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SAT Vocabulary review activity

Part I directions: Fill in each blank with the appropriate **As-Ba** vocabulary word, and **circle** the context clues in each sentence that reveals the word's meaning. Pay particular attention to opposing words (*however* or *but* or *not* or *though*)—place a **rectangle** around each of these. Also, make sure that you are using the correct form of each word, so consider whether it is being used as an adjective, noun, or past-tense verb.

aspersion      assiduous      assuage      astringent      atrocious      atrophy      attenuate      augury  
august      auspicious      avarice      axiom      baleful      banal      bastion

1. More Americans should live by Benjamin Franklin's mottos. Had they followed his \_\_\_\_\_ "A penny saved is a penny earned," fewer would be suffering financially in these difficult times.
2. Though Wanda had received two rejection letters from colleges, the fat envelope that arrived from Clayton State College made her feel better and \_\_\_\_\_ her fears that she would never get into any college.
3. As a kindergartener, Keith possessed amazing imagination. However, the older he got the more television he viewed, and his mind began to \_\_\_\_\_ as a result. His ability to envision vivid ideas eventually vanished because of he neglected to use it.
4. Mark was \_\_\_\_\_ in completing his project; he knew that if worked hard and followed every detail of the rubric carefully, he would earn an A.
5. The chef had hoped that his newest pasta creation would be characterized by bold and intense flavors, but the inferior quality of his ingredients \_\_\_\_\_ the sauce and caused it to taste rather bland.
6. The Congressman appeared \_\_\_\_\_ early in his career; however, his undignified public behavior and disrespectful comments about a female senator caused his constituents to no longer admire him and thus not to re-elect him to office.
7. The little boy appeared completely angelic; however, his actions towards his classmates were \_\_\_\_\_. The parent volunteer was shocked at his cruel behavior.
8. Though the morning was bright and calm, the gathering clouds and increasing wind were a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ of the storm that developed in the afternoon.
9. On game day, all the houses in the neighborhood were flying flags that showed they were Georgia Tech fans; the Taylors' home was thus a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ of Bulldog support, defending the University of Georgia against its rival.
10. The day was a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ one for the Olympic ski races; the clear skies, light breeze, and fresh snow created favorable conditions for the athletes.
11. The old man's \_\_\_\_\_ was all-consuming. He spent all his time thinking about his vast wealth and envisioning more ways to acquire money.
12. The teacher never raised her voice, but her \_\_\_\_\_ words had the intended effect of letting her class know just how inappropriate their behavior was—and, the punishment they received was equally harsh.
13. The irony is that original and unique slang phrases and cutting-edge fashions quickly become \_\_\_\_\_ because they become trends followed and overused by the masses.
14. Though what the school gossip said about Jill was damaging to her character, they weren't really \_\_\_\_\_ because they were true.
15. The bully glared at the new student in class with a \_\_\_\_\_ look. Even without a word spoken, his threatening intentions were evident to all the other students.

Part II directions: On the back of this page, compose six sentences, using two **Ab-As** vocabulary words (listed below) in each. Thus, you will use twelve total vocabulary words in your sentences. **Circle** the context clues you have used to reinforce the vocabulary words' meanings.

abase      abdicate      aberration      abeyance      abject      abstruse      acerbic      acquiesce  
acrimony      adulterate      aesthetic      aggrandize      alacrity      allegory      amalgamate  
ameliorate      amortize      anachronism      anathema      ancillary      antediluvian      anterior      antipathy  
apocryphal      apotheosis      approbation      ardent      ardor      arduous      ascetic