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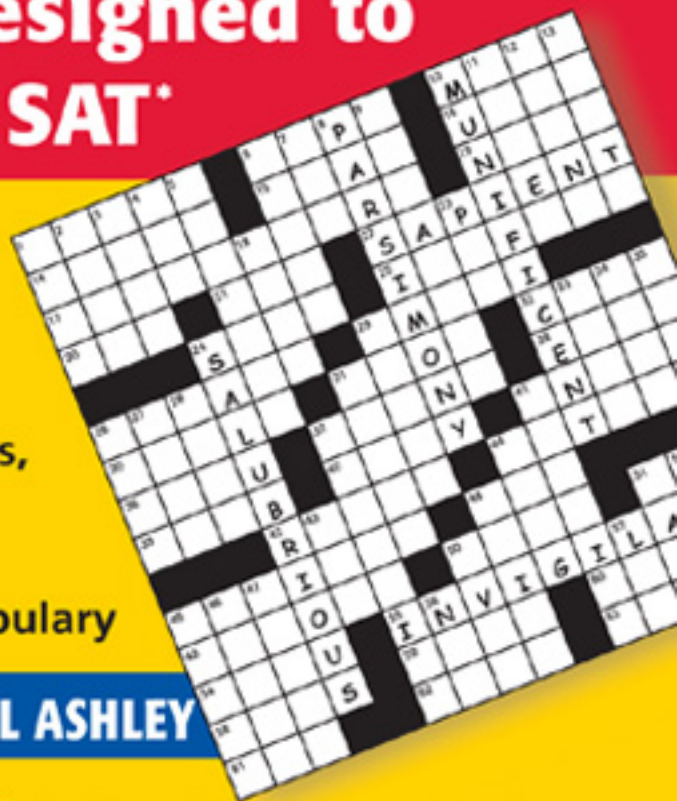
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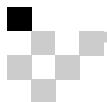
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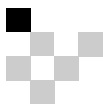
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Foreword

Some of you might wonder why the world needs yet another test preparation book, and others will question just how much a student will learn from an SAT vocabulary book that focuses on solving puzzles, playing games, and having fun. The puzzles and games in *SAT Vocabulary Express* will teach students to decode the new SAT and will increase their active vocabulary and, therefore, their scores on all college admission tests.

Researchers have shown that memorizing a list of SAT vocabulary words is not an effective way to actually remember words when taking a test, and memorizing word definitions doesn't help you when you run into a word you've never seen before. The authors of this book have combined their vast knowledge of students and games into an intellectual challenge that will increase your vocabulary, teach you how to tackle new words, and teach you to associate unknown words with words you already know in order to figure out the meaning.

The most effective way to learn vocabulary is to play word games that continually challenge your mind to take words apart and put them together in a variety of ways. When you add the stimulation of having fun, your brain is more likely to retain the word skills and to more easily recall them in a test situation. The more you view test taking as a game, the more competitive and successful you will be.

Combining a test preparation expert with a nationally known crossword puzzle constructor was a stroke of genius. My students will all be given a copy of this book so that they can learn to decode the words on the SAT and other college admission tests.

You will be challenged and you will have fun; by the end of *SAT Vocabulary Express* you will have learned the art of deciphering new words. You will have developed the perseverance and confidence you need to know that you can conquer unfamiliar words, even if the new word seems overwhelming at first. The vocabulary on the new SAT will not scare you after you have finished this book because you will have learned decoding strategies that work on any word used on any of the college admission tests, even those in the most difficult questions.

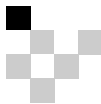
The time you spend on this book will help you for years beyond the SAT. Your college professors will love that you have the ability to understand and use a powerful vocabulary. And it goes without saying that English and history majors will develop the cornerstone of their career passion—a huge repertoire of sophisticated words. Science majors will be able to quickly dissect new words and understand their meanings. Math majors will find that word prob-

lems are easier to understand and solve. And an increased vocabulary will help you to enjoy reading for the rest of your life.

Congratulations on the wise decision to use this book to prepare for the new SAT. You will be well prepared to decode the vocabulary on the SAT-I, SAT-II, and the ACT if you have completed *SAT Vocabulary Express*.

Mary Carter O'Connor

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President, Higher Education Consultants Association*



Letter to Students

Dear Students:

SAT Vocabulary Express is your password to the special mindset you will need to score well on the SAT I Reasoning Test. By using puzzle games to teach you about the SAT test-taking game, we will show you how to face off against the writers at the Educational Testing Service (the people who create the SAT) and win.

This book has been specially designed to teach you how to crack the code of the new SAT. This is not just another vocabulary book with long lists of words you are supposed to memorize before taking the test. To score well on the new SAT, it is not enough to have a good vocabulary. You have to be able to play with words—to pull them apart into their pieces, to understand their connotations, and to see the word games the test writers are playing with you.

As you do the puzzles in this book, you will learn many new words and you will become more confident in your ability to figure out the meanings of the words you don't know. Your ability to decipher increasingly sophisticated puzzles will mirror your ability to analyze difficult SAT questions. Even your performance on the math questions will be helped by the careful reading and word analysis skills you will learn in *SAT Vocabulary Express*.

The SAT is like a soccer game. When you are chasing opponents on the soccer field, do you think, "These guys are good; they'll probably beat me so I'll just let them run toward the goal?" Of course you don't. You imagine all the things you can do to your opponents to stop them. You don't quit. You are a winner.

The SAT is hard; that's what makes it interesting. In order to beat the opposing team, you study the person you will be matched against. So, in addition to studying for the SAT, study how to play the game. Develop a strategy. For example, test writers put words they know you don't know in the difficult verbal questions. Mean? No, entertaining! The writers know you don't know the definition so they leave you a clue to see if you are persistent enough to figure out the correct answer without knowing what the unknown word means. Your job is to figure out the clue, not to skip the question in defeat. In the real world these clues may not be very exciting, but in the alternate SAT universe these are moments of challenge and intrigue. Enjoy them.

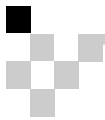
This book is your password to the new SAT. As you work your way through the puzzles in this book, not only will you learn how to score well on the SAT, but you will also enjoy developing the skills you need to succeed. Word puzzles are fun, so much fun that approximately 30 million people

attempt a crossword puzzle at least once a week. Word puzzles are also one of the few things you can do for fun that your parents and teachers will approve of. How often do your parents encourage you to play games when you should be studying? This book is the perfect cross between studying for the SATs and having a good time. We think we have finally found a way to make the SAT fun and challenging to study for. Impossible? Venture on.

Good luck,

Jacqueline Byrne

Michael Ashley



How to Use This Book to Crack the Code of the New SAT

SAT Vocabulary Express is a new kind of SAT vocabulary study guide that uses word puzzles to teach you many new vocabulary words and many new ways to decode words. *SAT Vocabulary Express* is organized to gradually increase both your vocabulary and your ability to determine word meanings from word roots, prefixes, and suffixes. We also teach you to master the puzzle types included in this book. The puzzles, and the vocabulary in them, will become increasingly sophisticated. The easy puzzles are equivalent to the easy questions on the SAT, the medium puzzles are equivalent to the medium SAT questions, and the challenging puzzles are equivalent to the most difficult SAT questions.

As we introduce each kind of puzzle we first explain why this kind of puzzle will help you to increase your score on the critical reading sections of the new SAT so that you will know exactly what you are learning as you make your way through this book. Then we teach you how to do the various puzzle types. Even if you think you are familiar with a particular puzzle type, it is worth reading these sections because we have included tips to help you work quickly through the puzzles. As Shakespeare said, “To climb steep hills requires slow pace at first,” so all the puzzles following the introductory information are easy enough to allow you to get comfortable with the puzzle type before we start increasing the difficulty level of the words and the puzzles.

The new SAT has the following sections: sentence completions, critical reading, writing skills, math, and an essay. This book is a code breaker for the vocabulary in each section, particularly the sentence completion and critical reading sections.

A quick note for those of you who think you are wasting your time by studying for the SAT since it is a one-time test. The test-taking skills you learn now will help you in college and later, in your career. Many colleges use standardized tests for large lecture classes; many careers have required professional certifications which are attained by taking standardized tests. Learning to decode what is written will help you as you continue your education and pursue your

career. And, with this book, we hope to engender a lifelong love of words, word puzzles, and reading.

SENTENCE COMPLETION QUESTIONS: You are asked to follow the logic of a sentence in order to fill in one or two blanks from a list of answer choices. In the difficult questions both the logic and the vocabulary become more sophisticated. The vocabulary in the sentence itself and in the answer choices can be problematic. This book will teach you to find clues within the unknown word and within the sentence so that you can guess most effectively on the SAT when you cannot definitively choose the correct answer.

CRITICAL READING QUESTIONS: At first glance, you may think increasing your vocabulary will not make a big difference in the critical reading section of the SAT. We disagree. The SAT test writers choose passages for you to read that will be challenging to the majority of high school juniors and seniors; one of the reasons the passages are challenging is that the authors use vocabulary that is unfamiliar to high school students. The puzzles in this book are designed to help you pull apart the word you do not know to look for roots, prefixes, or suffixes that you do recognize. If you do not find sufficient clues in the word itself, this book will also provide strategies for finding clues in the surrounding prose by teaching you to look at word connotations to give you hints as to word meaning.

WRITING SKILLS: This book will increase your vocabulary in a way that will allow you to use new words in your essay. When you memorize a long list of words, you may know what the word means, but, because you have never used the word, it is not a functional part of your vocabulary. It is unlikely that you would use a word you know the meaning of but have never used before in an essay on the SAT. When you learn new words by doing puzzles, on the other hand, you are learning new words by using them. When you finish this book, you will have pulled your new vocabulary words apart, put them together again with different beginnings or endings, and matched them with synonyms. The new words that you learn through the puzzles in this book will have become a functional, living part of your vocabulary. Your essay will benefit because you will be able to access a larger vocabulary to choose the most appropriate word to convey your thoughts.

In one of the sections of the writing skills portion of the new SAT you will be asked to identify sentence errors. These errors are frequently grammatical but can also include other types of writing errors. Several questions will include a vocabulary word that is used incorrectly or is perhaps the wrong word entirely. The word included in the sentence is always similar to the correct word, but its meaning is very different. For example, the most appropriate word for the sentence may be *exculpate*, but the test writer would insert the word *excruciate* instead. After completing *SAT Vocabulary Express*, you will be able to spot differences among words, and your increased vocabulary will help you answer these tricky questions correctly.

