**Weekly Vocabulary Assignment**

Each week you must use 10 of the vocabulary words from the list of almost 400 SAT Vocabulary words in a creative way.

You can write a story, a series of stories, letters, poems, newspaper articles, instructions, plays, scripts, etc.

*Sometimes, I may change up the assignment to do something besides a writing activity in order teach a different vocabulary skill, such as investigating the etymology of a word.*

Other creative ideas are welcome with my approval.

**Written piece requirements:**

* Vocabulary words must be used correctly in a sentence. Use the dictionary/online dictionary to determine correct usage and ask me if you have questions.
* Underline/bold all vocabulary words.
* Hand-written work should be at least two pages double-spaced and must be done neatly. (I will not spend extra time trying to read illegible handwriting.)
* WRITE ON THE FRONT OF THE PAGE ONLY.
* Typed work should be at least one page double-spaced.
* Each piece should be checked for spelling and grammar before being submitted.
* Do not use vocabulary words more than once.

Each piece is worth up to 15 points and will be averaged together for one major grade.

**9th Grade Vocabulary Word List**

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|  | **Word** | **Definition/Synonym** |
|  | abatement | decrease, reduction |
|  | abdicate | to give up a position, right, or power |
|  | acumen | sharpness of insight |
|  | adherent | Believer; supporter; devotee. |
|  | adjunct | 1. Attachment; appendage. 2. Subordinate or auxiliary capacity. |
|  | aesthetic | pertaining to beauty or art |
|  | aggrandize | Make more powerful; amplify; increase. |
|  | allegory | symbolic representation |
|  | allusion | indirect reference |
|  | allusiveness | quality of making many indirect references |
|  | ameliorate | Make better; improve. |
|  | amenable | agreeable, cooperative |
|  | amoral | unprincipled, unethical |
|  | amorous | strongly attracted to love; showing love |
|  | ancillary | accessory; subordinate; helping |
|  | antipathy | Feeling of opposition or repugnance: aversion; dislike. |
|  | antiquated | outdated, obsolete |
|  | antiquity | ancient times; the quality of being old or ancient |
|  | antithesis | exact opposite or direct contrast |
|  | aperture | Gap; opening; orifice. |
|  | approbation | praise; official approval |
|  | arcane | secret, obscure, known only to a few |
|  | ardor | great emotion or passion |
|  | ascendancy | state of rising, ascending; power or control |
|  | ascertain | to determine, discover, make certain of |
|  | assiduous | diligent, persistent, hard-working |
|  | assimilation | act of blending in, becoming similar |
|  | attenuate | to make thin or slender; weaken |
|  | audacious | bold, daring, fearless |
|  | audit | formal examination of financial records |
|  | augment | to expand, extend |
|  | avarice | Extreme desire for wealth; greed; acquisitiveness. |
|  | aversion | intense dislike |
|  | avouch | Guarantee; take responsibility for: affirm. |
|  | belabor | to insist repeatedly or harp on |
|  | bemuse | to confuse, stupefy; plunge deep into thought |
|  | benefactor | someone giving aid or money |
|  | beseech | to beg, plead, implore |
|  | betoken | to indicate, signify, give evidence of |
|  | blanch | to pale; take the color out of |
|  | blatant | glaring, obvious, showy |
|  | boorish | Ill-mannered; rude; gauche. |
|  | brigand | bandit, outlaw |
|  | buffet | to toss about |
|  | buffoon | clown or fool |
|  | bulwark | defense wall; anything serving as defense |
|  | bursar | treasurer |
|  | buttress | to reinforce or support |
|  | buttress | Truss; foundation; support. |
|  | cajole | to flatter, coax, persuade |
|  | calamitous | disastrous, catastrophic |
|  | carnal | of the flesh |
|  | carouse | Drink to excess; live it up. |
|  | carp | to find fault, complain constantly |
|  | castigate | to punish, chastise, criticize severely |
|  | cavalier | carefree, happy; with lordly disdain |
|  | cavort | to frolic, frisk |
|  | certitude | assurance, certainty |
