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## SAT/ACT VOCABULARY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

**DIRECTIONS:** Create a set of flashcards with each of the following terms.

1. Number each card with the correct number of the word/term.
2. Write the word on the lineless side
3. Write the definition on the lined side of the index cards.

**DUE DATES:**

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VOCABULARY WORD	DEFINITION
<b>Due Friday, March 23, 2018</b>	
1. aberration	a state or condition markedly different from the norm
2. abject	of the most contemptible kind
3. abjure	formally reject or disavow a formerly held belief
4. abnegation	the denial and rejection of a doctrine or belief
5. abrogate	revoke formally
6. bane	something causing misery or death
7. bashful	self-consciously timid
8. beguile	influence by slyness
9. bereft	sorrowful through loss or deprivation
10. blandishment	flattery intended to persuade
11. cajole	influence or urge by gentle urging, caressing, or flattering
12. callous	emotionally hardened
13. calumny	a false accusation of an offense
14. camaraderie	the quality of affording easy familiarity and sociability
15. candor	the quality of being honest and straightforward
16. dearth	an insufficient quantity or number
17. debacle	a sudden and violent collapse
18. debauch	a wild gathering involving excessive drinking
19. debunk	expose while ridiculing
20. defunct	no longer in force or use; inactive
21. eclectic	selecting what seems best of various styles or ideas
22. edict	a formal or authoritative proclamation
23. ebullient	joyously unrestrained

24. eclectic	selecting what seems best of various styles or ideas
25. edict	a formal or authoritative proclamation
26. fallacious	containing or based on incorrect reasoning
27. fatuous	devoid of intelligence
28. fetter	a shackle for the ankles or feet
29. flagrant	conspicuously and outrageously bad or reprehensible
30. foil	hinder or prevent, as an effort, plan, or desire
31. grandiloquent	lofty in style
32. gratuitous	unnecessary and unwarranted
33. hapless	deserving or inciting pity
34. hegemony	the dominance or leadership of one social group over others
35. heterogeneous	consisting of elements that are not of the same kind
36. iconoclast	someone who attacks cherished ideas or institutions
37. idiosyncratic	peculiar to the individual
38. impecunious	not having enough money to pay for necessities
39. impetuous	characterized by undue haste and lack of thought
40. impinge	infringe upon
41. knell	the sound of a bell rung slowly to announce a death
42. laconic	brief and to the point
43. largesse	liberality in bestowing gifts
44. libertarian	an advocate of freedom of thought and speech
45. linchpin	a central cohesive source of support and stability
46. maelstrom	a powerful circular current of water
47. maudlin	effusively or insincerely emotional
48. maverick	someone who exhibits independence in thought and action
49. mawkish	effusively or insincerely emotional
50. maxim	a saying that is widely accepted on its own merits
51. nadir	the lowest point of anything
52. negligent	characterized by undue lack of attention or concern
<b>Due Friday, April 6, 2018</b>	
53. abscond	run away
54. accede	yield to another's wish or opinion
55. accost	approach and address (someone) boldly or aggressively.
56. accretion	an increase by natural growth or addition
57. acumen	shrewdness shown by keen insight
58. bilk	cheat somebody out of what is due, especially money
59. bombastic	ostentatiously lofty in style
60. capitulate	surrender under agreed conditions
61. carouse	engage in boisterous, drunken merrymaking
62. carp	any of various freshwater fish of the family Cyprinidae
63. demagogue	a leader who seeks support by appealing to popular passions

