

## SAT vocab lesson 6

**I. Matching.** Match the word on the left with its definition on the right. You will use each letter once. In the blank in the definition, write the part of speech of each word.

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| ___1. approbation | A. _____. used so often as to lack freshness or originality   |
| ___2. assuage     | B. _____. expression of approval or favorable opinion; official approval or sanction                              |
| ___3. coalition   | C. _____. to draw forth or bring out from some source   |
| ___4. decadence   | D. _____. to make easier or milder; to relieve; to quiet or calm  |
| ___5. elicit      | E. _____. a gap, opening, or break (in the sense of having something missing)                                     |
| ___6. expostulate | F. _____. a combination, union, or merger for some specific purpose   |
| ___7. hackneyed   | G. _____. to attempt to dissuade someone from some course or decision by earnest reasoning                        |
| ___8. hiatus      | H. _____. to plead on behalf of someone else; to serve as an objective third party in an argument or disagreement |
| ___9. innuendo    | J. _____. decline, decay, or deterioration; a condition or period of decline or decay                             |
| ___10. intercede  | K. _____. a hint, indirect suggestion, or reference (often in a derogatory sense)                                 |

**II. Fill in the blank.** Choose from the following list of vocab words to complete the sentences.

<b>approbation</b>	<b>assuage</b>	<b>coalition</b>	<b>decadence</b>	<b>elicit</b>
<b>expostulate</b>	<b>hackneyed</b>	<b>hiatus</b>	<b>innuendo</b>	<b>intercede</b>

21. The coach found it useless to \_\_\_\_\_ with the stubborn referee.
22. At the art museum, try to find an example of \_\_\_\_\_ in modern painting.
23. After her boyfriend dumped her, many of her friends gathered in an attempt to \_\_\_\_\_ her hurt feelings.
24. Most TV shows take a/an \_\_\_\_\_ through summer and return again in the fall.
25. The crusty old detective used every technique he knew to \_\_\_\_\_ information from the teenager suspected of robbing the store, but the young man would not talk
26. The companies united together in a/an \_\_\_\_\_ to bring relief to the area devastated by hurricane Katrina.
27. Your constant comments about eating out are a not-so-subtle \_\_\_\_\_ that there's something wrong with my cooking.
28. When the speaker entered the room, he was relieved to see smiles of \_\_\_\_\_.
29. The movie we watched was dull and \_\_\_\_\_, with unrealized, shallow characters and a predictable plot.
30. My teammate asked me to \_\_\_\_\_ with the coach on his behalf so that he would not be in so much trouble.

**III. Short questions.** Choose one vocab word to answer each question. Each word is used once.

<b>approbation</b>	<b>assuage</b>	<b>coalition</b>	<b>decadence</b>	<b>elicit</b>
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31. \_\_\_\_\_ Which word could refer to a lack of morality?
32. \_\_\_\_\_ How does a clever reporter get a quote from a reluctant interview subject?

33. \_\_\_\_\_ How does the reluctant interview subject convince the reporter to back off?
34. \_\_\_\_\_ Which word do you hope no one uses in reference to your writing?
35. \_\_\_\_\_ When you're in trouble, what do you hope someone will do on your behalf?
36. \_\_\_\_\_ What is a fancy word for hint?
37. \_\_\_\_\_ Which word is about smoothing things over?
38. \_\_\_\_\_ What brings people together?
39. \_\_\_\_\_ What means we have received approval?
40. \_\_\_\_\_ When you are completely worn out, what do you hope to take?

**III. Synonyms and Antonyms.** Five words have synonyms listed below, and five have antonyms. Write the correct word in the blank.

<b>approbation</b>	<b>assuage</b>	<b>coalition</b>	<b>decadence</b>	<b>elicit</b>
<b>expostulate</b>	<b>hackneyed</b>	<b>hiatus</b>	<b>innuendo</b>	<b>intercede</b>

**SYNONYMS**

41. \_\_\_\_\_ decline, decay, degeneration
42. \_\_\_\_\_ insinuation, intimation
43. \_\_\_\_\_ intervene, mediate, plead
44. \_\_\_\_\_ protest, remonstrate, complain
45. \_\_\_\_\_ mitigate, alleviate, appease, slake, allay

**ANTONYMS**

46. \_\_\_\_\_ new, fresh, novel, original
47. \_\_\_\_\_ disapproval, condemnation, censure
48. \_\_\_\_\_ continuation
49. \_\_\_\_\_ repress, quash, squelch, stifle
50. \_\_\_\_\_ splinter group

**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.

51. \_\_\_\_\_ The American two-party system almost always makes it unnecessary to form a (**hiatus, coalition**) of minority parties to carry on the government.
52. \_\_\_\_\_ I see no point in (**expostulation, assuaging**) with a person who habitually refuses to listen to reason.
53. \_\_\_\_\_ My teacher is so accomplished that she can (**elicit, intercede**) some degree of interest and attention from even the most withdrawn children.
54. \_\_\_\_\_ His skillful use of academic jargon and fashionable catchphrases could not conceal the essentially (**decadent, hackneyed**) quality of his ideas.
55. \_\_\_\_\_ Popularity polls seem to be based on the mistaken idea that the basic task of a political leader is to win immediate (**approbation, innuendo**) from the people.