

## 7th Grade SAT Word List

Word	Definition
abase	to humble; disgrace
abortive	interrupted while incomplete
accrue	to accumulate, grow by additions
acquittal	release from blame
acuity	Sharpness; acuteness; keenness.
adverse	unfavorable, unlucky; harmful
advocate	1. Argue for a cause; defend. 2. Support; uphold.
affected	pretentious, phony
affinity	fondness, liking; similarity
affluent	rich, abundant
affront	personal offense, insult
agrarian	relating to farming or rural matters
alienated	distanced, estranged
allay	to lessen, ease, or soothe
allocation	allowance, portion, share
allure	to entice by charm; attract
amenity	pleasantness; something increasing comfort
amity	friendship
amphitheater	arena theater with rising tiers around a central open space
amulet	ornament worn as a charm against evil spirits
anarchy	absence of government or law; chaos
angular	characterized by sharp angles; lean and gaunt
annul	to cancel, nullify, declare void, or make legally invalid
anoint	to apply oil to, esp. as a sacred rite
anterior	preceding, previous, before (to)
anthology	collection of literary works
apathy	Lack of concern, emotion or interest; indifference.
appease	Satisfy; make peace: placate.
arable	Suitable for cultivation or plowing.
arboreal	relating to trees; living in trees
arboretum	place where trees are displayed and studied
archaic	antiquated, from an earlier time; outdated
archipelago	large group of islands
ardent	passionate, enthusiastic, fervent
arraign	to call to court to answer an indictment
arrogate	to demand, claim arrogantly
ascend	to rise or climb
assail	to attack, assault
astute	having good judgment

atone	to make amends for a wrong
audible	capable of being heard
autocrat	dictator
aver	to declare to be true, affirm
barbarity	Cruel action; inhuman act; harsh conduct.
bay	to bark, especially in a deep, prolonged way
befuddle	Stupefy or confuse; misconstrue.
behemoth	huge creature
belligerent	hostile, tending to fight
bemoan	1. Experience pain or distress. 2. Express pity for; mourn.
beneficent	kindly, charitable; doing good deeds; producing good effects
benign	kindly, gentle, or harmless
berate	to scold harshly
bestow	to give as a gift
bibliophile	book lover
bilateral	two-sided
biped	two-footed animal
bisect	to cut into two (usually equal) parts
blight	to afflict, destroy
boisterous	Noisy; loud; violent; rowdy.
brazen	bold, shameless, impudent; of or like brass
browbeat	Intimidate; harass; dominate.
burnish	to polish, make smooth and bright
candid	Frank; blunt; open.
candor	honesty of expression
canny	smart; founded on common sense
cardiologist	physician specializing in diseases of the heart
carnivorous	meat-eating
cartography	science or art of making maps
caucus	smaller group within an organization; a meeting of such a group
causality	cause-and-effect relationship
charlatan	Fraud; person claiming knowledge he/she does not have; humbug; fake; hustler.
chide	to scold, express disapproval
chromatic	relating to color
chronic	Compulsive; typical; habitual; inveterate.
circumvent	to go around; avoid
cistern	tank for rainwater
clemency	Lenience; mercy; compassion.
coagulate	Congeval; curdle; clot.
coercion	Intimidation; duress; force; compulsion.
colloquial	characteristic of informal speech

colloquy	dialogue or conversation, conference
commute	to change a penalty to a less severe one
complement	to complete, perfect
compress	to reduce, squeeze
confiscate	to appropriate, seize
confound	Perplex; baffle: confuse.
congeal	to become thick or solid, as a liquid freezing
congress	formal meeting or assembly
connive	to conspire, scheme
consolation	something providing comfort or solace for a loss or hardship
contend	to battle, clash; compete
contusion	bruise
convex	curved outward
correlation	association, mutual relation of two or more things
countenance	to favor, support
crass	Vulgar, grossly ignorant; indelicate.
craven	cowardly
cuboid	Having the shape of a cube.
cuisine	characteristic style of cooking
cutlery	cutting instruments; tableware
deciduous	losing leaves in the fall; short-lived, temporary
decipher	Solve or figure out a puzzle: translate: untangle.
defamatory	slandorous, injurious to the reputation
defendant	person required to answer a legal action or suit
delectable	Delicious; delightful; savory.
delta	tidal deposit at the mouth of a river
deluge	to submerge, overwhelm
deluge	flood
delusion	Untrue belief; hallucination; fallacy: misconception.
demographics	data relating to study of human population
demote	to reduce to a lower grade or rank
demotion	lowering in rank or grade
derivative	copied or adapted; not original
derive	to originate; take from a certain source
despoil	Ravage; rob; loot.
despondent	feeling discouraged and dejected
determinate	having defined limits; conclusive
detrimental	causing harm or injury
deviate	to stray, wander
deviation	departure, exception, anomaly
digress	to turn aside; to stray from the main point
diplomacy	discretion, tact
disclaim	to deny, disavow