This book will help you to feel much more confident as you take the new SAT. Now, if you do not know the meaning of a word, you will have several strategies for deciphering the word itself. You will know how to think like the test writers so that you will be able to spot the clues they leave for students. You will answer more questions correctly because you will know more vocabulary. You will increase your score by being able to eliminate more answer choices in the questions you are unsure of, increasing the chance that you will have guessed correctly. And, because you will be in the habit of reading carefully and looking for clues, your performance on the word problems in the math section of the SAT will benefit. Let's get started.

Our delight in any particular study, art, or science rises and improves in proportion to the application which we bestow upon it. Then, what was at first an exercise becomes at length an entertainment.

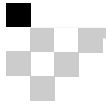
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SAT DECODER: INCREASE YOUR VOCABULARY



HOW CROSSWORD PUZZLES WILL HELP YOU RAISE YOUR SAT SCORE

In an interview in Newsweek, Norman Mailer revealed that he solves The New York Times crossword puzzle every day. “You have to understand,” he explained, “this is how I comb my brain every morning.” (Article by Will Shortz, The New York Times Connecticut Section, March 9, 2003.)

Solving Crossword Puzzles Increases Your Vocabulary

In a crossword puzzle built around common SAT words, you must think of all the possible words for a definition or clue and try to come up with a word that will fit in the given blanks, rejecting the longer and shorter possibilities and homing in on the correct length answer. You will go back and forth many times between the clue and the known letters in search of that answer. For example, if the clue is “eager to fight,” then you may come up with *bel-ligerent* or *antagonistic* (one letter too many). If you have no idea what the answer is, then you can try to figure out the surrounding words. Perhaps you will fill in “B_L_.” Since *bellum* means *war* in Latin, perhaps you will be able to guess that the first four letters of the clue are “BELL.” Those additional letters will provide clues to more of the surrounding words, and so on. The more time you spend playing with a word in a puzzle, the more likely you are to remember the word. Increasing your SAT vocabulary will help you increase your score on every section of the SAT—including the word problems in the math section.

Crossword Puzzles Help You Learn to Play with Words

Puzzles are a challenge, as is the SAT. Both challenge you to persevere either through the clues or through the questions. In the more difficult SAT questions your ability to pick your way through clues mirrors your ability to pick your way through a puzzle. You can feel confident that you are ready to take the SAT when you can work through each question, whether or not you know the vocabulary. That ability comes from knowing how to figure out the connections among words and how to pull words apart into their prefixes and roots. In addition to the many puzzles in *SAT Vocabulary Express* designed just to teach word roots, crossword puzzles provide myriad opportunities for you to become comfortable building words and taking them apart. The following sentence completion question is taken from a previously released SAT¹. It shows you how valuable the skills you will learn from crossword puzzles can be:

Someday technology may make a door-to-door mail delivery seem _____, that is, as incongruous as a pony express delivery would seem now.

- (A) recursive
- (B) contemporaneous
- (C) predictable
- (D) anachronistic
- (E) revered

The SAT test writers are playing a game with you. The test writers include words they know you don't know and then leave you clues to see if you are smart enough to find them. Let's look at this question closely. SAT sentence completion questions are considered difficult if the vocabulary is unfamiliar to most students, if the sentence logic is convoluted, and if the relationship between the two blanks is sophisticated. This question is difficult because of the vocabulary, both in the question and in the answer choices. The logic of the sentence is also sophisticated, though they gave you a break by including only one blank. At first glance, the vocabulary in this question will make you want to throw up your hands in defeat and move on to the next question. Not so fast.

In the question itself, the word *incongruous* is probably not familiar, and without a general meaning of incongruous it will be impossible to answer the question correctly. Does incongruous sound like any other word you know? How about congruent from math class? Congruent triangles are identical triangles. Therefore, incongruous must mean "not the same as" or "not compatible." Now we are getting somewhere. According to the logic of the sentence, a pony express

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delivery does not fit in today's world. The sentence is suggesting that someday door-to-door mail delivery will not seem to fit into the world. So, we are looking for a word that will suggest "out of place" or incompatible, or incongruous.

If we move on to the answer choices, we can see that the test writers are still playing games with us. Choice C is easy to eliminate; A can go out also because the prefix *re* meaning "repeat or redo" has nothing to do with the word we are searching for. That still leaves three choices. Choice B, contemporaneous, should look like a word you do know, contemporary, meaning current, of the present time. That eliminates B because it is the opposite of what we are looking for. Choice D is frightening until you pick it into pieces. Does *chron* look familiar? It should. Think of all of the words you know with *chron* in them—chronological, chronic, chronograph. *Chron* means time. Immediately your SAT correct answer antennae should go up. Choice E is not a game unfortunately, but it is a joke. The test writers actually expect you to know the Latin root for respect, *vereri*, not a game at all. But the test writers chose *revered* because Paul Revere rode a horse to give a message to people, just as the pony express did. See, the test writers are human after all. And funny, sort of.

Where does that leave us with this difficult sentence completion question? Let's say that we were able to eliminate everything except choices D and E. Your best bet would be to go with choice D since you know that the concept of time is included in that word choice. In fact, D is the correct answer. Anachronistic means existing or happening at other than its proper or historical time (*ana* = backward and *khronizein* = to belong in time in Greek).

While it took us many words to write out the correct approach toward a sentence completion question with unknown vocabulary, you should be able to find the clues and either keep or eliminate the answer choice very quickly after doing the puzzles in this book. The clues in the sentence completion questions will help you know what kind of word (negative or positive, for example) to put in the blanks, just as the clues in a crossword puzzle help you to think of appropriate words to fill in the blank squares. Puzzles force you to think in the same way that the SAT does. There is no better way to study for a test that requires you to play with words than word puzzles since they require the same skill.

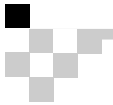
By the way, the best way to answer sentence completion questions is to plug your own word into the blank in the sentence, and then look for synonyms in the answer choices. Most students read the sentence five times, plugging each answer selection into the blanks. It is a time-consuming method that frequently ends in frustration as each answer begins to sound reasonable.

Crossword Puzzles Change Your Attitude toward the SAT

Crossword puzzles challenge you to persevere through the clues or through the questions. In the more difficult verbal SAT questions your ability to pick your

way through clues mirrors your ability to pick your way through a puzzle. The pride and satisfaction you feel when you figure out a difficult puzzle will mirror your pride when you figure out a difficult SAT question.

SAT Vocabulary Express is designed to encourage you to learn to play with and remember words through puzzles. When you were younger, you learned new things through playing games and puzzles. There is no reason to stop. The SAT is a game you can win, just as you will win each time you complete one of the puzzles in *SAT Vocabulary Express*. Winners don't cower at the thought of the SAT; winners stand tall, put on their game face, and kick some butt!



CROSSWORD PUZZLE INSTRUCTIONS

GOAL: To fill in all the blank spaces in the puzzle. Crosswords are undoubtedly the most popular puzzle ever invented. It is estimated that as many as 30 million Americans attempt to solve at least one of them a week. Why such popularity? Probably because they are both simple in concept and pleasing to the eye. When finished, you get complete words (or the occasional abbreviation, prefix, suffix, or the like) running both across and down the diagram, seemingly part of each other yet unrelated. That's considered "elegant" to puzzle enthusiasts, meaning simple and very satisfying. Answer each of the clues beginning at the square of the clue's number, one letter per square. Answers are to be entered either across or down as the clues indicate.

WHY: Crossword puzzles are an excellent way to increase your vocabulary. Going from the definition to the word, rather than the other way around, forces you to think of synonyms. Also, you will spend time trying to figure out each word. The more time you spend with a word, the better the chance that you will remember it.

RULES: Each letter must fit with both the horizontal and the vertical word.

HINT: If you get stuck, move on to another corner or section. Eventually, everything ties together in a crossword puzzle.

Some people are just naturally likable. We enjoy their company; we enjoy being around them. And there are lots of words to describe people like this. For instance, you might call genial people “Easy going.”

Crossword Puzzle 1

Easy Going

ACROSS

1. Grow old
4. President Lincoln
7. Bug that makes you sick in winter
10. Actor Gibson of “Signs”
11. Attorney’s field of study
12. Michael Stipe’s band
13. Sociable; easy to get along with
15. State west of Montana (abbr.)
16. Lousy although not failing grade
17. “That’s one for _____”
18. Many popular video arcade games
21. Singles
24. Be appropriate for; suit
25. Home, at least to a beaver
26. Where you might order and drink a latte
27. Host Daly of TV’s “Last Call”
28. “Give me _____ A!”
29. Shade of color; tint
30. Where a scientist works
32. Warm; courteous and gracious
36. Feel sick
37. Put to work or employ
38. Sound a pigeon makes
39. Dr. _____ of rap music
40. Founding Father Franklin
41. Elevated railroads, for short

DOWN

1. “I _____ good boy” (2 wds.)
2. Diamond or ruby, e.g.

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3. Inventor Whitney
4. Even if
5. Bundles of cotton
6. Female sheep
7. David Schwimmer’s sitcom
8. Had the pack at one’s heels
9. Actress Thurman of “Kill Bill”
14. Oscar winner Brody of “The Pianist”
17. Secured a boat with cables
18. George Lopez and Jim Belushi’s network
19. Alternative to coffee
20. Easy to approach and talk to
22. What someone bragging displays
23. Member of Congress (abbr.)
25. Polo fashion designer Ralph
27. Selected
30. Young boy
31. What we breathe
32. Baby bear
33. Diamonds, to a burglar
34. MSN and Yahoo rival
35. _____ Angeles, California

Some people love words—lots of words. And they use lots of words, all the time. We sometimes say that these people are too wordy. Or that they are “All talk.”

