

SAT Vocabulary List

Word list 01

Group 1

Abhor hate

Bigot narrow-minded, prejudiced person

Counterfeit fake; false

Enfranchise give voting rights

Hamper hinder; obstruct

Kindle to start a fire

Noxious harmful; poisonous; lethal

Placid calm; peaceful

Remuneration payment for work done

Talisman lucky charm

Group 2

Abrasive rough; coarse; harsh

Bilk cheat; defraud

Covert hidden; undercover

Engender cause

Hangar storage area (like garage) for a plane

Knotty complex; difficult to solve

Nuance something subtle; a fine shade of meaning

Plagiarism taking credit for someone else's writing or ideas

Renown fame

Tangent going off the main subject

Group 3

Abasement humiliation; degradation

Billowing swelling; fluttering; waving
Cower recoil in fear or servility; shrink away from
Enhance improve; make better or clearer
Harangue noisy, attacking speech
Labyrinth a maze
Nullify to counter; make unimportant
Plaintiff petitioner (in court of law)
Replete full
Tangible can be touched

Group 4

Abrogate cancel; deny; repeal
Blasphemy speech which offends religious sentiments
Credible believable
Enigma puzzle; mystery
Harbingers indicators; bringers of warnings
Labyrinthine complicated; highly convoluted
Nuzzle cuddle; snuggle
Plaudit statement giving strong praise
Reprehensible shameful; very bad
Tardy slow; late; overdue; delayed

Group 5

Absolution forgiveness; pardon; release
Blatant obvious
Creditable praiseworthy
Ensnore establish firmly in a position
Hasten hurry; accelerate; rush
Laceration a cut
Obdurate stubborn
Plausible can be believed; reasonable

Reprieve a respite; postponement of a sentence

Tawdry of little value; gaudy

Group 6

Abstain desist; go without; withdraw

Blighted damaged; destroyed; ruined

Credulous gullible; ready to believe anything

Enshroud cover

Haughtiness arrogance; pride

Lachrymose tearful; sad

Obfuscate deliberately make something difficult to understand

Plethora an excess

Repudiate shun; eschew

Tedium boredom

Group 7

Abstemious self denying; refraining from indulging

Blithe free-spirited; carefree

Crepuscular active at dawn and dusk

Enunciation clear pronunciation; accent; articulation

Headstrong stubborn; willful

Lackluster dull; monotonous; bland

Objective unbiased; not subjective

Pliable flexible; not stubborn

Rescind retract; repeal

Temper to moderate; soften

Group 8

Abstruse difficult to understand; obscure

Blunderbuss 1. ancient weapon (type of gun); 2. a clumsy person

Cringe recoil; flinch; shy away

Envenom to cause bitterness and bad feeling
Hedonism self indulgence; pleasure-seeking
Laconic using few words; brief; to the point
Oblique indirect; slanting
Plumage feathers of a bird
Resignation acceptance of fate
Tenacious stubborn; resolute; holding firm to a purpose

Group 9

Accolade tribute; honor; praise
Bolster support; prop up
Cryptic puzzling; enigmatic
Ephemeral short-lived
Hedonist a pleasure seeker
Lamentation expression of regret or sorrow
Obliterate destroy; demolish; eradicate
Plummet fall suddenly and steeply
Resolution determination
Tentative not certain

Group 10

Acquiesce to agree to; give in to
Bombast arrogant, pompous language
Curtail cut short
Epicure someone who appreciates good food and drink
Heed listen to
Lampoon ridicule; spoof
Oblivious totally unaware
Podium raised platform
Resonant echoing
Tenuous flimsy; not solid

Word list 02

Group 1

- Acrid** sharp; pungent (used of smells and tastes)
Boorish ill-mannered
Cynical believing that people act only out of selfish motives
Epistle a letter (form of communication)
Heresy against orthodox opinion
Lance spear; spike; javelin
Obscure difficult to understand; partially hidden
Poignant deeply moving; strongly affecting the emotions
Respite a break; intermission
Terse concise; to the point

Group 2

- Acrophobia** fear of heights
Bourgeois middle class
Debility weakness; incapacity
Epistolary concerned with letters; through correspondence
Hiatus interruption; pause
Languid tired; slow
Obscured hidden; covered; buried
Poised calm; collected; self-possessed
Resplendent shining; glowing
Therapeutic medicinal; curative

