

Essential SAT Vocabulary

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CHAGRIN

No doubt, the president felt a good deal of chagrin after vomiting on his host at the prime minister's state banquet.

CHAGRIN

- shame and embarrassment
- humiliation

CHARLATAN

“The charlatan of a doctor prescribed the wrong medicine for me!” complained the patient.

CHARLATAN

- fraud and fake
- one claiming false knowledge or abilities

CHICANERY

Dishonest used car salesmen often use chicanery to sell lemons to their customers.

CHICANERY

- trickery
- fraud and deception

CHOLERIC

The choleric principal raged at the students who had come late to school.

CHOLERIC

- easily angered
- short-tempered

CIRCUMLOCUTION

He avoided discussing the real issues with endless circumlocutions.

CIRCUMLOCUTION

- roundabout way of expressing an idea
- evasion in speech

CIRCUMSCRIBE

Diego Buenaventura's country estate is circumscribed by rolling hills so that the view from every window is impressive.

CIRCUMSCRIBE

- to encircle
- to set limits on; to confine

CIRCUMSPECT

His failures have made Jack far more circumspect in his exploits than he used to be.

CIRCUMSPECT

- cautious and wary
- careful to consider all consequences

CLANDESTINE

The double agent paid many clandestine visits to the president's office in the dead of night.

CLANDESTINE

- secretive
- concealed for a darker purpose

CLEMENCY

Kyle begged for clemency, explaining that he had been under the influence of hallucinogens when he robbed the bank.

CLEMENCY

- merciful leniency

COALESCE

The different factions of the organization coalesced to form one united front against their opponents.

COALESCE

- to grow together
- to cause to unite as one

COLLATERAL

“Let’s try to stick to the main issue here and not get into all the collateral questions,” urged the CEO.

COLLATERAL

- accompanying as secondary or subordinate

COLLOQUY

The congressmen held a colloquy to determine how to proceed with the environmental legislation.

COLLOQUY

- serious dialogue or conversation
- conference

COLLUSION

It came to light that the police chief and the mafia were in collusion in running the numbers racket.

COLLUSION

- collaboration
- complicity and conspiracy

COMELINESS

Ann's comeliness made her perfect for the role of Sleeping Beauty.

COMELINESS

- physical grace and beauty

COMMENSURATE

Steve was given a salary commensurate with his knowledge and experience.

COMMENSURATE

- proportional
- equal in measure, amount, or degree