Crossword Puzzle 2

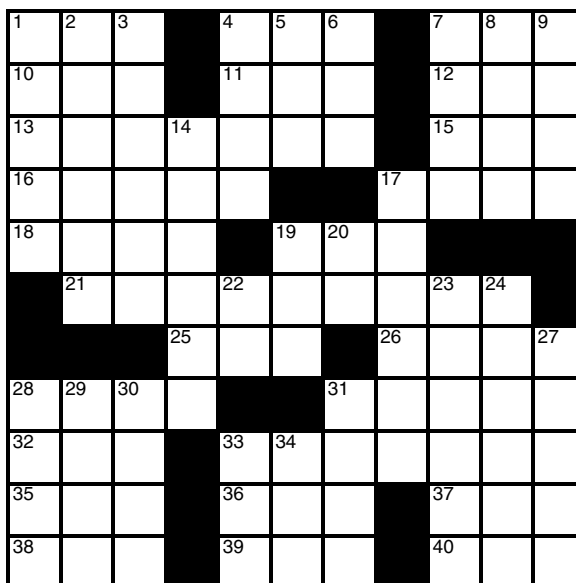
All Talk

ACROSS

1. Sing with closed lips
4. Unhappy
7. This goes on your head
10. _____ rule (generally)
(2 wds.)
11. TV rival of SHO or MAX
12. Plural form of “is”
13. Wordy; possibly too wordy
15. Actress Thompson of
“Back to the Future”
16. Follow in order or afterward
17. Headliner in a movie
18. Maker of Orange Crush soda
19. Best bud
21. Inclined to chat a lot
25. Put on, like The Eagles’
Henley
26. Offer, as a present
28. A rolling stone won’t gather
this
31. Cut into small pieces
32. Genetic messenger
material, for short
33. Chattering excessively;
babbling
35. Will Ferrell Christmas movie
and role of 2003
36. Stimp’s bud
37. General Grant’s opposite
at Appomattox
38. Hair coloring material
39. Not even
40. Actors Harris and Asner

DOWN

1. Place of safety or refuge
2. Branch of the Web linking
newsgroups



3. Actress Thomason of “The
Haunted Mansion” (anagram
of “ashram”)
4. This goes on your foot
5. Workout target after the
pecs, maybe
6. Female deer
7. “Stop right there!”
8. Length times width product
9. Rip up
14. Constructs a house
17. Small in amount or degree
19. Stove-top cooking utensil
or bad movie review
20. _____ that time (then)
22. Boxing match win, for short
23. Masculine or manly
24. Balanced out two piles
equally
27. Cutting parts of knives
28. Talking horse of TV sitcom
fame (2 wds.)
29. Without anything further
30. Umpire’s call at a base
31. You’ll find plenty of this at
the beach
33. Not an amateur
34. One of the three primary
colors

We use a lot of different words to express negative things or situations. Sometimes we use a lot of negative words when we're trying to explain ourselves. And sometimes we get confused. Are you worried we'll confuse you? Well, don't, because this is "not" a puzzle. In fact, we'll "Puzzle you—Not!"

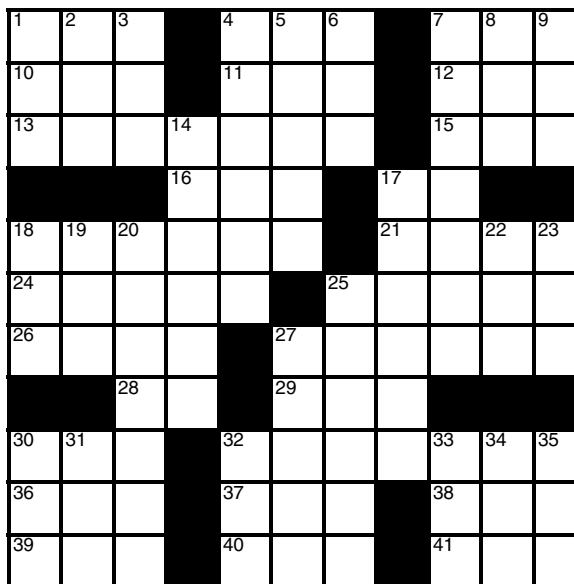
Crossword Puzzle 3 Puzzle You—Not!

ACROSS

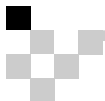
1. What cheerleaders provide
4. Desktop Dells or Gateways, for short
7. Catch a criminal
10. Actress Thurman of "Kill Bill"
11. Kanga's son
12. Have debts
13. Unfortunate; malevolent (2 wds.)
15. Actor Danson of "Cheers"
16. Cheer for a matador
17. "_____ a little teapot"
18. What you become after your junior year
21. Close relative of a horse
24. Go _____ with (join)
25. You tie your shoes with these
26. Catcher's glove
27. What acrobats or ballerinas wear
28. Negative
29. Highway or roadway (abbr.)
30. _____ chi (exercise style)
32. Dangerous; perilous (2 wds.)
36. Rainbow shape
37. Under the weather
38. Charged particle
39. Hive resident
40. Ginger _____ (soda)
41. Had everyone behind you in the race

DOWN

1. Play on words
2. Weezer or Jawbreaker's music



3. One serving of butter
4. Introductory part of a novel
5. Pigeon or dove, when it comes to sounds
6. Earth covered with grass
7. Dearth; sparsity (2 wds.)
8. Bowl over, overwhelm with fear
9. Place where you sleep
14. Enter a room (2 wds.)
17. Physical likenesses; photographs
18. "I Am _____" (Sean Penn movie)
19. Inventor Whitney
20. Malevolent; pernicious (2 wds.)
22. Permit
23. Letter before "tee"
25. Small
27. Mythical giant cave dweller
30. PC button that sets indents
31. "We _____ the Champions!"
32. Actress Vardalos of "My Big Fat Greek Wedding"
33. Be under the weather
34. Enemy
35. Conclusion



HOW QUOTATION PUZZLES WILL HELP YOU RAISE YOUR SAT SCORE

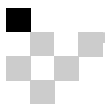
The acrostic (quotation puzzle) was probably invented about the same time with the anagram, tho' it is impossible to decide whether the inventor of the one or the other were the greater blockhead. Joseph Addison

Quotation puzzles will help you to increase your verbal SAT score in the same ways that crossword puzzles do. Quotation puzzles are another interesting way to learn new words.

Quotation puzzles will prepare you for the SAT in another way. There are two basic categories from which the SAT “persuasive” essay topics are taken: quotation essay and issue essay. The quotation puzzle will help you to prepare for the quotation essay.

In a quotation puzzle you are asked to figure out words based on their definition, just as you are in a crossword puzzle. Each letter of the word you figure out will have a place in the quotation grid. When the quotation grid is filled in, you will have revealed a quotation and its author. If you spend a moment figuring out what the author was trying to convey and whether or not you agree with him or her, you will be preparing yourself for an SAT essay based upon a quotation.

In order to score well on the quotation essay on the SAT, you must determine what the author meant and how you feel about what the author said. Then you will create a simple outline to ensure that you are supporting your position in favor of or opposing the author’s viewpoint. With the remainder of your 25-minute time allotment you will write your essay. The 3 or 4 minutes spent figuring out the quotation, your position, and your outline are very important and will enable you to raise your score. Test graders are interested in how logical your argument is and whether or not you have supported your thesis with at least three examples from literature, history, current events, or your own life. If you spend time thinking about the quotation before you start to write, you will be able to write a more cohesive essay.



QUOTATION PUZZLE INSTRUCTIONS

GOAL: Not surprisingly, quotation puzzles ask you to discover a quotation and then its author.

WHY: Quotation puzzles are another interesting way to learn new words. The quotation makes it more fun. You won’t believe what some people say.

RULES: Answer as many of the clues below the diagram as you can, one letter per numbered blank. Then transfer each letter to the appropriately numbered square in the diagram. You will see the words and phrases of a quotation begin emerging, reading from left to right, with the black squares indicating

the spaces between words. Working back and forth from the diagram to the numbered blanks, you can finish the puzzle. As a bonus, the author of the quote is at its end. Although these may appear impossibly difficult at first, quotation puzzles actually get easier to solve as you go along.

HINT: Look for prepositional phrases such as “in the,” “on the,” “out of,” and so on in the quote. Also, remember that “the” is the most common three-letter word in English.

Quotation Puzzle 1

1C	2H		3E	4H	5A		6D	7F	8B	9E		10A	11B	12H	13G		14A
15C	16E	17H		18A	19D	20C	21B	22E	23G	24F		25B	26D		27A	28D	29B
30C		31C	32H	33A	34E		35A	36F	37G	38H	39B	40D		41F	42G	43D	44A
45C	46B		47D	48G	49B	50F	51E	52C									

Clues:

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|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| A. Baseball's Sultan of Swat (2 wds.) | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| | 10 | 18 | 35 | 33 | 44 | 5 | 14 27 |
| B. Regard or treat with reverence | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| | 29 | 39 | 8 | 46 | 49 | 21 | 25 11 |
| C. Naomi Watts movie about a sinister videotape (2 wds.) | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| | 31 | 15 | 30 | 20 | 1 | 52 | 45 |
| D. "Masked" American mammal | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| | 19 | 28 | 47 | 6 | 43 | 26 | 40 |
| E. Hostility; hatred; ill will | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| | 16 | 22 | 34 | 51 | 9 | 3 | |
| F. Bird symbol of the United States | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| | 36 | 7 | 41 | 50 | 24 | | |
| G. Playing marble with curved, colored bands | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| | 48 | 23 | 37 | 13 | 42 | | |
| H. Get to the bottom of or to understand | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| | 2 | 12 | 38 | 32 | 4 | 17 | |

Quotation Puzzle 2

1F	2D		3G	4E	5B		6G	7C	8F	9A	10I		11B	12E		13J	14I
15E	16F		17J	18A		19F	20A	21I	22G	23B	24D	25C	26H		27G	28H	29I
30J		31D	32G		33C	34B	35E	36J	37D	38I		39F	40C	41B	42A	43J	44H
	45A	46C	47H	48B	49E		50B	51D	52J	53H	54E		55C	56F	57E	58A	

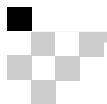
Clues:

- A. Plato and Socrates's home town
 20 42 58 45 9 18
- B. State of great commotion or confusion
 41 5 23 11 50 34 48
- C. Rock music's brother trio of "Runaway Run"
 7 46 55 33 40 25
- D. Eskimo ice home
 24 51 37 31 2
- E. Word having nearly the same meaning as another
 57 12 15 4 54 49 35
- F. Capital city of Spain
 19 56 1 39 8 16
- G. "_____, Madly, Deeply" (Savage Garden hit song)
 6 32 22 27 3
- H. Test score mark
 26 47 28 44 53
- I. Pet name for a cat
 10 14 29 21 38
- J. Retard progress with obstructions or obstacles
 17 13 36 30 52 43



HOW ANAGRAM MAGIC SQUARE PUZZLES WILL HELP YOU RAISE YOUR SAT SCORE

Anagram magic square puzzles are fun, and they should be a little easier than some of our other puzzles. They will help you to prepare for the SAT in the same way that crossword puzzles will.



ANAGRAM MAGIC SQUARE PUZZLE INSTRUCTIONS

GOAL: To figure out the long SAT word at the bottom of the page.

