

## 6th Grade SAT Word List

Word	Definition
abandon	total lack of inhibition
aberration	Deviation from what is correct or right.
abet	to aid; act as accomplice
abject	miserable, pitiful
abolitionist	one who opposes the proactive of slavery
abridge	to condense, shorten
absolve	to forgive, free from blame
accessible	attainable, available; approachable
accessory	attachment, ornament; accomplice, partner
acme	highest point; summit
acute	1. Perceptive. 2. Excruciating.
adapt	to accommodate; adjust
adept	Proficient; masterful; expert.
adjacent	next to
advantageous	favorable, useful
aerie	nook or nest built high in the air
aerodynamic	relating to objects moving through the air
agenda	plan, schedule
agile	well coordinated, nimble
agitation	commotion, excitement; uneasiness
alacrity	Eagerness; zeal; speed.
alias	assumed name
alliteration	repetition of the beginning sounds of words
altercation	noisy dispute
amend	to improve or correct flaws in
amphibian	creature equally at home on land or in water
ample	abundant, plentiful
amplify	increase, intensify
animate	Energize; enliven.
animation	enthusiasm, excitement
antagonist	foe, opponent, adversary
antecedent	coming before in place or time
appropriate	to take possession of
aquatic	belonging or living in water
arid	extremely dry or deathly boring
arrogant	Feeling superior to other people; egotistical.
arsenal	ammunition storehouse
artifact	historical relic, item made by human craft
artisan	craftsperson; expert
ashen	resembling ashes; deathly pale
askew	crooked, tilted
aspire	to have great hopes; to aim at a goal

asymmetrical	not corresponding in size, shape, position, etceteras
attain	to accomplish, gain
auditory	having to do with hearing
august	dignified, awe-inspiring, venerable
authoritarian	1. Person who acts like a dictator; tyrant. 2. Disciplinarian.
aviary	Large enclosure confining birds.
balk	to refuse, shirk; prevent
ballad	folk song, narrative poem
balm	Soothing ointment for pain or healing; salve.
ban	to forbid, outlaw
barren	1. Infertile; impotent. 2. Arid; unproductive.
belittle	Humiliate; tease; diminish in importance.
bellow	to roar, shout
bias	prejudice, slant
bibliography	list of books
bliss	Gaiety; happiness; enjoyment.
boon	blessing; something to be thankful for
botanist	scientist who studies plants
bountiful	plentiful
bovine	cow-like; relating to cows
bungle	Botch; mismanage; spoil.
burly	brawny, husky
bustle	commotion, energetic activity
butt	person or thing that is object of ridicule
byway	back road
cadence	rhythmic flow of poetry; marching beat
callous	thick-skinned, insensitive
caricature	exaggerated portrait, cartoon
cast	copy, replica
cast	to fling, to throw
caulk	to make watertight
cease	Stop; end; halt.
celebrity	fame, widespread acclaim
chaotic	extremely disorderly
choice	specially selected, preferred
chortle	to chuckle
circumference	boundary or distance around a circle or sphere
civil	polite; relating to citizens
civility	courtesy, politeness
cleave	to split or separate or to stick, cling, adhere
coddle	Pamper: overindulge: baby; spoil.
coerce	to compel by force or intimidation
coffer	strongbox, large chest for money
cohabit	to live together

coherent	intelligible, lucid, understandable
comeliness	physical grace and beauty
commend	to compliment, praise
commonplace	ordinary, found every day
communicable	transmittable
compile	Collect data; accumulate; amass.
compound	complex; composed of several parts
compound	to combine, augment
confection	something sweet to eat
congruity	correspondence, harmony, agreement
consensus	unanimity, agreement of opinion or attitude
cosmetic	relating to beauty; affecting the surface of something
countenance	facial expression; look of approval or support
covet	to desire strongly something possessed by another
creed	statement of belief or principle
crescendo	gradual increase in volume of sound
criteria	standard for judging, rule for testing
culprit	guilty person
curator	caretaker and overseer of an exhibition, esp. in a museum
cygnet	young swan
dainty	delicate, sweet
daub	Blur: smear; spread.
dawdle	Procrastinate; loiter; idle: daily.
deface	to mar the appearance of, vandalize
deform	to disfigure, distort
deft	skillful, dexterous
delegate	to give powers to another
demean	to degrade, humiliate, humble
depict	to describe, represent
deplete	to use up, exhaust
desist	Discontinue or stop; cease; renounce.
desolate	Alone; without hope or comfort; forsaken.
dialect	regional style of speaking
dichotomy	division into two parts
diffuse	widely spread out
dilate	to enlarge, swell, extend
disarray	clutter, disorder
disband	Disperse; dissipate; scatter; dispel.
discern	to perceive something obscure
discontent	Unhappy; displeased; miserable.
distend	Bloat, bulge; swell; stretch.
distrust	disbelief and suspicion
docile	tame, willing to be taught
donor	benefactor, contributor

