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SAT Vocabulary Lesson and Practice: Lesson 3

Word List with Definitions

1. **aberration** (n) a variation or change from what is normal or right; something unnatural
2. **aghast** (adj) shocked; terrified or amazed
3. **appellation** (n) a name or title; a word used to identify a person or thing
4. **bewilder** (v) to perplex or confuse; to disorder a person's thinking
5. **chattel** (n) a thing that is owned; a possession
6. **contemptuous** (adj) thinking poorly of; scornful or disdainful
7. **debonair** (adj) charming; having a sophisticated and attractive manner
8. **detest** (v) to have a profound dislike or abhorrence for; to hate
9. **elasticity** (n) the physical property of matter wherein matter returns to its original form after being reshaped, as an elastic band returns to its original shape after being stretched
10. **fickle** (adj) capriciously changeable in affection or belief; not remaining faithful to one idea or feeling
11. **hindrance** (n) an obstruction or impediment; something that blocks progress
12. **inconceivable** (adj) unimaginable or unthinkable
13. **litigious** (adj) willing and likely to pursue a lawsuit
14. **minimize** (v) to make as small as possible
15. **notorious** (adj) widely known but viewed negatively or critically
16. **ordeal** (n) an experience that is extremely difficult or trying
17. **ostracize** (v) to banish from or force out of a group or situation
18. **peccadillo** (n) a minor sin or fault; a trifling wrongdoing
19. **placid** (adj) tranquil and calm; at rest
20. **prosaic** (adj) matter-of-fact; without spirit, style, or imagination
21. **rectitude** (n) correctness or uprightness; unerring in following principles
22. **salient** (adj) noticeable or important; standing out
23. **spurious** (adj) inauthentic; not bona fide
24. **tincture** (n) a typically alcoholic mixture containing a medicine or remedy
25. **vigilance** (n) alertness; unbreaking attention to a duty

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Synonyms:

In the space provided, write the word from the list above that means the same or about the same as the word given.

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| 1. unbelievable _____ | 6. abnormality _____ |
| 2. peaceful _____ | 7. righteousness _____ |
| 3. obstacle _____ | 8. infamous _____ |
| 4. false _____ | 9. loathe _____ |
| 5. horrified _____ | 10. exclude _____ |

Antonyms:

In the space provided, write the word from the list above that means opposite of the word given.

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| 11. rude _____ | 16. steadfast _____ |
| 12. inconspicuous _____ | 17. lauded _____ |
| 13. inattentiveness _____ | 18. enlighten _____ |
| 14. plasticity _____ | 19. creative _____ |
| 15. help _____ | 20. maximize _____ |

Analogies:

Choose the word from the list that best completes the analogy, creating the same relationship between the second set of words as exists between the first set of words.

21. degree : B.A. :: _____ : Mr.
22. hunted : sought :: _____ : famous
23. awestruck : admire :: _____ : scorn
24. product : buy :: _____ : own
25. saline : salt :: _____ : medicine
26. conundrum : problem :: _____ : situation
27. explain : confusion :: _____ : clarity
28. flirtation : love :: _____ : cardinal sin
29. gorgeous : looks :: _____ : manners
30. ambitious : power :: _____ : lawsuits

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In the space provided, write the word from the list above that best completes each given sentence.

31. The nun lived her life with _____ and propriety.
32. References to slaves as " _____ " from pre-Civil War times make it clear that slaves were viewed more as property than as people.
33. Jenny felt that her little sister was more of a _____ than a help in baking cookies.
34. In *Oedipus Rex*, the gods _____ Oedipus from Thebes, and he becomes a wanderer.
35. The artist's work is _____, lacking originality.
36. The conclusion that is most _____ to me in this report is that we must raise our prices.
37. The monster created by Dr. Frankenstein was an _____, an unnatural beast.
38. Mr. Siddle was _____ at the horrifying sight that met his eyes.
39. Josie learned a recipe to make a homemade _____ of medicinal herbs and alcohol.
40. The waters were so _____ that it seemed impossible to believe a storm was brewing.
41. Like many teenagers, Omar was _____, with a new crush each week.
42. Antonia accused her mother of being _____ when she filed her third lawsuit.
43. Cary Grant was very _____, and his suave, refined persona made him popular.
44. She tried to _____ the number of trips she had to make each week to save gas.
45. Joshua was _____ of his older brother, who seemed ignorant and crude.
46. Arnold Schwarzenegger became known by the informal _____ "the Governator."
47. Margaret felt that being late for curfew was just a _____, but her parents thought it a serious transgression.
48. The little girl began to _____ the taste of spinach, and she refused to eat it.
49. Rubber bands have high _____, which constricts them after they've been stretched.
50. It is _____ to me that aliens have visited our planet.
51. The artifact turned out to be _____, a clever replica made in the 1930s.
52. After the _____ of being held hostage, the boys needed time to recover.
53. The calculus teacher's explanations seemed to _____ Paul instead of enlightening him.
54. The watchdog showed great _____; he always knew when a stranger came near the house.
55. Charles Manson is _____ for his crimes; everyone knows his name.

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7. rectitude
8. notorious
9. detest
10. ostracize

Antonyms

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12. salient
13. vigilance
14. elasticity
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Analogies

21. appellation
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26. ordeal
27. bewilder
28. peccadillo
29. debonair
30. litigious

Sentence Usage

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33. hindrance
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