**Based On SAT Practice Test #4 , First passage**

**Vocabulary**

1. **Verify - to prove, show, find out, or state that (something) is true or correct.**

Sentence example - We could not verify [=confirm] the rumor.

1. **Vast - very great in size, amount, or extent.**

Sentence example - She has a vast amount of knowledge on this subject.

1. **Yearning - a feeling of intense longing for something.**

Sentence example - She had a yearning to travel. [=she yearned to travel; she had a strong desire to travel]

1. **Simultaneous - happening at the same time.**

Sentence example - The two gunshots were simultaneous.

1. **Consummation - the act of making something complete or perfect.**

Sentence example - The bargaining process went on for a few days, but the deal was never consummated.

1. **Bear - to accept, tolerate, or endure something, especially something unpleasant.**

Sentence example - I can't bear being [bored](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/bored).

1. **Machinery - a**[**group**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/group)**of**[**large**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/large)[**machines**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/atm)**or the**[**parts**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/part)**of a**[**machine**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/machine)**that make it**[**work**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/work)**.**

Sentence example - Some of the mill's machinery was damaged in the fire.

1. **Destiny - the things that will happen in the future.**

Sentence example - The destiny of our nation depends on this vote!

1. **Sustenance - emotional or mental support.**

Sentence example - When her husband died, she drew sustenance from/she found sustenance in her religious beliefs.

1. **Hostile - difficult or not suitable for living or growing.**

Sentence example - The camel is specially adapted to its hostile desert habitat.

1. **Indifferent - not good, but not very bad.**

Sentence example - We didn't like the restaurant much - the food was indifferent and the service rather slow.

1. **Litter - small pieces of rubbish that have been left lying on the ground in public places.**

Sentence example - About two percent of fast-food packaging ends up as litter.

1. **Wreck - the destruction of a ship at sea; a shipwreck.**

Sentence example - Now the wreck is lying at the bottom of the sea.

1. **Caches - a secret or hidden store of things, or the place where they are kept.**

Sentence example - Authorities believe the robber was after a hidden cache of $2,500 kept in a box under the counter.

1. **Scrawl - to write something quickly, without trying to make your writing tidy or easy to read.**

Sentence example - I scrawled a quick note to Judith and put it under her door.

1. **Enterprise - eagerness to do something new and clever, despite any risks.**

Sentence example – The music festival is a new enterprise which we hope will become an annual event.

1. **Intent - giving all your attention to something; careful.**

Sentence example - She had an intent look on her face.

1. **Declare - to announce something clearly, firmly, publicly, or officially.**

Sentence example - They declared their support for the proposal.

1. **Pulpit - a raised place in a church, with steps leading up to it, from which the priest or minister speaks to the people during a religious ceremony.**

Sentence example - The minister watched from the pulpit.

1. **Expedition - a journey or voyage undertaken by a group of people with a particular purpose, especially that of exploration, scientific research, or war.**

Sentence example - He was on an expedition to explore the Antarctic.

1. **Interpret - to decide what the intended meaning of something is.**

Sentence example - A jury should not interpret the silence of a defendant as a sign of guilt.

1. **Attain - to reach or succeed in getting something.**

Sentence example - He has attained the highest grade in his music exams.

1. **Condemn - to criticize something or someone strongly, usually for moral reasons.**

Sentence example - The terrorist action has been condemned as an act of barbarism and cowardice.

1. **Precisely – exactly.**

Sentence example - The fireworks begin at eight o'clock precisely.

1. **Identical - exactly the same, or very similar.**

Sentence example - I've got three identical blue suits.

1. **Wasteland - a large, an empty area of land that has not been developed, usually because it cannot be easily used.**

Sentence example - Rain forests are being transformed into barren wasteland.

1. **Abstraction - the situation in which a subject is very general and not based on real situations.**

Sentence example - She's always talking in abstractions.

1. **Madman - a man who behaves in a very strange and uncontrolled or dangerous way.**

Sentence example - I drove like a madman to get there in time.

1. **Motive - a reason for doing something.**

Sentence example - Why would she have killed him? She has no motive.

1. **Volition - the power to make your own decisions.**

Sentence example - The singer wished it to be known that he had left the band (out) of his own volition (= it was his decision).

1. **Brink - the point where a new or different situation is about to begin.**

Sentence example - Extreme stress had driven him to the brink of a nervous breakdown.

1. **Ephemeral - lasting for only a short time; brief.**

Sentence example - Slang words are often ephemeral.