|  | cessation | temporary or complete halt |
|  | champion | to defend or support |
|  | chasten | Castigate; punish; reprove. |
|  | chastise | to punish, discipline, scold |
|  | cherubic | Sweet; kind; innocent. |
|  | churlish | Selfish; rancorous; surly. |
|  | circumscribe | to encircle; set limits on, confine |
|  | citadel | fortress or stronghold |
|  | clandestine | Furtive; surreptitious; secret. |
|  | Coalesce | Combine; incorporate; merge. |
|  | cognition | mental process by which knowledge is acquired |
|  | collateral | accompanying |
|  | commodious | roomy, spacious |
|  | compatriot | fellow countryman |
|  | compensate | to repay or reimburse |
|  | complacent | self-satisfied, smug |
|  | compunction | feeling of uneasiness caused by guilt or regret |
|  | concede | to yield, admit |
|  | conceptualize | to envision, imagine |
|  | concur | to agree |
|  | conduit | tube, pipe, or similar passage |
|  | congenial | similar in tastes and habits |
|  | conjecture | speculation, prediction |
|  | Conjugal | Matrimonial; nuptial; marital. |
|  | constrained | forced, compelled; confined, restrained |
|  | constraint | something that forces or compels; something that restrains or confines |
|  | consummate | accomplished, complete, perfect |
|  | consummate | to complete, fulfill |
|  | contentious | Argumentative; pugnacious; quarrelsome. |
|  | conundrum | Mystery; puzzle. |
|  | convene | to meet, come together, assemble |
|  | conventional | typical, customary, commonplace |
|  | corrugate | to mold in a shape with parallel grooves and ridges |
|  | cosmography | science that deals with the nature of the universe |
|  | credence | acceptance of something as true or real |
|  | credulous | Gullible; unsuspecting; naive. |
|  | culpable | guilty, responsible for wrong |
|  | cumulative | resulting from gradual increase |
|  | cynic | person who distrusts the motives of others |
|  | daunt | to discourage, intimidate |
|  | debutante | young woman making debut in high society |
|  | decapitate | to behead |
|  | deferential | respectful and polite in a submissive way |
|  | deflation | decrease, depreciation |
|  | demystify | to remove mystery from, clarify |
|  | deplore | to express or feel disapproval of; regret strongly |
|  | deploy | to spread out strategically over an area |
|  | deride | to mock, ridicule, make fun of |
|  | destitute | very poor, poverty-stricken |
|  | diffract | to cause to separate into parts, esp. light |
|  | diligent | Assiduous: studious; hard-working. |
|  | dirge | funeral hymn |
|  | disbar | to expel from legal profession |
|  | disconcerting | bewildering, perplexing, slightly disturbing |
|  | disengaged | disconnected, disassociated |
|  | dishearten | Dismay; daunt; depress. |
|  | disinclined | averse, unwilling, lacking desire |
|  | disinterment | Exhumation; removal of a body from a grave. |
|  | disoblige | Slight or offend. |
|  | dispassionate | Imperturbable; unemotional; calm; composed. |
|  | dissemble | Disguise; conceal; mask; camouflage. |
|  | disseminate | to spread far and wide |
|  | Dissension | Conflict; disagreement; strife. |
|  | dissuade | Obstruct; hinder; deter. |
|  | divisive | creating disunity or conflict |
|  | dogmatic | rigidly fixed in opinion, opinionated |
|  | dowry | money or property given by a bride to her husband |
|  | dross | waste produced during metal smelting; garbage |
|  | dubious | Irresolute; uncertain; moot. |
|  | edifice | building |
|  | efface | Cancel; delete: obliterate. |
|  | efficacious | effective, efficient |
|  | effigy\* | Mannequin; likeness; image. |
|  | elucidate | interpret; define; clarify; explain. |
|  | encipher | to translate a message into code |
|  | enervate | Exhaust or weaken; debilitate. |
|  | engender | Generate; produce; cause. |
|  | enigmatic | Cryptic; baffling; mysterious. |
|  | ensconce | to settle comfortable into a place |
|  | enshroud | to cover, enclose with a dark cover |
|  | epigram | short, witty saying or poem |
|  | epigraph | quotation at the beginning of a literary work |