dormant	at rest, inactive, in suspended animation
draft	to plan, outline; to recruit, conscript
dulcet	pleasant sounding, soothing to the ear
dupe	to deceive, trick
dupe	fool, pawn
duplicity	Cunning; fraud; trickery; deception.
durability	strength, sturdiness
duration	period of time that something lasts
duress	threat of force or intimidation; imprisonment
editorialize	to express an opinion on an issue
elation	exhilaration, joy
emanate	Radiate; flow from; emit.
emancipate	to set free, liberate
emcee	Master of ceremonies.
emend	to correct a text
encore	additional performance, often demanded by audience
endurance	ability to withstand hardships
entreat	to plead, beg
enunciate	to pronounce clearly
equestrian	one who rides on horseback
equine	relating to horses
etymology	origin and history of a word; study of words
evade	to avoid, dodge
evict	to put out or force out
exasperation	irritation
excerpt	selection from a book or play
exotic	foreign; romantic, excitingly strange
expansive	sweeping, comprehensive; tending to expand
expire	to come to an end; die; breathe out
extinction	end of a living thing or species
extremity	outermost or farthest point
fathom	to measure the depth of, gauge
fathom	Measure; discover; perceive.
fault	break in a rock formation; mistake or error
fawn	to flatter excessively, seek the favor of
faze	to bother, upset, or disconcert
feasible	possible, capable of being done
fell	to chop, cut down
fetter	Restrain; restrict; curb.
finicky	fussy, difficult to please
flammable	combustible, being easily burned
flaunt	to show off
fledgling	Young or inexperienced person; young bird.
foil	to defeat, frustrate

forgo	to go without, refrain from
forlorn	dreary, deserted; unhappy; hopeless, despairing
foundation	groundwork, support; institution established by donation to aid a certain cause
frond	leaf
fume	Gas; vapor; harmful or irritating smoke.
gavel	mallet used for commanding attention
genre	type, class, category
giddy	Scatterbrained; silly; frivolous.
global	involving the entire world; relating to a whole
grasp	to perceive and understand; to hold securely
grimace	facial expression showing pain or disgust
grimy	dirty, filthy
grisly	Frightening; ghastly; gory; hideous.
guzzle	Gulp; swill; consume to excess.
habitat	dwelling place
hardy	Stalwart; robust; sturdy.
hasten	to hurry, to speed up
hectic	hasty, hurried, confused
heterogeneous	composed of unlike parts, different, diverse
hew	to cut with an ax
holocaust	widespread destruction, usually by fire
homogeneous	composed of identical parts
homonym	word identical in pronunciation and spelling but different in meaning
honor	to praise, glorify, pay tribute to
humane	merciful, kindly
hymn	religious song, usually of praise or thanks
hypothesis	assumption subject to proof
ignoramus	Moron; fool; dimwit.
immense	enormous, huge
immune	exempt; protected from harm or disease; unresponsive to
impair	to damage, injure
impulse	sudden tendency, inclination
impulsive	spontaneous, unpredictable
inconceivable	impossible, unthinkable
indenture	Contract binding a person to work for another.
industry	business or trade; diligence, energy
infantile	childish, immature
infer	to conclude, deduce
initiate	to begin, introduce; to enlist, induct
inject	to force into; to introduce into conversation
innumerable	too many to be counted
inoffensive	harmless, innocent
instigate	to incite, urge, agitate

integrity	decency, honesty; wholeness
intermittent	starting and stopping
intersect	to divide by passing through or across
intramural	within an institution, such as a school
iota	very tiny amount
issue	Discharge; emerge; emanate.
jangling	clashing, jarring; harshly unpleasant (in sound)
jargon	nonsensical talk; specialized language
keen	having a sharp edge; intellectually sharp, perceptive
kernel	innermost, essential part; seed grain, often in a shell
keynote	note or tone on which a musical key is founded; main idea of a speech, program, etceteras
kindle	to set fire to ignite; excite or inspire
knoll	Hillock; mound.
knotty	Snarled; tangled.
Kudos	Credit or praise for an achievement; glory.
lap	to drink using the tongue; to wash against
larceny	theft of property
larynx	organ containing vocal cords
laxity	Carelessness; indifference.
leery	suspicious
legible	readable
legislate	to decree, mandate, make laws
lenient	easygoing, permissive
lexicon	dictionary, list of words
linger	Loiter; remain; hesitate.
literate	able to read and write; well-read and educated
logo	corporate symbol
loiter	to stand around idly
low	to make a sound like a cow, moo
lumber	to move slowly and awkwardly
lunar	relating to the moon
malice	animosity, spite, hatred
mandatory	necessary, required
maritime	relating to the sea or sailing
martial	warlike, pertaining to the military
medieval	relating to the Middle Ages (about A.D. 500-1500)
melody	pleasing musical harmony; related musical tunes
meridian	circle passing through the two poles of the earth
metaphor	figure of speech comparing two different things
metronome	time-keeping device used in music
microbe	microorganism
minimal	smallest in amount, least possible
miserliness	extreme stinginess

