**Based On SAT Exercises**

**Vocabulary 4**

1. **Misuse - use (something) in the wrong way or for the wrong purpose.**

Sentence example - He was found guilty of misusing public funds.

1. **Staggering - very shocking and surprising; astonishing.**

Sentence example - It costs a staggering $50,000 per week to keep the museum open to the public.

1. **Decent - socially acceptable or good.**

Sentence example – It was very decent (= kind) of you to help.

1. **Spree - a short period of doing a particular, usually enjoyable, activity much more than is usual.**

Sentence example – I went on a drinking/shopping/spending spree on Saturday.

1. **March - an event in which a large number of people walk through a public place to express their support for something, or their disagreement with or disapproval of something.**

Sentence example – She's going on a march on Saturday in protest over the closure of the hospital.

1. **Lax - without much care, attention, or control.**

Sentence example – The subcommittee contends that the authorities were lax in investigating most of the cases.

1. **Deforestation - the cutting down of trees in a large area, or the destruction of forests by people.**

Sentence example – Deforestation is destroying large areas of tropical rain forest.

1. **Devastate - to cause great damage or suffering to something or someone, or to violently destroy a place.**

Sentence example – The town was devastated by a hurricane in 1928.

1. **Irrelevant - not related to what is being discussed or considered and therefore not important.**

Sentence example – Thinking of many irrelevant thoughts.

1. **Constraint - a limitation or restriction.**

Sentence example - Time constraints make it impossible to do everything.

1. **Acquiesce - accept something reluctantly but without protest.**

Sentence example - Sara acquiesced in his decision.

1. **Dodge - to avoid being hit by something by moving quickly to one side.**

Sentence example - He dodged to avoid the hurtling bicycle.

1. **Plead - make an emotional appeal.**

Sentence example - “Don't go,” she pleaded.

1. **Drop-out - a person who has abandoned a course of study or who has rejected conventional society to pursue an alternative lifestyle.**

Sentence example - Respected author Christina Hoff Sommers argues that these drop-out rates maybe a consequence of a ‘war against boys'.

1. **Apprentice - someone who has agreed to work for a skilled person for a particular period of time and often for low payment, in order to learn that person's skills.**

Sentence example - Most of the work was done by apprentices.

1. **Embrace - the act of holding someone tightly with both arms to express love, liking, or sympathy, or when greeting or leaving someone.**

Sentence example - She greeted me with a warm embrace.

1. **Makeshift - temporary and of low quality, but used because of a sudden need.**

Sentence example - Thousands of refugees are living in makeshift camps.

1. **Pile - place (things) one on top of another.**

Sentence example - She piled all the groceries on the counter.