Digital SAT

VOCABULARY for 800 (source: real tests)



1. **Abundant**

   - **Explanation**: Existing or available in large quantities.

   - **Synonyms**: Plentiful, ample, copious

   - **Example**: The garden was abundant with flowers of every color.

2. **Accent**

   - **Explanation**: A distinctive mode of pronunciation of a language.

   - **Synonyms**: Pronunciation, intonation, stress

   - **Example**: Her British accent made her speech charming and distinct.

3. **Accentuate**

   - **Explanation**: Make more noticeable or prominent.

   - **Synonyms**: Emphasize, highlight, underscore

   - **Example**: The bright colors of the painting accentuate its vibrant energy.

4. **Ameliorate**

   - **Explanation**: Make something bad or unsatisfactory better.

   - **Synonyms**: Improve, enhance, better

   - **Example**: Measures were taken to ameliorate the working conditions of the factory.

5. **Amorphous**

   - **Explanation**: Lacking a clear structure or focus.

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- **Synonyms**: Shapeless, formless, indeterminate
- **Example**: The project remained amorphous and lacked a definite direction.

6. **Appraising**
- **Explanation**: Assessing the value or quality of something.
- **Synonyms**: Evaluating, assessing, judging
- **Example**: She gave an appraising look at the painting, considering its worth.

7. **Arduous**
- **Explanation**: Involving or requiring strenuous effort; difficult and tiring.
- **Synonyms**: Difficult, strenuous, laborious
- **Example**: Climbing the mountain was an arduous task that tested their endurance.

8. **Articulate**
- **Explanation**: Having or showing the ability to speak fluently and coherently.
- **Synonyms**: Eloquent, fluent, expressive
- **Example**: He was very articulate, making it easy to understand his complex ideas.

9. **Assertive**
- **Explanation**: Having a confident and forceful personality.
- **Synonyms**: Confident, self-assured, firm
- **Example**: Her assertive nature made her a strong leader.

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10. **Attempting**

- **Explanation**: Making an effort to achieve or complete something.
- **Synonyms**: Trying, endeavoring, striving
- **Example**: He was attempting to solve the puzzle but found it quite challenging.

11. **Austere**

- **Explanation**: Severe or strict in manner, attitude, or appearance.
- **Synonyms**: Stern, strict, harsh
- **Example**: The teacher’s austere demeanor intimidated the students.

12. **Augment**

- **Explanation**: Make something greater by adding to it.
- **Synonyms**: Increase, enlarge, expand
- **Example**: He decided to augment his income by taking on a part-time job.

13. **Ban**

- **Explanation**: Officially or legally prohibit something.
- **Synonyms**: Prohibit, forbid, outlaw
- **Example**: The city council decided to ban smoking in public places.

14. **Behold**

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- **Explanation**: See or observe (someone or something, especially of remarkable or impressive nature).

- **Synonyms**: Observe, witness, see

- **Example**: The sight was a wonder to behold.

15. **Benevolent**

- **Explanation**: Well-meaning and kindly.

- **Synonyms**: Kind, good-hearted, compassionate

- **Example**: The benevolent king was loved by all his subjects.

16. **Benign**

- **Explanation**: Gentle and kindly.

- **Synonyms**: Kind, gentle, harmless

- **Example**: The tumor was found to be benign, much to everyone's relief.

17. **Bypass**

- **Explanation**: Go past or around.

- **Synonyms**: Avoid, circumvent, evade

- **Example**: They decided to bypass the traffic by taking an alternative route.

18. **Captivated by**

- **Explanation**: Attract and hold the interest and attention of; charm.

- **Synonyms**: Fascinated, enchanted, enthralled

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- **Example**: She was captivated by the beautiful scenery.

19. **Cherish**
   - **Explanation**: Protect and care for (someone) lovingly.
   - **Synonyms**: Treasure, hold dear, value
   - **Example**: They cherish their time together as a family.

20. **Coalesce**
   - **Explanation**: Come together to form one mass or whole.
   - **Synonyms**: Unite, merge, combine
   - **Example**: The two groups decided to coalesce to form a stronger alliance.

21. **Coarseness**
   - **Explanation**: The quality of being rough or harsh.
   - **Synonyms**: Roughness, crudity, vulgarity
   - **Example**: The coarseness of the fabric made it uncomfortable to wear.

22. **Common**
   - **Explanation**: Occurring, found, or done often; prevalent.
   - **Synonyms**: Widespread, usual, frequent
   - **Example**: It’s common to see people using smartphones nowadays.

