

## Senior Summer Vocabulary List

Vocabulary Word	Definition	SAT Selections
<b>rebut</b>	<b>to present evidence or arguments</b>	<b>contradict</b>
<b>pretentious</b>	<b>making or marked an extravagant outward show; ostentatious</b>	<b>pompous or self-important</b>
<b>merger</b>	<b>the union of two or more interests</b>	<b>joining or marriage</b>
<b>audacity</b>	<b>fearlessness, often reckless, daring, bold</b>	<b>boldness</b>
<b>collusion</b>	<b>plan to secretly achieve a fraudulent, illegal, or deceitful purpose</b>	<b>conspiracy</b>
<b>conjecture</b>	<b>inference or judgment based on inconclusive or incomplete evidence; guesswork</b>	<b>to guess</b>
<b>flout</b>	<b>to show contempt for; scorn</b>	<b>to disregard contemptuously</b>
<b>solvent</b>	<b>capable of meeting financial obligations</b>	<b>not bankrupt</b>
<b>qualify</b>	<b>to modify, limit, or restrict as by giving exceptions</b>	<b>modify or restrict</b>
<b>precursor</b>	<b>one that precedes and indicates, suggests, or announces someone or something to come</b>	<b>forerunner</b>
<b>injunction</b>	<b>a court order prohibiting a party from a specific course of action</b>	<b>court order</b>
<b>proprietary</b>	<b>of or relating to a proprietor or to proprietors as a group</b>	<b>constituting property</b>
<b>sentient</b>	<b>having sense perception; conscious</b>	<b>conscious</b>
<b>synthesis</b>	<b>the combining of separate elements or substances to form a coherent whole</b>	<b>combining parts</b>
<b>coerce</b>	<b>to force to act or think a certain way by use of pressure, threats or intimidation; compel</b>	<b>force someone to do something</b>
<b>philanthropy</b>	<b>the effort or inclination to increase the well-being of humankind; love of humankind in general</b>	<b>love of mankind</b>
<b>verbose</b>	<b>using or containing a great and usually an excessive number of words; wordy</b>	<b>wordy</b>
<b>choleric</b>	<b>easily angered; bad-tempered</b>	<b>hot-tempered</b>
<b>circuitous</b>	<b>being or taking a roundabout lengthy route</b>	<b>roundabout</b>
<b>paradox</b>	<b>an assertion that is essentially self-contradictory, though based on a valid deduction from acceptable premises</b>	<b>contradictory truth</b>
<b>agnostic</b>	<b>one who believes that there can be no proof of the existence of God but does not deny the possibility that God exists</b>	<b>someone unconvinced about God</b>
<b>bemused</b>	<b>bewildered confused</b>	<b>confused</b>
<b>bane</b>	<b>a deadly poison</b>	<b>poison</b>
<b>infer</b>	<b>to conclude from evidence or premises</b>	<b>conclude</b>
<b>putative</b>	<b>generally regarded as such; supposed</b>	<b>commonly accepted</b>
<b>laudable</b>	<b>deserving commendation; praiseworthy</b>	<b>worthy of praise</b>

<b>reprehensible</b>	<b>deserving rebuke or censure; blameworthy</b>	<b>worthy of blame</b>
<b>appease</b>	<b>to bring peace, quiet or calm to; soothe</b>	<b>soothe</b>
<b>adherent</b>	<b>to be a devoted follower or supporter</b>	<b>follower</b>
<b>absolute</b>	<b>unqualified in extent or degree; total</b>	<b>total</b>
<b>mollify</b>	<b>to reduce the rigidity of; soften</b>	<b>soften</b>
<b>indifferent</b>	<b>having no particular interest in or concern for; apathetic</b>	<b>not caring; mediocre</b>
<b>maverick</b>	<b>one that refuses to abide by the dictates of or resists adherence to a group; a dissenter</b>	<b>nonconformist</b>
<b>rampart</b>	<b>a fortification consisting of an embankment often with a parapet built on top</b>	<b>fortification</b>
<b>atrophy</b>	<b>a wasting away, deterioration, or diminution, owing to disease, or lack of use</b>	<b>to waste away from lack of use</b>