WHY: Many people enjoy solving anagrams, so much so that doing so has for many years been a game in itself. You'll have to mentally scramble letters to form words. Here, each five-letter word on our list can be rearranged to form an entirely new five-letter word. But there's a twist: as in a challenging quotation puzzle, the first letters of these new words will, when put in order, spell out a new, nine-letter word. Enter those first letters in the numbered blanks at the bottom of the page.

RULES: In each square below is a five-letter word. Below the squares is a list of numbered clues. Find which clue belongs with the words in the squares and write the number of the clue in the small space inside the large square. Write an anagram of each word on the dotted line. The first letter of each answer is to be entered on the corresponding numbered blank below the squares, giving the SAT vocabulary word whose definition is in parentheses.

HINT: Having trouble with an anagram? Try working backwards from the final answer: Can you make out a prefix or a suffix there, even if you haven't figured out the entire SAT word?

Anagram Magic Square Puzzle 1

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<p>RUMBA</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: 10px auto;"></div> <p>-----</p>	<p>TOPIC</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: 10px auto;"></div> <p>-----</p>	<p>RANGE</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: 10px auto;"></div> <p>-----</p>
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Clues:

1. _____ Island
2. Infuriate
3. Way
4. Off-center
5. Lush fruit
6. Of the eye
7. Shade
8. Past evening
9. Crown

SAT Word:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

Clue: Very important

Anagram Magic Square Puzzle 2

<p>CRUET</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: 10px auto;"></div> <p>_____</p>	<p>SCOOP</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: 10px auto;"></div> <p>_____</p>	<p>RILED</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: 10px auto;"></div> <p>_____</p>
<p>SERVE</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: 10px auto;"></div> <p>_____</p>	<p>LAKES</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: 10px auto;"></div> <p>_____</p>	<p>LATEX</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: 10px auto;"></div> <p>_____</p>
<p>EASEL</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: 10px auto;"></div> <p>_____</p>	<p>ALTER</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: 10px auto;"></div> <p>_____</p>	<p>FLOAT</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: 10px auto;"></div> <p>_____</p>

Clues:

1. Not prose
2. Overhead
3. Pens
4. Malingerer
5. Spills the beans
6. Rent
7. Sound the alarm
8. War-ender
9. Extol

SAT Word:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

Clue: Waver



END NOTE

Nice work! You have learned new vocabulary words while you have begun the exciting process of learning how to do crossword, quotation, and anagram magic square puzzles. We hope you are intrigued and are beginning to like puzzles as much as we do.

Most importantly, you have begun to think in the special way needed to raise your score on all aspects of the new SAT. When you did not know a word in the preceding puzzles, the process of figuring out the word was important. You will master the technique of figuring out what a word means by the clues around it and within it as you make your way through this book. You have made a great start. Now we are going to learn to decode Hidden Meaning Puzzles, Cryptofamily Puzzles, and Groupie Puzzles.

Fun Quiz

1. Which section of the old SAT is not included in the new SAT?
 - a. essay
 - b. analogies
 - c. reading comprehension
 - d. critical reading
 - e. sentence completion
2. What is the ACT?
 - a. a financial aid program sponsored by the U.S. government
 - b. the name of the drama department at Juilliard
 - c. a grass-roots volunteer organization
 - d. a college admission test that is a competitor to the SAT
 - e. A Cool Teacher award program

Answers

1. b
2. d

THE SAT DECODER: LEARN TO PLAY WITH WORDS



HOW HIDDEN MEANINGS PUZZLES WILL HELP YOU RAISE YOUR SAT SCORE

Hidden meanings puzzles will help you to score well on all aspects of the SAT that require critical reasoning skills because they create a world that is backwards; you must create a definition for a word by selecting appropriate words from a word list. Trying to *create* a definition rather than trying to guess a word from the definition as you do in crossword puzzles forces you to think differently about words. Your ability to play with words—moving from definition to word and back again—will increase your reading comprehension.

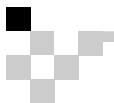
Increased reading comprehension is important if you want to do well on the critical reading portion of the SAT. Sentence completion questions ask you to read a sentence accurately so that you can insert one or two words in the blanks. There are vocabulary words in the question and in the answer choices. The sentence itself provides clues to the meanings of the words in the sentence and in the answer choices. Your ability to piece together the definition of a word you don't know will increase your ability to answer difficult sentence completion questions correctly.

Your ability to read accurately is also being tested in the reading comprehension section of the SAT. One or two passages are followed by a series of questions that test your ability to synthesize the information in the passage, to read between the lines, to decode metaphors and other sophisticated writing techniques, and to determine the meaning of a word within the context of the passage. Hidden meaning puzzles help you with all four skills:

1. In order to answer questions that ask you to determine which answer best reflects the main idea of the passage, the test writers expect that you will have understood the general tone of the passage in addition to the basic

idea. Hidden meaning puzzles help you learn to decode words so that you understand the entire passage rather than missing important parts.

2. In order to read between the lines, you must understand the words used by the author to convey his or her message. Words frequently have several definitions, the literal meaning and many connotations, the implied meanings. Your ability to determine word meaning from context is helped by doing hidden meaning puzzles which ask you to create a definition out of a list of words.
3. In order to accurately decode sophisticated writing techniques like metaphors and allusions, you must understand what the author is trying to convey. You must determine a general definition for the unknown word and figure out what the word's main connotation is. Determining whether a word is positive or negative, angry or pleased, apathetic or enthusiastic, greatly enhances your ability to read well. Hidden meaning puzzles ask you to assess the word you are trying to define and to assess the words in the word list to match defining words with the word whose definition you seek. The definition you build must reflect the connotation of the word you are trying to define.
4. In each reading comprehension section there will be one or two questions that ask you to determine the meaning of a word in the context of a particular sentence. The word you are asked to define is always used in an uncommon way. Therefore, using the context of the sentence, you must create a definition in your head the same way you do in a hidden meaning puzzle. In addition to the "word in context" questions, there are frequently other reading comprehension questions that ask you to examine a phrase or sentence to decide why the author used the phrase or sentence in the passage. Again, you are being asked to figure out the connotations elicited by the phrase or question.



HIDDEN MEANINGS PUZZLE INSTRUCTIONS

GOAL: To fill in the blanks below by referring to the word list. The numbers in parenthesis indicate how many letters the correct answer has.

WHY: Not only will you learn the words you are defining, but you will learn many synonyms as well.

RULES: Each word in the word list can be used only once; each word is used once.

HINT: Sometimes there are only one or two words listed under a word-number category, for example, 13 Letters. It should be relatively easy to figure out what word goes where when there are only one or two words in the group. If you start with easy groupings, you will get a good start on the puzzle. Also, start with words you are familiar with before trying to figure out the definitions of the words you do not know.

Hidden Meanings Puzzle 1

sub·tle (sut'1), *adj.*, **-tler, -tlest**

1. thin, _____(7), or rarefied, as a fluid or an odor.
2. fine or _____(8) in meaning or intent; _____(9) to perceive or understand.
3. delicate or faint and _____(10).

vi·a·ble (vī'ə bəl), *adj.*

1. capable of _____(6).

ac·cent (*n.* ak'sent; *v.* ak'sent, ak sent'), *n.*

1. _____(10) of a syllable in terms of differential loudness, or of _____(5), or _____(6), or of a combination of these.

fruit·less (frōot'lis), *adj.*

1. _____(7); unproductive; without _____(7) or success.
2. bearing no fruit; _____(6).

re·serve (ri zûrv'), *v.*, **-served, -serv·ing**, *n., adj.* —*v.t.*

1. to keep back or _____(4) for future use, _____(8), treatment and so on.

draw·back (drō'bak'), *n.*

1. a _____(9) or disadvantage; an undesirable or _____(13) feature.

ho·mo·ge·ne·ous (hō' mə jē' nē əs, -jēn'yəs, hom'ə-), *adj.*

1. composed of parts or _____(8) that are all of the same kind; not _____(13).
2. of the same kind or _____(6); essentially _____(5).

re·cep·tive (ri sep'tiv), *adj.*

1. having the quality of _____(9), taking in, or _____(9).
2. able or quick to receive knowledge, _____(5), and so on.

gen·re (zhän'rə; *Fr.* zhän'Rə), *n., pl.* -res (-rəz; *Fr.* -Rə), *adj.* —*n.*

1. a class or _____(8) of _____(8) endeavor having a particular form, content, technique, or the like.

res·pite (res'pit), *n., v.*, **-pit·ed, -pit·ing**, —*n.*

1. a delay or _____(9) for a time, especially of anything _____(11) or trying; an _____(8) of relief.

Hidden Meanings Puzzle 1 *(continued)**4 LETTERS*

SAVE

5 LETTERS

ALIKE

PITCH

IDEAS

6 LETTERS

NATURE

LIVING

BARREN

LENGTH

7 LETTERS

RESULTS

USELESS

TENUOUS

8 LETTERS

ARTISTIC

INTERVAL

ELEMENTS

CATEGORY

DELICATE

DISPOSAL

9 LETTERS

RECEIVING

CESSATION

DIFFICULT

HINDRANCE

ADMITTING

10 LETTERS

PROMINENCE

MYSTERIOUS

11 LETTERS

DISTRESSING

13 LETTERS

HETEROGENEOUS

OBJECTIONABLE

Some words in a particular definition will be interchangeable.

Hidden Meanings Puzzle 2

sur-pass (sər pas', -päs'), *v.t.*

1. to go _____(6) in amount, extent, or degree; to be greater than; _____(6).
2. to go beyond in excellence or achievement; be superior to; _____(5).

dic-tion (dik' shən), *n.*

1. _____(5) of speaking or writing as dependent upon _____(6) of words.
2. the accent, inflection, _____(10), and speech-sound quality manifested by an individual speaker, usually judged in terms of prevailing standards of acceptability.

gen-u-ine (jen'yoo in), *adj.*

1. possessing the claimed or _____(10) character, quality, or origin; not _____(11); _____(9).

ten-ta-tive (ten'tə tiv), *adj.*

1. of the nature of or made or done as a trial, _____(10), or attempt.
2. unsure; _____(9); not definite or positive; _____(8).

doc-ile (dos'əl; *Brit.* dō'sīl), *adj.*

1. _____(6) managed or handled; _____(9).
2. readily _____(7) or taught; teachable.

com-ply (kəm plī'), *v.i.*, **-plied**, **-ply-ing**

1. to act or be in _____(10) with wishes, _____(8), demands, requirements, conditions, and so on; _____(5) (sometimes followed by *with*).

re-vert (ri vûrt'), *v.i.*

1. to _____(6) to a former habit, practice, _____(6), condition, and so on.
2. *Law*: to go back to or return to the former owner or to his or her _____(5).
3. *Biology*: to return to an earlier or _____(9) type.

as-sent (ə sent'), *v.i.*

1. to agree or _____(6); subscribe to (often followed by *to*).
2. to give in; _____(7); _____(5).

de-void (di void'), *adj.*

1. not _____(10), untouched by, _____(4), or destitute (usually followed by *of*).
2. to deplete or _____(5) of some quality or _____(9).

