

SAT Vocabulesson 33

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. abet | A. ___ deeply unhappy or dejected; without hope, beyond consolation |
| ___2. aver | B. ___ an expert; one who is well qualified to pass critical judgments, esp. in one of the fine arts |
| ___3. broach | C. ___ noisy revelry or merrymaking (often with a suggestion of heavy drinking) |
| ___4. buttress | D. ___ to support, prop up, strengthen; or noun. a supporting structure |
| ___5. carousal | E. ___ to bring up or begin to talk about (a subject); to announce, introduce; to break the surface of the water; to turn sideways to the wind and waves; or noun. a spit for roasting |
| ___6. collate | F. ___ to weigh down or burden (with difficulties, cares, debt, etc.); to fill up block up, hinder |
| ___7. connoisseur | G. ___ to compare critically in order to note differences, similarities, etc. to arrange in order for some specific purpose |
| ___8. disconsolate | H. ___ to clarify, explain |
| ___9. elucidate | J. ___ to encourage, assist, aid, or support (especially in something wrong or unworthy) |
| ___10. encumber | K. ___ to affirm, declare confidently |

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.

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21. I feared that joining another club would _____ me with too many obligations.
22. Vikings are notorious for having enjoyed a/an _____ after each of their battles.
23. He has read so widely and in such depth that he can produce facts to _____ any argument he advances.
24. The precise meaning of a passage in the Bible is sometimes hard to _____.
25. Shakespeare's Macbeth hardly seems _____ when his wife dies, and bluntly says he has no time to grieve.
26. Though he did not like scrambled eggs, he opted not to _____ the subject for fear of insulting his hosts.
27. I will _____ your fitness to do the work to any prospective employer who inquires.
28. She was a/an _____ of both music and film.
29. We decided to _____ the recipes according to how complicated they are.
30. To allow a man in his condition behind the wheel of a car is to _____ a potential crime.

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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31. _____ found himself **saddled** with loads of unnecessary debt
32. _____ **helped** the criminal escape by giving him a place to stay for one night
33. _____ **arrange** the papers in the correct order for our discussion
34. _____ willing to **assert** that the procedure we had been using was all wrong
35. _____ the **pundit** who reviewed the new movie
36. _____ decided to **bring up** the subject of a raise even though it was uncomfortable

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37. _____ was **inconsolable** when her puppy was lost
38. _____ a walk around the block to **bolster** her mood
39. _____ an expert who can **interpret** these instructions
40. _____ avoided the usual **bingeing** behavior of most of her friends

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.

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41. _____ a road block which would **hamper** his quick getaway
42. _____ was able to **repudiate** all of her claims that we were inept
43. _____ did not want to talk about buying new clothes so chose to **remain silent**
44. _____ the mocking laughter which would definitely **undermine** her self-esteem
45. _____ indicated that **temperance** would be her governing principle
46. _____ didn't want to **leave his papers in disarray** but had no time to complete his work
47. _____ an **ignoramus** when it came to haute couture
48. _____ the **blithe** attitude she displayed toward her schoolwork
49. _____ the instructions which are supposed to help but only **obfuscate** things
50. _____ felt **relieved** when he quit Scouts and had more time to relax

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

51. _____ With tireless patience, the wily detective (**encumbered, collated**) bits and pieces of evidence until he gained an insight into how the crime had been committed.
52. _____ I don't know anything about quiches and soufflés, but I'm a true (**connoisseur, buttress**) when it comes to pizza.
53. _____ Who could be more (**disconsolate, encumbered**) than the team who are making the long drive home in the rain after having lost the championship game by one point?
54. _____ Reporters asked the mayor to (**collate, elucidate**) her ambiguous remarks about her plans to seek higher office.
55. _____ You will never be able to complete this hike if you (**encumber, collate**) yourself with so much "essential equipment."
56. _____ I like a good time as much as anyone, but I don't think that the celebration of our nation's birthday should become a rowdy (**elucidation, carousal**).
57. _____ Dr. Slavin's original diagnosis, although questioned by several colleagues, was strongly (**buttressed, broached**) by the results of the laboratory tests.
58. _____ Well-meaning but misguided friends (**abetted, averred**) his plans to run away to Hollywood and "become a movie star."
59. _____ His parents are such sensitive people that I don't know at all how I should (**elucidate, broach**) the subject of his untimely death with them.
60. _____ When they offered to help him, he proudly (**abetted, averred**) that he could handle the situation entirely on his own.

REACH. Write a paragraph using 5 of these words. Use each word correctly, and write enough to show that you know the definitions. Highlight the 5 words. You may change the form of a word if necessary. Spelling, grammar, punctuation, and usage all count. Write your paragraph 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.