carefully
86. **spontaneity**-- (n) impulsive action, unplanned events
87. **spurious**-- (adj) lacking authenticity, false
88. **submissive**-- (adj) tending to meekness, to submit to the will of others
89. **substantiate**-- (v) to verify, confirm, provide supporting evidence
90. **subtle**-- (adj) hard to detect or describe; perceptive
91. **superficial**-- (adj) shallow, lacking in depth
92. **superfluous**-- (adj) extra, more than enough, redundant
93. **suppress**-- (v) to end an activity, e.g., to prevent the dissemination of information
94. **surreptitious**-- (adj) secret, stealthy
95. **tactful**-- (adj) considerate, skillful in acting to avoid offense to others
96. **tenacious**-- (adj) determined, keeping a firm grip on
97. **transient**-- (adj) temporary, short-lived, fleeting
98. **venerable**-- (adj) respected because of age
99. **vindicate**-- (v) to clear from blame or suspicion
100. **wary** -- (adj) careful, cautious