Group 3

- Acuity** sharpness (mental or visual)
Braggart someone who boasts
Debunking exposing false claims or myths
Epitomized typified; characterized; personified

Hidebound rigid in opinions
Languish decay; fade away; get weaker
Obsequious servile; submissive
Polemical causing debate or argument
Restorative a tonic
Thwart prevent; frustrate

Group 4

Adamant forceful; inflexible
Brawny muscular
Decathlon an athletic competition with ten events
Equivocate speak ambiguously; avoid telling the truth
Hieroglyphics 1. picture writing; 2. writing which is difficult to read or enigmatic
Larceny theft; robbery; stealing
Obsession a dominating concern
Ponderous weighty; slow and heavy
Retention preservation; withholding
Timorous cowardly; fearful

Group 5

Adroit skilful / skillful
Brevity being brief
Decorum dignified, correct behavior [*decorous (a)*]
Err make a mistake
Hinder obstruct
Largess generosity
Obsolete no longer valid
Pontificate speak pompously or dogmatically
Reticent restrained; holding something back; uncommunicative
Tirade stream of verbal abuse

Group 6

Adulation strong admiration; worship
Bristle to show irritation
Decoy lure; trap; trick
Erratic wandering; irregular
Histrionic theatrical; exaggerated
Laud praise
Obstreperous noisy and boisterous
Portend foretell
Retraction withdrawal; cancellation of a statement
Titter giggle quietly

Group 7

Adversity hardship
Broach start to discuss; approach
Deference respect
Esoteric obscure and difficult to understand
Hoary old
Lavish on a grand scale; wasteful
Obtuse mentally dull
Portent a warning sign; omen
Revere worship
Tome large book

Group 8

Advocate support
Brusque blunt; abrupt
Defoliate cause leaves to fall off
Espouse promote; take up; support
Hone sharpen; increase; whet
Lax careless; not strict
Obviate avoid; make unnecessary

Poseur someone who puts on an act
Riddled full of (usually full of holes)
Torpid inactive; lazy; stagnant

Group 9

Aesthetic concerning art or beauty
Bulwark fortification; barricade; wall
Defunct no longer in existence
Etymology the study of word origins
Hyperbole grossly exaggerated speech
Legend 1. key to map; 2. myth or story
Odious hateful
Posterity future generations
Rife common
Torpor dormancy; sluggishness; inactivity

Group 10

Affable friendly; social; easygoing
Bureaucracy officialdom
Degradation deprivation; poverty; debasement
Eulogy praise
Hypochondriac a person obsessed with health; having imaginary illnesses
Legion in large numbers
Officious domineering; intrusive; meddlesome
Posthumous after death
Rigor thoroughness
Totter walk unsteadily

Word list 03

Group 1

Alacrity eagerness; enthusiasm; quickness

Burgeon grow; flourish; put forth new shoots

Deleterious harmful

Euphemism a polite phrase to cover something unpleasant

Hypocritical insincere

Lethargic tired; without energy

Ogle stare at; observe in an obvious manner

Postulate hypothesize; propose

Robust strong; healthy; tough

Tractable obedient; dutiful; polite

Group 2

Alchemy medieval chemistry; attempt to change base metal into gold

Burnish polish

Deliberate to think over deeply

Euphony pleasant sounds

Iconoclast person who opposes orthodoxy

Levity flippancy; joking about serious matters

Olfactory concerned with the sense of smell

Potable suitable for drinking

Rotund round

Tranquil peaceful

Group 3

Alibi an excuse that shows someone was not at a crime scene

Buttress strengthen; support

Delineation demarcation; explanation; definition; outlining

Evacuate vacate; empty; abandon

Idiosyncrasy a personal peculiarity; something unique to an individual

Libertarian someone who opposes tyranny

Ominous threatening

Potent powerful; compelling; strong

Ruminate think over something; ponder

Transcribe copy

Group 4

Allay to lessen

Byline the line that tells you who wrote an article

Demur hesitate; refuse

Exacerbate make worse

Ignominious shameful

Liniment soothing lotion

Omnipotent all-powerful

Pragmatic practical

Ruse trick; stratagem

Transgress go astray; disobey; commit a sin

Group 5

Alleviate make less severe

Cacophony discordant loud noises

Denounce condemn; speak out against

Exasperated frustrated; annoyed

Ignominy shame [*ignominious (a) = shameful*]

