**Based On SAT (Reading) Real Test (October 2018)**

**Vocabulary**

**I.**      **Bona fide - real, not false.**

Sentence example - Make sure you are dealing with a bona fide company.

**II.**      **Intermission – a brief period between the parts of a performance.**

Sentence example - A show is structured differently from a film, with an intermission planned in the middle.

**III.**  **Baffled – to cause someone to be completely unable to understand or explain something.**

Sentence example - She was completely baffled by his strange behaviour.

**IV.**     **Smugly – in a way that shows too much satisfaction or confidence.**

Sentence example - "I own three cars and two boats," he said smugly.

**V.**      **Instill – to put a feeling, idea, or principle gradually into someone’s mind, so that it has a strong influence on the way the person lives.**

Sentence example - My parents instilled in me a love of reading.

**VI.**     **Foster – to encourage the development or growth of ideas or feelings.**

Sentence example - I'm trying to foster an interest in classical music in my children.

**VII.**      **Induce – to persuade someone to do something.**

Sentence example - They induced her to take the job by promising editorial freedom.

**VIII.**      **Impel – to make someone feel that they must do something.**

Sentence example - She was in such a mess I felt impelled to (= felt I had to) offer your services.

**IX.**     **Corral – to bring a group of people together and keep them in one place, especially in order to control them.**

Sentence example - Police corralled most of the demonstrators in a small area near the station.

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**Vocabulary**

**I.**      **Merriment - an occasion when people laugh or have an enjoyable time together.**

Sentence example - Sounds of merriment came from the kitchen.

**II.**      **Lounge - the room in a house or apartment that is used for relaxing and entertaining guests in.**

Sentence example - All the family were sitting in the lounge watching television.

**III.**  **Alas - an expression of sadness or disappointment, especially when there is no hope that a situation will change.**

Sentence example - "Will you be able to come tomorrow?" "Alas, no."

**IV.**     **Gratify - to please someone, or to satisfy a wish or need.**

Sentence example - We were gratified by the response to our appeal.

**V.**      **Whence - (from) where.**

Sentence example - It has been returned to the shop **from** whence it came.

**VI.**     **Knick-knack - a small, decorative object, especially in a house.**

Sentence example - The shelves were covered with ornaments and useless knick-knacks.

**VII.**      **Grieve - to make you feel sad and angry.**

Sentence example - It grieves me to see all this food going to waste.

**VIII.**      **Enticing - Something that is enticing attracts you to it by offering you advantages or pleasure.**

Phrase example - an enticing job offer.

**IX.**     **Folly – the fact of being stupid, or a stupid action, idea, etc.**

Sentence example – She said that the idea was folly.

**X.**      **Pin money – a small amount of extra money that a person earns to buy things that they want but do not need.**

Sentence example – She earns a little pin money doing ironing for other people.

**XI.**     **Outing – a short journey made by a group of people, usually for pleasure or education.**

Sentence example – Every year the professor takes her students on an outing to the archives of the Library of Congress.

**XII.**      **Commonplace – happening often or often seen or experienced and so not considered to be special.**

Sentence example – Electric cars are increasingly commonplace.

**XIII.**      **Woo – to try to persuade someone to support you or to use your business.**

Sentence example – The party has been trying to woo the voters with promises of electoral reform.

**XIV.**      **Grace – a quality of moving in a smooth, relaxed, and attractive way.**

Sentence example – Joanna has natural grace and elegance.

**XV.**      **Anguish - extreme unhappiness caused by physical or mental suffering.**

Sentence example – His anguish at the outcome of the court case was very clear.

**XVI.**      **Protagonist – one of the main characters in a story or a play.**

Sentence example – Life is like a theatre. Everyone is the protagonist of its own drama.

**XVII.**      **Integrate – to mix with and join society or a group of people, often changing to suit their way of life, habits, and customs.**

Sentence example – He seems to find it difficult to integrate socially.

**XVIII.**      **Intricately –** **in a way that has many complicated details and is therefore difficult to understand.**

Sentence example – The hijacking operation was intricately planned.