|  | epithet | Word used to describe or characterize a person or thing. |
|  | erudite | learned, scholarly |
|  | erudition | Learning; knowledge; enlightenment. |
|  | euphonic | Agreeable to the ear. |
|  | euphony | pleasant, harmonious sound |
|  | euthanasia | mercy killing; intentional, easy, and painless death |
|  | evince | to show clearly, display, signify |
|  | evoke | to inspire memories; to produce a reaction |
|  | excruciation | agonizing, intensely painful |
|  | exhort | to urge or incite by strong appeals |
|  | expatriate | Send into exile; renounce one’s own country. |
|  | expound | to elaborate; to expand or increase |
|  | expunge | Obliterate; remove; erase; exterminate. |
|  | extradite | Transfer a person to another jurisdiction for possible prosecution for an alleged offense. |
|  | extraneous | irrelevant, unrelated, unnecessary |
|  | facilitate | to aid, assist |
|  | facility | aptitude, ease in doing something |
|  | fastidious | Meticulous; exacting. |
|  | felicitous | suitable, appropriate; well-spoken |
|  | felicity | Great happiness; bliss. |
|  | filch | to steal |
|  | flaccid | limp, flabby, weak |
|  | flagrant | outrageous, shameless |
|  | flamboyant | flashy, garish; exciting, dazzling |
|  | flounder | to falter, waver; to muddle, struggle |
|  | flout | Ridicule; scoff; mock; scorn. |
|  | forethought | anticipation, foresight |
|  | forswear | Repudiate; forsake; eschew. |
|  | foster | to nourish, cultivate, promote |
|  | founder | to fall helplessly; sink |
|  | frenetic | wildly frantic, frenzied, hectic |
|  | furtive | Clandestine; secretive; surreptitious; covert. |
|  | fusion | process of merging things into one |
|  | garish | Gaudy; ostentatious; excessive. |
|  | garner | Collect; receive; attain; acquire. |
|  | garrulous\* | very talkative |
|  | gratis | free, costing nothing |
|  | gratuity | something given voluntarily, tip |
|  | gregarious | outgoing, sociable |
|  | grievous | causing grief or sorrow; serious and distressing |
|  | gross | total before deductions |
|  | guile | Wiliness; deceit; cunning. |
|  | haggle | Dicker; barter; make a deal. |
|  | hallow | Make holy; consecrate; sanctify. |
|  | headstrong | reckless; insisting on one's own way |
|  | heathen | pagan; uncivilized and irreligious |
|  | hemorrhage | heavy bleeding |
|  | hemorrhage | to bleed heavily |
|  | herald | Announce; broadcast; report. |
|  | hiatus | Interruption; pause; gap. |
|  | hoary | Frosted; grey; grizzled. |
|  | hyperbole | Exaggeration; fanciful statement; enhancement. |
|  | hypochondria | unfounded belief that one is often ill |
|  | illimitable | limitless |
|  | immunological | relating to immune system |
|  | impassioned | with passion |
|  | impeach | to charge with misdeeds in public office; accuse |
|  | impecunious | Poor; destitute; penniless. |
|  | implacable | inflexible, incapable of being pleased |
|  | implicit | implied, not directly expressed |
|  | importune | to ask repeatedly, beg |
|  | imposing | dignified, grand |
|  | impromptu | Makeshift; spontaneous. |
|  | improvident | Reckless: rash. |
|  | incarcerate | to put in jail; to confine |
|  | incarceration | imprisonment |
|  | incognito | to disguise, concealing one's identity |
|  | incoherent | Illogical; inconsistent. |
|  | inconsequential | unimportant, trivial |
|  | indecorous | Inappropriate; indelicate; unseemly. |
|  | indict | to accuse formally, charge with a crime |
|  | indignant | angry, incensed, offended |
|  | inebriated | drunk, intoxicated |
|  | inebriation | Drunkenness; intoxication. |
|  | inept | clumsy, awkward |
|  | inevitable | certain, unavoidable |
|  | infallible | incapable of making a mistake |
|  | infamy | reputation for bad deeds |
|  | ingratiate | to bring oneself purposely into another's good graces |
|  | inhibit | to hold back, prevent, restrain |
|  | insatiable | never satisfied |
|  | inscrutable | Mysterious; perplexing. |
|  | insipid | Dull; banal; tasteless. |
|  | insolent | insulting and arrogant |
