

SAT Vocabulary Test — Lessons 9–14

Directions: Choose the definition that best matches each vocabulary word.

1. callous means:

- A. a curse
- B. hardened; insensitive
- C. false comments that injure another's reputation
- D. worthy of respect

2. extemporaneous means:

- A. irregular or infrequent
- B. done with little or no practice
- C. made up of parts from many different sources
- D. cruel; merciless

3. transient means:

- A. irregular or infrequent
- B. made up of parts from many different sources
- C. fleeting; short-lived
- D. greedy; ravenous

4. guile means:

- A. something out of place in time
- B. done with little or no practice
- C. tending to make worse
- D. trickery; deceit

5. impotent means:

- A. full of vigor
- B. secret; hidden
- C. deceptive; sneaky
- D. lacking strength or power

6. expedite means:

- A. a flowing in
- B. capable of living together harmoniously
- C. to speed up
- D. to speak out against

7. sacrosanct means:

- A. trickery; deceit
- B. profoundly sacred
- C. done with little or no practice
- D. respect for the wishes of others

8. slander means:

- A. to speak out against
- B. short-lived
- C. to treat as a celebrity
- D. false comments that injure another's reputation

9. contemporaneous means:

- A. whimsical; impulsive
- B. awesome; hard to overcome
- C. something out of place in time
- D. existing at about the same time

10. strategem means:

- A. to arrange events to occur simultaneously
- B. to treat as a celebrity
- C. a deceitful scheme
- D. arousing fear; formidable

11. derogatory means:

- A. capable of living together harmoniously
- B. unusual event
- C. to speed up
- D. disparaging; belittling

12. disparage means:

- A. false, but plausible
- B. trickery; deceit
- C. arousing fear; formidable
- D. to belittle; demean

13. malediction means:

- A. showing religious reverence
- B. worthy of respect
- C. a curse
- D. respect for the wishes of others

14. notorious means:

- A. something out of place in time
- B. falsely pious or self-righteous
- C. famous for bad things
- D. a place of refuge; sacred place

15. lionize means:

- A. to treat as a celebrity
- B. famous for bad things
- C. deceptive; sneaky
- D. grossly irreverent; disrespectful of something sacred

16. sacrilegious means:

- A. grossly irreverent; disrespectful of something sacred
- B. capable of producing a desired effect
- C. official condemnation; harsh criticism
- D. cruel; merciless

17. sadistic means:

- A. taking pleasure in the pain of others
- B. to reprimand mildly
- C. short-lived
- D. grossly irreverent; disrespectful of something sacred

18. specious means:

- A. respect for the wishes of others
- B. showing religious reverence
- C. false, but plausible
- D. worthy of respect

19. furtive means:

- A. secretive; sneaky
- B. grossly irreverent; disrespectful of something sacred
- C. a deceitful scheme
- D. respect for the wishes of others

20. decry means:

- A. to speak out against
- B. respect for the wishes of others
- C. fleeting; short-lived
- D. deceit; hypocritical deception

21. formidable means:

- A. awesome; hard to overcome
- B. to blend or fuse together
- C. to speed up
- D. showing religious reverence

22. superfluous means:

- A. hardened; insensitive
- B. beyond what is necessary
- C. deceptive; sneaky
- D. grossly irreverent; disrespectful of something sacred

23. duplicity means:

- A. lacking strength or power
- B. deceit; hypocritical deception
- C. beyond what is necessary
- D. grossly irreverent; disrespectful of something sacred

24. stalwart means:

- A. grossly irreverent; disrespectful of something sacred
- B. disparaging; belittling
- C. a physically or morally strong person
- D. lacking strength or power

25. redoubtable means:

- A. done with little or no practice
- B. a place of refuge; sacred place
- C. arousing fear; formidable
- D. famous for bad things

26. influx means:

- A. secret; hidden
- B. worthy of respect
- C. a flowing in
- D. official condemnation; harsh criticism

27. sanctuary means:

- A. likely to vanish

- B. a place of refuge; sacred place
- C. worthy of respect
- D. famous for bad things

28. pious means:

- A. a flowing in
- B. secretive; sneaky
- C. showing religious reverence
- D. famous for bad things

29. admonish means:

- A. to reprimand mildly
- B. likely to vanish
- C. deceptive; sneaky
- D. corrosive; sarcastic

30. caustic means:

- A. secretive; sneaky
- B. capable of producing a desired effect
- C. corrosive; sarcastic
- D. full of vigor

31. predilection means:

- A. cruel; merciless
- B. a disposition in favor of something
- C. false comments that injure another's reputation
- D. existing at about the same time

32. eclectic means:

- A. existing at about the same time
- B. a place of refuge; sacred place
- C. made up of parts from many different sources
- D. likely to vanish

