

SAT Vocabulesson 23

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. jejune | A. _____ swollen, bloated, filled to excess; overdecorated or excessive in language |
| _____ 2. obdurate | B. _____ winding, twisted, crooked; highly involved, complex; devious |
| _____ 3. potpourri | C. _____ to beg earnestly and humbly |
| _____ 4. precocious | D. _____ self-righteous, characterized by moralizing; given to use of maxims or adages; saying much in a few words, pithy |
| _____ 5. sadistic | E. _____ stubborn, unyielding |
| _____ 6. sententious | F. _____ showing unusually early development (especially in talents and mental capacity) |
| _____ 7. supplicate | G. _____ a collection of diverse or miscellaneous items; a general mixture; petals mixed with spices for scent |
| _____ 8. surfeit | H. _____ lacking in nutritive value; lacking in interest or substance; immature, juvenile |
| _____ 9. tortuous | J. _____ delighting in cruelty, excessively cruel |
| _____ 10. turgid | K. _____ an excess or overindulgence, as in eating or drinking, causing disgust; or _____ to feed or supply with anything to excess |

II. Fill in the blank. Choose from the following list of vocabulary words to complete the sentences. Remember to change the form of the word if necessary. You must spell the words correctly. Each word is used once.

jejune	obdurate	potpourri	precocious	sadistic
sententious	supplicate	surfeit	tortuous	turgid

22. The heavy rains turned the field swampy and the river _____.
23. The cameras had to be portable in order to follow the athletes up the narrow and _____ path to the summit.
24. My favorite teacher turned history from a/an _____ study of the distant past into a relevant topic of discussion.
25. Vincent van Gogh was _____ in painting whatever he wished, despite the fact that no one would buy his pictures.
26. The furniture was a/an _____ of hand-me-downs from my father's parents and my stepmother's uncle and aunt.
27. A _____ of food, drink, and clowning puts Shakespeare's Falstaff in disgrace with the King.
28. She showed a/an _____ talent for science, winning the high school science fair as a 4th grader.
29. The Geneva Convention of 1949 outlawed torture and _____ treatment of prisoners of war.
30. He _____ himself for mercy not on his own account, but so that his wife would not suffer.
31. The _____ advice, though wise, was too general to help their particular situation.

III. Synonyms -- Choose the word that is **most nearly the same** in meaning as the **boldface** word/expression in the given phrase.

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32. _____ his **insipid** acceptance speech
33. _____ delivered a **moralistic** commencement address, warning us what to avoid in our lives
34. _____ **adamant** about remaining in their old house even though it had been condemned

35. _____ decided to **entreat** them for her lost wages
36. _____ his **bombastic** and flowery manner of speaking
37. _____ a **medley** of songs from very different time periods
38. _____ found they had a **glut** of canvas bags so handed them out to the crowd
39. _____ **inhuman** delight he took in hurting other people
40. _____ **serpentine** route we took through the forest
41. _____ the girl who was quite **advanced** for her age in terms of her verbal skills

IV. Antonyms. Choose the word that is **most nearly opposite** in meaning to the **boldface** word or expression in the given phrase. You will use each word once.

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42. _____ had a rather **mature** response to the crisis
43. _____ his **austere** writing style which lacked any flowery language at all
44. _____ told us a very **direct** version of the story, skipping all extra embellishments
45. _____ an attitude which allowed her to be **yielding** and open to suggestions
46. _____ thought she might be **slow** when she didn't talk at two years of age
47. _____ the **merciful** and benevolent priest who heard my confession
48. _____ did **not ask for help** even though he really needed it
49. _____ the long, drawn-out, **discursive** lecture which should have lasted about three minutes
50. _____ gathered into **uniform groups** for our last project
51. _____ found there was a **dearth** of pencils on the day of testing

V. Choose the Right Word – Write the correct word (or phrase) in the space provided.

52. _____ You cannot dismiss everything he says as (**obdurate, jeune**) simply because he is young and lacks experience of the world.
53. _____ “The Lord hath heard my (**sententiousness, supplication**); the Lord will receive my prayer.” --PSALMS
54. _____ In his efforts to impress moral principles on the children, he made use of (**sententious, tortuous**) formulas, such as “To be good, do good.”
55. _____ Given the kinds of tools the Egyptians had to work with, the raising of the pyramids was an extraordinarily (**precocious, jeune**) feat of engineering.
56. _____ I think the class show will be much more effective if it has a constant theme running through it instead of being just a (**potpourri, surfeit**) of songs, dances, and sketches.
57. _____ Although he is not given to physical maltreatment, I think there is a truly (**sadistic, precocious**) element in his willingness to humiliate people by belittling them in public.
58. _____ I have had my (**supplication, surfeit**) of excuses; now I want action.
59. _____ She tried to justify the lies she had told us, but I was unable to follow her (**potpourri, tortuous**) explanation.
60. _____ His (**turgid, sadistic**) conversation, with its exaggerated adjectives and far-fetched figures of speech, made me realize once and for all the virtues of simplicity in language.
61. _____ What disturbs the coach is not that Tom called the wrong play but he refuses (**obdurately, turgidly**) to admit that he's made a mistake.