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

**Vocabulary**

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

Sentence example - Sounds of merriment came from the kitchen.

1. **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.

1. **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."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Phrase example - an enticing job offer.

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

Sentence example – She said that the idea was folly.

1. **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.

1. **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.

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

Sentence example – Electric cars are increasingly commonplace.

1. **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.

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

Sentence example – Joanna has natural grace and elegance.

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

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

1. **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.

1. **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.

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

Sentence example – The hijacking operation was intricately planned.

1. **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.

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

Phrase example – an inscrutable face/expression/smile

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

Phrase example – feral dogs/cats

1. **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.

1. **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.

1. **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.

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

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

1. **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.

1. **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.

1. **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.

1. **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.

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

Phrase example – an inalienable right.

1. **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?

1. **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.