disclose	to confess, divulge
dispirit	to dishearten, make dejected
distraught	very worried and distressed
Dither	Commotion; turmoil.
diurnal	daily
domineer	to rule over something in a tyrannical way
drivel	stupid talk; slobber
droll	amusing in a wry, subtle way
ecstatic	joyful
eddy	air or wind current
edict	law, command, official public order
egress	exit
elicit	to draw out, provoke
embellish	to ornament; make attractive with decoration or details; add details to a statement
embezzle	to steal money in violation of a trust
embroil	Implicate; enmesh; involve.
empathy	identification with another's feelings
emulate	Model; pattern.
enormity	state of being gigantic or terrible
entomologist	scientist who studies insects
equilibrium	Balance; stability; poise.
estrangle	to alienate, keep at a distance
ethos	beliefs or character of a group
eulogy	Commendation; speech giving great tribute.
exhilaration	state of being energetic or filled with happiness
explicable	capable of being explained
explicit	clearly defined, specific; forthright in expression
explode	to debunk, disprove; blow up, burst
extort	to obtain something by threats
extricate	Remove; loosen; untie.
extrinsic	not inherent or essential, coming from without
exuberant	lively, happy, and full of good spirits
fallow	Idle; dormant.
federation	union of organizations; union of several states, each of which retains local power
fiasco	disaster, utter failure
fickle	Capricious; erratic; spasmodic.
fictive	fictional, imaginary
fidelity	loyalty
filibuster	use of obstructive tactics in a legislative assembly to prevent adoption of a measure
fission	process of splitting into two parts
flora	plants
florid	Ornate; flushed with rosy color; ruddy.

fodder	raw material; feed for animals
foliate	to grow, sprout leaves
ford	to cross a body of water at a shallow place
formulate	to conceive, devise; to draft, plan; to express, state
forsake	to abandon, withdraw from
fracas	noisy dispute
fractious	unruly, rebellious
frank	honest and straightforward
fraud	deception, hoax
fraudulent	deceitful, dishonest, unethical
gaunt	thin and bony
germinate	to begin to grow (as with a seed or idea)
gestation	growth process from conception to birth
gibe	to make heckling, taunting remarks
granular	having a grainy texture
gross	obscene; blatant, flagrant
hamlet	small village
heighten	to raise
hinterland	wilderness
homage	public honor and respect
hone	to sharpen
husband	to farm; manage carefully and thriftily
hutch	pen or coop for animals; shack, shanty
hypocrite	person claiming beliefs or virtues he or she doesn't really possess
immaterial	extraneous, inconsequential, nonessential; not consisting of matter
immobile	not moveable; still
impediment	barrier, obstacle; speech disorder
imperative	essential; mandatory
implant	to set securely or deeply; to instill
inadvertently	unintentionally
inaugurate	to begin or start officially; to induct into office
incisive	Perceptive; astute.
inclination	tendency towards
inclusive	All-encompassing; broad in scope; comprehensive.
indigenous	native, occurring naturally in an area
induce	to persuade; bring about
induct	to place ceremoniously in office
infuriate	to anger, provoke, outrage
infuriating	provoking anger or outrage
ingenious	original, clever, inventive
inkling	hint; vague idea

innate	natural, inborn
innateness	state of being natural or inborn
innovate	to invent, modernize, revolutionize
inoperable	not operable; incurable by surgery
inquest	investigation; court or legal proceeding
intemperate	not moderate
intersperse	to distribute among, mix with
intrusion	trespass, invasion of another's privacy
irreverent	disrespectful
jaundice	yellowish discoloration of skin
jaundiced	affected by jaundice; prejudiced or embittered
kinetic	Caused by motion; dynamic.
labyrinth	Maze; network; puzzle.
lampoon	Mock; ridicule.
lapidary	relating to precious stones
larder	place where food is stored
largess	Charity; philanthropy: gift.
lineage	ancestry
liniment	medicinal liquid used externally to ease pain
listless	lacking energy and enthusiasm
locomotion	movement from place to place
lucid	clear and easily understood
luscious	tasty
lyrical	suitable for poetry and song; expressing feeling
malfunction	to fail to work
malfunction	breakdown, failure
manual	hand-operated; physical
materialism	preoccupation with material things
megalith	huge stone used in prehistoric structures
metamorphosis	change, transformation
mettle	Stamina; bravery; courage.
migratory	wandering from place to place with the seasons
mince	Chop; mitigate.
misgiving	apprehension, doubt, sense of foreboding
mishap	accident; misfortune
mobility	ease of movement
moderate	reasonable, not extreme
moderate	to make less excessive, restrain; regulate
morsel	small bit of food
nominal	existing in name only; negligible
novice	apprentice, beginner
nuance	shade of meaning
offshoot	branch
operative	functioning, working

