**Based On SAT Writing Test #7**

**Vocabulary**

1. **Trivial - having little value or importance.**

Sentence example - I don't know why he gets so upset about something so trivial.

1. **Illuminate - to light something and make it brighter.**

Sentence example - The streets were illuminated with strings of colored lights.

1. **Deficiency - a state of not having, or not having enough, of something that is needed.**

Sentence example - Deficiencies in the education system have been much in the news.

1. **Stir - a lot of interest or excitement.**

Sentence example - The scandal caused/created quite a stir at the time.

1. **Cohort - a group of people who share a characteristic, usually age.**

Sentence example - This study followed up a cohort of 386 patients aged 65+ for six months after their discharge home.

1. **Hoax - a plan to deceive someone, such as telling the police there is a bomb somewhere when there is not one, or a trick.**

Sentence example - He'd made a hoax call claiming to be the president.

1. **Hysteria - extreme fear, excitement, anger, etc. that cannot be controlled.**

Sentence example - One woman, close to hysteria, grabbed my arm.