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SAT Vocabulary Lesson and Practice: Lesson 2

Word List with Definitions

1. **abdicate** (v) to decline or reject a powerful position, such as a kingship
2. **affectation** (n) an exaggerated or deliberate mannerism
3. **arbitrary** (adj) done or chosen without a reason; random
4. **beseech** (v) to beg or plead
5. **censorious** (adj) finding fault; judging harshly
6. **consensus** (n) an opinion that is agreed upon by all members of a group of people
7. **cudgel** (n) a short, thick blunt weapon; a club
8. **despite** (prep) in spite of
9. **effrontery** (n) boldness; audacity
10. **fealty** (n) loyalty; fidelity
11. **hesitant** (adj) lacking decisiveness; uncertain or unwilling to make a decision
12. **inaudible** (adj) unable to be heard
13. **lithe** (adj) moving or bending easily; graceful and fluid in motion
14. **metamorphosis** (n) a change in form or shape, often from one stage of development to another, as a caterpillar turning into a butterfly
15. **nocturnal** (adj) belonging to, occurring in, or related to the nighttime
16. **opulence** (n) riches or affluence, especially as shown by expensive or ostentatious possessions or lifestyle
17. **partition** (n) something which separates two parts or areas
18. **phonetic** (adj) of, relating to, or representing the sounds of speech
19. **prolong** (v) to make something last longer; to extend a period of time
20. **reckless** (adj) careless or unwise; unheeding of danger
21. **rigor** (n) a harsh or stern rigidity; unyielding
22. **somnolent** (adj) drowsy or inclined to sleep
23. **tenacious** (adj) stubborn; holding fast to a belief or goal
24. **umbrage** (n) resentment based on a feeling of having been injured
25. **veto** (n) the action of the president of the United States, according to the provision in the constitution, to reject a law passed by congress

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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. offense | _____ | 6. judgmental | _____ |
| 2. allegiance | _____ | 7. sleepy | _____ |
| 3. pretension | _____ | 8. accord | _____ |
| 4. divider | _____ | 9. transformation | _____ |
| 5. persistent | _____ | 10. implore | _____ |

Antonyms:

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

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| 11. cautious | _____ | 16. awkward | _____ |
| 12. wakeful | _____ | 17. disagreement | _____ |
| 13. timidity | _____ | 18. poverty | _____ |
| 14. purposeful | _____ | 19. shorten | _____ |
| 15. flexibility | _____ | 20. certain | _____ |

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. invisible : see :: _____ : hear
22. resign : job :: _____ : throne
23. molecular : matter :: _____ : speech
24. exclaim : tell :: _____ : ask
25. pistol : shot :: _____ : blow
26. diurnal : sun :: _____ : moon
27. stretch : space :: _____ : time
28. into : out of :: _____ : because of
29. rejection : application :: _____ : law
30. spendthrift : poverty :: _____ : danger

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

31. His _____ of raising one eyebrow to express disdain was pretentious.
32. The committee could not come to a _____ about which offer to choose; there were three members who disagreed with the majority.
33. Because of her _____ in upholding the rules, the students thought she was cruel.
34. The victim was hit over the head with a blunt object, like a _____.
35. Many schools use a _____ method to teach young children to read, by teaching what sounds letters or combinations of letters represent.
36. The president may _____ a bill, but congress can still pass it if there is enough support.
37. In order to _____ their interview, he thought of as many things to talk about as he could.
38. She considered it _____ for the young man to ask her age.
39. The _____ of a caterpillar into a butterfly takes place inside a cocoon.
40. He was _____ in trying to get the street renamed; he just wouldn't give up.
41. The _____ of the palace was amazing to her; she had never seen such wealth before.
42. The little girl continued to _____ her mother to buy her a pony.
43. The _____ dancer could gracefully complete even the most complicated movements.
44. Josh's parents' _____ attitude made him miserable; they were always criticizing him!
45. The music was practically _____ because he had the volume on its lowest setting.
46. I wish my cat wasn't _____; he keeps me up all night!
47. The decision to promote John over me was _____; I'm just as qualified as he is.
48. She was _____ to make a choice because both options had pros and cons.
49. Her _____ attitude and disregard for danger eventually lead to a severe accident.
50. The husband wanted to test his wife's _____ to him; he didn't trust her.
51. She felt he'd insulted her, and her _____ didn't diminish over time.
52. There was a _____ dividing the room into two smaller areas.
53. The movie was engrossing to his companion, but it made him _____.
54. He decided to go to the play _____ the bad reviews.
55. The new king wanted to _____ his power to avoid responsibility.

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SAT Vocabulary Lesson and Practice: Lesson 2 Answer Key

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8. consensus
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10. beseech

Antonyms

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19. prolong
20. hesitant

Analogies

21. inaudible
22. abdicate
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24. beseech
25. cudgel

26. nocturnal
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28. despite
29. veto
30. reckless

Sentence Usage

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