

SAT vocabulesson 34

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. deride | A. _____ freely given; not called for by circumstances, unwarranted |
| ___ 2. diffident | B. _____ shy, lacking self-confidence; modest, reserved |
| ___ 3. gratuitous | C. _____ showing great variety; composed of different elements or many colors;
_____ a jester's costume |
| ___ 4. imperious | D. _____ extremely generous, lavish |
| ___ 5. invective | E. _____ a depraved, vicious, or unprincipled person; _____ wicked, corrupt,
or unprincipled; _____ to disapprove of, condemn |
| ___ 6. motley | F. _____ to ridicule, to laugh at with contempt |
| ___ 7. munificent | G. _____ a strong denunciation or condemnation; abusive language;
_____ abusive, vituperative |
| ___ 8. recondite | H. _____ characterized by or calling for continued sitting; remaining in one place |
| ___ 9. reprobate | J. _____ exceeding ordinary knowledge and understanding |
| ___ 10. sedentary | K. _____ overbearing, arrogant; seeking to dominate; pressing, compelling |

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.

deride	diffident	gratuitous	imperious	invective
motley	munificent	recondite	reprobate	sedentary

25. _____ are usually more charming, funny, or thrilling in fiction than they are in life.
26. Nothing we said could save the program until our anonymous friend donated a/an _____ sum.
27. The theories of relativity can seem _____ even for people who are well versed in the sciences.
28. Tall and short, thick and thin, old and young, we share the family name but are a/an _____ bunch indeed because we are not very similar.
29. The Wizard of Oz's _____ manner failed him when he revealed himself as a fussy little man behind a curtain.
30. Many found Janet Jackson's "accident" a purposeful and planned event, and as such, it was unnecessary and _____.
31. Many a/an _____ suitor has lost his beloved to a bold rival.
32. As _____ speeches go, this one displayed originality, vigor, and, here and there, some wit.
33. Most people find jokes that _____ somebody's national origin or social background extremely offensive.
34. She exchanged her _____ job for a position as a swimming instructor.

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.

35. _____ a film with **uncalled-for** scenes of violence
36. _____ wanted to change his **stationary** lifestyle

37. _____ a **scoundrel** in her business methods
38. _____ put off by his **domineering** manner
39. _____ overrun by the more **unassertive** members of our group
40. _____ an angry **diatribe**
41. _____ the **arcane** topic of her dissertation
42. _____ when they **mocked** their former friend
43. _____ the **diverse** group that went on the field trip
44. _____ the **generous** amounts of money they gave to ensure the party was successful

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.

deride **diffident** **gratuitous** **imperious** **invective**
motley **munificent** **recondite** **reprobate** **sedentary**

45. _____ the **homogenous** appearance of the large marching band
46. _____ because she leads a very **active** life
47. _____ flashback scenes which were **justified** by the needs of the story
48. _____ her **humble** request for help
49. _____ think of her as a **saint**
50. _____ the only calculus problem that was **uncomplicated**
51. _____ the party that failed because they were so **stingy** with their money
52. _____ when she **applauded** our new business plan
53. _____ the **audacious** behavior which was so inappropriate for the courtroom
54. _____ after the crowd paid a special **tribute** to all of our Heismann trophy winners

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.

55. _____ We soon learned that behind his retiring and (**derisive, diffident**) manner, there was a keen mind and a strong will.
56. _____ His tone of voice was so (**munificent, imperious**) that I wasn't sure if he was asking me for a loan or demanding payment of tribute.
57. _____ During the war, soldiers assigned to desk jobs were sometimes sarcastically called the "chairbound infantry" or the (**sedentary, recondite**) commandos."
58. _____ Instead of relying on facts and logic, she used all kinds of rhetorical tricks and slashing (**invective, reprobate**) to attack her opponent.
59. _____ Only a genius could have converted such a (**motley, gratuitous**) group of individuals, drawn from all walks of life, into a disciplined and efficient organization.

REACH. Write a paragraph using 5 of these 10 words. Use the words correctly, and write enough to show that you know the definitions. Highlight the 5 words. Change the form of the word if you must, but remember that spelling counts. Grammar counts. Punctuation counts. Usage counts. 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.