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23. **Comparison**

- **Explanation**: The act or instance of comparing.

- **Synonyms**: Contrast, juxtaposition, correlation

- **Example**: The comparison between the two products showed clear differences in quality.

24. **Conflate with**

- **Explanation**: Combine (two or more texts, ideas, etc.) into one.

- **Synonyms**: Merge, blend, fuse

- **Example**: It’s easy to conflate his ideas with those of his mentor.

25. **Constrict**

- **Explanation**: Make narrower, especially by encircling pressure.

- **Synonyms**: Tighten, squeeze, compress

- **Example**: The snake began to constrict its prey tightly.

26. **Controversy in**

- **Explanation**: Disagreement, typically when prolonged, public, and heated.

- **Synonyms**: Dispute, debate, argument

- **Example**: There was much controversy in the community over the new policy.

27. **Conventional**

- **Explanation**: Based on or in accordance with what is generally done or believed.

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- **Synonyms**: Traditional, standard, usual
- **Example**: His views were very conventional, reflecting the norms of his upbringing.

28. **Copious**
- **Explanation**: Abundant in supply or quantity.
- **Synonyms**: Abundant, plentiful, ample
- **Example**: The students took copious notes during the lecture.

29. **Counteract**
- **Explanation**: Act against (something) in order to reduce its force or neutralize it.
- **Synonyms**: Offset, counterbalance, neutralize
- **Example**: Measures were taken to counteract the effects of the drug.

30. **Courageous**
- **Explanation**: Not deterred by danger or pain; brave.
- **Synonyms**: Brave, valiant, fearless
- **Example**: The firefighters were very courageous in their efforts to save the building.

31. **Craft**
- **Explanation**: An activity involving skill in making things by hand.
- **Synonyms**: Skill, art, handiwork
- **Example**: She enjoyed the craft of pottery, creating beautiful pieces.

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32. **Credible**

- **Explanation**: Able to be believed; convincing.

- **Synonyms**: Believable, plausible, reliable

- **Example**: The witness provided a credible account of the events.

33. **Cynical**

- **Explanation**: Believing that people are motivated purely by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity.

- **Synonyms**: Skeptical, distrustful, pessimistic

- **Example**: He had a cynical view of politics, believing that all politicians were corrupt.

34. **Demanded of**

- **Explanation**: Ask authoritatively or brusquely.

- **Synonyms**: Require, insist, ask

- **Example**: The project demanded a lot of effort and time from everyone involved.

35. **Deserve**

- **Explanation**: Do something or have or show qualities worthy of (a reaction which rewards or punishes as appropriate).

- **Synonyms**: Merit, earn, warrant

- **Example**: She worked hard and deserved the promotion.

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36. **Deserving**

- **Explanation**: Worthy of being treated in a particular way, typically of being given assistance.

- **Synonyms**: Worthy, meritorious, commendable

- **Example**: He is a deserving candidate for the scholarship.

37. **Disguise**

- **Explanation**: Give (someone or oneself) a different appearance in order to conceal one's identity.

- **Synonyms**: Camouflage, mask, conceal

- **Example**: She wore a disguise to avoid being recognized.

Disingenuous

- **Explanation**: Not candid or sincere, typically by pretending that one knows less about something than one really does.

- **Synonyms**: Insincere, deceitful, dishonest

- **Example**: His apology seemed disingenuous, as if he didn’t really mean it.

39. **Distrusted**

- **Explanation**: Regard with suspicion or lack of trust.

- **Synonyms**: Mistrust, suspect, doubt

- **Example**: The new policy was distrusted by many of the employees.

40. **Dispersed**

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- **Explanation**: Distribute or spread over a wide area.

- **Synonyms**: Scatter, distribute, diffuse

- **Example**: The crowd dispersed quickly after the concert ended.

41. **Dogmatic**

- **Explanation**: Inclined to lay down principles as incontrovertibly true.

- **Synonyms**: Opinionated, assertive, inflexible

- **Example**: His dogmatic approach to politics made it difficult to have a discussion with him.

42. **Drawn to**

- **Explanation**: Attracted to someone or something.

- **Synonyms**: Attracted, interested, captivated

- **Example**: She was drawn to his charismatic personality.

43. **Enduring**

- **Explanation**: Continuing or long-lasting.

- **Synonyms**: Lasting, enduring, perennial

- **Example**: Their enduring friendship has lasted over two decades.

