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Important SAT Roots, Prefixes, & Suffixes

Type	Word Part	Meaning	Examples
Prefix	**a**	without	apathy, amoral, asymmetrical
Prefix	**ab**	away	absent, abduct, abnormal, abort
Suffix	**-cious, -uous**	abounding in	vivacious, volumptuous
Root	**acu**	sharp	acute, acupressure, acupuncture, acuity
Root	**agri**	farming	agriculture, agrarian
Root	**alb**	white	albino, albumen, albacore
Prefix	**amb**	both	ambivalent, ambiguous, ambidextrous
Root	**ambul**	walk, move	amble, ambulance, ambulant
Root	**amic**	friendly	amicable, amicably, dynamic
Prefix	**ana**	back	anachronism, anabasis
Prefix	**anti (ant)**	against, opposite	antagonist, antidote, antibiotics
Root	**arche (archi)**	primitive, origin	archaic, archaeology, archive
Root	**auto**	self	autopilot, autonomous, autocratic
Root	**bel**	war, fight	rebel, antebellum, bellicose
Root	**bene**	good	benefit, benign, benevolent, benefactor
Prefix	**bi**	two	bicycle, biceps, biscotti, biweekly
Root	**cata**	intensive, according to	cataclysm, catastrophic, catalog
Root	**cede (cess, ced)**	go, withdraw	recede, exceed, recession
Suffix	**ceive**	take	receive, perceive, reconceive

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Root	**cent**	hundred	centennial, century, percent
Root	**cerebr**	brain	cerebral, cerebrate
Root	**cert**	sure	certain, ascertain, certify
Root	**chron**	time	chronicle, chronology, anachronism
Root	**cide**	kill	genocide, pesticide
Root	**circum**	around	circumference, circumstance
Root	**clam (claim)**	shout, speak	exclaim, clamor, proclaim
Root	**clar**	clear	clarify, clarification, declare
Root	**clud (clus)**	close	conclusion, seclude, conclude
Root	**clin (cline)**	lean	inclination, incline, recline
Prefix	**co**	with, together, joint	coauthor, cosign, collaborate, cooperate
Root	**cog**	know	cognitive, incognito, cognition
Prefix	**con**	together, common	connect, convention, concur
Prefix	**contra**	against	contraband, contrary
Root	**corp**	body	corporation, corpse, corporal
Prefix	**counter**	opposing, contrary	counteract, counterintuitive, counteroffer
Suffix	**cracy (crat)**	rule	democracy, democrat, theocracy, bureaucracy
Root	**cred**	believe	incredible, credit, credulous, credence
Root	**crypt**	hidden, secret	cryptic, encrypt

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Root	**culp**	blame, fault	culpable, exculpate, culprit
Root	**cumul**	mass, heap	accumulate, cumulative
Root	**dem**	people	democracy, demographics
Prefix	**di**	twice, two	dilemma, diverse, dioxide
Prefix	**dia**	across, through	dialogue, diameter, diagnosis
Root	**domin**	master	dominate, predominate, dominerring
Root	**don**	give	donate, pardon, donor
Root	**dorm**	sleep	dormitory, dormant, dormer
Root	**dur**	harden, long lasting	durable, duration, endure
Root	**dyn**	power, energy	dynamite, dynamic
Suffix	**ence (ance)**	state, condition	performance, conference, insurance
Root	**esth (aesth)**	beauty, feeling	esthetician, aesthetic, kinesthesia
Root	**ethn**	nation, race	ethnicity, ethnology, ethnocentric
Prefix	**eu**	good, well	euphemism, euphoria
Prefix	**ex**	out, former	exit, ex-girlfriend, exterminate, extract
Prefix	**extra**	beyond	extraordinary, extraterrestrial, extravagance
Suffix	**fer**	carry, bring	transfer, ferry, conifer, confer
Root	**fid**	trust	confidence, fidelity
Root	**flect (flex)**	bend	reflect, flexible, inflect, deflect

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Root	**fore**	in front of, previous	before, therefore, forebode, forecast
Root	**fusc**	dark	obfuscation, infuscate, subfuscous, fuscous
Root	**ger**	old age	geriatrics, gerontology
Root	**grad (gress)**	to step, to go	digress, gradual, graduate
Root	**gyn**	woman	gynecology, androgynous, misogyny
Prefix	**homo (homeo)**	same, alike	homogeneous, homonym, homeopath
Prefix	**hyper**	over, beyond	hyperactive, hyperventilate
Prefix	**hypo**	under	hypothermic, hypothesis, hypoglycemia
Suffix	**ian**	related to	librarian, historian, pedestrian
Root	**idio**	peculiar, distinct	idiotic, idiomatic
Prefix	**in/im**	not	incapable, incomplete, informal, imperfect
Prefix	**infra**	beneath	infrastructure, infrared
Prefix	**inter**	between	interview, international, interstate
Prefix	**ir**	not	irrational, irredeemable, irrelevant, irregular,
Prefix	**iso**	equal	isobar, isometric
Root	**lab**	work	elaborate, laboratory, laborious, labor, collaborate
Root	**lat**	broad, wide	dilate, latitude
Root	**laud**	praise	laudably, applause, applaud
Root	**lex**	word, law	lexicology, dyslexic, alexia, lexicon