64. denigrate	charge falsely or with malicious intent
65. derivative	a compound obtained from another compound
66. despot	a cruel and oppressive dictator
67. diaphanous	so thin as to transmit light
68. egregious	conspicuously and outrageously bad or reprehensible
69. elegy	a mournful poem; a lament for the dead
70. elicit	call forth, as an emotion, feeling, or response
71. embezzlement	the fraudulent appropriation of funds or property
72. emend	make corrections to
73. forbearance	good-natured tolerance of delay or incompetence
74. fortuitous	occurring by happy chance
75. fractious	easily irritated or annoyed
76. gourmand	a person who is devoted to eating and drinking to excess
77. impute	attribute or credit to
78. litigant	(law) a party to a lawsuit; someone involved in litigation
79. mendacious	given to lying
80. modicum	a small or moderate or token amount
81. morass	a soft wet area of low-lying land that sinks underfoot
82. mores	the conventions embodying the fundamental values of a group
83. neophyte	any new participant in some activity
84. noisome	offensively malodorous
85. obdurate	stubbornly persistent in wrongdoing
86. obfuscate	make obscure or unclear
87. obstreperous	noisily and stubbornly defiant
88. palliate	lessen or to try to lessen the seriousness or extent of
89. panacea	hypothetical remedy for all ills or diseases
90. paradigm	a standard or typical example
91. pariah	a person who is rejected from society or home
92. partisan	a fervent and even militant proponent of something
93. sanctimonious	excessively or hypocritically pious
94. sanguine	confidently optimistic and cheerful
95. scurrilous	expressing offensive reproach
96. semaphore	an apparatus for visual signaling
97. serendipity	good luck in making unexpected and fortunate discoveries
98. tangential	of superficial relevance if any
99. tirade	a speech of violent denunciation
100. toady	a person who tries to please someone to gain an advantage
101. tome	a large and scholarly book
102. torpid	in a condition of biological rest or suspended animation
103. ubiquitous	being present everywhere at once
104. umbrage	a feeling of anger caused by being offended

105. utilitarian	having a useful function
<b>Due Friday, April 13, 2018</b>	
106. adamant	impervious to pleas, persuasion, requests, reason
107. admonish	scold or reprimand; take to task
108. adumbrate	describe roughly or give the main points or summary of
109. adverse	in an opposing direction
110. advocate	a person who pleads for a person, cause, or idea
111. caucus	meet to select a candidate or promote a policy
112. cavort	play boisterously
113. circumlocution	an indirect way of expressing something
114. circumscribe	to draw a geometric figure around another figure
115. circumvent	surround so as to force to give up
116. didactic	instructive, especially excessively
117. dirge	a song or hymn of mourning as a memorial to a dead person
118. disaffected	discontented as toward authority
119. discomfit	cause to lose one's composure
120. disparate	fundamentally different or distinct in quality or kind
121. emollient	a substance with a soothing effect when applied to the skin
122. empirical	derived from experiment and observation rather than theory
123. emulate	strive to equal or match, especially by imitating
124. enervate	weaken mentally or morally
125. enfranchise	grant freedom to, as from slavery or servitude
126. inane	devoid of intelligence
127. inchoate	only partly in existence; imperfectly formed
128. incontrovertible	impossible to deny or disprove
129. incumbent	necessary as a duty or responsibility; morally binding
130. inexorable	not to be placated or appeased or moved by entreaty
131. multifarious	having many aspects
132. munificent	very generous
133. officious	intrusive in a meddling or offensive manner
134. onerous	not easily borne; wearing
135. ostensible	appearing as such but not necessarily so
136. paucity	an insufficient quantity or number
137. pejorative	expressing disapproval
138. pellucid	transparently clear; easily understandable
139. penchant	a strong liking
140. penurious	excessively unwilling to spend
141. sobriety	the state of being sober and not intoxicated by alcohol
142. solipsism	the philosophical theory that the self is all that exists
143. spurious	plausible but false
144. staid	characterized by dignity and propriety

145. stolid	having or revealing little emotion or sensibility
146. travesty	a composition that imitates or misrepresents a style
147. trenchant	having keenness and forcefulness and penetration in thought
148. trite	repeated too often; over-familiar through overuse
149. truculent	defiantly aggressive
150. turpitude	a corrupt or depraved or degenerate act or practice
151. veracity	unwillingness to tell lies
152. vestige	an indication that something has been present
153. vicissitude	a variation in circumstances or fortune
154. vilify	spread negative information about
155. virtuoso	someone who is dazzlingly skilled in any field
156. wanton	lewd or lascivious woman
157. wily	marked by skill in deception
158. winsome	charming in a childlike or naive way
<b>Due Friday, April 20, 2018</b>	
159. affluent	having an abundant supply of money or possessions of value
160. aggrandize	add details to
161. alacrity	liveliness and eagerness
162. alias	a name that has been assumed temporarily
163. ambivalent	uncertain or unable to decide about what course to follow
164. amenable	disposed or willing to comply
165. amorphous	having no definite form or distinct shape
166. clamor	utter or proclaim insistently and noisily
167. cleave	separate or cut with a tool, such as a sharp instrument
168. cobbler	a person who makes or repairs shoes
169. cogent	powerfully persuasive
170. cognizant	having or showing knowledge or understanding or realization
171. commensurate	corresponding in size or degree or extent
172. complement	something added to embellish or make perfect
173. compunction	a feeling of deep regret, usually for some misdeed
174. dispel	to cause to separate and go in different directions
175. disrepute	the state of being held in low esteem
176. divisive	dissenting with the majority opinion
177. dogmatic	pertaining to a code of beliefs accepted as authoritative
178. dour	showing a brooding ill humor
179. engender	call forth; produce
180. ephemeral	anything short-lived, as an insect that lives only for a day
181. epistolary	written in the form of letters or correspondence
182. equanimity	steadiness of mind under stress
183. equivocal	open to two or more interpretations
184. espouse	choose and follow

