

SAT vocab lesson 10

I. Matching. Match the word on the left with its definition on the right. You will use each letter once. In the blank in the definition, write the part of speech of each word. (Some have two or three parts of speech.)

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| 1. _____propensity | A. _____ peevish, complaining, fretful |
| 2. _____punitive | B. _____ to set right, remedy; _____ relief from wrong or injury |
| 3. _____querulous | C. _____ a temporary stay; _____ to stay for a time |
| 4. _____redress | D. _____ inflicting or aiming at punishment |
| 5. _____remonstrate | E. _____ coarsely abusive, vulgar, or low (especially in language); foul-mouthed |
| 6. _____repudiate | F. _____ a natural inclination or predilection toward |
| 7. _____scurrilous | G. _____ refined ion manner or style; suave |
| 8. _____sedulous | H. _____ to disown, reject, or deny the validity of |
| 9. _____sojourn | I. _____ persistent, showing industry and determination |
| 10. _____urbane | J. _____ to argue/plead with someone against something; protest against; object to |

II. Fill in the Blank. – Choose from the vocabulary words to complete the sentences. You might need to change the form of the word to make it fit correctly into the sentence.

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23. Citizens can ask their government for a/an _____ of grievances when they feel that something is wrong. This right is guaranteed by the First Amendment.
24. His charmingly _____ manner and keen wit made him a much sought-after guest at social gatherings.
25. When planning our trip to the Southwest, we made sure to set aside two days for a (n) _____ at the Grand Canyon.
26. The coach took me off the starting team as a (n) _____ measure for missing two days of practice.
27. His attempts to discredit her by belittling her ability and character were nothing more than _____ abuse.
28. I am not going to _____ the ideas and standards by which I have guided my life just because they have become unpopular.
29. Since our efforts to _____ with the factory managers about pollution of the lake have been ineffective, we are not considering legal action.
30. He is insufferable when he gets into one of those _____ moods in which nothing in the world pleases him.
31. Because of his _____ for gossiping, we tried not to let him learn anything about our personal affairs.
32. Her powers of concentration and her _____ study program enabled her to finish first in her class even though she had less native ability than her classmates.

III. Synonyms – Choose the word from the vocabulary words that is *the same* or *most nearly the same* as the *boldface* word or expression in the given phrase.

33. an attempt to **rectify** past mistakes _____

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| propensity | querulous | remonstrate | scurrilous | sojourn |
| punitive | redress | repudiate | sedulous | urbane |

- 34. a **retaliatory** campaign against a political rival _____
- 35. a relaxing **stopover** on a tropical island _____
- 36. **expostulate** with a noisy neighbor _____
- 37. prevailed due to **tireless** preparation _____
- 38. a **penchant** for eating chocolatey desserts _____
- 39. his **petulant** behavior in the classroom _____
- 40. his **abusive** and **obscene** language on the playground _____
- 41. quickly **denounced** the woman's allegations _____
- 42. her **elegant** style of conversation at the party _____

IV. Antonyms -- Choose the word from the following vocabulary words that is *most nearly the opposite* as the *boldface* word or expression in the given phrase. You will use five of the words.

- 43. a very **crude** performance _____
- 44. forced to **affirm** a libelous statement _____
- 45. a **serene** little boy of four _____
- 46. a **tasteful** account of her private life _____
- 47. his **natural incapacity** for neatness _____

V. Choose the Right Word – From the pair of words listed after each sentence, choose the one that BEST fits the meaning of the sentence. Write the word in the blank.

- 48. _____ What we really resent is not sensible criticism but nagging that is petty and (**querulous, sedulous**).
- 49. _____ Since he seems to have no moral standards whatsoever, it would probably be futile to (**redress, remonstrate**) with him about his outrageous behavior.
- 50. _____ Your (**propensity, sojourn**) for spending more than you can afford will lead to only one result – bankruptcy!
- 51. _____ Carefully avoiding any attempt at originality, he has fashioned his style on (**repudiated, sedulous**) mimicry of other, more talented writers.
- 52. _____ To limit the free expression of unpopular ideas is to (**scurrilate, repudiate**) the basic spirit of the Bill of Rights.
- 53. _____ The critics unanimously praised the actor for the (**urbane, punitive**) charm with which he played the well-bred English gentleman.
- 54. _____ The highlight of my trip to Europe came when I (**sojournd, remonstrated**) in the birthplace of my ancestors.
- 55. _____ May I remind you that the (**urbane, punitive**) action we are authorized to take does not include physical force of any kind.
- 56. _____ The language that he used in his attack on us was so (**scurrilous, querulous**) that I hesitate even to repeat it.
- 57. _____ When they finally offered her (**redress, propensity**) for the pain and suffering they caused her, she was quite relieved.