

SAT vocabulesson 20

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. clemency | A. _____ roomy, spacious |
| _____ 2. commodious | B. _____ mercy, humaneness; mildness, moderateness |
| _____ 3. mitigate | C. _____ very careful and exact, attentive to fine points of etiquette or propriety, often to an extreme |
| _____ 4. pillage | D. _____ strong and sturdy; brave; resolute. _____ a brave, strong, person; a strong supporter; one who takes an uncompromising position |
| _____ 5. prate | E. _____ the act of restoring someone or something to the rightful owner or to a former state or position; that which makes good on a loss or damage |
| _____ 6. punctilious | F. _____ inspiring fear or awe; illustrious, eminent |
| _____ 7. redoubtable | G. _____ to find fault with, scold, rebuke |
| _____ 8. reprove | H. _____ to make milder or softer, to moderate in force or intensity |
| _____ 9. restitution | J. _____ to rob of goods by open force (as in war), plunder. _____ the act of looting; the spoils of looting (the stuff the pirates take with them after looting) |
| _____ 10. stalwart | K. _____ to talk a great deal in a foolish or aimless fashion |

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.

clemency	commodious	mitigate	pillage	prate
punctilious	redoubtable	reprove	restitution	stalwart

23. No one would expect a loft apartment to have particularly _____ closets.
24. Many judges are willing to show _____ to first offenders who express regret for their crimes.
25. The enemy had broken through our first line but was repulsed by the _____ defending the gate.
26. He would _____ endlessly about the past but say nothing useful about our present dilemma.
27. As a ruler, he was _____ but, like all such rulers, not much loved.
28. The clerk was so _____ in obeying court rules that I had to remind him why I was there
29. I had hoped to _____ her anger by offering an apology.
30. She _____ her staff for having followed orders blindly.
31. They made _____ for the damage to the car but never fully regained the friendship of its owner.
32. The commanding officer warned his troops not to _____ the conquered city.

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 seven of these words.

33. _____ stop **yammering**
34. _____ a surprisingly **roomy** apartment
35. _____ **ravaged** the tiny village as they swept through it
36. _____ work for an **exacting** boss

37. _____ offered her **compensation for her loss**
38. _____ take on a **formidable** opponent
39. _____ a **sturdy** proponent of the new legislation
40. _____ showed some **gentleness** to the scared runaway
41. _____ should **alleviate** all of your fears
42. _____ will **chide** you for your bad choice

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 eight of these words.

clemency **commodious** **mitigate** **pillage** **prate**
punctilious **redoubtable** **reprove** **restitution** **stalwart**

43. _____ how he **vacillated** on the issue
44. _____ unparalleled **cruelty** from a judge
45. _____ pleased to find a professor who **did not waste words**
46. _____ found the new classroom to be **claustrophobic**
47. _____ shouting which served to **intensify** the problem
48. _____ gave a **perfunctory** sweep around the living room and called it clean
49. _____ his **laughable** reputation as a leader
50. _____ behavior that deserves a **pat on the back**

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.

51. _____ As (**restitution, clemency**) for the damage he had caused to the family car, Phil promised to clean and polish it regularly for a full year.
52. _____ She is such a (**redoubtable, commodious**) foe of the trite phrase that her students tremble lest her wrath descend on them for using a cliché.
53. _____ The sale of so many great works of art to foreign collectors is, in my eyes, little more than (**pillage, mitigation**) of our cultural heritage.
54. _____ He is so (**reproving, punctilious**) about every detail that it is said he irons his shoelaces before wearing them.
55. _____ All the power of Great Britain could not shake the American colonists in their (**stalwart, prateful**) opposition to measures that they considered unfair and tyrannical.
56. _____ The principal (**pillaged, reprovved**) the entire student body for their discourteous behavior toward the guest speaker at the school assembly.
57. _____ In her clumsy efforts to be recognized as an “intellectual,” she (**mitigates, prates**) endlessly about matters she does not really understand.
58. _____ In a grim old joke, a man found guilty of murdering his parents appeals for (**clemency, reproof**) because he is an orphan.
59. _____ I’m not so sure that I want to rent a bugalow so (**commodious, punctilious**) that I’ll have room for guests every weekend.