

# SAT Vocabulesson 25

**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. emaciated        | A. _____ to promote trouble or rebellion; to apply warm liquids to, to warm                         |
| _____ 2. foment           | B. _____ unnaturally thin   |
| _____ 3. herculean        | C. _____ showing no feeling or emotion; inanimate; motionless                                       |
| _____ 4. impassive        | D. _____ unfavorable, unlucky, suggesting bad luck for the future                                   |
| _____ 5. inauspicious     | E. _____ abundantly productive; abundant, profuse   |
| _____ 6. incontrovertible | F. _____ puzzled, not knowing what to do; at a loss   |
| _____ 7. nonplussed       | G. _____ suitable or convenient for a particular purpose; occurring at an appropriate time          |
| _____ 8. opportune        | H. _____ a reply to a reply, especially from the defendant in a legal suit                          |
| _____ 9. prolific         | J. _____ unquestionable, beyond dispute   |
| _____ 10. rejoinder       | K. _____ <b>H</b> —relating to Hercules; <b>h</b> —characterized by great strength, very hard to do |

**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.

<b>emaciated</b>	<b>foment</b>	<b>herculean</b>	<b>impassive</b>	<b>inauspicious</b>
<b>incontrovertible</b>	<b>nonplussed</b>	<b>opportune</b>	<b>prolific</b>	<b>rejoinder</b>

21. We carried the desk into the house successfully but saw that getting it up the stairs would require a/an \_\_\_\_\_ effort.
22. The document was remarkable for its tact yet also \_\_\_\_\_ in its facts.
23. People who suffer from serious eating disorders may soon become woefully \_\_\_\_\_.
24. Since nervous laughter is the sign of an inexperienced actor, I tried to adopt a/an \_\_\_\_\_ expression on stage.
25. Our road trip got off to a/an \_\_\_\_\_ start when we ran out of gas within five miles of home.
26. Toward the end of the film, the peasant leader attempts to \_\_\_\_\_ a storming of the scientist's castle.
27. Prepared as she thought she was for all contingencies, she found herself \_\_\_\_\_ by the surprising turn of events.
28. When he explained where he'd been and what he'd done, her \_\_\_\_\_ was sharp and critical.
29. Haydn was a more \_\_\_\_\_ composer than Mozart in part because he lived much longer.
20. To give that dog a bath, you had better pick a/an \_\_\_\_\_ moment, and then pounce!

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

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31. \_\_\_\_\_ gave a conciliatory **reply**
32. \_\_\_\_\_ had a **fruitful** first quarter
33. \_\_\_\_\_ seem to remain **emotionless** after the tragic crash
34. \_\_\_\_\_ became much more successful after its **unpromising** start
35. \_\_\_\_\_ the **colossal** challenge they undertook
36. \_\_\_\_\_ a **timely** moment to act

37. \_\_\_\_\_ didn't want to **instigate** fury in the crowd
38. \_\_\_\_\_ **baffled** by the odd answer
39. \_\_\_\_\_ **indisputable** evidence of her innocence
40. \_\_\_\_\_ looking rather **gaunt** after their three-week trek in the woods

**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.

	<b>emaciated</b>	<b>foment</b>	<b>herculean</b>	<b>impassive</b>	<b>inauspicious</b>
	<b>incontrovertible</b>	<b>nonplussed</b>	<b>opportune</b>	<b>prolific</b>	<b>rejoinder</b>

41. \_\_\_\_\_ going through an **unproductive** period in his writing career

42. \_\_\_\_\_ became more **confident** as she dealt with more of these situations at work

43. \_\_\_\_\_ because the task was **Lilliputian** compared to all they accomplished before

44. \_\_\_\_\_ returned to his regular **plump** self after he recovered from pneumonia

45. \_\_\_\_\_ were able to **quash** the rebellion with two cans of tear gas and five billy clubs

46. \_\_\_\_\_ the great opening night crowd which gave a **propitious** start to the production

47. \_\_\_\_\_ the **passionate** response she gave which revealed how deeply she felt

48. \_\_\_\_\_ felt it was **debatable** whether the story was satisfying or not

49. \_\_\_\_\_ because he offered **no answer** to her answer

50. \_\_\_\_\_ happened at a rather **inconvenient** moment

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

51. \_\_\_\_\_ The opening of our show took place most (**opportune**, **inauspiciously**) in the midst of a transit strike and a record-breaking snowstorm.
52. \_\_\_\_\_ Psychologists tell us that people who seem to be unusually (**emaciated**, **impassive**) are often the ones most likely to lose control of their emotions in times of stress.
53. \_\_\_\_\_ Cleaning up the old beach house seemed an almost impossible task, but she attacked it with (**inauspicious**, **herculean**) energy.
54. \_\_\_\_\_ Isn't it ridiculous to say that the disorder was (**fomented**, **nonplussed**) by "outsiders" when we all know that it resulted from bad conditions inside the institution itself?
55. \_\_\_\_\_ In the concentration camps, liberators found thousands of victims horribly (**prolific**, **emaciated**) as a result of starvation diets.
56. \_\_\_\_\_ What we need is not opinions or "educated guesses" but (**incontrovertible**, **rejoindered**) proof that can stand up under the closest examination.
57. \_\_\_\_\_ I wasn't so much surprised at not getting the job as I was (**herculean**, **nonplussed**) by his strange explanation that I was "overqualified."
58. \_\_\_\_\_ If you are going to wait for an occasion that seems (**opportune**, **incontrovertible**) in every respect, then in all probability you will have to wait forever.
59. \_\_\_\_\_ The speaker's inept replies to questions from the floor were met with a barrage of indignant (**foments**, **rejoinders**).
60. \_\_\_\_\_ In spite of her long and (**prolific**, **impassive**) career, her reputation today rests entirely on one great play.

**REACH.** Write a paragraph in which you use 5 of these 10 words. The paragraph must make sense, and the words must be used correctly. You must highlight the 5 words that you use. You may change the form of the word in order to fit it into the paragraph, but spelling counts. Grammar counts. Punctuation counts. Usage counts. Write this on a separate piece of paper that you will turn in separately from this vocab lesson.