<b>futile</b>	<b>having no useful result</b>	<b>hopeless</b>
<b>subtle</b>	<b>so slight as to be difficult to detect or analyze; elusive not immediately obvious, abstruse</b>	<b>not obvious</b>
<b>lament</b>	<b>to express grief for or about; mourn</b>	<b>mourn</b>
<b>civil</b>	<b>sufficiently observing or befitting accepted social usage; not rude</b>	<b>polite</b>
<b>itinerant</b>	<b>traveling from place to place, especially to perform work or a duty</b>	<b>moving from place to place</b>
<b>equanimity</b>	<b>the quality of being calm and even tempered; composure</b>	<b>composure</b>
<b>doggerel</b>	<b>crudely or irregularly fashioned verse, often of a humorous or burlesque nature</b>	<b>loose verse</b>
<b>drone</b>	<b>to speak in a monotonous tone, in a monotonous way</b>	<b>to talk on and on in a dull way</b>
<b>address</b>	<b>to direct (a spoken or written message) to the attention of</b>	<b>speak to</b>
<b>articulate</b>	<b>expressing oneself easily in clear and effective language</b>	<b>speaking clearly and well</b>
<b>pervade</b>	<b>to present throughout; permeate</b>	<b>spread throughout</b>
<b>broach</b>	<b>to bring up (a subject) for discussion or debate</b>	<b>open subject</b>
<b>proliferate</b>	<b>to increase or spread at a rapid rate</b>	<b>spread rapidly</b>
<b>denounce</b>	<b>to condemn openly as being evil or reprehensible</b>	<b>speak out against; condemn</b>
<b>advocate</b>	<b>one that argues for a cause; a supporter or defender</b>	<b>speak in favor of; support</b>
<b>disseminate</b>	<b>to scatter widely, as in sowing seed</b>	<b>spread seeds</b>
<b>epigraph</b>	<b>a motto or quotation as at the beginning of a literary composition. setting forth a theme</b>	<b>apt quotation</b>
<b>slander</b>	<b>oral communications of false statements injurious to a person's reputation</b>	<b>spoken injurious falsehood</b>
<b>scintillate</b>	<b>to sparkle or shine</b>	<b>sparkle</b>
<b>averse</b>	<b>having a feeling of opposition, distaste, or aversion; strongly disinclined</b>	<b>opposed to</b>
<b>accost</b>	<b>to approach and speak to in an aggressive, hostile, or sexually suggestive manner</b>	<b>approach someone</b>

<b>vicissitudes</b>	<b>one of the sudden or unexpected changes or shifts often encountered in one's life, activities, surroundings</b>	<b>upheaval</b>
<b>expedite</b>	<b>to speed up the progress of; facilitate; to perform quickly and efficiently</b>	<b>speed up</b>
<b>foster</b>	<b>to promote the growth and development of</b>	<b>promote growth</b>
<b>efface</b>	<b>to rub or wipe out; erase</b>	<b>erase</b>
<b>exculpate</b>	<b>to clear of guilt or blame</b>	<b>free from guilt</b>
<b>extol</b>	<b>to praise highly; exalt</b>	<b>praise highly</b>
<b>desecrate</b>	<b>to violate the sacredness of; profane</b>	<b>treat irreverently</b>
<b>artful</b>	<b>skillful in accomplishing a purpose, especially by the use of cunning or craft</b>	<b>crafty</b>
<b>commensurate</b>	<b>corresponding in size or degree; proportionate</b>	<b>proportionate</b>
<b>platitude</b>	<b>a trite or banal remark or statement, especially one expressed as if it were original or significant</b>	<b>trite remark</b>
<b>sedition</b>	<b>conduct or language inciting rebellion against the authority of a state</b>	<b>treason</b>
<b>mundane</b>	<b>relating to, characteristic of; or concerned with commonplaces ordinary</b>	<b>ordinary</b>
<b>extricate</b>	<b>to release from an entanglement or difficulty; disengage</b>	<b>free from difficulty</b>
<b>exonerate</b>	<b>to free from blame</b>	<b>free from blame</b>
