

# SAT Vocabulesson 31

**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. absolve     | A. _____ an eager desire for something; greed  |
| _____ 2. caricature  | B. _____ side by side, touching; near; adjacent in time  |
| _____ 3. clangor     | C. _____ a representation (especially a drawing) in which the subject's characteristic features are deliberately exaggerated; _____ to present something in a deliberately distorted way |
| _____ 4. contiguous  | D. _____ to lessen the seriousness or magnitude of an offense by making partial excuses  |
| _____ 5. cupidity    | E. _____ to clear from blame, responsibility, or guilt   |
| _____ 6. deleterious | F. _____ a loud ringing sound; _____ to make a loud ringing noise  |
| _____ 7. duress      | G. _____ implied or understood though unexpressed; without doubts or reservations, unquestioning; potentially contained in   |
| _____ 8. enthrall    | H. _____ to captivate, charm, hold spellbound; to enslave; to imprison   |
| _____ 9. extenuate   | J. _____ compulsion by threat; forcible confinement  |
| _____ 10. implicit   | K. _____ harmful, injurious  |

**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.

<b>absolve</b>	<b>caricature</b>	<b>clangor</b>	<b>contiguous</b>	<b>cupidity</b>
<b>deleterious</b>	<b>duress</b>	<b>enthrall</b>	<b>extenuate</b>	<b>implicit</b>

23. Political prisoners are sometimes subjected to a mild form of \_\_\_\_\_ called *house arrest*.
24. They assumed that their alibi would \_\_\_\_\_ them of suspicion.
25. What began as a hasty newspaper \_\_\_\_\_ soon turned up on coffee mugs, T-shirts, and sweatshirts.
26. Though she never said so, it was \_\_\_\_\_ that she did not like long conversations before morning coffee.
27. You say that these catalogue prices show the quality of the goods, but I say they show the seller's \_\_\_\_\_.
28. Wishing can give zest and purpose to anyone's life, but wishful thinking can have a/an \_\_\_\_\_ effect.
29. Trouble arose over who should control the weeds and bushes that rioted in the lot \_\_\_\_\_ to ours.
30. For more than a century, American grade schools summoned children to school with the \_\_\_\_\_ of a bell.
31. Because hunger caused the novel's young hero to steal the bread, the jurors believed that the crime had been committed under \_\_\_\_\_ circumstances.
32. All the critics were \_\_\_\_\_ by the performance and wrote rave reviews.

**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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33. \_\_\_\_\_ new DNA evidence which **exonerated** the woman
34. \_\_\_\_\_ **parody** of a woman who can think of nothing but chocolate
35. \_\_\_\_\_ thought it strange to see separate houses **abutting** one another
36. \_\_\_\_\_ an insatiable **rapacity** for white chocolate
37. \_\_\_\_\_ the **detrimental** effects of eating too much fat and sugar
38. \_\_\_\_\_ was unable to curb her chocolate habit without **coercion**

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39. \_\_\_\_\_ to **enchant** her with récipes for delicious chocolate dishes
40. \_\_\_\_\_ tried to **downplay** her desire for luscious candy
41. \_\_\_\_\_ **tacit** agreement between them that no one would mention the white chocolate
42. \_\_\_\_\_ ignored the **clamoring** sound in her ears when she reached for the yummy white candy

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

<b>absolve</b>	<b>caricature</b>	<b>clangor</b>	<b>contiguous</b>	<b>cupidity</b>
<b>deleterious</b>	<b>duress</b>	<b>enthrall</b>	<b>extenuate</b>	<b>implicit</b>

43. \_\_\_\_\_ wishing that all desserts were **innocuous**
44. \_\_\_\_\_ feared the candy crumbs on her shirt would **incriminate** her
45. \_\_\_\_\_ drawings so **realistic and lifelike** that they appear to be photographs
46. \_\_\_\_\_ in the **stillness** of a cathedral
47. \_\_\_\_\_ broadcast from a **remote** and undisclosed location
48. \_\_\_\_\_ rules that were **explicit** in the bylaws of the club
49. \_\_\_\_\_ benefited from her **generosity**
50. \_\_\_\_\_ used a little **sweet talk** to get what she wanted
51. \_\_\_\_\_ more lies which would only **exacerbate** the problem
52. \_\_\_\_\_ the rambling, gory stories which seem to **repel** all of his friends

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

53. \_\_\_\_\_ What we do now to remedy the evils in our society will determine whether or not we are to be (**absolved, enthralled**) of blame for the injustices of the past.
54. \_\_\_\_\_ “In seeking to discredit me,” I replied, “my opponent has deliberately (**caricatured, clangored**) my ideas, making them seem simplistic and unrealistic.”
55. \_\_\_\_\_ I realized that I was being kept awake not by the (**cupidity, clangor**) of city traffic but by a gnawing fear that I had done the wrong thing.
56. \_\_\_\_\_ We wanted to find a house that was near to my parents’, but not (**contiguous, implicit**) to it.
57. \_\_\_\_\_ He was the type of officer who expected (**deleterious, implicit**) obedience from the troops he commanded. When he gave an order, he assumed it would be carried out.
58. \_\_\_\_\_ Is it logical to conclude that because this substance has had a/an (**deleterious, extenuating**) effect on some test animals, it is not at all safe for human consumption?
59. \_\_\_\_\_ The authorities suspected that the hostage’s statement was made not voluntarily but under (**duress, cupidity**).
60. \_\_\_\_\_ As long as we are (**enthralled, absolved**) by the idea that it is possible to get something for nothing, we will not be able to come up with a sound economic program.
61. \_\_\_\_\_ I will try to tell the story in a balanced way, without either exaggerating or (**caricaturizing, extenuating**) his responsibility for those sad events.
62. \_\_\_\_\_ The rumors of “easy money” and “lush profits” to be made in the stock market aroused the (**cupidity, duress**) of many small investors.

NO REACH PARAGRAPH THIS WEEK.