Lithe flexible; supple

Omniscient all-knowing

Pragmatist practical person; one who is concerned with usefulness

Saccharin falsely sweet

Transient short-lived; ephemeral

Group 6

Aloof	distant; detached; cold
Cajole	coax
Deplete	use up; lessen
Exceptionable	very bad (something which we should object to)
Illuminate	to light up or make clear
Livid	very angry
Onerous	burdensome; hard to undertake
Preamble	introductory material
Sacrosanct	very holy; inviolable
Traverse	to move across

Group 7

Altruism	putting others first; being self-sacrificing
Caldron	huge cooking pot
Deplore	regret
Exculpate	free someone from blame; pardon; acquit
Illusory	deceptive; false; misleading
Lobbyist	person who tries to persuade someone to support a particular cause
Onus	burden
Precarious	unstable; risky
Sagacious	wise
Trepidation	fear

Group 8

Amass	accumulate
Callow	immature
Depravity	moral corruption
Execrable	very, very bad
Immoderate	excessive; extreme
Lofty	snooty; arrogant; haughty
Opaque	does not let light through

Precedent a previous occurrence used as a guide

Sage a wise person

Trinket something of little value; knick-knack

Group 9

Ambiguity uncertainty; vagueness

Candid frank; honest

Deprecate criticize; denounce

Exegesis scholarly explanation or interpretation

Immutable unchanging; permanent

Longevity long life

Opulent wealthy; rich; magnificent

Precept guiding principle

Salacious lecherous; erotic

Trite unoriginal; dull

Group 10

Ambiguous unclear in meaning; can be interpreted in different ways

Candor frankness; openness

Deride ridicule; make fun of; mock

Exemplary outstandingly good; setting a fine example

Impartial unbiased; neutral

Loquacious talkative

Ordain 1. destine; 2. confer holy orders on a priest

Precinct district of a city

Sallow yellowish

Trivial unimportant

Word list 04

Group 1

Ambivalence lack of clarity; wavering; being undecided

Cantankerous bad-tempered; quarrelsome

Derogatory uncomplimentary

Exemplify to serve as a good example

Impecunious having no money

Lucid clear

Ornate highly decorated

Precipice steep slope

Salubrious health-giving

Truant shirker; someone absent without permission

Group 2

Ambulatory able to walk around (used of hospital patients)

Capacious spacious

Desecrate to damage or pollute a holy place

Exhaustive complete and thorough

Impious wicked; profane

Ludicrous ridiculous; silly

Orthodox conventional

Precipitous done in a hurry

Salutary something which teaches you a lesson; beneficial

Truncate cut short

Group 3

Ameliorate make better

Capitulate surrender; give in to

Desecration spoiling something holy

Exonerates acquits; absolves; removes blame

Impoverished destitute; poor

Lukewarm 1. unenthusiastic; 2. neither hot nor cold

Ossify 1. turn to bone; 2. become fixed and rigid

Preclude prevent or make impossible

Sanctimonious hypocritically holy

Tumult uproar; noise

Group 4

Amelioration improvement

Carping constant criticism

Desist stop; discontinue; cease

Exorcism getting free/rid of; eliminating (especially demons)

Impromptu unrehearsed; spontaneous

Lummox clumsy person

Ostentatious showy

Precocious developing early

Sanction give approval to

Turpitude depravity

Group 5

Amiable friendly

Cartographer person who makes maps

Despondent having no hope; miserable

Expatriate refugee; emigrant; someone living away from his own country

Inadvertent not intentional

Luscious juicy; moist; succulent

Oust push out of a position

Predecessor one who came before

Sanguinary bloodthirsty; bloody

Tyro novice; beginner

Group 6

Amity friendship
Castigate scold strongly
Destitution hardship; poverty; misery
Expedient convenient; practical
Incantation chant; invocation; prayer
Lynch assassinate; kill; illegal hanging
Overt obvious; not hidden
Predicament dilemma; difficult situation
Sanguine optimistic; cheerful
Ubiquitous found everywhere; omnipresent

Group 7

Amorphous lacking in shape
Catharsis purging of pent-up emotions
Deter put off; prevent
Expedite make faster
Incarceration putting in prison
Machinations plots and plans
Overwrought worked up; in an emotional state
Preeminent famous; outstanding
Sardonic mocking
Unalloyed undiluted; total

