SAT Vocabulary

Course Description

The SAT examination can be intimidating to most students, especially those who grow up in homes where English is not the primary language. This course is designed to introduce students to the advanced vocabulary they are required to master for SAT success. Daniel Harbecke, who has taught English to children of all ages in countries around the world, will teach this course.

Additional Course Information

Topics include memorization and study techniques, vocabulary practice, usage and spelling. Special attention will be given to building test-taking skills, featuring reviews of SAT methodology: students will learn how to prepare for and excel in sample SAT test sections.

Objectives

The focus of this course will be in two areas:

- 1) Building confidence in SAT vocabulary: definition, application and spelling;
- 2) Excellence in performance on the SAT examinations.

Goals

- 1) To offer reliable, easy-to-use memorization and study techniques.
- 2) To understand specific section requirements for the SAT examinations.
- 3) To provide engaging, enjoyable and effective coaching for vocabulary retention.
- 4) To provide students with a college-level vocabulary base that will help them in all areas of life, whether for literary appreciation or professional achievement.

Upon completion of this course, students should be able to:

- Make use of memorization and mnemonic techniques.
- Identify various Greek and Latin language roots and understand their meaning.
- Increase vocabulary and comprehension skills.
- Identify personal strengths and areas for improvement.
- Practice vocabulary for excellence in scholastic achievement.
- Understand specific requirements for SAT vocabulary sections.
- Make use of improved skills in their future homework assignments.

Staying on Schedule

Please consult the schedule and review the material in the order prescribed. It is important to review missed material because subsequent modules build on information from those preceding.

Required Textbooks & Materials

• Hot Words for the SAT, 4th Edition by Linda Carnevale, Barron's Educational Series, Inc., © 2010.

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• Language Notebooks (2 or 3, pocket-sized). They must be able to fit in a back pocket!