44. **Engender**

- **Explanation**: Cause or give rise to (a feeling, situation, or condition).

- **Synonyms**: Cause, generate, provoke

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- **Example**: His speech engendered a lot of enthusiasm among the audience.

45. **Entail**

- **Explanation**: Involve (something) as a necessary or inevitable part or consequence.

- **Synonyms**: Involve, require, necessitate

- **Example**: This job entails a lot of hard work and dedication.

46. **Equitable**

- **Explanation**: Fair and impartial.

- **Synonyms**: Fair, just, unbiased

- **Example**: The company aims to provide equitable treatment for all employees.

47. **Equivocal**

- **Explanation**: Open to more than one interpretation; ambiguous.

- **Synonyms**: Ambiguous, unclear, vague

- **Example**: His answer was equivocal, leaving everyone uncertain of his true position.

48. **Erratic**

- **Explanation**: Not even or regular in pattern or movement; unpredictable.

- **Synonyms**: Unpredictable, inconsistent, irregular

- **Example**: The weather has been very erratic lately, changing from sunny to rainy in minutes.

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49. **Evince**

- **Explanation**: Reveal the presence of (a quality or feeling); indicate.

- **Synonyms**: Show, reveal, indicate

- **Example**: His speech evinced a strong sense of compassion.

50. **Exploiting**

- **Explanation**: Make full use of and derive benefit from (a resource).

- **Synonyms**: Utilize, harness, capitalize on

- **Example**: The company was accused of exploiting its workers by paying them low wages.

51. **Genuine**

- **Explanation**: Truly what something is said to be; authentic.

- **Synonyms**: Authentic, real, true

- **Example**: The painting was confirmed to be a genuine Picasso.

52. **Held up**

- **Explanation**: To remain strong or successful.

- **Synonyms**: Maintain, sustain, endure

- **Example**: Despite the challenges, his argument held up under scrutiny.

53. **Heterogeneous**

- **Explanation**: Diverse in character or content.

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- **Synonyms**: Diverse, varied, mixed
- **Example**: The neighborhood is a heterogeneous mix of different cultures and traditions.

54. **Homogeneous**
- **Explanation**: Of the same kind; alike.
- **Synonyms**: Uniform, consistent, similar
- **Example**: The population of the small town was quite homogeneous.

55. **Idealize**
- **Explanation**: Regard or represent as perfect or better than in reality.
- **Synonyms**: Glorify, romanticize, exalt
- **Example**: It’s easy to idealize the past when looking back with nostalgia.

56. **Idealistic**
- **Explanation**: Characterized by idealism; unrealistically aiming for perfection.
- **Synonyms**: Utopian, visionary, unrealistic
- **Example**: His idealistic views often clashed with the harsh realities of the world.

57. **Idiosyncratic**
- **Explanation**: Peculiar or individual.
- **Synonyms**: Unique, distinctive, quirky
- **Example**: Her idiosyncratic style of dress made her stand out in a crowd.

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58. **Imaginary**

- **Explanation**: Existing only in the imagination.

- **Synonyms**: Fictitious, unreal, fictional

- **Example**: The characters in the book are entirely imaginary.

59. **Imperative**

- **Explanation**: Of vital importance; crucial.

- **Synonyms**: Essential, urgent, necessary

- **Example**: It is imperative that we act immediately to address the issue.

60. **Impedius**

- **Explanation**: Incorrect or unclear spelling, assumed to mean "impediment" which refers to something that obstructs progress.

- **Synonyms**: Obstacle, hindrance, barrier

- **Example**: His speech impediment made public speaking challenging.

61. **Indistinct**

- **Explanation**: Not clear or sharply defined.

- **Synonyms**: Blurry, unclear, vague

- **Example**: The photograph was so indistinct that it was hard to tell who was in it.

62. **Induce**

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- **Explanation**: Succeed in persuading or leading (someone) to do something.

- **Synonyms**: Persuade, encourage, provoke

- **Example**: Nothing would induce him to change his mind.

63. **Individualistic**

- **Explanation**: Characterized by individualism; independent and self-reliant.

- **Synonyms**: Independent, unique, self-reliant

- **Example**: His individualistic approach to problem-solving often led to innovative solutions.

64. **Indulgently**

- **Explanation**: Having or indicating a tendency to be overly generous to or lenient with someone.

- **Synonyms**: Leniently, permissively, tolerantly

- **Example**: She smiled indulgently at the child's antics.

65. **Inconsequential**

- **Explanation**: Not important or significant.

