**Based On SAT Practice Test #5, First Passage**

**Vocabulary**

1. **Murals - a large picture that has been painted on the wall of a room or building.**

Sentence example - One of the walls enclosing the park is decorated with a huge mural showing Hollywood stars.

1. **Depict - to represent or show something in a picture or story.**

Sentence example - Her paintings depict the lives of ordinary people in the last century.

1. **Fern - a green plant with long stems, leaves like feathers, and no flowers.**



1. **Prop - to support something physically, often by leaning it against something else or putting something under it.**

Sentence example - I propped my bike (up) against the wall.

1. **Legible - Legible writing or print can be read easily.**

Sentence example - Her handwriting is barely legible.

1. **Marginal - very small in amount or effect.**

Sentence example - The report suggests that there has only been a marginal improvement in women's pay over the past few years.

1. **Sign - to write your name, usually on a written or printed document, to show that you agree with its contents or have written or created it yourself.**

Sentence example - She said the painting was by Picasso, but it wasn't signed.

1. **Chew - to crush food into smaller, softer pieces with the teeth so that it can be swallowed.**

Sentence example - This meat is difficult to chew.

1. **Swallow - to cause food, drink, pills, etc. to move from your mouth into your stomach by using the muscles of your throat.**

Sentence example - My throat is so sore that it really hurts when I swallow.

1. **Plenipotentiary - a person who has the authority to represent his or her country, especially in another country.**

Example - a plenipotentiary diplomat/role.

1. **Splendid - excellent, or beautiful and impressive.**

Sentence example - You look splendid in that outfit.

1. **Convoke - to arrange or call people to attend a large formal meeting.**

Sentence example - He has convoked a summit conference in Brussels.

1. **Treaty - a written agreement between two or more countries, formally approved and signed by their leaders.**

Sentence example - We've signed/concluded a treaty with neighboring states to limit emissions of harmful gases.

1. **Pretension - a claim or belief that you can succeed or that you are important or have serious value.**

Sentence example - The Chronicle has pretensions to being a serious newspaper.

1. **Threaten – to tell someone that you will kill or hurt them or cause problems if they do not do what you want.**

Sentence example - They threatened the shopkeeper with a gun.

1. **Renewal - the act of making an official document, agreement, or rule continue for more time.**

Sentence example - Do you deal with season-ticket renewals here?

1. **Scalp - the skin on the top of a person's head where hair usually grows.**

Sentence example – Some tribes used to collect scalps to prove how many of the enemy they had killed in battle.

1. **Hook - a curved device used for catching or holding things, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on.**



Sentence example – His father’s coat was hung on the hook.

1. **Buttonhole - a flower that a man wears in the buttonhole of, or fastened to, his jacket on a special occasion such as a wedding.**



1. **Decay - to become gradually damaged, worse, or less; to cause something to do this. (çürük)**

Sentence example – Sugar makes your teeth decay.

1. **Unsustained - not prolonged for an extended period or without interruption.**
2. **Gesture -** **a movement of your body (especially of your hands and arms) that shows or emphasizes an idea or a feeling.**

Sentence example – Specific gestures can indicate particular moods.