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

**Vocabulary**

1. **Establish - to cause (someone or something) to be widely known and accepted.**

Sentence example - The film established her as a star.

1. **Alternation - to place or do (different things) so that one follows the other in a repeated series.**

Sentence example - To make the appetizer, you should alternate layers of tomatoes and cheese. [=you should place a layer of tomatoes, then a layer of cheese, then a layer of tomatoes, etc.]

1. **Backbone - the most important or strongest part of something.**

Sentence example - She is the backbone of the family.

1. **Sequence - the order in which things happen or should happen.**

Sentence example - He listened to the telephone messages in sequence.

1. **Coil - to wind (something) into circles.**

Sentence example - A long scarf was coiled around her neck.

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

**Vocabulary**

1. **Procession - an organized group or line of people or vehicles that move together slowly as part of a ceremony.**

Sentence example - There was a *procession* of children carrying candles.

1. **Solemn - very serious or formal in manner, behavior, or expression.**

Sentence example - He spoke in a solemn and thoughtful manner.

1. **Merely - only, just — used to say that someone or something is small, unimportant, etc.**

Sentence example - Was it merely a coincidence?

1. **Esthetic - of or relating to art or beauty.**

Sentence example - There are practical as well as aesthetic reasons for planting trees.

1. **Agitate - to disturb, excite, or anger (someone).**

Sentence example - If I talk about the problem with him, it just agitates him even more.

1. **Humble - not proud: not thinking of yourself as better than other people.**

Sentence example - Despite all his achievements, he has remained humble.

1. **Dare - to have enough courage or confidence to do something: to not be too afraid to do something.**

Sentence example - Try it if you dare.

1. **Contradict - to say the opposite of (something that someone else has said): to deny the truth of (something).**

Sentence example - He contradicted the charges of his critics.

1. **Mouthpiece - someone who speaks for another person or for a group or organization.**

Sentence example - He's been acting as a mouthpiece for the government on questions of foreign policy.

1. **Queer - odd or unusual.**

Sentence example - I had a queer feeling that something bad was about to happen.

1. **Transition - a change from one state or condition to another.**

Sentence example - We want to have a smooth transition when the new owners take control of the company.

1. **Object - to disagree with something or oppose something.**

Sentence example - No one objected when the paintings were removed.

1. **Venerable - old and respected: valued and respected because of old age, long use, etc.**

Sentence example - The cathedral is a venerable building.