Group 8

Analgesic medicine to combat pain
Caucus type of private political meeting
Deteriorate worsen; decline
Exposition clear explanation
Incessant without stopping
Maelstrom whirlpool; storm in the ocean
Palatable good to eat; agreeable

Prerogative right or privilege

Savant person with knowledge

Unctuous oily; using excessive flattery

Group 9

Analogous comparable

Caustic burning

Detrimental harmful

Extol praise

Incipient just beginning

Magnanimous generous; big-hearted

Palisade fence made of posts

Prescient having fore-knowledge

Scale to climb

Undermined damaged; attacked

Group 10

Anarchy chaos; lack of government

Cavalcade procession of vehicles

Devoured greedily eaten/consumed

Extradite deport from one country back to the home country

Inclination tendency; a leaning toward

Magnate powerful businessman

Palliative a remedy that improves but doesn't cure

Presentiment a feeling that something might happen

Scapegoat person on whom blame is placed for faults of others

Underscore emphasize

Word list 05

Group 1

Anecdote a brief amusing story

Celerity speed

Dexterous skilful with hands

Extraneous irrelevant

Incoherent not clear

Maladroit clumsy; unskillful

Pallid pale

Presumptuous assuming too much; arrogant

Scrupulous careful; diligent; painstaking

Unequivocal clear; obvious

Group 2

Animosity hatred; antagonism

Censorious disapproving; critical

Dichotomy a division into two parts

Extrapolate extend; predict on the basis of known data

Incongruous not fitting in; out of place

Malady illness

Palpable easily felt; easily perceived

Pretentious pompous; self-important

Scrutinize examine carefully

Unfetter set free

Group 3

Annex (*n*) a building which is an addition to an existing building

Censure blame

Didactic intended to teach; instructive

Extrinsic irrelevant; on the outside

Inconsequential unimportant; insignificant; negligible

Malediction a curse

Panacea remedy for all ills

Prevaricate speak misleadingly and evasively

Scuttle sink

Unfrock to remove a priest from his position

Group 4

Annex (v) take possession of; seize; capture

Cerebral intellectual

Diffident lacking confidence

Fallacious false

Inconspicuous not easily seen; subtle; not noticeable

Malefactor a wrong-doer

Paradigm 1. example; 2. model; 3. way of looking at things

Pristine unspoiled

Seminary an institution in which priests are trained

Unprecedented never having happened before

Group 5

Anomaly something which does not fit in a pattern; irregularity

Certitude certainty

Digress wander off the subject

Falter hesitate; waver

Indelible cannot be wiped out

Malingering deliberately avoid work; shirk

Paradox apparently contradictory statement

Proclivity tendency towards

Sensuous appealing to the senses

Unscathed unharmed; intact; without a scratch

Group 6

Antagonism hostility; strong opposition
Charlatan trickster who claims knowledge he doesn't have
Dike dam; embankment
Fanatical obsessive; fixated
Indifferent 1. neutral; 2. not outstanding
Malingerer person who deliberately tries to avoid work
Paragon a perfect example
Procrastinate delay; put off
Sentinel guard; sentry
Unwitting not deliberate; unconscious

Group 7

Antagonistic opposed; hostile; aggressive
Chary wary of; cautious about; reluctant to give
Dilatory slow; falling behind with one's work
Fanaticism passion; excessive devotion
Indigenous native to a particular area
Malleable flexible; can be shaped
Paramount of supreme importance
Prodigal wasteful; extravagant
Sequester isolate
Upbraid scold; tell off; reprimand

Group 8

Antediluvian outdated; prehistoric; very old-fashioned
Chastises punishes
Dilemma puzzling situation
Fastidious overly particular; finicky
Indolence laziness
Mallet 1. wooden hammer; 2. stick used for polo
Parasite 1. scrounger; 2. animal which takes digested food from another

Prodigious very large

Serendipity fortunate coincidence; unsought discovery

Uproarious hilarious; hysterical; very funny

Group 9

Anthology a book which is a collection of poems or stories

Chicanery trickery

Dilettante person who dabbles in a subject without serious study

Fatuous silly; foolish

Inductee novice; beginner

Manipulatable influencable; controllable

Parched dried up

Profane unholy

Serene calm; peaceful

Upshot outcome

Group 10

Anthropocentrism putting man at the center of one's philosophy

Chimerical changeable; unstable

Diligent hard-working

Feasible possible and practicable

Indulgent pampering; satisfying desires

Marred damaged; spoiled

Pariah an outcast from society

Profanity swearing; cursing

Serrated jagged; saw-like

Urbane sophisticated; suave

Word list 06

Group 1

Antiquated outdated; old fashioned

Choleric easily angered

Diorama model of a scene

Fecund fertile

Inebriation drunkenness; intoxication

Marshal to gather together

Parity equality

Profound having deep meaning

Servile overly submissive; groveling

Usurp take someone's position (usually by force)