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Root	**loq**	speech	loquacious, eloquent, colloquialism
Root	**luc**	light	elucidate, lucid, translucent
Prefix	**macro**	large, great	macroeconomics, macronutrients, macroevolution
Root	**mal**	bad, evil	malignant, maltreat, malfeasance, malicious
Root	**medi**	middle	mediocre, medium, medieval
Root	**melan**	black, dark	melancholy, melanoma, melodrama
Prefix	**meta**	change, beyond, after	metaphysics, metamorphosis, metastasis
Prefix	**micro**	small	microscope, micronutrient
Root	**migr**	move	immigrant, emigrate, migrant, migration
Prefix	**min**	small	minimum, miniature, miniscule, minute
Prefix	**mis**	wrong, bad	mistake, misinterpret, misogynist
Root	**miss (mit)**	send, cast	remit, dismiss, missle, emit
Prefix	**mono**	one	monotheism, monodiglyceride
Root	**mort**	death	mortuary, immortal, mortify
Root	**nat**	born	innate, natural, natal
Root	**neg**	no	negate, negative, renege
Prefix	**neo**	new	neophyte, neonatal, neologistic, neocolonialism
Root	**nov**	new	novice, renovate, novelty
Root	**null**	none	nullify, nullification, nulliparity

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Prefix	**ob (op)**	in the way, against	object, objection, opposition, obscure
Prefix	**omni**	all	omnipotent, omniscient, omnivorous
Root	**opt**	best	optimal, optimum, optimize
Suffix	**ous**	having	adventurous, hazardous, nauseous, joyous
Root	**oxy**	sharp	oxymoron, oxidize
Root	**paleo**	ancient	paleontologist, Paleolithic, paleography
Root	**pan**	all	pandemic, panorama, pantheon, panacea
Prefix	**para**	beside, related	parallel, parasite, paramedic
Root	**path**	feeling	antipathy, sympathetic, psychopath, apathy
Root	**pel (puls)**	drive, push	dispel, repulse, compel, compulsion
Root	**ped**	foot, kid	pedestrian, pedometer, pediatrician, pedophile
Root	**peri**	around	perimeter, peripheral
Root	**phil**	loving	philanthropic, philosophy, pedophile
Root	**phob**	fear	hydrophobia, phobia, claustrophobic
Prefix	**poly**	many	polytheistic, polyamorous, polygon
Root	**pos**	put, place	position, compose, deposit
Prefix	**post**	after	posterior, postpone, postmortem
Prefix	**pre**	before	prevent, predetermined, precaution, preview
Root	**psuedo**	not genuine	pseudonym, pseudoscience

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Root	**pug**	to fight	pugnacious, repugnant, pugilant
Root	**pul**	urge	compulsion, impulsive, expulsion
Root	**purg**	clean	purge, purgatory, expurgate
Prefix	**re**	again	regenerate, reassess, reconfigure
Root	**reg**	guide, rules	regulate, regular, regent, regime
Prefix	**retro**	back, backward	retroactive, retrospect, retrograde
Root	**san**	health	sane, sanity, insane, sanitation
Root	**scend**	climb, go	ascend, crescendo, descent
Root	**sci**	to know	science, conscience, conscious, omniscient
Root	**scrib**	write	scribe, prescribe, inscribe, describe
Prefix	**se**	apart	secede, seclude, serum
Root	**sect**	cut	dissect, intersect, section
Root	**sed**	sit	sediment, sedentary
Root	**sol**	comfort	consolation, solace
Root	**soph**	wise	philosophy, sophisticated, sophism
Prefix	**sub**	below, under	submarine, subpar
Prefix	**super**	higher in quality or quan	superior, supernatural, superfan, superb
Root	**syn (sym)**	with, together	synonym, sympathy
Root	**tact**	to touch	contact, tactile

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Root	**tax**	arrangement	syntax, taxonomy, ataxia
Root	**tele**	far	television, telephone, telescope, telegraph
Root	**tort**	twist	contort, distort, retort
Prefix	**trans**	across, through	transform, transaction, translate, transport
Prefix	**un**	not	unfair, unable, unfriendly, uncontrollable
Prefix	**uni**	one	unicycle, united, unison
Root	**vac**	empty	vacuum, vacant, evacuate
Root	**viv/vit**	life	vitality, vivacious
Root	**vor (vour)**	eat	devour, voracious, carnivore, herbivore
Root	**xen**	foreign	xenocide, xenophobic, xenophile