Hidden Meanings Puzzle 2 *(continued)*

se-clude (si klōōd'), *v.t.*, **-clud-ed**, **-clud-ing**

1. to place in or _____(8) into _____(8); remove from social contact and activity.
2. to _____(7); shut off; keep _____(5).

4 LETTERS

VOID

5 LETTERS

STRIP

AGREE

YIELD

STYLE

APART

EXCEL

HEIRS

6 LETTERS

EASILY

CONCUR

EXCEED

RETURN

BELIEF

BEYOND

CHOICE

7 LETTERS

TRAINED

ISOLATE

CONCEDE

8 LETTERS

WITHDRAW

HESITANT

REQUESTS

SOLITUDE

9 LETTERS

AUTHENTIC

SUBSTANCE

PRIMITIVE

UNCERTAIN

TRACTABLE

10 LETTERS

ACCORDANCE

POSSESSING

ATTRIBUTED

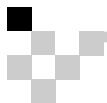
INTONATION

EXPERIMENT

11 LETTERS

COUNTERFEIT

Some words in a particular definition will be interchangeable.



HOW CRYPTO FAMILY PUZZLES WILL INCREASE YOUR SAT SCORE

Cryptofamily puzzles will increase your vocabulary, provide a link among all the words in the puzzle, and help you to guess effectively on the SAT. And they are fun.

Solving Cryptofamily Puzzles Increases Your Vocabulary

With the cryptofamily puzzles, we are asking you to decipher a single-letter substitution code to discover a list of related words. When confronted with a list of 15 related words to decode, you will first think of all of the synonyms you can that fit the title of the cryptofamily. For example, if the title word is *friendly* you will think of as many synonyms as you can for *friendly* to try to break the code on at least one word. This is a basic vocabulary building exercise until you can't come up with any more synonyms. Then, as you break the code for each word you will learn new words that also mean *friendly*. Learning new words will help you to answer more sentence completion questions correctly, read the reading comprehension section more accurately, and use the most effective word when writing your essay.

Cryptofamily Puzzles Create an Association among All the Words in the Family

In a cryptofamily with 15 words that all mean *friendly*, you may not know the nuances among the words, but you will remember that the word has a positive connotation. That knowledge in itself is frequently enough to eliminate or keep an answer choice on a difficult SAT question. If you can eliminate three answer choices for a given question, then you should guess. In the reading comprehension section, knowing approximately what a word means will help you to better understand the reading selection.

Cryptofamily Puzzles Help You to Guess Effectively on the SAT

There is a trick to use on the verbal SAT as a last resort. Your knowledge of word associations gained from doing puzzles like the cryptofamilies will ensure that you accurately determine whether a word is positive or negative. The following sentence completion question taken from a previously released SAT¹ is a good example:

Astronomers who suspected that the sunspot cycle is not eleven years long have been _____ by studies _____ their belief that the entire cycle is actually twice that long.

- (A) vindicated . . . confirming
- (B) exonerated . . . refuting

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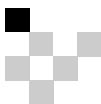
- (C) discredited . . . substantiating
- (D) encouraged . . . rejecting
- (E) humiliated . . . proving

If you are completely stuck on the vocabulary and about to skip the question, try to figure out whether the words are positive or negative. The resulting chart would look like this:

- | | |
|-----|---|
| | + . . . + |
| | <hr style="width: 50%; margin: 0 auto;"/> |
| (A) | + . . . + |
| (B) | + . . . - |
| (C) | - . . . + |
| (D) | + . . . - |
| (E) | - . . . + |

Because the relationship between the words in the sentence completion is positive to positive, the only possible answer will be positive to positive or negative to negative. In this question, A is the only possible answer. On many questions this method of last resort will eliminate three answer choices. You then have a 50-50 chance of getting the correct answer without knowing what some of the words mean. Those are pretty good odds.

SAT Vocabulary Express is designed to prepare you to play the SAT game. It is unlikely that you will remember all the words you study for the SAT, so creating an association in your mind among groups of words gives you a solid place from which to guess. Especially on the difficult verbal questions, guessing intelligently is the way to a better SAT score.



CRYPTOFAMILY PUZZLE INSTRUCTIONS

GOAL: Cryptofamily puzzles ask you to play detective and break a simple, single-letter substitution code. For example, the words “good fun” might appear in the cryptofamily as “XEEL MDR.” When letter X represents G, it will always be G in that family. The words in the following families are related to one another in some fashion. It’s up to you to figure out how; think about synonyms. The first word is solved in each cryptofamily to give you a head start.

WHY: By solving the code in this puzzle, you will be creating an association in your mind among all these words. On the SAT, even if you don’t remember the nuances among the word meanings, you will know whether the word is positive or negative and approximately what the word means.

HINT: Be aware that *e* is the most common letter in the English language. Also, the *th* combination is very common: *the, they, those, that, with, both*, and so on.

Warning: The code is different for every new family.

Cryptofamily Puzzle 1**You Lazy Bum**

V O U T O C O X I X U O V
L A C K A D A I S I C A L

O N O E B A

V O I I X E J C Z

V O Y H J G L

V Z E B O L H X U

I G N G L X K X U

E G L N G L

U G W O E G I Z

I E J N G L

N O I I X F Z

V X I E V Z I I

N B V Z H W O E X U

I G W Y G V Z Y E

V O Y H J X C

I V J H H X I B

Cryptofamily Puzzle 2**Whatever YOU Say**

H U M M J C Y
P A S S I V E

L U O O Y U N O Y

U L N J C U O Y R E

C U P J O O U E Y

K N Y V J Y R E

U N Y A U R P Y

U L Y R U N O Y

N J V V U N O Y

P K L H O J U R E

E G U P E U N O Y

V Y Q Y G Y R E J U O

K N M Y S X J K X M

M Y G C J O Y

U P S X J Y M P Y R E

G Y M J B R Y V

Cryptofamily Puzzle 3
Nit-Picking

D C X Y E O X
 P R E C I S E

X A G U V O I E Q X

N X I E Y V H F V O

O Y C V D V H F V O

D C U J N U I E Y

I G F C F V J G K X O O

D U E K O I U B E K J

F Z O X C Q U K I

Y F N D V H O E Q X

S E H E J X K I

U O O E S V F V O

F Z O X O O E Q X

U I I X K I E Q X

O X S V H F V O

Y U C X L V H

Cryptofamily Puzzle 4
I Will NEVER Give Up

H R D Z V P
 M U L I S H

M A V S Z T N S F

S F T N W Z M R V

C M L L F C

Z T S Y N W S N A D F

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I Z D D J R D

M A V S Y F U F Y M R V

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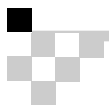
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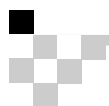
U Z L P F N C F C



HOW GROUPIE PUZZLES WILL HELP YOU RAISE YOUR SAT SCORE

Groupies are small puzzles that will help you think of the connections among words. You will have to think of both the definition and the connotation of the listed words as you figure out the scrambled clues. The list of scrambled clues will lead you to the phrase at the bottom of the list. The reverse is also true: The unscrambled phrase will help you figure out the list of related words.

As we discuss above, connotations are important when you are figuring out difficult SAT questions. While the connotations of a word may not get you the correct answer, they can help you to narrow down the answer choices, thereby increasing the likelihood that you will deduce the correct answer.



GROUPIE PUZZLE INSTRUCTIONS

GOAL: Groupies are a blend. Like anagrams, groupies ask you to unscramble seemingly random letters to form complete words. Since the words here are much longer than our previous five-letter anagrams, we've placed a couple of letters in each word to help get you started. Next, as in hidden meanings or in a quotation puzzle, we're asking you to unscramble an even longer, but related, phrase at the bottom of the page. Tough? You bet. But with a little patience and some detective work back and forth, we're betting you can do it.

WHY: If you can figure out the connections among the words, you will be able to eliminate wrong answers and choose correct answers more easily on the SAT.

RULES: Figure out what each word is by unscrambling the letters. In each clue two letters have been placed correctly to give you a head start. Once you have all the clues unscrambled, you can try to figure out what phrase is suggested by all the clues. The letters of the words in the phrase are also scrambled, so it is possible to figure out the phrase without figuring out the connection among the words.

HINT: Once you have unscrambled some of the clue words, see if the phrase has any small words. By filling in the small words and eliminating those letters from the scrambled phrase letters, it is often possible to begin to figure out the phrase which will, in turn, help you figure out the rest of the clue words.

Groupie Puzzle 1

E T M R E P E D I T A

_ _ E _ _ D _ _ _ _ _

F E D J T I I S U

_ _ S T _ _ _ _ _

V E E E G N R

R _ _ _ _ _ E

L I B I L B A C

_ I _ _ I _ _ _

C I T P O L A

_ _ T _ _ _ L

A I T E L E T R A

R _ _ A _ _ _ _ _

Groupie Phrase

Y E A F Y E N R O E E

_ _ _ _ O _ _ _ E _ _

Groupie Puzzle 2

S L A G S Y

_ L _ _ S _

E N R E E S

_ E _ _ _ E

Z T O R O I N A L H

H _ _ _ _ _ N _ _ _

D O L E A S M I W T I N N O

_ _ O - _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ L

T K E R A A F B S

_ R _ _ _ _ _ S _

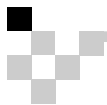
F K Y O E F

_ _ F - _ E _

Groupie Phrase

P A A A A A S L K N E F C T

_ L _ _ _ _ A _ _ _ _ _ _



END NOTE

Good job! You are learning to play with words. Through hidden meaning puzzles you have begun to try to figure out the meaning of a word by looking at the word itself. Through cryptofamily puzzles you have started to make connections among groups of words with similar meanings. Groupies made you work a little harder to make a connection among all the words in a group. Trying to figure out the meanings and the connotations of unknown words are important strategies when deciphering SAT questions.

Next, we will introduce you to some puzzles that will help you to learn to build and deconstruct words.

