**Based On SAT Writing Real Test (December 2018 US)**

**Vocabulary**

1. **Stupendous - very surprising, usually in a pleasing way, especially by being large in amount or size.**

Sentence example - Stupendous news! We've won £500,000!

1. **Harness - to control something, usually in order to use its power.**

Sentence example - There is a great deal of interest in harnessing wind and waves as new sources of power.

1. **Untapped - (of a supply of something valuable) not yet used or taken advantage of.**

Sentence example - The country’s forests are largely untapped resources.

1. **Prevalent - existing very commonly or happening often.**

Sentence example - These diseases are more prevalent among young children.

1. **Whimsical - unusual and strange in a way that might be funny or annoying.**

Sentence example - Despite his kindly, sometimes whimsical air, he was a shrewd observer of people.

1. **Discard - to throw something away or get rid of it because you no longer want or need it.**

Sentence example - Discarded food containers and bottles littered the streets.

1. **Accolade - praise and approval.**

Sentence example - Her approval was the highest accolade he could receive.

1. **Tantalizing - Something that is tantalizing causes desire and excitement in you, but is unlikely to provide a way of satisfying that desire.**

Sentence example - I caught a tantalizing glimpse of the sparkling blue sea through the trees.

1. **Naval - belonging to a country’s navy, or relating to military ships.**

Sentence example - A major naval battle was fought near here.

1. **Far-fetched - very unlikely to be true, and difficult to believe.**

Sentence example - Her story about being chased away from school by wolves seems pretty far-fetched.

1. **Excavate - to remove earth that is covering very old objects buried in the ground in order to discover things about the past.**

Sentence example - Ice age bones are being excavated in the caves.

1. **Compensate - to pay someone money in exchange for something that has been lost or damaged or for some problem.**

Sentence example - Victims of the crash will be compensated for their injuries.

1. **Size something/somebody up - to examine something or someone carefully and decide what you think about it, him, or her.**

Sentence example - Voters are still sizing up the candidates.

1. **Disclosure - the act of making something known or the fact that is made known.**

Sentence example - Any public disclosure of this information would be very damaging to the company.