Group 2

Apathetic indifferent; uninterested; lethargic

Chronicler person who records historical information

Dirge mournful song

Felicitous apt

Ineffable cannot be expressed in words

Marsupial pouched mammal (like a kangaroo)

Parochial narrow-minded; concerned only with local matters

Profundity depth

Skeptical doubting; not gullible

Utilitarian useful

Group 3

Apathy lack of interest or emotion

Circuitous indirect

Disapprobation disapproval

Fervor passion; enthusiasm

Inept	incompetent; unskilled; useless
Martinet	person who believes in strict discipline
Parody	a mockery; imitation for ridicule; spoof
Proletarian	member of the working class
Skirmish	minor battle
Utopian	a believer in an ideal world

Group 4

Apocryphal	of doubtful origin
Circumlocution	using too many words; long-windedness
Discern	to distinguish one thing from another
Fickle	unpredictable; whimsical; easily swayed
Inertia	inactivity; lethargy
Masochist	person who intentionally inflicts pain on himself
Parry	ward off; avoid
Prolific	producing a lot
Sluggard	slow-moving; lethargic person
Vacillate	waver; hesitate

Group 5

Appease	pacify; soothe; calm down; make peace with
Circumscribe	limit
Discord	disagreement
Finesse	skill
Inevitable	cannot be avoided
Matriarchy	society governed by women
Parsimonious	economical; frugal; thrifty
Proponents	promoters; supporters
Smelt	refine an ore
Vacuous	empty; silly; meaningless

Group 6

Apprehensive worried; fearful
Circumspect cautious; considering all sides
Discordancy cacophony; harshness; jarring
 Fitful not continuous; stopping and starting
Inexorable relentless
 Maverick a loner
Parsimony stinginess; frugality; cost-cutting
 Prosaic dull; boring; ordinary
Smorgasbord a Swedish buffet of cold dishes
 Vagrant person wandering without a home

Group 7

Arable can be cultivated
Circumvent avoid
Discrepancy something which does not match up; inconsistency
 Flagrant clearly wrong
Inexpedient not advisable
 Meager in short supply
 Partisan biased; one-sided; committed to one group
Proscribe forbid
 Solace comfort for grief
 Vapid dull; uninspiring

Group 8

Arbitrary random; for no definite reason
Clairvoyant psychic; mystic
Discriminate to make a clear distinction; see the difference
Flamboyant showy; ornate
 Infallible perfect; flawless; cannot make mistakes
 Meander wander from side to side
 Pathos evoking sadness or pity

Prosody study of versification

Solicit to ask for; seek

Variegated multicolored; speckled

Group 9

Arcane obscure; known only to a few people

Clamor shout; scream

Discursiveness long windedness; indirectness

Flaunt show off; display in a showy manner

Infamous famous for something bad

Mellow soft; melodious; ripe

Patron one who give support (usually financial)

Prostration 1. lying face down; 2. be overcome with extreme weakness

Somnambulist sleepwalker

Vehemence violence; fervor; forcefulness

Group 10

Archaic ancient; outdated; old fashioned

Clandestine secret; covert; stealthy

Disdain contempt; strong dislike

Flippant making jokes about serious matters

Infer deduce; conclude

Menagerie collection of animals

Patronize condescend to; behave in an arrogant manner towards

Protagonist main character in film, book, play etc.