- **Synonyms**: Trivial, insignificant, unimportant

- **Example**: The mistake was inconsequential and didn’t affect the overall results.

66. **Ineluctable**

- **Explanation**: Unable to be resisted or avoided; inescapable.

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- **Synonyms**: Inevitable, unavoidable, certain

- **Example**: The ineluctable conclusion of the experiment was that the hypothesis was correct.

67. **Ineffectual**

- **Explanation**: Not producing the desired effect.

- **Synonyms**: Ineffective, useless, futile

- **Example**: His efforts to fix the car were ineffectual, so he had to call a mechanic.

68. **Insuperable**

- **Explanation**: Impossible to overcome.

- **Synonyms**: Insurmountable, unconquerable, invincible

- **Example**: The challenges ahead seemed insuperable, but they were determined to succeed.

69. **Intricate**

- **Explanation**: Very complicated or detailed.

- **Synonyms**: Complex, elaborate, detailed

- **Example**: The intricate design of the jewelry made it a prized possession.

70. **Intrigued by**

- **Explanation**: Arouse the curiosity or interest of; fascinate.

- **Synonyms**: Fascinated, captivated, interested

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- **Example**: She was intrigued by the mysterious letter she received.

71. **Intrinsic to**

- **Explanation**: Belonging naturally; essential.

- **Synonyms**: Inherent, innate, fundamental

- **Example**: The ability to learn from mistakes is intrinsic to human nature.

72. **Irreproachable**

- **Explanation**: Beyond criticism; faultless.

- **Synonyms**: Blameless, impeccable, flawless

- **Example**: Her conduct was irreproachable, earning her the respect of her peers.

73. **Lament**

- **Explanation**: A passionate expression of grief or sorrow.

- **Synonyms**: Mourn, grieve, sorrow

- **Example**: They lament the loss of their beloved leader.

74. **Manifestations**

- **Explanation**: An event, action, or object that clearly shows or embodies something, especially a theory or an abstract idea.

- **Synonyms**: Display, demonstration, indication

- **Example**: The manifestations of her illness were evident to everyone around her.

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75. **Mediocre**

- **Explanation**: Of only moderate quality; not very good.

- **Synonyms**: Average, ordinary, middling

- **Example**: The movie was mediocre at best, with nothing particularly memorable about it.

76. **Menacing**

- **Explanation**: Suggesting the presence of danger; threatening.

- **Synonyms**: Threatening, intimidating, ominous

- **Example**: The menacing clouds signaled an approaching storm.

77. **Muddied**

- **Explanation**: Make (something) unclear or less intelligible.

- **Synonyms**: Confused, clouded, obscured

- **Example**: His unclear explanation muddied the understanding of the topic.

78. **Myriad**

- **Explanation**: A countless or extremely great number.

- **Synonyms**: Multitude, plethora, abundance

- **Example**: There are a myriad of stars in the sky on a clear night.

79. **Obsolete**

- **Explanation**: No longer produced or used; out of date.

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- **Synonyms**: Outdated, outmoded, archaic

- **Example**: The use of floppy disks has become obsolete with the advent of modern storage solutions.

80. **Pervasive**

- **Explanation**: (Especially of an unwelcome influence or physical effect) spreading widely throughout an area or a group of people.

- **Synonyms**: Widespread, prevalent, omnipresent

- **Example**: The influence of social media is pervasive in today's society.

81. **Petitioned**

- **Explanation**: Make or present a formal request to (an authority) with respect to a particular cause.

- **Synonyms**: Requested, appealed, entreated

- **Example**: The citizens petitioned the government for better healthcare facilities.

82. **Precursors**

- **Explanation**: A person or thing that comes before another of the same kind; a forerunner.

- **Synonyms**: Forerunner, predecessor, antecedent

- **Example**: The radio was a precursor to modern communication technology.

83. **Preclude**

- **Explanation**: Prevent from happening; make impossible.

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- **Synonyms**: Prevent, hinder, impede

- **Example**: His injury will preclude him from participating in the competition.

84. **Pretentiousness**

- **Explanation**: Attempting to impress by affecting greater importance, talent, culture, etc., than is actually possessed.

- **Synonyms**: Ostentation, showiness, affectation

- **Example**: The pretentiousness of the art critic was evident in his over-the-top reviews.

85. **Recollect**

- **Explanation**: Remember (something); call to mind.

- **Synonyms**: Remember, recall, reminisce

- **Example**: I can’t recollect the exact details of the story.

