**Based On SAT (Reading) Real Test (May 2017)**

**Vocabulary**

1. **Pal - a friend.**

Sentence example - You're my best pal.

1. **Vigorous - very forceful or energetic.**

Sentence example - There has been vigorous opposition to the proposals for a new road.

1. **Single sb/sth out - to choose one person or thing from a group for special attention, especially criticism or praise.**

Sentence example - It's not fair the way my sister is always singled out for special treatment.

1. **Deem - to consider or judge something in a particular way.**

Sentence example - We will provide help whenever you deem it appropriate.

1. **Prodigal - spending or using large amounts of money, time, energy, etc., especially in a way that is not very wise.**

Sentence example - There have been rumors that he has been prodigal with company funds.

1. **Liberal - respecting and allowing many different types of beliefs or behaviour.**

Sentence example - Her parents were far more liberal than mine.

1. **Bountiful - large in amount.**

Sentence example - We found a bountiful supply of coconuts on the island.

1. **Merit - the quality of being good and deserving praise.**

Sentence example - Brierley's book has the merit of being both informative and readable.

1. **Profuse - produced or given in large amounts.**

Sentence example - The company accepted blame and sent us profuse apologies.

1. **Downcast - sad and without hope.**

Sentence example - I thought you were looking a little downcast this morning.

1. **Throb - a strong, regular beat.**

Phrase example - the throb of the engine.

1. **Ingenuous - honest, sincere, and trusting, sometimes in a way that seems silly.**

Sentence example - It has to be said it was rather ingenuous of him to ask a complete stranger to take care of his luggage.

1. **Wary - careful because you do not completely trust someone or something or are not certain about what you should do.**

Sentence example - Teachers are often wary of standardized tests.

1. **Shrewd - having or based on a clear understanding and good judgment of a situation, resulting in an advantage.**

Sentence example - She is a shrewd politician who wants to avoid offending the electorate unnecessarily.

1. **Thrifty - showing a careful use of money, especially by avoiding waste.**

Sentence example - They have plenty of money now, but they still tend to be thrifty.

1. **Procure - to get something, especially after an effort.**

Sentence example - He'd procured us seats in the front row.

1. **Mercenary - interested only in the amount of money that you can get from a situation.**

Sentence example - He had some mercenary scheme to marry a wealthy widow.

1. **Censure - strong criticism or disapproval.**

Sentence example - His dishonest behaviour came under severe censure.

1. **Prudent - careful and avoiding risks.**

Sentence example - It's always prudent to read a contract carefully before signing it.

1. **Fatigue - to make someone extremely tired.**

Sentence example - The journey had fatigued him.

1. **Peril - great danger, or something that is very dangerous.**

Sentence example - I never felt that my life was in peril.

1. **Evince - to make something obvious or show something clearly.**

Sentence example - They have never evinced any readiness or ability to negotiate.

1. **Render - to cause someone or something to be in a particular state.**

Sentence example - His rudeness rendered me speechless.

1. **Obscure - to prevent something from being seen or heard.**

Sentence example - The sun was obscured by clouds.

1. **Felicity - happiness, luck, or a condition that produces positive results.**

Phrase example - the dubious felicity of marriage.

1. **Forbearance - the quality of being patient and being able to forgive someone or control yourself in a difficult situation.**

Sentence example - He thanked his employees for the forbearance (that) they had shown during the company's difficult times.

1. **Hinder - to limit the ability of someone to do something, or to limit the development of something.**

Sentence example - High winds have hindered firefighters in their efforts to put out the blaze.

1. **Contentment - happiness and satisfaction, often because you have everything you need.**

Sentence example - More people were finding that material things do not bring contentment.

1. **Ancestry - your ancestors who lived a long time ago, or the origin of your family.**

Sentence example - He was proud of his Native American ancestry.

1. **Lineages - the members of a person's family who are directly related to that person and who lived a long time before him or her.**

Sentence example - She's very proud of her ancient royal lineage.

1. **Affinity - a close similarity between two things.**

Sentence example - There are several close affinities between the two paintings.

1. **Intriguing - very interesting because of being unusual or mysterious.**

Sentence example - She has a really intriguing personality.

1. **Furnish - to supply or provide something needed.**

Sentence example - Jeanne’s catering company furnished all the food for the party.

1. **Prairie - a wide area of flat land without trees in Canada and the northern US.**

Sentence example - Settling in South Dakota, Martin Eden initially focuses on transforming the prairie into productive farmland.

1. **Forage - food grown for horses and farm animals.**

Sentence example - We'll have to maximize home-grown forages so we can cut back on grain.

1. **Irrespective - without considering; not needing to allow for. (Synonym**

**regardless)**

Sentence example - The legislation must be applied irrespective of someone's ethnic origins.