<b>rebuke</b>	<b>to criticize or reprove sharply; reprimand</b>	<b>criticize sharply</b>
<b>epitome</b>	<b>a brief summary, as of book of an article; an abstract</b>	<b>brief summary</b>
<b>insolent</b>	<b>presumptions and insulting in manner or speech; arrogant</b>	<b>arrogant</b>
<b>affable</b>	<b>easy and pleasant to speak to; approachable</b>	<b>friendly</b>
<b>amiable</b>	<b>friendly and agreeable in disposition; good-natured and likable</b>	<b>friendly</b>
<b>abysmal</b>	<b>very profound; limitlessly bad</b>	<b>wretched</b>
<b>proscribe</b>	<b>to prohibit; forbid</b>	<b>prohibit</b>
<b>pragmatic</b>	<b>dealing or concerned with facts or actual occurrences; practical</b>	<b>practical</b>
<b>circumscribe</b>	<b>to draw a line around; encircle</b>	<b>draw line around</b>
<b>utilitarian</b>	<b>exhibiting or stressing utility over other values; practical</b>	<b>pragmatic</b>
<b>provident</b>	<b>frugal; economical</b>	<b>frugal</b>
<b>spawn</b>	<b>to give rise to; engender</b>	<b>bring forth</b>
<b>marshal</b>	<b>take form or order</b>	<b>arrange in order</b>
<b>bias</b>	<b>a preference or an inclination, especially one that inhibits impartial judgement</b>	<b>prejudice; tilted</b>
<b>novel</b>	<b>strikingly new, unusual or different</b>	<b>original</b>
<b>innovate</b>	<b>to begin or introduce (something new) for as if for the first time</b>	<b>create; introduce something new</b>
<b>preclude</b>	<b>to make impossible, as by action taken in advance; prevent</b>	<b>prevent</b>
<b>instigate</b>	<b>to stir up; foment</b>	<b>provoke</b>
<b>artifice</b>	<b>subtle but base deception; trickery</b>	<b>trickery</b>

<b>attrition</b>	<b>a gradual diminution in number or strength because of constant stress</b>	<b>gradual wearing away</b>
<b>candor</b>	<b>frankness or sincerity of expression; openness</b>	<b>truthfulness</b>
<b>castigate</b>	<b>to inflict punishment on; to criticize severely</b>	<b>criticize severely</b>
<b>exhort</b>	<b>to urge by strong, often stirring argument, admonition, advice or appeal</b>	<b>urge strongly</b>
<b>veracity</b>	<b>adherence to the truth; truthfulness</b>	<b>truthfulness</b>
<b>perfidy</b>	<b>deliberate breach of faith; calculated violation of trust; treachery</b>	<b>treachery</b>
<b>prevail</b>	<b>to be greater in strength or influence; triumph</b>	<b>triumph</b>
<b>visionary</b>	<b>one who is given to impractical or speculative ideas; a dreamer</b>	<b>dreamer</b>
<b>concise</b>	<b>expressing much in few words; clear and succinct</b>	<b>brief and to the point</b>
<b>blasphemy</b>	<b>speaking of God or a sacred entity in an irreverent, impious manner</b>	<b>treat as inferior</b>
<b>litigate</b>	<b>to subject to legal proceedings</b>	<b>try in court</b>
<b>patronize</b>	<b>to treat in a condescending manner</b>	<b>treat as inferior</b>
<b>insidious</b>	<b>working or spreading harmfully in a subtle or stealthy manner</b>	<b>treacherous</b>
<b>preoccupy</b>	<b>to preoccupy the mind of, to the exclusion of other thoughts or feelings</b>	<b>preoccupy</b>
<b>disdain</b>	<b>a feeling or show of contempt and aloofness; scorn</b>	<b>arrogant scorn</b>
<b>coalition</b>	<b>an alliance, especially a temporary one, of people, factions, parties, or nations</b>	<b>group with a purpose</b>
<b>slander</b>	<b>a false and malicious statement or report about someone</b>	<b>written injurious falsehood</b>
<b>contentious</b>	<b>given to contention; quarrelsome</b>	<b>argumentative</b>
<b>refute</b>	<b>to prove to be false or erroneous; overthrow by argument or proof</b>	<b>prove to be false</b>
