

SAT vocabulesson 24

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. abate | A. _____ deserving blame, worthy of condemnation |
| _____ 2. adulation | B. _____ tending to delay or procrastinate, not prompt; intended to delay or postpone |
| _____ 3. anathema | C. _____ shrewd, crafty, showing practical wisdom |
| _____ 4. astute | D. _____ conspicuous, standing out from the mass (particularly in an unfavorable way) |
| _____ 5. avarice | E. _____ an object of intense dislike; a curse or strong denunciation (often used adjectivally without the article) |
| _____ 6. culpable | F. _____ to make less in amount, degree, etc.; to subside; to nullify; to deduct, omit |
| _____ 7. dilatory | G. _____ a greedy desire, particularly for wealth |
| _____ 8. egregious | H. _____ to speak or act in a way that allows for more than one interpretation; to be deliberately vague or ambiguous |
| _____ 9. equivocate | J. _____ praise or flattery that is excessive |
| _____ 10. evanescent | K. _____ vanishing, soon passing away; light and airy |

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.

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21. The author's views on bringing up children are _____ to my father but a delight to my mother.
22. Looking back, I see that the magic of that summer was _____, gone as soon as school started that year.
23. It was the inspectors' _____ neglect of duty that left such old busses in service.
24. Athletes have little choice but to enjoy the sometimes puzzling _____ of their fans.
25. I won't soon give my vote to a candidate who shows such a marked tendency to _____.
26. Her career exhibited both the miser's ever-growing _____ and the miser's diminishing charm.
27. She hired an assistant because, on her own, she was always _____ in paying her bills.
28. Whoever allowed that man on a stage is guilty of a/an _____ blunder.
29. The _____ management of money is a valuable skill but may not by itself make a good executive.
30. We stood on the dock on that moonless night, waiting for the storm to _____.

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 all of these words.

31. _____ a last, muttered **imprecation**
32. _____ his tendency to **hedge** during an argument
33. _____ knew by the look on his face that he was **guilty**

34. _____ getting nowhere with her **stalling** tactics
35. _____ when the flood waters **subside**
36. _____ the **transitory** nature of most physical pleasures
37. _____ demonstrated **shrewd** understanding
38. _____ guilty of **flagrant** rudeness
39. _____ let his **greed** take over his life
40. _____ was embarrassed by their **hero-worship**

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 all of these words.

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41. _____ **speak plainly** on important subjects
42. _____ ready to meet the **scorn** of the crowd
43. _____ to make a **lasting** impression on the girl
44. _____ the **hidden** mistakes that no one ever found out about
45. _____ as their argument **intensified**
46. _____ because of his **incompetent** handling of the situation
47. _____ admired for her **selflessness**
48. _____ because she sees her children as a **blessing** in her life
49. _____ completed the work in an **expeditious** manner
50. _____ found that he was **blameless** in the TP incident

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 seven of the ten unit words in this section.

51. _____ What do you think of the concept that when a crime is committed, society is often as **(culpable, astute)** as the criminal?
52. _____ In everyone's life, a situation may arise that calls for a basic moral choice to be made, without compromise or **(abatement, equivocation)**.
53. _____ Is it any wonder that a 17-year-old star athlete becomes smug when she receives such **(egregiousness, adulation)** from the entire school?
54. _____ He is completely indifferent to wealth and luxurious living; his **(anathema, avarice)** is directed instead toward fame and prestige.
55. _____ The glory of this perfect spring day seems to be all the more precious because it is so **(dilatory, evanescent)**.
56. _____ Sportswriters attribute the success of the pennant-winning team largely to the **(astute, evanescent)** managing of old Buck Coakley.
57. _____ When the results of her mistakes became public knowledge, she gained a well-deserved reputation for being an **(astute, egregious)**.