Soothsayer fortuneteller

Vehement forceful

Word list 07

Group 1

Archetype classic example of

Clemency mercy

Disinterested unbiased

Flout defy; reject

Ingénue naïve, unsophisticated person

Mendacious given to lying

Paucity shortage

Protean changeable

Sophomoric juvenile; immature

Venal corrupt; can be bribed

Group 2

Archives collections of old records; place of storage of old documents

Cliché overused expression; something unoriginal

Disparage criticize; belittle

Flustered worked-up; not calm

Ingrate ungrateful person

Mercenary concerned only with money

Peccadillo minor weakness; trivial offence

Protégé person under protection of, or guided by another

Soporific inducing sleep

Veneer surface coating

Group 3

Articulate clear; lucid; eloquent

Clientele customers

Disparity an inequality

Fly-by-night unreliable; disreputable

Inimical	hostile
Mercurial	volatile; changeable
Pedant	person who insists on strict adherence to rules or narrow learning
Protocol	procedure; code of behavior
Sparse	spare; bare; meager
Venerate	revere; worship

Group 4

Artifice	deception; trickery
Coalesce	come together; merge
Dispassionate	neutral; objective
Forensic	concerned with argument or debate (esp. for legal evidence)
Innate	inherited; inborn
Merge	come together
Pedestrian	common; mundane; banal
Provincial	unsophisticated; narrow-minded
Specious	false
Venial	minor; unimportant

Group 5

Artisan	craftsman
Coddle	pamper; fuss over; indulge
Disseminating	circulating; broadcasting; spreading (information)
Fortitude	bravery
Innocuous	harmless; inoffensive
Metaphorically	symbolically; figuratively
Peerless	without equal
Prudent	cautious; wise
Speckled	spotted; freckled; dotted
Veracity	truthfulness

Group 6

Ascetic without luxuries; severely simple
Coercion force
Diurnal active in daytime
Fortuitous happening by chance
Innovate create; introduce something new
Meticulous very careful; painstaking
Pejorative derogatory
Puerile childish
Sporadic not continuous; intermittent
Verbose talkative; long-winded; rambling

Group 7

Assiduous thorough; diligent
Cogent lucid; well argued
Divert 1. entertain; 2. distract; 3. cause a detour
Fractious irritable; difficult to control
Inscrutable mysterious; impenetrable
Mettle courage; bravery; valor
Pellucid transparently clear
Punctilious paying attention to small details
Spurious false
Verbosity using too many words

Group 8

Assuage to calm
Cogitate think over something; ponder
Docile gentle and easily lead
Fraudulent fake; false
Insentient unfeeling
Milieu environment
Pensive in a thoughtful mood; thinking deeply

Purloin steal
Stagnant still; not moving
Vertigo dizziness

Group 9

Astute perceptive; sharp-witted
Collage picture made from fragments of other pictures
Dogmatic having stubbornly held opinions
Frivolous not serious
Inspid dull; bland; boring
Mire swamp; muddy ground
Penury poverty
Pusillanimous cowardly
Staid dull; sober; serious
Vestigial not developed

Group 10

Asylum place of refuge or safety
Collate arrange in order
Dolt stupid person
Frugal economical; not wasting anything
Instigate to start; provoke
Misanthrope hater of the rest of mankind
Perceptive observant
Pyromania compulsion to start fires
Stanza section of a poem
Vignette small sketch

Word list 08

Group 1

- Atheist** person who does not believe in God
Colloquial local and informal (used of language)
Dotard foolish old man
Furrow groove
Instigator troublemaker; person who entices others to do something
Misnomer wrong name
Percipient perceptive; insightful
Quaff drink down quickly
Staunch loyal; faithful; dependable
Vilification blackening someone's name

Group 2

- Atrophy** waste away from lack of use
Collusion plotting and planning
Drawl speak slowly with words running together
Furtive hidden and secret
Insurgent a rebel
Misogynist hater of women
Perdition damnation
Quagmire marsh; bog
Stereotype fixed image
Vindicate prove right; remove blame

Group 3

- Attenuate** weaken
Commandeer take possession of
Drivel nonsense
Futile useless; hopeless

Interminable	never-ending
Misrepresentation	deliberately deceiving
Peremptory	in a commanding manner
Quaint	picturesque
Stevedore	dockworker
Virtuoso	an accomplished musician

Group 4

Augment	increase; make bigger
Complacent	self-satisfied; smug
Droll	dryly amusing
Galleon	ancient type of sailing ship
Intermittent	sporadic; irregular
Mitigate	lessen; make less severe
Perfidy	treachery
Quandary	dilemma; puzzle
Stifle	suppress
Virulent	dangerous; harmful

Group 5

Auspicious	favorable; promising to turn out well
Compliant	easy to control; submissive
Drone	1. monotonous noise (<i>n</i>); 2. to speak with no emotion (<i>v</i>); 3. male bee
Gambol	frolic; leap; bound
Intransigence	stubbornness
Modicum	small amount
Perfunctory	superficial; cursory
Quarantine	isolation to prevent the spread of disease
Stoic	known for fortitude; indifferent to pleasure or pain
Vital	essential; alive; important