<b>coup</b>	<b>a brilliantly executed stratagem; a masterstroke</b>	<b>brilliant victory</b>
<b>protract</b>	<b>to draw out or lengthening time; prolong</b>	<b>prolong</b>
<b>maligner</b>	<b>to feign illness or other incapacity in order to avoid duty or work</b>	<b>pretend to be sick</b>
<b>irrevocable</b>	<b>impossible to retract or revoke</b>	<b>irreversible</b>
<b>rapacious</b>	<b>greedy; ravenous</b>	<b>greedy</b>
<b>enfranchise</b>	<b>to endow with the rights of citizenship, especially the right to vote</b>	<b>grant voting rights</b>
<b>decorous</b>	<b>characterized by or exhibiting decorum, proper</b>	<b>proper</b>
<b>agenda</b>	<b>a list or program of things to be done or considered</b>	<b>program</b>
<b>irascible</b>	<b>prone to outbursts of temper</b>	<b>irritable</b>
<b>connoisseur</b>	<b>a person with expert knowledge or training, especially in the fine arts</b>	<b>artistic expert</b>
<b>profane</b>	<b>marked by contempt or irreverence for what is sacred</b>	<b>irreverent</b>
<b>succinct</b>	<b>characterized by clear, precise expression in few words; concise and terse</b>	<b>brief and to the point</b>

<b>patrician</b>	<b>a member of an aristocracy; an aristocrat</b>	<b>aristocrat</b>
<b>aesthetic</b>	<b>of or concerning the appreciation of beauty or good taste; artistic</b>	<b>artistic</b>
<b>discreet</b>	<b>marked by, exercising or showing prudence and wise self-restraint in speech and behavior; circumspect</b>	<b>prudent</b>
<b>sanctimonious</b>	<b>feigning piety or righteousness</b>	<b>pretending to be devout</b>
<b>epigram</b>	<b>a concise clever, often paradoxical statement</b>	<b>brief, witty saying</b>
<b>hiatus</b>	<b>a gap or an interruption in space, time, or continuity; a break</b>	<b>break</b>
<b>incandescent</b>	<b>shining brilliantly; very bright</b>	<b>brilliant</b>
<b>amity</b>	<b>peaceful relations as between nations; friendship</b>	<b>friendship</b>
<b>pivotal</b>	<b>being of vital or central importance; crucial</b>	<b>crucial</b>
<b>brevity</b>	<b>the quality of state of being; belief in duration</b>	<b>briefness</b>
<b>avarice</b>	<b>immoderate desire for wealth; cupidity</b>	<b>greed</b>
<b>apocalypse</b>	<b>a prophetic disclosure; a revelation</b>	<b>prophetic revelation</b>
<b>circumvent</b>	<b>to avoid or get around by artful maneuvering</b>	<b>frustrate</b>
<b>squalor</b>	<b>a filthy and wretched condition or quality</b>	<b>wretched living conditions</b>
<b>encroach</b>	<b>to advance beyond proper or former limits</b>	<b>trespass</b>
<b>latent</b>	<b>present or potential but not evident or active</b>	<b>present by not visible</b>
<b>laud</b>	<b>to give praise to; glorify</b>	<b>praise</b>
<b>frenetic</b>	<b>wildly excited or active; frantic; frenzied</b>	<b>frantic</b>
<b>tout</b>	<b>to promote or praise energetically; publicize</b>	<b>brag publicly about</b>
<b>remonstrate</b>	<b>to reason or plead in protest; present an objection</b>	<b>argue against</b>
<b>capitalism</b>	<b>an economic system in which the means of production are privately owned and development is proportionate to the accumulation and reinvestment of profits</b>	<b>free enterprise</b>
<b>dogmatic</b>	<b>characterized by an authoritative, arrogant assertion of unproved or unprovable principles</b>	<b>arrogantly assertive</b>
<b>promulgate</b>	<b>to make known (decree, for example) by public declaration; announce officially</b>	<b>proclaim</b>
<b>eclectic</b>	<b>selecting or employing individual elements from a variety of sources, systems, or styles</b>	<b>drawn from many sources</b>