Fun Quiz

1. What is the average acceptance rate at U.S. colleges and universities?
 - a. 30 percent
 - b. 40 percent
 - c. 50 percent
 - d. 60 percent
 - e. 70 percent
2. What is the percentage of U.S. colleges and universities accepting 40 percent or less of applicants?
 - a. 12 percent
 - b. 6 percent
 - c. 15 percent
 - d. 21 percent
 - e. 33 percent
3. According to college admissions officers, what is the most important factor in gaining admission to their college?
 - a. SAT/ACT score
 - b. Extracurricular activities
 - c. Monetary gift to the alumni fund
 - d. Academic performance, including courses taken
 - e. Application essay

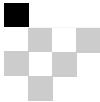
Answers

1. e
2. b
3. d

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SAT DECODER: LEARN TO BUILD AND DECONSTRUCT WORDS

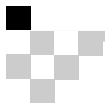


HOW WORD CREATION PUZZLES, WORD WITHIN WORD PUZZLES, AND PHOBIA PUZZLES WILL HELP YOU RAISE YOUR SAT SCORE

On the verbal SAT you will have to try to decipher words that you do not know. If you cannot figure out the word from the context of the sentence or the passage, your only choice will be to try to break the word down into its prefix, word roots, and suffix. Word creation puzzles are wonderful practice for picking words apart because they ask you to build words from word pieces. Word within word puzzles ask you to find the pieces of the given words, and then to form new words based on those pieces. If you can build a word, then you can also take it apart. Once you know what a word root means, then you will be able to use it to build words or to take them apart. For example:

malediction	mal = bad	dict = tell, say, word
homogeneous	homo = same	gen = birth, race, kind
claustrophobia	cla/clo/clu = shut, close	phobia = fear of
postscript	post = after	scrip/scrib = write

Once you have pulled the words listed above into their pieces, you can come close to determining their definition. In fact, the SAT writers deliberately use words that can be pulled apart into roots and prefixes you probably know to see if you are comfortable with words, to see if you can play with words. You do not have to know every nuance of a word's definition in order to use the meanings of the pieces of the words to either keep or eliminate the words from the answer choices.



WORD CREATION PUZZLE INSTRUCTIONS

GOAL: To create as many words as possible from the prefixes, word roots, and suffixes listed. See if you can beat the total number of words created.

WHY: If you can build a word from its pieces, you can also pick it apart. Your ability to pick words into pieces will affect your score on the verbal SAT because you will be able to figure out an approximate meaning for many of the unknown words you encounter.

RULES: You may use each prefix, word root, or suffix as many times as you wish. Not all word parts have to be used. At least one word may be formed by combining word roots.

HINT: Look for familiar word roots first; then try to add prefixes and suffixes that make sense.

Word Creation Puzzle 1

Prefix

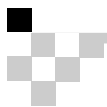
a = not
in = in, on
pro = forward, toward
im = not
pre = before
re = again
con = with
com = with

Word Root

ten, tain = hold, reach
ver = true
vert, vers = turn
man = hand
ject = throw
pon, pos = place, put
curr, curs = run
fer = bear, carry
gen = kind, race, birth
fort = strong
fac, fic, fec, fect = to make

Suffix

ual = of
or = person who
y = inclined to
ify = to make
er = person who
ic = pertaining to
ile = pertaining to
(t)ure = action or result
acity = state of being
ant, ent = full of
sion, tion = that which is



WORD WITHIN WORD PUZZLE INSTRUCTIONS

GOAL: To find as many “baby” words within the “mother” word as possible. Baby words must be created by using the letters in the mother word.

WHY: Words are made up of parts. If you can pull apart a word, there is a good chance that you will think of one or more words with one or more of the same parts. In fact, one of the ways in which SAT test writers enjoy themselves is to put a word on the SAT that they know you don’t know. The test writers know that you know a word that either sounds or looks like the unknown word. If you make the connection between the words, then you can solve the question. Why the test writers think this is fun, I don’t know, but consider what they do for a living!

RULES: Each word must be at least four letters long. No proper names or place names are allowed. *Hiker* and *hiked* are two separate and acceptable words; however, only one form of any verb or noun may be used. Thus in the case of *hiked* and *hiking*, you may only use one.

CLUE: Start by identifying all the roots in the words. Then see how many different words you can create using those roots as the base of a word. Only then should you move on to try other combinations of letters.

Word within Word Puzzle 1

frac-tious (frak’shəs), *adj.*

1. refractory or unruly: *a fractious animal that would not submit to the harness.*
2. readily angered; peevish; irritable; quarrelsome: *an incorrigibly fractious young man.*

Best score so far: 58

Word within Word Puzzle 2

com-pres-sion (kəm presh’ən), *n.*

1. the act of compressing; squeezing.
2. the state of being compressed; abridged.
3. the effect, result, or consequence of being compressed.
4. (in internal-combustion engines) the reduction in volume and increase of pressure of the air or combustible mixture in the cylinder prior to ignition, produced by the motion of the piston toward the cylinder head after intake.
5. reduction of the size of computer data by efficient storage.

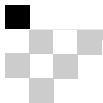
Best score so far: 77

Word within Word Puzzle 3

fac-sim-i-le (fak sim'ə lē), *n., v., -led, -le-ing, adj.*

1. an exact copy, as of a book, painting, or manuscript.
2. also called **fax** (*telecommunications*).
 - a. a method or device for transmitting documents, drawings, photographs, or the like, by means of radio or telephone for exact reproduction elsewhere.
 - b. an image transmitted by such a method.
3. dropout (def. 5).
—*v.t.*
4. to reproduce in facsimile; make a facsimile of.
—*adj.*
5. Also, **fax** (*telecommunications*).
 - a. (of an image) copied by means of facsimile: *facsimile mail*.
 - b. (of a method or device) used to produce a facsimile: *facsimile transmission*.

Best score so far: 47

**PHOBIA PUZZLE INSTRUCTIONS**

GOAL: To match each fear with its correct phobia name.

WHY: Phobia names are usually created from Greek or Latin roots. If you can match the fear with the phobia name, then you will know what all the roots in the phobia puzzle mean. And you will be able to surprise your friends and teachers with references to rare and odd phobias.

RULES: Each fear will match one phobia and vice versa. Some of the fears are similar in meaning, so look carefully at the roots in the list of phobias.

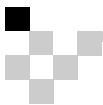
HINT: Start with phobias you recognize, and then look for word roots you recognize.

Phobia Puzzle 1

To Rachel, who is convinced she has read a poem aloud

Match the following fears with the name of their phobia!

<i>Item</i>	<i>Phobia</i>
1. ideas	a. gerontophobia
2. motion	b. sociophobia
3. stealing	c. traumatophobia
4. bicycles	d. philemaphobia
5. animals	e. ideophobia
6. the mind	f. kleptophobia
7. injury	g. necrophobia
8. poison	h. agrizoophobia
9. society	i. teratophobia
10. one thing	j. graphophobia
11. fire	k. zoophobia
12. old people	l. isolophobia
13. writing	m. polyphobia
14. wild animals	n. bacillophobia
15. symbolism	o. chorophobia
16. politics	p. symbolophobia
17. solitude	q. nucleomitophobia
18. germs	r. monophobia
19. kissing	s. kinetophobia
20. corpses	t. papyrophobia
21. symmetry	u. toxiphobia
22. monsters	v. cyclophobia
23. nuclear weapons	w. symmetrophobia
24. paper	x. pyrophobia
25. many things	y. politicophobia
26. dancing	z. psychophobia



END NOTE

Congratulations! You now have all the decoding tools you need to decipher the vocabulary on the new SAT. All you have to do is practice, both to master your new skills and to apply them to increasingly sophisticated words and puzzles. You are well on your way. In the next chapter we increase the difficulty level of the words and the puzzles to mirror the medium difficulty questions on the SAT. The first group of puzzles is designed to increase your vocabulary.

Fun Quiz

1. Which of the following statements was said by Mark Twain?
 - I. The man who does not read good books has no advantage over the man who can't read them.
 - II. My books are water; those of great geniuses are wine—everybody drinks water.
 - III. I have been complimented many times and they always embarrass me; I always find that they have not said enough.
 - IV. All you need in this life is ignorance and confidence, then success is sure.
 - V. Man was made at the end of the week's work when God was tired.
 - a. I and II
 - b. II and III
 - c. IV
 - d. V
 - e. All of the above

Answer

1. e

PUZZLES TO INCREASE VOCABULARY

The crosswords from here on out will be harder: They're bigger in size, and there are no longer any two-letter words. If you made it through the first three crosswords in Chapter 1, then you're ready for these. Here are two tips that may help. First, never hesitate to open your dictionary if you see an unfamiliar word or a word you're not quite sure of. This is how we learn and improve at puzzles (and tests). Second, don't be afraid to set a tough puzzle aside and come back to it another time. It's amazing how often a clue that's impossibly difficult one day is blindingly obvious the next. It seems that sometimes our brains can work some overnight magic when it comes to figuring out tough answers.

Unfortunately, catastrophes and disasters occur. Some are caused by nature; some by people. There are plenty of words to describe these calamities, the situations where things go terribly wrong. Because in this world, it seems, there are plenty of things with “Destructive tendencies.”

