**Based On SAT Practice Test #1, Second Passage**

**Vocabulary**

1. **Frantically -** **in a hurried, excited, or disorganized manner.**

Sentence example - He frantically searched for the key.

1. **Aside - to or toward the side.**

Sentence example - He stepped aside and let her pass.

1. **Engender - to be the source or cause of (something).**

Sentence example - The issue has engendered a considerable amount of debate.

1. **Ambivalent - having or showing very different feelings (such as love and hate) about someone or something at the same time.**

Sentence example - He felt ambivalent about his job. [=he both liked and disliked his job].

1. **Relish - to enjoy or take pleasure in (something).**

Sentence example - I relish traveling to new places.

1. **Bond - something (such as an idea, interest, experience, or feeling) that is shared between people or groups and forms a connection between them.**

Sentence example - The experience created a very special bond between us.

1. **Peer - a person who belongs to the same age group or social group as someone else.**

Sentence example - Teenagers spending time with their peer groups.

1. **Dread - to fear something that will or might happen.**

Sentence example - She dreaded making speeches in front of large audiences.

1. **Delight - to make (someone) very happy: to give (someone) great pleasure or satisfaction.**

Sentence example - The stories will delight readers of all ages.

1. **Occasion - a special event or time.**

Sentence example - They marked/celebrated the occasion with their families.

1. **Recipient - a person who receives something.**

Sentence example - She is the recipient of many honors. [=she has received many honors], (often + of)

1. **To wit - used to make clearer or more particular something that you have already said.**

Sentence example - She's starting to see the effects of the disease, to wit: her memory is less reliable and she can't always find her way home after going somewhere.

1. **Take (something) into account OR take account of (something) - to think about (something) before doing something (such as making a decision): consider**

Sentence example - Try to take our feelings into account. [=try to think about how we will feel].

1. **Nevertheless - in spite of what has just been said.**

Sentence example - I had lost a lot of money in the poker game; nevertheless [=however], I decided to continue playing.

1. **Propose - to suggest (something, such as a plan or theory) to a person or group of people to consider.**

Sentence example - The scientists proposed a new theory.

1. **Intuitive - having the ability to know or understand things without any proof or evidence: having or characterized by intuition.**

Sentence example - She has an intuitive mind.

1. **Unfounded - not based on facts or proof: groundless.**

Sentence example - His fears are unfounded.

1. **Ritual - a formal ceremony or series of acts that is always performed in the same way.**

Sentence example - He was buried simply, without ceremony or ritual.

1. **Invest - to spend (money) on building or improving something — usually + in.**

Sentence example - The city will invest millions of dollars in two new schools.

1. **Convey - to make (something) known to someone.**

Sentence example - Words convey [=communicate] meaning.

1. **Construe - to understand (an action, event, remark, etc.) in a particular way — usually + as**

Sentence example - He construed my actions as hostile (not friendly).

1. **Notion - an idea or opinion.**

Sentence example - I only have a (slight) notion of the poem's meaning.

1. **To account - to think of (someone or something) in a specified way.**

Sentence example - Their first project was accounted [=considered] a success.

1. **Puzzling - causing or likely to cause confusion: difficult to solve or understand.** Sentence example - The directions are somewhat puzzling.