Group 6

Austere severely plain
Concatenate link together
Dubious doubtful
Garble distort; confuse; muddle
Intransigent stubborn; unyielding
Momentous very important
Peripatetic nomadic; moving from place to place
Quarry 1. something that is hunted; 2. mine for stone
Stoke add fuel to; strengthen
Vitriolic corrosive; strongly attacking

Group 7

Aversion a dislike of
Concatenation linking into chains
Dupe to fool someone
Garish gaudy
Intrepid brave
Monotonous dull; unvarying
Peripheral on the edge; not important
Querulous always complaining
Stolid impassive; dull; indifferent
Vivacity liveliness; animation

Group 8

Balk hinder and prevent; hesitate over
Conciliate to bring together; end a dispute
Dynamic lively; vibrant; energetic
Garner gather; collect
Inveterate habitual
Moratorium temporary prohibition or halt to activity
Perjury telling lies under oath

Quirk oddity
Stratagem plot; plan; trick
Vivify enliven

Group 9

Banal common; dull
Concise stated in few words
Ebullient very lively; cheerful; jovial; happy
Garrulous talkative
Invidious arousing envy
Moribund on the point of death
Pernicious destructive; harmful
Ramble wander aimlessly
Strident loud and harsh
Vociferous noisy; loud in speech

Group 10

Banality ordinariness; dullness
Condescend talk down to
Eccentric unusual; quirky; odd
Gaunt emaciated; bony and angular
Inviolable cannot be invaded
Morose gloomy; bad tempered
Persnickety fastidious; fussy
Ramifications branches; subdivisions of a complex system; outcomes
Stringent strict or severe
Volatile dangerously unstable; evaporates easily

Word list 09

Group 1

Bane	troublesome influence
Condone	tacitly support; overlook
Eclectic	taking things from different sources
Genre	a category; type
Irascible	easily angered
Mundane	ordinary; worldly
Perpetuated	caused to continue
Rancor	resentment; animosity; bad feeling
Strut	swagger; show off
Voluble	talkative

Group 2

Bard	poet
Condoning	overlooking; disregarding; ignoring
Edifice	building; structure; construction
Germane	relevant
Ire	anger [<i>irate (a)</i> = very angry]
Munificent	generous; charitable
Perpetuity	eternity
Rant	use bombastic language
Stupefying	astonishing; shocking; stunning into silence
Voluminous	very large; spacious

Group 3

Bastion	fortress; stronghold
Conflagration	big fire
Efface	wipe out; remove all trace of
Germinal	just growing; not developed; immature

Irksome	annoying; infuriating
Mutinous	very rebellious
Personable	attractive
Ratify	approve; consent
Subpoena	summons to court
Voracious	ravenous

Group 4

Befuddle	confuse
Confound	confuse
Effigy	a model of a person
Gibbering	making meaningless noises
Ironic	satiric; unexpected
Myriad	in large numbers
Perspicacious	insightful; sharp; wise
Raucous	rough and unpleasant (of sounds)
Substantiate	give supporting evidence
Waive	surrender; give up

Group 5

Begrudge	resent
Congel	to solidify
Effusive	gushing; demonstrative
Glacial	hostile; unfriendly; cold; icy
Irrational	unreasonable; absurd
Navigable	suitable for sailing
Perspicacity	insight
Raze	destroy; demolish; tear down
Subterfuge	a trick
Wane	grow less

Group 6

Beguile	mislead; lure
Congenital	present from birth
Egalitarianism	belief in equality
Goad	prod; urge
Irreproachable	cannot be criticized; perfect
Nebulous	vague
Pertinent	relevant
Rebuttal	denial
Subtle	not obvious
Wary	hesitant; cautious

Group 7

Belabor	explain in unnecessary detail
Connoisseur	person with refined taste and good judgment
Egregious	outstandingly, obviously bad
Grate (v)	1. to annoy; aggravate; vex; 2. shred
Irrevocable	cannot be cancelled; unchangeable
Nefarious	wicked; immoral; disreputable
Peruse	read carefully
Recant	disclaim; retract statement
Subversive	rebellious; revolutionary
Wax	to increase; to grow