misnomer	an incorrect name or designation
mock	to deride, ridicule
molt	to shed hair, skin, or an outer layer periodically
moot	debatable; purely academic, deprived of practical significance
needle	Provoke.
nettle	to irritate
niche	recess in a wall; best position for something
ouster	expulsion, ejection
parole	conditional release of a prisoner
peer	contemporary, equal, match
pending	not yet decided, awaiting decision
pert	lively and bold
pious	dedicated, devout, extremely religious
pithy	1. Substantial; profound. 2. Brief: concise.
plait	to braid
pliant	pliable, yielding
pluck	to pull strings on musical instrument
plucky	courageous, spunky
ply	to use diligently; to engage; to join together
poach	to steal game or fish; cook in boiling liquid
podium	platform or lectern for orchestra conductors or speakers
polar	relating to a geographic pole; exhibiting contrast
polarize	to tend towards opposite extremes
pore	to study closely or meditatively
portly	stout, dignified
prose	ordinary language used in everyday speech
pry	to intrude into; force open
psychic	perceptive of nonmaterial, spiritual forces
pudgy	chubby, overweight
quack	faker; one who falsely claims to have medical skill
qualify	to provide with needed skills; modify, limit
quibble	Argue or bicker.
quicken	to hasten, arouse, excite
rabid	Berserk; diseased; sick.
rally	to assemble; recover, recuperate
ramble	Meander; roam.
rant	to harangue, rave, forcefully scold
rarefy	Make thin; purify; make less dense.
rash	careless, hasty, reckless
ratify	to approve formally, confirm
ration	to supply; to restrict consumption of
ration	portion, share
ravine	deep, narrow gorge
raze	Demolish; level; topple.

recruit	to draft, enlist; to seek to enroll
remote	distant, isolated
rend	Rip; tear; splinter.
repeal	to revoke or formally withdraw (often a law)
repent	to regret a past action
retain	to hold, keep possession of
retard	to slow, hold back
revoke	to annul, cancel, call back
rhythm	regular pattern or variation of sounds and stresses
riddle	to make many holes in; permeate
root	to dig with a snout (like a pig)
rustic	rural
scanty	Meager: scarce.
scoff	Mock; ridicule.
score	notation for a musical composition
score	to make a notch or scratch
shirk	to avoid a task due to laziness or fear
signify	denote, indicate; symbolize
skulk	to move in a stealthy or cautious manner; sneak
slight	to treat as unimportant; insult
sloth	sluggishness, laziness
smelt	to melt metal in order to refine it
solstice	shortest and longest day of the year
spartan	austere, severe, grave; simple, bare
sporadic	infrequent, irregular
spur	to prod
spurn	Defy; reject.
squander	to waste
stalk	to hunt, pursue
stifle	to smother or suffocate; suppress
stint	period of time spent doing something
stint	to be sparing or frugal
stockade	enclosed area forming defensive wall
stoic	indifferent to or unaffected by emotions
stolid	having or showing little emotion
strife	Conflict; turmoil; struggle.
stunted	having arrested growth or development
sullen	brooding, gloomy
sully	to soil, stain, tarnish, taint
supervise	to direct or oversee the work of others
surly	Choleric; rude; sullen.
surplus	excess
survey	to examine in a comprehensive way
tacit	silently understood or implied



taint	to spoil or infect; to stain honor
tainted	stained, tarnished; corrupted, poisoned
talon	claw of an animal, esp. a bird of prey
tang	sharp flavor or odor
taper	Diminish; thin; narrow.
tarnished	corroded, discolored; discredited, disgraced
terminal	depot, station
terse	concise, brief, free of extra words
thesis	theory or hypothesis; dissertation or long, written composition
thwart	to block or prevent from happening; frustrate
tidings	news
titan	person of colossal stature or achievement
tolerance	capacity to respect different values; capacity to endure or resist something
torrid	burning hot; passionate
toxin	poison
trying	difficult to deal with
tumult	state of confusion; agitation
tundra	treeless plain found in arctic or sub-arctic regions
unavailing	hopeless, useless
undermine	to sabotage, thwart
undocumented	not certified, unsubstantiated
uniform	consistent and unchanging; identical
unkempt	Uncombed; messy; untidy.
unwieldy	Clumsy; awkward; unmanageable.
unwitting	unconscious; unintentional
unyielding	firm, resolute
vanquish	to conquer, defeat
variable	changeable, inconstant
vaunted	boasted about, bragged about
vent	to express, say out loud
vermin	small creatures offensive to humans
veto	to reject formally
vex	to irritate, annoy; confuse, puzzle
vigilant	attentive, watchful
vilify	Defame; denigrate.
vim	energy, enthusiasm
virulent	Fatal; lethal; toxic.
vivid	bright and intense in color; strongly perceived
void	not legally enforceable; empty
vouchsafe	Confer; grant; permit.
wan	Anemic; colorless; pale.
wanton	undisciplined, unrestrained, reckless
weather	to endure, undergo

whet	Stimulate; sharpen; intensify.
wistful	Yearning; pensive; sad.
woe	anguish; grief; affliction.
writ	written document, usually in law
writhe	Squirm; twist.
yeoman	Peasant; ordinary person.
yore	Time long past.
yowl	Long, mournful cry or howl.