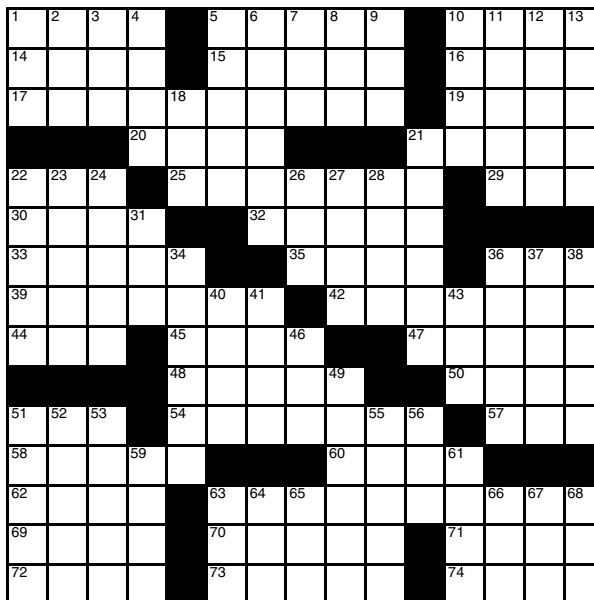
Crossword Puzzle 4 Destructive Tendencies

ACROSS

1. LA rap star born Tracy Morrow (hyph.)
5. With mouth wide open
10. Takeover of a government by force
14. Person who accomplishes things (anagram of “rode”)
15. Use needle and thread to repair again
16. Odd green veggie used in gumbo
17. Totally destroy or eradicate
19. The Three Wise Men of Bethlehem, collectively
20. Actress Gershon of “Showgirls” (anagram of “gain”)
21. Oscar _____ (hot dog making company)
22. Station for watching music videos and veejays
25. Massacre or slaughter of great numbers
29. Final year high schoolers (abbr.)
30. Sea captain who pursued Moby Dick
32. First showing of a movie or play
33. Ladies professional tennis star Monica
35. “I was, she was, you _____”
36. Class a year away from graduation (abbr.)
39. Threatening; foreboding; hinting at doom
42. State of great commotion or disturbance
44. One nickname for Edward
45. Study really, really hard
47. Baseball maneuver when trying to get to a base
48. Native Peruvians of the Andes
50. Place between your calf and thigh
51. Secret agent
54. Agreements; yesses
57. Common recipe direction amount (abbr.)
58. Follow someone as a detective would
60. Has lunch
62. Doesn’t feel well (anagram of “sail”)
63. Violent social or geological upheavals
69. White Greek cheese (anagram of “feat”)
70. Very similar; almost the same
71. What a hammer hits
72. Noisy fight or skirmish
73. Last but not _____
74. Earthy material used in art class at school

DOWN

1. Two words you want to hear at your wedding
2. Inedible part of an ear of corn
3. Underwater animal that can be electric
4. Math class that might follow geometry (abbr.)



5. Indoor venue for sports or concerts
6. French movie star Depardieu (anagram of “regard”)
7. _____ rule (generally speaking) (2 wds.)
8. Dog or cat one keeps at home
9. Mother sheep
10. _____ again? (Please repeat for me)
11. Gives approval to
12. Person trying to move you on
13. What socks, shoes, and mittens come in (anagram of “Paris”)
18. _____-tac-toe
21. Electricity or water measuring devices (anagram of “merest”)
22. Laborer who works with bricks or stones
23. _____ topic for a paper (school writing assignment)
24. Just true; well-founded
26. Just out of the wrapper, e.g.
27. Aid and _____ (assist a criminal)
28. Intellectual or spiritual guide
31. Actor Affleck
34. _____ studies (core middle school class)
36. Shoulder or hip, e.g.
37. Goes on a bike
38. What you do at night
40. Large, decorative vases (anagram of “runs”)
41. Native Americans of the Midwest (anagram of “Cass”)
43. Initials of a man’s birthday celebrated every January
46. Actress West who said “Come up and see me, sometime”
49. Moves without being seen
51. Support group for a 4-star general
52. Nosy, snoop person (anagram of “riper”)
53. Black Sea port in the Ukraine
55. Musical direction meaning “be silent”
56. Initials logo of the Gateway Arch city
59. “Do as _____, not as...” (2 wds.)
61. “N _____ (Justin Timberlake’s band)
63. State west of Utah (abbr.)
64. Ginger _____ (soda)
65. Spanish word for “aunt”
66. “My Gal _____” (Erie Canal song)
67. “Mamma _____” (Broadway musical about Abba)
68. Cunning or wily

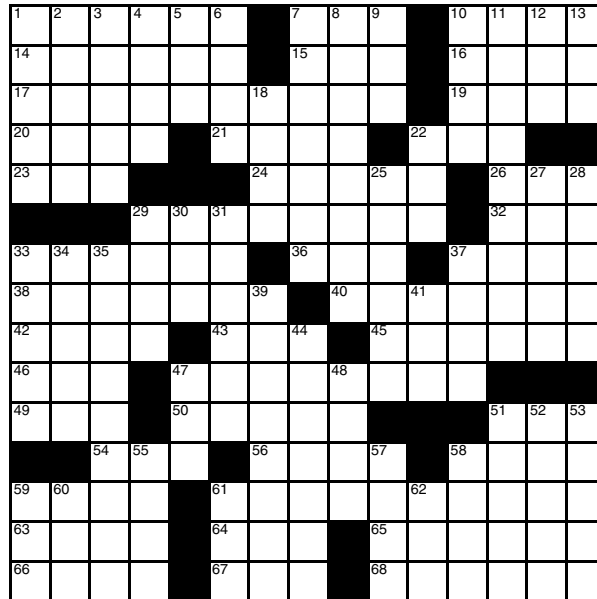
There's no satisfying some people. They want more. Always. More of everything; more even than they could possibly ever use. And there are words for these overly greedy people; the people who are disposed to saying: "Mine, all mine!"

Crossword Puzzle 5

Mine, All Mine!

ACROSS

1. "The Star-Spangled Banner" for one
7. Grow old
10. Enthusiastic; ardent
14. Grand _____ Island
15. Female parent
16. "Sleepless in Seattle" director Ephron
17. Greedy; covetous
19. Three-spot in a deck of cards
20. Armored military vehicle with a turret
21. Fake coin (anagram of "lugs")
22. The Mediterranean, e.g.
23. Large member of the American deer family
24. Generally awkward or incompetent
26. The "CSI" TV shows' network
29. Overly desirous of wealth or possessions
32. George Gershwin's brother (anagram of "air")
33. What the king sits on
36. Take to court to get money
37. Wet protection around a castle
38. Plow into the backside of another car (hyph.)
40. Acknowledgment of gratitude or esteem
42. Cable TV sports network
43. Quick trip into the swimming pool
45. "Skool," "Cheers," and "Your health," e.g.
46. _____ general rule (usually) (2 wds.)
47. Having a craving or yearning for (with "of")
49. Month following November (abbr.)
50. Celestial constellation known as the Dragon
51. Bro or sis, for short
54. Suffix meaning a "person who practices"
56. Measures of thermal output (abbr. and anagram of "buts")
58. "_____ and the King of Siam"
59. Nike or Adidas product
61. Tending to eat and drink excessively
63. Common or proper word form
64. For each; for every
65. Friend of Pooh and Tigger
66. For fear that (anagram of "lets")
67. Sweet suffix for lemon or lime
68. Talks too much; babbles (anagram of "tapers")



5. Music group that recorded The Beatles (anagram of "I me")
6. Apple computer products, for short
7. Totals; quantities
8. Dig a trench or groove (2 wds.)
9. Letters before "ens"
10. "Fee" for entering a poker hand (anagram of "nate")
11. Exceedingly eager; ravenous
12. Anger
13. 24-hour period
18. Tennis's "Nasty" Nastasia (reads like "I prevaricate")
22. Roads or lanes (abbr.)
25. _____ Rico (Caribbean country)
27. Actor Benjamin of "Law and Order"
28. Thoroughly fills or surfeits (anagram of "asset")
29. Food item that comes on a cob
30. "The _____ and only"
31. Seller of goods (variant spelling)
33. _____ lightly (be careful where you step)
34. Author Hermann of "Steppenwolf"
35. Inordinately greedy; predatory
37. Business graduate school degrees (anagram of "bams")
39. Incapacitated; turned off a PC function
41. Debt marker abbreviation
44. What you see on a TV or monitor
47. Banned chemical pesticide (abbr.)
48. Thoroughly beat in a battle (anagram of "tour")
51. Slang for the nose (anagram of "toons")
52. Accustom to hardship or difficulty
53. Ballplayers run toward these
55. Put into the mailbox
57. Part of a stairway or ladder
58. "Dragonwyck" novelist Seton
59. Comedian Tina Fey's TV skit show, for short
60. Tool used for weeding
61. Cumulative measure of your grades (abbr.)
62. "_____ the land of the free and..."

DOWN

1. Lessen; diminish
2. Pertaining to warships (homonym of your belly button)
3. State your appreciation
4. "_____, the herald angels sing"

Most people like to live in attractive surroundings. They like to live in a home where they're proud to have other people come visit. So naturally there are a lot of words to describe the places where we live and how nice these places look. Because many people are tempted to say, "Our house (is a very, very, very fine house)."

Crossword Puzzle 6

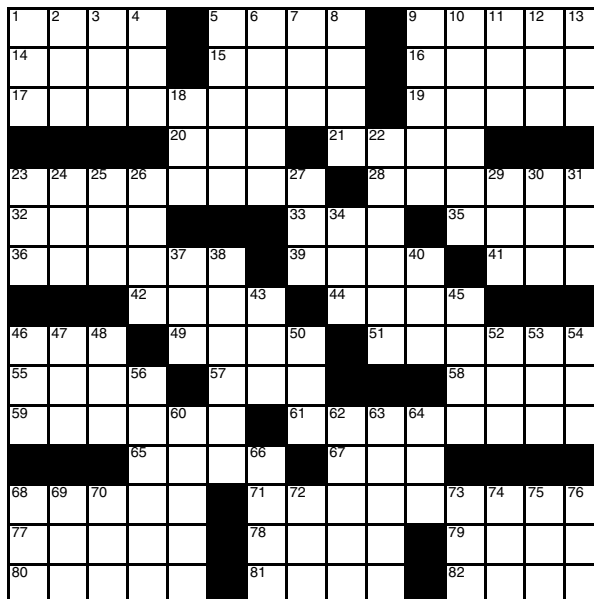
Our House (Is a Very, Very, Very Fine House)

ACROSS

1. Do a picture in pencil
5. Endure
9. Small, wretched house
14. Knot or protuberance (anagram of "done")
15. Native Peruvian of the Andes
16. Popular zoo primate, "The Man of the Forest"
17. Having a sense of the beautiful
19. Tends to the baby
20. "Richard ____" (Shakespeare play)
21. You kneel on this
23. Wealth, riches, or affluence
28. Elaborately or sumptuously adorned
32. Clark Kent's girlfriend Lois
33. Lively or energetic spirit
35. Platter for carrying cafeteria food
36. Drag parachute (anagram of "rouged")
39. Famous women Gabor and Peron (anagram of "save")
41. Lash your shoelaces together
42. Capital city of Norway
44. Close cousin of Harvard and Princeton
46. Mediterranean, e.g.
49. Anthracite or bituminous material
51. Home decorating picture made of small, colored tiles
55. The guy who did it, in police talk
57. School group of parents and teachers (abbr.)
58. Bustle; fuss
59. Recess or small room in a house
61. One-story cottage
65. Thin puff or streak, as of smoke
67. Federal group in charge of security (abbr.)
68. Residence; dwelling; habitation
71. Maze that was home to the Minotaur
77. Extend a magazine subscription
78. Actor Hale or son Hale, Jr.
79. "____ bambino" (Italian word for goodbye)
80. Budweiser products
81. DEA agent, for short
82. OK Corral marshal Wyatt

DOWN

1. Genetic messenger carrier (abbr.)
2. Fish eggs (anagram of "ore")
3. Commercials
4. More than just damp
5. ____ bed (laze about) (2 wds.)
6. Playful trick or prank
7. Chemistry or biology, e.g. (abbr.)



