

## SAT vocabulesson 16

**I. Matching.** Match the word on the left with its definition on the right. You will use each letter once.

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| 1. ___fetter        | A. _____. not subject to change; constant   |
| 2. ___heinous       | B. _____. stealthy, secret, intended to escape observation; made or accomplished by fraud   |
| 3. ___immutable     | C. _____. performed, suffered, or otherwise experienced by one person in place of another   |
| 4. ___insurgent     | D. _____. a chain or shackle placed on the feet (often used in plural); anything that confines or restrains to chain or hackle; _____. to render helpless or impotent |
| 5. ___megalomania   | E. _____. one who rebels or rises against authority; _____. rising in revolt, refusing to accept authority; surging or rushing in                                     |
| 6. ___sinecure      | F. _____. a position requiring little or no work; an easy job   |
| 7. ___surreptitious | G. _____. to change from one nature, substance, or form to another  |
| 8. ___transgress    | H. _____. very wicked; offensive; hateful   |
| 9. ___transmute     | J. _____. a delusion marked by a feeling of power, wealth, talent, etc. far in excess of reality  |
| 10. ___vicarious    | K. _____. to go beyond a limit or boundary; to sin; to violate a law  |

**II. Fill in the blank.** Choose from the following list of vocab words to complete the sentences. You might need to change the form of the word to make it fit correctly into the sentence. Be careful.

**fetter      heinous      immutable      insurgent      megalomania**  
**sinecure      surreptitious      transgress      transmute      vicarious**

23. The \_\_\_\_\_ way in which they planned the undertaking shows that they were aware of his illegal character.
24. Is there any other crime in history as \_\_\_\_\_ as the attempt of the Nazis to annihilate so-called "inferior" racial groups?
25. Although the \_\_\_\_\_ were defeated by the government's forces, a small group escaped into the mountains, where they kept the spirit of the rebellion alive.
26. Although most of us lead a quiet, humdrum sort of life, we can all get a (n) \_\_\_\_\_ thrill from the achievements of our astronauts.
27. The Emancipation Proclamation issued by Abraham Lincoln once and for all broke the \_\_\_\_\_ that bound Southern blacks to a life of servitude and humiliation.
28. The one fact about nature that seems completely \_\_\_\_\_ is that everything is subject to change.
29. His conceit is a kind of \_\_\_\_\_ because it is so great and immune to the lessons of experience.
30. Anyone who refers to my job as a (n) \_\_\_\_\_ should spend just one day in my place!
31. Skilled magicians and primitive chemists, the alchemists of the Middle Ages hoped to \_\_\_\_\_ base metals into gold.

32. In his determination to be blunt and honest, he has \_\_\_\_\_ the limits of good taste.

**III. Synonyms** -- Choose the word from this unit that is **the same** or **most nearly the same** in meaning as the **boldface** word or expression in the given phrase. You will use five of these words.

fetter	immutable	megalomania	surreptitious	transmute
heinous	insurgent	sinecure	transgress	vicarious

33. the disposition of the **revolutionary** \_\_\_\_\_

34. a woman of **unalterable** habits \_\_\_\_\_

35. a scandal involving "**no-show**" jobs \_\_\_\_\_

36. **convert** ambition into action \_\_\_\_\_

37. trying to **restrain** our imaginations \_\_\_\_\_

**IV. Antonyms.** Choose the word from this unit that is **most nearly opposite** in meaning to the **boldface** word or expression in the given phrase. You will use five of these words.

38. the **modesty** of the real genius \_\_\_\_\_

39. **obey** the week-night curfew \_\_\_\_\_

40. experienced **actual** thrills at the race \_\_\_\_\_

41. **accommodating, splendid** treatment of prisoners \_\_\_\_\_

42. made **overt, open** movements toward to candy \_\_\_\_\_

**V. Choose the Right Word** -- From the pair, choose the word that best fits the meaning of the sentence. Write the correct word in the space provided. You will use only five of the ten unit words in this section.

43. \_\_\_\_\_ Her description of the Western frontier was so vivid that I seemed to be (**surreptitiously, vicariously**) experiencing the realities of pioneer life.

44. \_\_\_\_\_ For ancient Romans, feeling from the battlefield was the most (**heinous, immutable**) act of cowardice a soldier could commit.

45. \_\_\_\_\_ A (n) (**insurgent, heinous**) group at the convention refused to accept the choices of the regular party leaders.

46. \_\_\_\_\_ Although her new position bore a high-sounding title, it was really little more than a (n) (**insurgent, sinecure**).

47. \_\_\_\_\_ He may have kept within the letter of the law, but there is no doubt that he has (**transgressed, transmuted**) the accepted moral code.

**REACH.** (15 points) Now write a paragraph that uses all ten words. Please do not write more than 7 sentences to use the 10 words. I will check for correct use of the words and for correct spelling, grammar, usage, etc. Staple your sentences to this paper.