185. evanescent	tending to vanish like vapor
186. evince	give expression to
187. exacerbate	make worse
188. exhort	spur on or encourage especially by cheers and shouts
189. inimical	not friendly
190. injunction	a judicial remedy to prohibit a party from doing something
191. inoculate	impregnate with the germ of a disease to render immune
192. insidious	working or spreading in a hidden and usually injurious way
193. instigate	provoke or stir up
194. insurgent	in opposition to a civil authority or government
195. interlocutor	a person who takes part in a conversation
196. intimation	a slight suggestion or vague understanding
197. intransigent	impervious to pleas, persuasion, requests, reason
198. ostracism	the act of excluding someone from society by general consent
199. pert	characterized by a lightly exuberant quality
200. pertinacious	stubbornly unyielding
201. philanthropic	of or relating to charitable giving
202. phlegmatic	showing little emotion
203. subjugate	make subservient; force to submit or subdue
204. surfeit	indulge (one's appetite) to satiety
205. surreptitious	marked by quiet and caution and secrecy
206. swarthy	naturally having skin of a dark color
207. vitriolic	harsh, bitter, or malicious in tone
208. vituperate	spread negative information about
209. vociferous	conspicuously and offensively loud
210. yoke	join with stable gear, as two draft animals
211. zephyr	a slight wind
<b>Due Friday, April 27, 2018</b>	
212. anachronistic	chronologically misplaced
213. anathema	a formal ecclesiastical curse accompanied by excommunication
214. annex	attach to
215. antediluvian	of or relating to the period before the biblical flood
216. antiseptic	thoroughly clean and free of disease-causing organisms
217. antithesis	exact opposite
218. apathetic	showing little or no emotion or animation
219. apocryphal	being of questionable authenticity
220. approbation	official approval
221. arbitrary	based on or subject to individual discretion or preference
222. arboreal	of or relating to or formed by trees
223. arcane	requiring secret or mysterious knowledge
224. archetypal	of an original type after which other things are patterned

225. arrogate	seize and take control without authority
226. ascetic	someone who practices self-denial as a spiritual discipline
227. aspersion	a disparaging remark
228. assiduous	marked by care and persistent effort
229. atrophy	a decrease in size of an organ caused by disease or disuse
230. concomitant	following or accompanying as a consequence
231. conduit	a passage through which water or electric wires can pass
232. conflagration	a very intense and uncontrolled fire
233. congruity	the quality of agreeing; being suitable and appropriate
234. connive	form intrigues (for) in an underhand manner
235. consign	give over to another for care or safekeeping
236. constituent	one of the individual parts making up a composite entity
237. construe	make sense of; assign a meaning to
238. contusion	an injury in which the skin is not broken
239. contrite	feeling or expressing pain or sorrow for sins or offenses
240. contentious	showing an inclination to disagree
241. contravene	go against, as of rules and laws
242. convivial	occupied with or fond of the pleasures of good company
243. corpulence	the property of excessive fatness
244. covet	wish, long, or crave for
245. cupidity	extreme greed for material wealth
246. duplicity	acting in bad faith
247. duress	compulsory force or threat
248. execrable	unequivocally detestable
249. exigent	demanding immediate attention
250. expedient	appropriate to a purpose
251. expiate	make amends for
252. expunge	remove by erasing or crossing out or as if by drawing a line
253. extraneous	not belonging to that in which it is contained
254. extol	praise, glorify, or honor
255. extant	still in existence; not extinct or destroyed or lost
256. expurgate	edit by omitting or modifying parts considered indelicate
257. inure	cause to accept or become hardened to
258. invective	abusive language used to express blame or censure
259. inveterate	habitual
260. irreverence	a mental attitude showing lack of due respect