33. sanctimonious means:

- A. arousing fear; formidable
- B. falsely pious or self-righteous
- C. to speed up
- D. cruel; merciless

34. deference means:

- A. strong and effective
- B. respect for the wishes of others
- C. arousing fear; formidable
- D. a disposition in favor of something

35. capricious means:

- A. slander; false accusation
- B. whimsical; impulsive
- C. a deceitful scheme
- D. a place of refuge; sacred place

36. censure means:

- A. awesome; hard to overcome
- B. official condemnation; harsh criticism

- C. prolonged; extended in time
- D. something out of place in time

37. pejorative means:

- A. grossly irreverent; disrespectful of something sacred
- B. tending to make worse
- C. official condemnation; harsh criticism
- D. to attack as untrue

38. clandestine means:

- A. awesome; hard to overcome
- B. to reprimand mildly
- C. secret; hidden
- D. capable of producing a desired effect

39. transitory means:

- A. lasting for a short time
- B. to arrange events to occur simultaneously
- C. arousing fear; formidable
- D. a physically or morally strong person

40. anomaly means:

- A. to attack as untrue
- B. to arrange events to occur simultaneously
- C. unusual event
- D. to treat as a celebrity

41. protracted means:

- A. prolonged; extended in time
- B. secret; hidden
- C. corrosive; sarcastic
- D. to blend or fuse together

42. ephemeral means:

- A. likely to vanish
- B. lacking strength or power
- C. slander; false accusation
- D. short-lived

43. sporadic means:

- A. false comments that injure another's reputation
- B. to reprimand mildly
- C. irregular or infrequent
- D. capable of producing a desired effect

44. interminable means:

- A. likely to vanish
- B. hardened; insensitive
- C. never-ending
- D. showing religious reverence

45. evanescent means:

- A. falsely pious or self-righteous
- B. something out of place in time
- C. likely to vanish

D. false, but plausible

46. venerable means:

- A. deceit; hypocritical deception
- B. unusual event
- C. worthy of respect
- D. likely to vanish

47. ruthless means:

- A. cruel; merciless
- B. beyond what is necessary
- C. greedy; ravenous
- D. secretive; sneaky

48. efficacious means:

- A. arousing fear; formidable
- B. capable of producing a desired effect
- C. something out of place in time
- D. hardened; insensitive

49. coalesce means:

- A. existing at about the same time
- B. to blend or fuse together
- C. to arrange events to occur simultaneously
- D. tending to make worse

50. robust means:

- A. official condemnation; harsh criticism
- B. showing religious reverence
- C. full of vigor
- D. tending to make worse

51. indomitable means:

- A. done with little or no practice
- B. capable of living together harmoniously
- C. unable to be conquered
- D. deceit; hypocritical deception

52. anachronism means:

- A. deceit; hypocritical deception
- B. capable of producing a desired effect
- C. tending to make worse
- D. something out of place in time

53. compatible means:

- A. something out of place in time
- B. to speak out against
- C. capable of living together harmoniously
- D. corrosive; sarcastic

54. surreptitious means:

- A. deceptive; sneaky
- B. a flowing in
- C. a deceitful scheme
- D. respect for the wishes of others

55. calumny means:

- A. unusual event
- B. slander; false accusation
- C. hardened; insensitive
- D. a deceitful scheme

56. yoke means:

- A. false comments that injure another's reputation
- B. lasting for a short time
- C. a deceitful scheme
- D. to join different things

57. potent means:

- A. false comments that injure another's reputation
- B. a place of refuge; sacred place
- C. strong and effective
- D. to blend or fuse together

58. rapacious means:

- A. greedy; ravenous
- B. false comments that injure another's reputation
- C. short-lived
- D. a disposition in favor of something

59. synchronize means:

- A. unusual event
- B. to arrange events to occur simultaneously
- C. full of vigor
- D. tending to make worse

60. impugn means:

- A. a physically or morally strong person
- B. a deceitful scheme
- C. irregular or infrequent
- D. to attack as untrue

Answer Key

Question	Answer	Question	Answer	Question	Answer
1	B	2	B	3	C
4	D	5	D	6	C
7	B	8	D	9	D
10	C	11	D	12	D
13	C	14	C	15	A
16	A	17	A	18	C
19	A	20	A	21	A
22	B	23	B	24	C
25	C	26	C	27	B
28	C	29	A	30	C
31	B	32	C	33	B

34	B	35	B	36	B
37	B	38	C	39	A
40	C	41	A	42	D
43	C	44	C	45	C
46	C	47	A	48	B
49	B	50	C	51	C
52	D	53	C	54	A
55	B	56	D	57	C
58	A	59	B	60	D