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

**Vocabulary**

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

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

1. **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.

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

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

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

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

1. **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.

1. **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.

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

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

1. **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.

1. **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.

1. **Vitalize – give strength and energy to.**

Sentence example – We hope the reform plan can vitalize our economy.

1. **Miser - someone who has a strong wish to have money and hates to spend it.**

Sentence example – On environmental spending, the president is a miser.

1. **Prosperous - successful, usually by earning a lot of money.**

Sentence example – In a prosperous country like this, no one should go hungry.

1. **Censure - to express strong criticism or disapproval.**

Sentence example – Ministers were censured for their lack of decisiveness during the crisis.

1. **Bondage - the state of being another person's slave (= a person who is owned by them and has to work for them).**

Sentence example – The slaves were kept in bondage until their death.

1. **Conquest - the act of conquering a country, area, or situation.**

Sentence example – Almost two centuries later, the Bulgars, a Turkic tribe from central Asia, began their conquest of the region.

1. **Obliterate - to remove all signs of something, either by destroying it or by covering it so that it cannot be seen.**

Sentence example – The missile strike was devastating - the target was totally obliterated.

1. **Pilot - A pilot plan, product, or system is used to test how good something is before introducing it.**

Sentence example – If the pilot scheme is successful, many more homes will be offered the new television service.