

## SAT vocabulesson 28

**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. annotation  | A. _____ pleasant, courteous, lighthearted; smooth and polished in manner & appearance                                |
| _____ 2. bedlam      | B. _____ skillful, nimble   |
| _____ 3. covert      | C. _____ effective, producing results   |
| _____ 4. debonair    | D. _____ hidden, disguised, purposefully kept secret; sheltered, secluded;<br>_____ a sheltered place, a hiding place |
| _____ 5. deft        | E. _____ a state or scene of uproar and confusion   |
| _____ 6. dun         | F. _____ to demand insistently, especially in payment of a debt; _____ a creditor;<br>_____ dark, dull, drab, dingy   |
| _____ 7. efficacious | G. _____ a critical or explanatory note or comments, especially for a literary work                                   |
| _____ 8. equanimity  | H. _____ the essential, main part, or essence   |
| _____ 9. fortuitous  | J. _____ calmness, composure, refusal to panic  |
| _____ 10. gist       | K. _____ accidental, occurring by a happy chance  |

**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.

**annotation      bedlam      covert      debonair      deft**  
**dun      efficacious      equanimity      fortuitous      gist**

24. Due to a/an \_\_\_\_\_ drop in oil prices, the shipping company showed healthy profits for the year.
25. Injustice always sent him into a rage, but he could endure misfortune with \_\_\_\_\_.
26. Not the most charming of senators, he nevertheless wielded the most \_\_\_\_\_ knowledge of statecraft.
27. Many of Charles Dickens's characters are \_\_\_\_\_ by creditors because of their large debts.
28. The \_\_\_\_\_ fingers of Spanish nuns produced some of the finest, most delicate lace ever seen.
29. Quite a few \_\_\_\_\_ young men asked my cousin to dance.
30. Laurence Stern's novel *Tristram Shandy* has almost as many \_\_\_\_\_ as it has lines of text.
31. Is this the same band that caused mob scenes and virtual \_\_\_\_\_ on their first tour?
32. Napoleon was an expert at making \_\_\_\_\_ preparations to attack unsuspecting opponents.
33. Would the talented fellow who keeps the back row in stitches please repeat the \_\_\_\_\_ of what I said?

**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.

34. \_\_\_\_\_ wanted me to tell her the **substance** of our discussion the day she was gone
35. \_\_\_\_\_ their **clandestine** discussions about why to start a war
36. \_\_\_\_\_ learning to play piano from someone else who is an **adroit** player

37. \_\_\_\_\_ develop a more **efficient** method of moving people through the restaurant
38. \_\_\_\_\_ her **suave** and **gracious** manner with her clients
39. \_\_\_\_\_ the **pandemonium** that ensues at each OU/OSU game
40. \_\_\_\_\_ how **random** it was to meet my third grade teacher at a mall in Dallas
41. \_\_\_\_\_ the **marginalia** that was already scribbled in the book I was reading
42. \_\_\_\_\_ her **cool, calm manner** in the midst of the emergency
43. \_\_\_\_\_ the **drab** and **dingy** colors in her wardrobe

**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.

**annotation      bedlam      covert      debonair      deft**  
**dun      efficacious      equanimity      fortuitous      gist**

44. \_\_\_\_\_ planned each detail of our very **deliberate** gathering of friends
45. \_\_\_\_\_ the many falls and crashes surrounding the **bungling** Inspector Clousseau
46. \_\_\_\_\_ a very off-putting and **boorish** personality
47. \_\_\_\_\_ his plans for the country which were completely **undisguised**
48. \_\_\_\_\_ utterly **useless** as a manager of people
49. \_\_\_\_\_ since his **agitation** grew each time we raised our hands
50. \_\_\_\_\_ while he **waited patiently** for his friend to repay him
51. \_\_\_\_\_ when he erased all of the marginalia and was left with **blank pages**
52. \_\_\_\_\_ the confusing and **rambling summary** that caused me to misunderstand the speech
53. \_\_\_\_\_ the **tranquility** of an afternoon spent in a quiet forest in the mountains

**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.

54. \_\_\_\_\_ It is generally agreed that we urgently need more (**efficacious, fortuitous**) methods of handling criminals, both for their own benefit and for that of the public.
55. \_\_\_\_\_ What good will it do you to (**annotate, dun**) me so mercilessly when you know that I am flat broke?
56. \_\_\_\_\_ He tried to make it appear that he was speaking in a friendly spirit, but I detected the (**covert, debonair**) malice beneath his “harmless” remarks.
57. \_\_\_\_\_ We must learn to bear evils with (**deftness, equanimity**) instead of with rage and shouting and also make an effort to correct them.
58. \_\_\_\_\_ Although they claimed that their summary gave us the (**bedlam, gist**) of the resolution, the fact is that it omitted important details.

**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 write enough to show that you know the definition of the words. 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.