Group 8

Beleaguer	besiege; attack
Consecrate	dedicate
Egress	exit
Gratis	free of charge; without payment
Itinerant	nomadic; wandering from place to place
Negate	cancel; deny
Pervasive	spreading everywhere

Recapitulate summarize

Succinct concise

Waylay accost; stop; approach; hinder

Group 9

Belie contradict

Consensus general agreement

Eloquent fluent and persuasive in speech

Gratuitous unwarranted

Jaded tired; bored; worn out

Negligence carelessness

Petrify 1. terrify; 2. turn to stone

Receptacle container; vessel; holder

Suffragist someone who campaigns for voting rights

Weighty serious

Group 10

Belittle to demean

Conspicuous easily seen; prominent

Elucidate make clear

Gravity seriousness

Jargon specialized language used by experts

Neologism newly coined word

Petulant sulky; peevish

Recluse someone who cuts himself off from life

Supercilious proud and haughty

Whelp young dog

Word list 10

Group 1

- Bellicose** war-like; aggressive
Consummate complete; total; supremely good
Elusive hard to pin down
Gregarious extroverted; sociable; outgoing
Jaundiced cynical; pessimistic
Nettle annoy
Phenomenon an event or happening (plural: phenomena)
Recuperate get better after illness
Superlative extremely good; the best
Whet sharpen

Group 2

- Belligerent** aggressive; ready to fight
Contemporary living or happening at the same time
Emaciated very thin; withered
Gritty coarse; granular
Jaunt short pleasure trip
Niggardly miserly; stingy
Philanthropy charity; love of mankind
Red tape formalities; paperwork; official procedure
Surly grumpy; rude
Whimsical capricious; changeable

Group 3

- Bemoan** complain about
Contrite sorry
Emancipate set free
Guffaw sudden loud laughter

Jeopardize put at risk; endanger
Nomadic wandering from place to place
Philistine uncultured person
Redolent smelling of; giving off odors
Surreptitious secret; sneaky; stealthy
Willful stubborn

Group 4

Benevolent kindly
Contrition sorrow and repentance
Embezzle defraud; steal
Guile cunning; craftiness
Jingoistic extremely patriotic; nationalistic
Nonchalance an appearance of indifference; calm and composed
Phlegmatic calm; imperturbable
Redress put right something that was wrong
Surreptitiously secretly; furtively; stealthily
Wily cunning

Group 5

Benign kindly; harmless
Contumacious stubborn
Embroid involve in hostility or argument
Guileless frank; straightforward; honest
Jocular in a joking manner
Nondescript having no special features; dull and ordinary
Pillage plunder
Redundant unnecessary; superfluous
Susceptible vulnerable
Wispy flimsy; frail; delicate

Group 6

Benignity compassion; gentleness; fondness
Contusion a bruise
Emerge come out; appear
Gullibility unwariness; trustfulness; being easily fooled
Jollity gaiety; happiness
Nonentity a person of no importance; not famous
Pinnacle topmost point
Referendum public vote
Suspect doubtful
Wistful melancholy; pensive; expressing a longing for

Group 7

Bequeath leave something in one's will to be given after one's death
Conundrum a puzzle
Emulate to imitate something admired
Gullible easily fooled
Jubilant ecstatic; delighted; rejoicing
Nostalgia longing for the past
Pious very religious
Refute disprove
Sybarite lover of luxury
Zany crazy; wacky

Group 8

Berate scold; criticize
Conventional usual; customary; common
Endorse give support or approval to
Gustatory concerned with the sense of taste
Judicious correct in judgment; wise
Notoriety infamy; known for wrong doing
Pivotal of central importance

Regale entertain
Sycophant bootlicker; flatterer
Zeal enthusiasm

Group 9

Beret type of cap
Corpulent fat
Endurance staying power; patience; stamina
Hackneyed common and over-used
Jurisprudence science or study of law
Novel new; unusual
Placate pacify; soothe; calm
Relegate dismiss to a lower position
Taciturn quiet; saying little
Zealot fanatic

Group 10

Bestial behaving like a beast; brutal
Corrugated highly folded
Enduring lasting
Hallowed worshipped; consecrated
Juxtapose place next to
Novice a beginner; tyro
Placebo harmless medicine with no effect; dummy medicine
Remorse regret; sorrow; contrition
Tactile concerned with the sense of touch
Zenith summit