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SAT Vocabulary 5 Answers

1. **laud** – (v.) to praise; extol

Syn: applaud, honor, commend, to compliment

Ant: censure, criticize, condemn, blame

Companions: lauder, lauds

Sentence: I appreciate it when my teacher **lauds** my efforts in class; it is nice to be recognized for doing something good.

2. **induce** – (v.) to cause to happen; generate, cause

Syn: prompt, incite, urge, spur, instigate

Ant: dissuade

Companions: inducible, inducing

Sentence: Stephen is always trying to **induce** a fight; he'll steal Jenny's pencil and say David took it so Jenny will yell at David.

3. **abridge** – (v.) to shorten or condense; reduce

Syn: cut down, abbreviate

Ant: lengthen, expand

Companions: abridged, abridgeable

Sentence: My teacher told the class he wanted to give us a test 300 questions long, but since our class was going to be cut short for an assembly, he **abridged** the test to just 100 questions.

4. **bucolic** – (adj.) charmingly rural; rustic

Syn: pastoral, idyllic, countrified

Ant: urban, citified, metropolitan

Companions: bucolically

Sentence: Instead of living in a busy, noisy city, I prefer to live in a more **bucolic** setting – I love the mountains, trees, animals and fresh air.

5. **belabor** – (v.) to go over repeatedly to an absurd extent; pummel, repeat

Syn: to “beat a dead horse” (idiom), rehash, dwell on

Ant: ignore, neglect

Companions: belabored

Sentence: Sometimes our teacher **belabors** the fact that we need to bring our supplies to class; he'll go to each student and say, “Peter, do you have your pen and paper today? Paul, do you have your pen and paper today? Mary, do you have your pen and paper today? Matthew, do you have your pen and paper today? Mark, do you have your pen and paper today? Luke, do you have your pen and paper today? James, do you have your pen and paper today?...”

6. **anarchy – (n.) lawlessness; an absence of control; disorder**

Syn: chaos, unrest, turmoil

Ant: lawfulness, order

Companions: anarchies (plural)

Sentence: When our teacher is out sick, there is **anarchy** in the classroom!

Nobody sits in their correct seat, we don't do any work, and sometimes things get thrown across the room!

7. **gullible – (adj.) easily deceived; credulous**

Syn: trusting, naïve, innocent, easily fooled, “born yesterday” (idiom)

Ant: perceptive, untrusting, wise

Companions: gullibility

Sentence: John is so **gullible** that he believed me when I told him that I finished all my high school credits on the computer and graduated over Christmas break!

8. **discrete - (adj.) unconnected, separate; distinct; unrelated**

Syn: different, individual, disconnected

Ant: attached, combined, joined

Companions: discreteness, discretely

Sentence: The teacher explained to the students that there were 6 **discrete** assignments for the class to complete; then the 6 parts would make up the complete project.

9. **discreet - (adj.) showing self-restraint; restrained**

Syn: careful, attentive, prudent

Ant: indiscreet, careless, thoughtless

Companions: discreetly, discreetness

Sentence: Susan had toilet paper stuck to her shoe; John wanted to be **discreet**, so instead of telling her about it in front of everyone, he took her to the side so she wouldn't be too embarrassed.

10. **strident – (adj.) shrill; high pitched; grating**

Syn: discordant, noisy

Ant: low, mild

Companions: stridence, stridency

Sentence: When she gets upset and yells at me, my mother's voice so **strident** that I can hardly bear to listen to her.