

SAT Vocabulesson 29

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. abstemious | A. _____ deserving of blame or correction |
| _____ 2. censurable | B. _____ moderate, sparing (as in eating/drinking); characterized by abstinence and self-discipline |
| _____ 3. contingent | C. _____ an inhabitant, resident; one who frequents a place |
| _____ 4. corroborate | D. _____ highly colored, reddish; excessively ornate, showy |
| _____ 5. denizen | E. _____ to scatter or spread widely |
| _____ 6. discursive | F. _____ to confirm, make more certain, bolster, substantiate, verify |
| _____ 7. disseminate | G. _____ a representative group forming part of a larger body; OR _____ likely but not certain to happen, possible; dependent on uncertain events or conditions |
| _____ 8. dowdy | H. _____ passing aimlessly from one place or subject to another, rambling, roving, nomadic |
| _____ 9. florid | J. _____ to impose by fraud; to pass off as worthy or genuine; to bring about by stealth, dishonesty, or coercion |
| _____ 10. foist | K. _____ poorly dressed, shabby; lacking smartness and good taste |

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.

abstemious	censurable	contingent	corroborate	denizen
discursive	disseminate	dowdy	florid	foist

22. During the 19th century, the unscrupulous Jay Gould _____ thousands of worthless railroad shares on an unsuspecting public.
23. She came from a long line of quiet, thrifty, and _____ farming folk.
24. The _____ style of architecture in the old part of town was a welcome change from the grim, newer blocks we had seen.
25. Because he was unaware of what he had done, we decided that his behavior was not _____.
26. The actor wore _____ clothing and sunglasses so that no one would recognize him.
27. _____ on our parents' approval, we plan to take a trip through Alaska next summer.
28. I decided that it was a bad idea to use my position in order to _____ my personal views.
29. He could tell the court where I was and for how long, but he still needed a witness to _____ his statements.
30. Within the _____ account of his life, there was a fairly complete history of the whole village.
31. A lover of marine life, she knew all the names of the scaly _____ of our lake.

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

32. _____ a long and **digressive** novel
33. _____ **substantiate** an old rumor
34. _____ a **flowery** introduction
35. _____ a **temperate** use of such words
36. _____ **palm off** fake diamonds
37. _____ the conditional approval of our plan
38. _____ behavior which was **reprehensible**
39. _____ **broadcast** the baby's pictures

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40. _____ slouched in her **frumpy** clothes

41. _____ an **habitué** of the public library

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

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41. _____ judged the actions as **commendable**

42. _____ payment **independent of** need

43. _____ her indulgent attitude toward her children

44. _____ attempts to **contradict** his story

45. _____ would not allow the **outsider** to speak his mind

46. _____ welcomed the **succinct** remarks

47. _____ told us the **truth** about the product and we **decided for ourselves** whether to buy it or not

48. _____ the **austere** style of the lobby

49. _____ her **elegant** gown for the formal

50. _____ **conceal** the identity of the intelligence agent

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

51. _____ The most tragic aspect of a forest fire is its destructive effects on the innumerable plant and animal (**contingents, denizens**) of that environment.

52. _____ As the Scottish poet Robert Burns aptly suggests, even the best laid plans are often entirely (**abstemious, contingent on**) events over which we have no earthly control.

53. _____ Some Queens of Britain were strikingly elegant and imposing figures while others were somewhat (**dowdy, florid**), drab, and unprepossessing.

54. _____ Let's not allow them to (**foist, disseminate**) on us ideas and programs that we do not want and that have been proved failures in other countries.

55. _____ No doubt his efforts to advance his own interests were (**florid, censurable**), but let's try to keep a sense of proportion and not condemn him too much..

56. _____ All of the evidence (**corroborates, foists**) my theory that the theft was planned by someone familiar with the layout of the house.

57. _____ She was so (**abstemious, discursive**) that she extended her self-control even to her beloved books, and read them no more than an hour each day.

58. _____ Although the essays are highly (**disseminated, discursive**) covering a wide range of topics, they are written with such clarity and grace that they are easy to follow.

59. _____ Although the Declaration of Independence was framed to justify a revolution in the British colonies in North America, its ideas and ideas have been (**disseminated, foisted**) throughout the world.

60. _____ Her (**abstemious, florid**) writing style, abounding in adjectives and fancy metaphors, is far from suitable for factual newspaper stories.

REACH. Write a paragraph using 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. This paragraph must be some sort of argument, with a CLAIM, EVIDENCE, and COMMENTARY.