86. **Resolute**

- **Explanation**: Admirably purposeful, determined, and unwavering.

- **Synonyms**: Determined, steadfast, unwavering

- **Example**: She was resolute in her decision to pursue a career in medicine.

87. **Shattered**

- **Explanation**: Break or cause to break suddenly and violently into pieces.

- **Synonyms**: Broken, smashed, fractured

- **Example**: The glass vase shattered into a thousand pieces when it hit the floor.

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88. **Shrewd**

- **Explanation**: Having or showing sharp powers of judgment; astute.
- **Synonyms**: Astute, sharp, clever
- **Example**: He was shrewd enough to recognize the potential of the new technology.

89. **Soothing**

- **Explanation**: Having a gently calming effect.
- **Synonyms**: Calming, comforting, relaxing
- **Example**: The soothing music helped her to relax after a stressful day.

90. **Spectacle**

- **Explanation**: A visually striking performance or display.
- **Synonyms**: Display, show, exhibition
- **Example**: The fireworks were a magnificent spectacle.

91. **Subdued**

- **Explanation**: (Of a person or their manner) quiet and rather reflective or depressed.
- **Synonyms**: Quiet, low-key, muted
- **Example**: The mood at the funeral was subdued.

92. **Subordinate to**

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- **Explanation**: Lower in rank or position.
- **Synonyms**: Inferior, junior, secondary
- **Example**: In the military, a lieutenant is subordinate to a captain.

93. **Suppress**
- **Explanation**: Forcibly put an end to.
- **Synonyms**: Quash, repress, subdue
- **Example**: The government attempted to suppress the uprising.

94. **Supposition**
- **Explanation**: An uncertain belief.
- **Synonyms**: Assumption, hypothesis, conjecture
- **Example**: His theory was based on mere supposition, without any solid evidence.

95. **Supplant**
- **Explanation**: Supersede and replace.
- **Synonyms**: Replace, displace, override
- **Example**: The internet has largely supplanted traditional newspapers.

96. **Surrendered**
- **Explanation**: Stop resisting to an enemy or opponent and submit to their authority.
- **Synonyms**: Yielded, capitulated, submitted

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- **Example**: The soldiers surrendered after realizing they were outnumbered.

97. **Taxing (adj)**

- **Explanation**: Physically or mentally demanding.

- **Synonyms**: Demanding, challenging, strenuous

- **Example**: The exam was very taxing, requiring a lot of concentration and effort.

98. **Tenderly**

- **Explanation**: With gentleness, kindness, and affection.

- **Synonyms**: Gently, lovingly, softly

- **Example**: She held the baby tenderly in her arms.

99. **Timeworn**

- **Explanation**: Damaged or impaired, or made less striking or attractive, as a result of age or much use.

- **Synonyms**: Aged, old, worn

- **Example**: The timeworn building had a lot of historical charm.

100. **Traced**

- **Explanation**: Find or discover by investigation.

- **Synonyms**: Track, follow, discover

- **Example**: The detective traced the missing person's last known movements.

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101. **Unassuming**

- **Explanation**: Not pretentious or arrogant; modest.

- **Synonyms**: Modest, humble, unpretentious

- **Example**: Despite his fame, he remained unassuming and down-to-earth.

102. **Unprecedented**

- **Explanation**: Never done or known before.

- **Synonyms**: Unmatched, unparalleled, extraordinary

- **Example**: The technology has advanced at an unprecedented rate.

103. **Usurp**

- **Explanation**: Take (a position of power or importance) illegally or by force.

- **Synonyms**: Seize, take over, commandeer

- **Example**: The general tried to usurp power from the king.

104. **Vacillating**

- **Explanation**: Wavering between different opinions or actions; irresolute.

- **Synonyms**: Hesitant, wavering, indecisive

- **Example**: He was vacillating between accepting the job offer and staying in his current position.

105. **Vigilance**

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- **Explanation**: The action or state of keeping careful watch for possible danger or difficulties.

- **Synonyms**: Alertness, watchfulness, caution

- **Example**: The guards maintained their vigilance throughout the night.

106. **Vindicate**

- **Explanation**: Clear (someone) of blame or suspicion.

- **Synonyms**: Justify, exonerate, absolve

- **Example**: The new evidence served to vindicate the accused.

107. **Whim**

- **Explanation**: A sudden desire or change of mind, especially one that is unusual or unexplained.

- **Synonyms**: Impulse, caprice, fancy

- **Example**: She bought the dress on a whim, without thinking about the cost.

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