**Based On SAT Exercises**

**Vocabulary 5**

1. **Confer - to exchange ideas on a particular subject, often in order to reach a decision on what action to take.**

Sentence example - I need some time to confer with my lawyer.

1. **Conservative - not usually liking or trusting change, especially sudden change.**

Sentence example - Older people tend to be more conservative and a bit suspicious of anything new.

1. **Devout - believing strongly in a religion and obeying all its rules or principles.**

Sentence example - They are both devout Christians.

1. **Secular - not having any connection with religion.**

Sentence example - We live in an increasingly secular society, in which religion has less and less influence on our daily lives.

1. **Misnomer - a name that does not suit what it refers to, or the use of such a name.**

Sentence example - It's something of a misnomer to refer to these inexperienced boys as soldiers.

1. **Reclusive - living alone and avoiding going outside or talking to other people.**

Sentence example - She became increasingly reclusive after the tragedy.

1. **Interact - to communicate with or react to.**

Sentence example - Dominique's teacher says that she interacts well with the other children.

1. **Foe - an enemy.**

Sentence example - Foes of the government will be delighting in its current difficulties.

1. **Collude - to act together secretly or illegally in order to deceive or cheat someone.**

Sentence example - It was suspected that the police had colluded with the witnesses.

1. **Intimidate - to frighten or threaten someone, usually in order to persuade them to do something that you want them to do.**

Sentence example - They were intimidated into accepting a pay cut by the threat of losing their jobs.

1. **Associate - to connect someone or something in your mind with someone or something else.**

Sentence example - Most people associate this brand with good quality.

1. **Bustling - If a place is bustling, it is full of busy activity.**

Sentence example - The house, usually bustling with activity, was strangely silent.

1. **Impulsively - suddenly, without any planning and without considering the effects your actions may have.**

Sentence example - At the age of 17 he impulsively decided to leave school.

1. **Endeavor - to try to do something.**

Sentence example - Engineers are endeavoring to locate the source of the problem.

1. **Dismantle - to take a machine apart or to come apart into separate pieces.**

Sentence example - She dismantled the washing machine to see what the problem was, but couldn't put it back together again.

1. **Vestiges - a small part or amount of something larger, stronger, or more important that still exists from something that existed in the past.**

Sentence example - These old buildings are the last vestiges of a colonial past.

1. **Bigwig - a person who has an important or powerful position.**

Sentence example - We were invited to a lunch with local bigwigs.

1. **Incompatibility - the state of not being able to exist or work with another person or thing because of basic differences.**

Sentence example - An incompatibility problem prevents the two pieces of software from being used together.

1. **Ravage - to cause great damage to something.**

Sentence example - The area has been ravaged by drought/floods/war.

1. **Credential - he abilities and experience that make someone suitable for a particular job or activity, or proof of someone's abilities and experience.**

Sentence example - All the candidates had excellent academic credentials.

1. **Sophisticated - having a good understanding of the way people behave and/or a good knowledge of culture and fashion.**

Sentence example - I don't think I have any books that would suit your sophisticated tastes.

1. **Negotiate - to have formal discussions with someone in order to reach an agreement with them.**

Sentence example - The government has refused to negotiate with the strikers.

1. **Acquire - to get or buy something.**

Sentence example - I was wearing a newly/recently acquired jacket.