|  | insoluble | not able to be solved or explained |
|  | insubstantial | modest, insignificant |
|  | intimation | clue, suggestion |
|  | intransigent | uncompromising, refusing to be reconciled |
|  | introspective | contemplating one's own thoughts and feelings |
|  | invective | verbal abuse |
|  | invincible | invulnerable, unbeatable |
|  | irascible | Testy; touchy; irritable. |
|  | jaded | tired by excess or overuse; slightly cynical |
|  | jollity | Gaiety; merriment. |
|  | juncture | Joint; seam; intersection; joining. |
|  | juxtapose | Place side by side. |
|  | juxtaposition | side-by-side placement |
|  | knave | A dishonest, deceitful person; a rogue. |
|  | knell | sound of a funeral bell; omen of death or failure |
|  | lament | to deplore, grieve |
|  | lamentation | Complaint; moan. |
|  | lethargy | Idleness; listlessness; passivity. |
|  | licentious | immoral; unrestrained by society |
|  | lien | right to possess and sell the property of a debtor |
|  | lionize | to treat as a celebrity |
|  | lissome | easily flexed, limber, agile |
|  | lithe | Flexible; agile; mobile; bendable. |
|  | livid | discolored from a bruise; reddened with anger |
|  | loathe | to abhor, despise, hate |
|  | loutish | Clumsy; idiotic; buffoonlike. |
|  | luminary | bright object; celebrity; source of inspiration |
|  | luminous | bright, brilliant, glowing |
|  | luxuriance | elegance, lavishness |
|  | maelstrom | whirlpool; turmoil; agitated state of mind |
|  | malady | illness |
|  | malefactor | evil-doer; culprit |
|  | malinger | Feign illness to escape work: shirk. |
|  | mannered | artificial or stilted in character |
|  | mar | to damage, deface; spoil |
|  | marred | Having blemishes; damaged; defaced. |
|  | masquerade | disguise; action that conceals the truth |
|  | maudlin | Overemotional; mushy. |
|  | melancholy | sadness, depression |
|  | mirth | frivolity, gaiety, laughter |
|  | misanthrope | person who hates human beings |
|  | missive | note or letter |
|  | mitigate | to soften, or make milder |
|  | mnemonic | relating to memory; designed to assist memory |
|  | naive | Foolishly simple; childlike. |
|  | natal | relating to birth |
|  | nebulous | Unclear; vague; indefinite. |
|  | nemesis | Just punishment; retribution. |
|  | neutrality | disinterest, impartiality |
|  | neutralize | to balance, offset |
|  | nicety | elegant or delicate feature; minute distinction |
|  | nomenclature | terms used in a particular science or discipline |
|  | nondescript | lacking interesting or distinctive qualities; dull |
|  | oblivious | unaware, inattentive |
|  | obscure | dim, unclear; not well known |
|  | obscurity | a state of being obscure |
|  | obviate | Make unnecessary. |
|  | odious | Detestable; loathsome: revolting; sickening. |
|  | ominous | menacing, threatening, indicating misfortune |
|  | oracle | person who foresees the future and gives advice |
|  | palatial | like a palace, magnificent |
|  | palette | board for mixing paints, range of colors |
|  | pallid | lacking color or liveliness |
|  | parch | to dry or shrivel |
|  | pare | to trim |
|  | parochial | Religious; restricted. |
|  | parry | to ward off or deflect |
|  | partisan | biased in favor of |
|  | partisan | strong supporter |
|  | pathogenic | causing disease |
|  | pedant | uninspired, boring academic |
|  | pediment | triangular gable on a roof or façade |
|  | pejorative | Degrading: derogatory; negative. |
|  | pensive | thoughtful |
|  | perfunctory | done in a routine way; indifferent |
|  | personification | act of attributing human qualities to objects or abstract qualities |
|  | pervert | to cause to change in immoral way; to misuse |
|  | phalanx | massed group of soldiers, people, or things |
|  | philantrophy | love of humanity; generosity to worthy causes |
|  | pique | fleeting feeling of hurt pride |
|  | pique | Irritate; miff; offend. |
|  | plentitude | abundance, plenty |
|  | pluralistic | including a variety of groups |
|  | pneumatic | relating to air; worked by compressed air |
|  | politic | discreet, tactful |
|  | portent | omen |