**XIX.**      **Extraterrestrial – in or coming from a place outside the planet Earth.**

Sentence example – In those rocks may lie the best chance of finding extraterrestrial life.

**XX.**      **Inscrutable – not showing emotions or thoughts and therefore very difficult to understand or get to know.**

Phrase example – an inscrutable face/expression/smile

**XXI.**      **Feral – existing in a wild state, especially describing an animal that was previously kept by people.**

Phrase example – feral dogs/cats

**XXII.**      **Tame – (especially of animals) not wild or dangerous, either naturally or because of training or long involvement with humans.**

Sentence example – After a few months' contact the monkeys become very tame.

**XXIII.**      **Repeal – If a government repeals a law, it causes that law no longer to have any legal force.**

Sentence example – Twenty nine senators said they opposed repeal of the death penalty.

**XXIV.**      **Cede – to allow someone else to have, or own something, especially unwillingly or because you are forced to do so.**

Sentence example – Hong Kong was ceded to Britain after the Opium War.

**XXV.**      **Statute – a law that has been formally approved and written down.**

Sentence example – The salaries of most federal workers are set by statute.

**XXVI.**      **Confess – to admit that you have done something wrong or something that you feel guilty or bad about.**

Sentence example – He has confessed to the murder.

**XXVII.**      **Equivocal – not clear and seeming to have two opposing meanings, or confusing and able to be understood in two different ways.**

Sentence example – His words to the press were deliberately equivocal - he didn't deny the reports but neither did he confirm them.

**XXVIII.**      **Quibbling – a complaint or criticism about something that is not very important.**

Sentence example – My only quibble is that the color isn't very nice.

**XXIX.**      **Swindle – a situation in which someone gets money dishonestly from another person by cheating them.**

Sentence example – Fraud squad officers are investigating a £5.6 million swindle.

**XXX.**      **Inalienable – unable to be removed.**

Phrase example – an inalienable right.

**XXXI.**      **Disenfranchise – to take away power or opportunities, especially the right to vote, from a person or group.**

Sentence example – Are you happy for our legislative to have free rein to disenfranchise you of your rights?

**XXXII.**      **Privilege - an advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because of their position or because they are rich.**

Sentence example – Senior management enjoy certain privileges, such as company cars and health insurance.

**SAT (Reading) Real Test (October 2018) Answers**

**1.** **A**

**2.** **B**

**3.** **D**

**4.** **B**

**5.** **A**

**6.** **D**

**7.** **B**

**8.** **C**

**9.** **C**

**10.**    **B**

**11.**    **D**

**12.**    **C**

**13.**    **A**

**14.**    **B**

**15.**    **B**

**16.**    **B**

**17.**    **D**

**18.**    **C**

**19.**    **B**

**20.**    **B**

**21.**    **D**

**22.**    **D**

**23.**    **B**

**24.**    **A**

**25.**    **C**

**26.**    **C**

**27.**    **B**

**28.**    **D**

**29.**    **A**

**30.**    **D**

**31.**    **A**

**32.**    **B**

**SAT (Reading) Real Test (May 2018)**

**1.** **D**

**2.** **B**

**3.** **A**

**4.** **D**

**5.** **D**

**6.** **B**

**7.** **A**

**8.** **A**

**9.** **C**

**10.**          **A**

**11.**          **B**

**12.**          **C**

**13.**          **A**

**14.**          **B**

**15.**          **B**

**16.**          **C**

**17.**          **D**

**18.**          **B**

**19.**          **C**

**20.**          **B**

**21.**          **C**

**22.**          **D**

**23.**          **C**

**24.**          **A**

**25.**          **C**

**26.**          **A**

**27.**          **C**

**28.**          **C**

**29.**          **D**

**30.**          **B**

**31.**          **A**

**32.**          **C**

**33.**          **D**

**34.**          **B**

**35.**          **C**

**36.**          **B**

**37.**          **–**

**38.**          **D**

**39.**          **A**

**40.**          **D**

**41.**          **D**