oration	lecture, formal speech
orator	lecturer, speaker
ordain	to make someone a priest or minister; to order
overstate	to embellish, exaggerate
overture	musical introduction; proposal, offer
paraphrase	to reword, usually in simpler terms
parasite	person or animal that lives at another's expense
parity	equality
parley	discussion, usually between enemies
parody	humorous imitation
patent	obvious, unconcealed
patent	official document giving exclusive right to sell an invention
paternity	fatherhood; descent from father's ancestors
patronize	to condescend to, disparage; to buy from
pavilion	tent or light building used for shelter or exhibitions
peripheral	Marginal: outer; surrounding.
phoenix	mythical, immortal bird that lives for 500 years, burns itself to death, and rises from its ashes
phonic	relating to sound
pillage	to loot, especially during a war
pinnacle	peak, highest point of development
pittance	meager amount or wage
placate	to soothe or pacify
placid	Sincere; tranquil; composed: sedate.
plagiarist	one who steals words or ideas
plaintiff	injured person in a lawsuit
plaintive	Sad; mournful; pathetic.
pliable	Limber; malleable; flexible.
plummet	to fall, plunge
posterior	bottom, rear
posterity	future generations; all of a person's descendants
potable	Drinkable.
preclude	to rule out
precursor	Forerunner.
predator	one that preys on others, destroyer, plunderer
preface	introduction to a book; introductory remarks to a speech
prescribe	to set down a rule; to recommend a treatment
pretext	excuse, pretended reason
prevalent	widespread
procure	to obtain
prodigal	wasteful, extravagant, lavish
profane	impure; contrary to religion; sacrilegious
Proficient	Skillful: masterful: expert.

profuse	lavish, extravagant
prolific	Fruitful; abundant; fertile.
proscribe	to condemn; to forbid, outlaw
prosecutor	person who initiates a legal action or suit
protract	Elongate; lengthen; prolong.
provincial	rustic, unsophisticated, limited in scope
prowess	bravery, skill
proximity	nearness
proxy	power to act as a substitute for another
prudent	Careful; cautious; judicious.
pummel	to pound, beat
quagmire	Marsh: quicksand; swamp.
quandary	Dilemma; mire; entanglement.
quarantine	isolation period, originally 40 days, to prevent spread of disease
radical	fundamental; drastic
ramshackle	likely to collapse
rational	logical, reasonable
rebuke	to reprimand, scold
rebut	to refute by evidence or argument
recant	Rescind; retract; take back.
recondite	relating to obscure learning; known to only a few
reform	to change, correct
refractory	Unmanageable; obstinate; not responsive to treatment.
refurbish	Overhaul; remodel.
regimen	Administration; government; system.
relinquish	to renounce or surrender something
relish	to enjoy greatly
remedial	Restorative; corrective; healing.
remedy	to cure, correct
remit	to send (usually money) as payment
repel	to rebuff, repulse; disgust, offend
rescind	Cancel; repeal; veto.
residue	remainder, leftover, remnant
resolute	determined; with a clear purpose
restrained	controlled, repressed, restricted
reticent	not speaking freely; reserved
revelry	boisterous festivity
reverent	Devout: solemn; worshipful.
rue	to regret
savory	agreeable in taste or smell
scrutiny	careful observation
shard	piece of broken glass or pottery
sheepish	timid, meek, or bashful

simian	ape-like; relating to apes
sinuous	winding; intricate, complex
slipshod	careless, hasty
slovenly	untidy, messy
sluggard	lazy, inactive person
solarium	room or glassed-in area exposed to the sun
sonic	relating to sound
spawn	to generate, produce
spontaneous	on the spur of the moment, impulsive
squalid	filthy; morally repulsive
squalor	1. Severe poverty. 2. Filthiness.
stand	group of trees
stigma	mark of disgrace or inferiority
stilted	stiff, unnatural
subtle	hard to detect or describe; perceptive
sumptuous	lavish, splendid
supple	flexible, pliant
surpass	to do better than, be superior to
susceptible	vulnerable, unprotected
suspend	to defer, interrupt; dangle, hang
sustain	support, uphold; endure, undergo
tactile	relating to the sense of touch
tempered	moderated, restrained
tenet	belief, doctrine
tepid	lukewarm; showing little enthusiasm
theology	study of God and religion
tirade	Diatribe; angry speech.
topography	art of making maps or charts
tortuous	having many twists and turns; highly complex
transgress	to trespass, violate a law
transient	temporary, short-lived, fleeting
transitory	short-lived, existing only briefly
trite	shallow, superficial
trounce	to beat severely, defeat
troupe	group of actors
tryst	agreement between lovers to meet; rendezvous
turbulence	commotion, disorder
unappealing	unattractive, unpleasant
unscathed	Unhurt; uninjured.
validate	to authorize, certify, confirm
vehement	Fierce; emphatic; intense.
vehemently	strongly, urgently
vendetta	prolonged feud marked by bitter hostility
venerable	respected because of age

venerate	Admire; show respect.
veracity	Truth; sincerity; honesty; candor.
verified	proven true
vernacular	everyday language used by ordinary people; specialized language of a profession
viable	Living; alive; feasible.
viaduct	series of elevated arches used to cross a valley
vicarious	substitute, surrogate; enjoyed through imagined participation in another's experience
vigilance	Attentiveness; prudence; care.
void	emptiness, vacuum
void	to cancel, invalidate
waive	to refrain from enforcing a rule; to give up a legal right
warranty	guarantee of a product's soundness
wily	clever, deceptive
wry	amusing, ironic
yoke	to join together
zealot	Fanatic; radical; enthusiast.
zenith	Apex; summit; peak.
zephyr	gentle breeze
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