

SAT Vocabulary Lesson 4

I. Matching. Match the word on the left with its definition on the right. You will use each letter once.

- | | | | | |
|--------|-------------|----|------|--|
| ___1. | interloper | A. | adj. | inherent; essential; belonging to something by its very nature |
| ___2. | intrinsic | B. | adj. | mysterious, magical, supernatural; secret, hidden from view; v. to hide, conceal, eclipse; n. matters involving the supernatural |
| ___3. | inveigh | C. | n. | one who moves in where s/he is not wanted or has no right to be; an intruder |
| ___4. | lassitude | D. | v. | to think or believe without certain supporting evidence; to conjecture or guess; n. likely idea that lacks definite proof |
| ___5. | disparage | E. | adj. | intended to deceive or entrap; sly, treacherous |
| ___6. | occult | F. | v. | to belittle, speak slightingly of; to undervalue |
| ___7. | dour | G. | v. | to make a violent attack in words; to express strong disapproval |
| ___8. | precipitate | H. | adj. | stern, unyielding, gloomy, ill humored |
| ___9. | insidious | J. | v. | to fall as moisture; to cause or bring about suddenly; to hurl down from a great height; adj. characterized by excessive haste; n. moisture, product of an action or process |
| ___10. | surmise | K. | n. | weariness of body or mind; lack of energy |

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

interloper	intrinsic	inveigh	lassitude	disparage
occult	dour	precipitate	insidious	surmise

11. The investigators uncovered a/an _____ scheme to rob people of their life savings.
12. Dickens's Mr. Gradgrind in the novel *Hard Times* is an example of a character with a/an _____ and sullen disposition because in his classroom, he allowed nothing but the facts and discouraged any sort of whimsy or fun.
13. On some days, I am overcome by _____ at the thought of so many more years of schooling.
14. You should not _____ against the plan with quite so much vigor until you have read it thoroughly.
15. It had been my father's favorite book when he was my age, but for me it held little _____ interest.
16. The crowd was so eager to see the band perform that they resented the opening singer as a/an _____.
17. Much of his talk about the _____ seems grounded in nothing more than trick photography and folklore.
18. Scholars often disagree over which event or events _____ an historic moment.
19. The police had no proof, nothing to go on but a suspicion, but they did _____ that the butler did it.
20. Don't you think the public are getting tired of listening to politicians _____ their opponents' voting records?

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

interloper
occult

intrinsic
dour

inveigh
precipitate

lassitude
insidious

disparage
surmise

21. _____ What keeps us from being productive?
22. _____ How did the criminals describe the plot to trap them in their crime?
23. _____ How did his mom know that he had snuck out of the house without any proof?
24. _____ Which non-employee will be kicked out because he doesn't belong in the break room?
25. _____ How do we let them know we don't think they're unworthy?
26. _____ What is left in the beaker after a chemical reaction?
27. _____ Which quality creates a stifled and boring atmosphere in a classroom?
28. _____ Which school of thought is arcane and mysterious?
29. _____ Which quality is inherent in human nature?
30. _____ How do we voice our very strong, almost violent, disapproval?

IV. Synonyms and Antonyms. Below are synonyms and antonyms for the vocabulary words. Choose the vocabulary word that best fits the same meaning and the opposite meaning.

interloper
occult

intrinsic
dour

inveigh
precipitate

lassitude
insidious

disparage
surmise

SYNONYMS

31. _____ cunning, underhanded, perfidious
32. _____ infer, gather, conclude, guess
33. _____ degrade, decry, underrate
34. _____ trespasser, meddler, buttinsky
35. _____ immanent, organic
36. _____ rail, harangue, fulminate
37. _____ provoke, produce
38. _____ fatigue, lethargy, languor
39. _____ harsh, bleak, forbidding
40. _____ supernatural, abstruse, arcane

ANTONYMS

41. _____ cheery, inviting, genial
42. _____ wary, cautious, circumspect
43. _____ mundane, common, exoteric
44. _____ animation, vitality, liveliness,
45. _____ acclaim, glorify, extol
46. _____ frank, ingenuous, aboveboard
47. _____ guest, visitor, companion
48. _____ doomsday, day of judgment
49. _____ external, outward, superficial
50. _____ question, wonder, ask