|  | potentate | monarch or ruler with great power |
|  | premeditate | to consider, plan beforehand |
|  | progressive | favoring progress or change; moving forward, going step-by-step |
|  | pungent | strong or sharp in smell or taste |
|  | puritanical | adhering to a rigid moral code |
|  | query | question |
|  | quiver | to shake slightly, tremble, vibrate |
|  | ramification | an implication, outgrowth, or consequence |
|  | rancor | bitter hatred |
|  | rancorous | Antagonistic; hostile; spiteful. |
|  | ravenous | extremely hungry |
|  | recapitulate | to review by a brief summary |
|  | reclusive | shut off from the world |
|  | rectify | to correct |
|  | redundant | Excessive; repetitious; unnecessary. |
|  | refract | to deflect sound or light |
|  | refuge | escape, shelter |
|  | rehabilitate | to restore to good health or condition; reestablish a person's good reputation |
|  | rejuvenate | to make young again; renew |
|  | remediable | capable of being corrected |
|  | remuneration | Compensation; wages. |
|  | renown | fame, widespread acclaim |
|  | repast | meal or mealtime |
|  | replete | abundantly supplied |
|  | repression | act of restraining or holding in |
|  | reprove | to criticize or correct |
|  | repudiate | Recant; disclaim; reject; disavow. |
|  | repulse | repel, fend off; sicken, disgust |
|  | requite | to return or repay |
|  | resilient | Elastic; stretchy; rebounding. |
|  | resonant | Reverberant; ringing. |
|  | resonate | to echo |
|  | restitution | act of compensating for loss or damage |
|  | retort | cutting response |
|  | retroactive | applying to an earlier time |
|  | retrospection | Contemplation of past things. |
|  | revile | to criticize with harsh language, verbally abuse |
|  | revitalize | to renew; give new energy to |
|  | rhapsody | emotional literary or musical work |
|  | risqué | bordering on being inappropriate or indecent |
|  | robust | strong and healthy; hardy |
|  | rotund | round in shape; fat |
|  | sallow | sickly yellow in color |
|  | sanction | permission, support; law; penalty |
|  | sanctuary | haven, retreat |
|  | sanguine | ruddy; cheerfully optimistic |
|  | scale | to climb to the top of |
|  | scathing | harshly critical; painfully hot |
|  | scenario | plot outline; possible situation |
|  | scrupulous | restrained; careful and precise |
|  | sedition | behavior promoting rebellion |
|  | sensual | satisfying or gratifying the senses |
|  | sequel | anything that follows |
|  | servile | submissive, obedient |
|  | soluble | capable of being solved or dissolved |
|  | sordid | filthy; contemptible and corrupt |
|  | stagnant | immobile, stale |
|  | stasis | motionless state; standstill |
|  | stipend | allowance; fixed amount of money paid regularly |
|  | strident | Discordant; harsh; piercing. |
|  | stringent | imposing severe, rigorous standards |
|  | stultify | Inhibit; make ineffective; cripple. |
|  | sublime | awe-inspiring; of high spiritual or moral value |
|  | submissive | tending to be meek and submit |
|  | subterfuge | trick or tactic used to avoid something |
|  | superfluous | extra, more than necessary |
|  | surfeit | Overabundance; excess; surplus. |
|  | tenuous | Attenuated; flimsy; thin. |
|  | tinge | to color slightly |
|  | tinge | slight amount |
|  | torpor | Lethargy; apathy; dormancy. |
|  | tottering | barely standing |
|  | transmute | to change in appearance or shape |
|  | truant | Indolent; absent; idle. |
|  | undulating | moving in waves |
|  | vacillate | Hedge; waver; fluctuate. |
|  | vagrant | poor person with no home |
|  | vestige | trace, remnant |
|  | vindicate | to clear of blame; support a claim |
|  | vindication | clearance from blame or suspicion |
|  | vindictive | spiteful, vengeful, unforgiving |
|  | viscous | thick, syrupy, and sticky |
|  | vivacious | lively, spirited |
|  | volition | free choice, free will; act of choosing |
|  | vulnerable | defenseless, unprotected; innocent, naïve |
|  | winsome | charming, happily engaging |
|  | wizened | withered, shriveled, wrinkled |