

Essential SAT Vocabulary

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BELABOR

I understand completely, you do not need to belabor the point.

BELABOR

- to insist repeatedly
- to harp on

BELEAGUER

Mickey beleaguered his parents so that they finally gave in to his request for a Nintendo.

BELEAGUER

- to harass
- to plague

BELIE

The first lady's carefree appearance belied rumors that she was on the verge of divorcing her husband.

BELIE

- to misrepresent
- to expose as false

BELLICOSE

Immediately after defeating one of his enemies, the bellicose chieftain declared war on another.

BELLICOSE

- warlike
- aggressive

BELLIGERENT

The bartender realized that it would be fruitless to try to subdue the belligerent drunk by himself.

BELLIGERENT

- hostile
- tending to fight

BENIGHTED

Ben scoffed at the crowd, as he believed it consisted entirely of uneducated and benighted individuals.

BENIGHTED

- unenlightened
- existing in a state of intellectual or social darkness

BEQUEATH

Grandpa bequeathed the house to his daughter and the car to his son.

BEQUEATH

- to give or leave through a will
- to hand down

BESEECH

She beseached him to give her a second chance, but he refused.

BESEECH

- to beg, plead, or implore

BILK

Though the lawyer seemed honest, the woman feared he would try to bilk her out of her money.

BILK

- to cheat
- to defraud

BLANDISH

We blandished the bouncer with compliments until he finally let us into the club.

BLANDISH

- to coax with flattery

BLIGHT

The farmers feared that the previous night's frost had blighted the potato crops entirely.

BLIGHT

- to afflict
- to destroy

BONHOMIE

The general bonhomie that characterized the party made it a joy to attend.

BONHOMIE

- good-natured geniality
- atmosphere of good cheer

BOON

Dirk realized that his new subordinate's computer skills would be a real boon to the company and thanked the human resources department.

BOON

- blessing
- something to be thankful for

BOURGEOIS

The bourgeois family was horrified when the lower-class family moved in next door.

BOURGEOIS

- middle-class
- marked by materialism and concern for respectability

BREACH

The record company sued the singer for breach of contract when he recorded for another company without permission.

BREACH

- act of breaking an obligation
- violation