8. Bulletin board sticker
9. Bart Simpson's dad
10. Get one's bearings
11. Truck used for moving home furnishings
12. Final stopping point
13. T-shirt sizes for big people (abbr.)
18. Go in haste (homonym of a greeting word)
22. Polite negatory response to a lady (2 wds.)
23. Ancient
24. Average score for Tiger Woods
25. Spanish word for "one"
26. Danish plastic building block
27. Adam's Garden of Eden lady
29. Museum pieces, e.g.
30. ____ chi (exercise form)
31. What you see with
34. ____ League schools (Harvard, Princeton, etc.)
37. West Coast home of the college Trojans (abbr.)
38. Runs off to get married secretly
40. ____-mo (sports replay mode)
43. Cheerios cereal grain
45. "She is," in Spanish (anagram of "sate")
46. Exercise or beauty location
47. Fish type that might be electric
48. Part of the circumference of a circle
50. Where a scientist works, for short
52. DSL rival of Yahoo and MSN
53. Phrase you want to hear at a wedding (2 wds.)
54. Creature that moos
56. Kind of snow a skier likes
60. Aspects; vistas
62. To open a gated door (anagram of "braun")
63. Justin Timberlake's band
64. Needle-nosed fish
66. Plot and ____ (scheme)
68. Wall Street trader (anagram of "bar")
69. Hive dweller
70. "We're number ____!" (stadium chant)
72. State next to Mississippi (abbr.)
73. Frozen water
74. Vardalos of "My Big Fat Greek Wedding"
75. Black, sticky road-mending material
76. Jump like a bunny

Anagram Magic Square Puzzle 3

<p>D E N S E</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: 10px auto;"></div> <p>_____</p>	<p>U N L I T</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: 10px auto;"></div> <p>_____</p>	<p>P L E A S</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: 10px auto;"></div> <p>_____</p>
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Clues:

1. Requires
2. Drab green
3. Creates a phrase
4. Not a sissy
5. Before then
6. With royal bearing
7. Risqué paintings
8. Fall flower
9. Pause

SAT Word:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

Clue: Of the night

Anagram Magic Square Puzzle 4

<p>T A P E D</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: 10px auto;"></div> <p>-----</p>	<p>E A R N S</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: 10px auto;"></div> <p>-----</p>	<p>S U P E R</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: 10px auto;"></div> <p>-----</p>
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Clues:

1. Amount to be won as a prize
2. Throw out
3. Horsey hello
4. Utopian
5. Approaches
6. Gaze intently
7. Disconnect
8. Jumped up
9. Capable

SAT Word:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

 Clue: Almost an island

Anagram Magic Square Puzzle 5

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THERE <input style="width: 50px; height: 50px; margin: 10px auto;" type="text"/> _____	NOTED <input style="width: 50px; height: 50px; margin: 10px auto;" type="text"/> _____	RESET <input style="width: 50px; height: 50px; margin: 10px auto;" type="text"/> _____

Clues:

1. Confuse
2. Refuse
3. Brief
4. Form of anesthetic
5. Not clothed
6. Not rural
7. Next to
8. Muscled
9. Educate

SAT Word:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

Clue: Make sparse

Anagram Magic Square Puzzle 6

<p>F O R T H</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 10px auto;"></div> <p>-----</p>	<p>W O R T H</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 10px auto;"></div> <p>-----</p>	<p>S H O U T</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 10px auto;"></div> <p>-----</p>
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Clues:

1. Foam
2. Queenly
3. Pointed tool
4. Burning embers
5. Heave
6. Things
7. Obvious
8. Prods
9. Below the Mason Dixon line

SAT Word:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

Clue: Argumentative

Hidden Meanings Puzzle 3

som·ber (som´bər), *adj.*

1. _____(8) dark; shadowy; _____(5) lighted.
2. dark and _____(4), as color, or as things in respect to color.

vo·ca·tion (vō kā´shən), *n.*

1. a particular _____(10), business, or profession; _____(7).
2. a strong impulse or _____(11) to follow a particular activity or _____(6).

mal·e·dic·tion (mal´i dik´shən), *n.*

1. a _____(5); imprecation.
2. the _____(9) of a curse.

pro·voc·a·tive (prə vok´ə tiv), *adj.*

1. tending or serving to provoke; _____(8), stimulating, irritating, or _____(6).

vo·cif·er·ous (vō sif´ər əs), *adj.*

1. crying out noisily; _____(9).

in·frac·tion (in frak´shən), *n.*

1. _____(6); violation; _____(12).

sub·lime (sə blīm´), *adj., n., v., -limed, -lim-ing.* —*adj.*

1. elevated or _____(5) in thought, language
2. _____(10) the mind with a sense of _____(8) or power; inspiring awe or _____(10).

ab·di·cate (ab´di kāt´), *v., -cat·ed, -cat·ing.* —*v.i.*

1. to _____(8) or relinquish a _____(6), right, power, claim, responsibility, or the like, especially in a _____(6) manner.

trans·gress (trans gres´, tranz-), —*v.i.*

1. to _____(7) a law, command, moral code, and so on; _____(6); sin.
2. to pass over or go _____(6) a limit or _____(8).

prod·i·gy (prod´i jē), *n., pl. -gies.*

1. a person, especially a child or young person, having _____(13) _____(6) or ability.
2. something wonderful or _____(9); a _____(6).

Hidden Meanings Puzzle 3 *(continued)**4 LETTERS*

DULL

5 LETTERS

CURSE

LOFTY

DIMLY

6 LETTERS

TALENT

VEXING

THRONE

OFFEND

BREACH

CAREER

WONDER

FORMAL

BEYOND

7 LETTERS

VIOLATE

CALLING

8 LETTERS

RENOUCE

GLOOMILY

INCITING

GRANDEUR

BOUNDARY

9 LETTERS

UTTERANCE

MARVELOUS

CLAMOROUS

10 LETTERS

IMPRESSING

VENERATION

OCCUPATION

11 LETTERS

INCLINATION

12 LETTERS

INFRINGEMENT

13 LETTERS

EXTRAORDINARY

Some words in a particular definition will be interchangeable.

Hidden Meanings Puzzle 4

post-script (pōst' skript', pōs' -), *n.*

1. a paragraph, phrase, and the like, added to a _____(6) that has already been _____(9) and signed by the _____(6).

sanc-ti-fy (sang' tə fī'), *v.t.*, **-fied, -fy-ing.**

1. to make _____(4); set apart as sacred; _____(10).
2. to _____(6) or free from sin.

quest (kwest), *n.*

1. a search or _____(7) made in order to find or _____(6) something.
2. Medieval romance, an adventurous _____(10) undertaken by a knight or knights to secure or _____(7) something.

ex-e-cra-ble (ek' si krə bəl), *adj.*

1. utterly _____(10); abominable; _____(9).

pro-lix (prō lik's, prō' lik's), *adj.*

1. extended to great, _____(11), or _____(7) length; long and wordy.

quer-u-lous (kwer' ə ləs, kwer' yə-), *adj.*

1. full of _____(10); complaining.
2. characterized by or uttered in complaint; _____(7).

em-pa-thy (em' pə thē), *n.*

1. the intellectual identification with or _____(9) experiencing of the _____(8), thoughts, or _____(9) of another.

dis-par-age (di spar' ij), *v.t.*, **-aged, -ag-ing.**

1. to speak of or treat slightly; _____(9); _____(8).
2. to bring reproach upon or _____(9); lower the estimation of.

cir-cu-i-tous (sər kyōō' i təs), *adj.*

1. _____(10); not direct.

dif-fi-dent (dif' i dənt), *adj.*

1. lacking _____(10) in one's own ability, _____(5), or fitness; _____(5); shy.
2. restrained or _____(8) in manner, conduct, and so on.

Hidden Meanings Puzzle 4 *(continued)**4 LETTERS*

HOLY

5 LETTERS

TIMID

WORTH

6 LETTERS

OBTAIN

WRITER

PURIFY

LETTER

7 LETTERS

PEEVISH

ACHIEVE

TEDIOUS

PURSUIT

8 LETTERS

FEELINGS

BELITTLE

RESERVED

9 LETTERS

ABHORRENT

DISCREDIT

VICARIOUS

CONCLUDED

ATTITUDES

DEPRECATE

10 LETTERS

COMPLAINTS

EXPEDITION

CONFIDENCE

CONSECRATE

ROUNDBOUT

DETESTABLE

11 LETTERS

UNNECESSARY

Some words in a particular definition will be interchangeable.

Hidden Meanings Puzzle 5

vil·i·fy (vil' ə fī'), *v.t.*, **-fied, -fy·ing.**

1. to speak ill of; _____(6); _____(7).

whet (hwet, wet), *v.*, **-ted, -ting, n.** —*v.t.*

1. to _____(7) (a knife, tool, etc.) by grinding or _____(8).

2. to make _____(4) or eager; _____(9).

spurn (spûrn), *v.t.*

1. to reject with _____(7); _____(5).

2. to treat with _____(8); _____(7).

vi·brant (vī' brənt), *adj.*

1. moving to and fro _____(7); _____(9).

2. vibrating so as to produce _____(5), as a string.

a·bridge (ə brij'), *v.t.*, **-ed, -ing.**

1. to _____(7) by _____(8) while retaining the basic content.

2. to reduce or lessen in _____(8), scope, authority, and so on; _____(8).

daunt (dônt, dănt), *v.t.*

1. to overcome with _____(4); _____(10).

2. to lessen the _____(7) of; _____(10).

ob·scu·ri·ty (əb skydŏr' i tē), *n.*, *pl.* **-ties.**

1. the state or _____(7) of being _____(7).

dis·crep·an·cy (di skrep'an sē), *n.*, *pl.* **-cies.**

1. the state or quality of being discrepant; _____(10); _____(13).

hy·poc·ri·sy (hi pok' rə sē), *n.*, *pl.* **-sies.**

1. a _____(8) of having a _____(8) character, _____(5) or _____(9) beliefs or principles, and the like, that one does not really _____(7).

bane (bān), *n.*

1. a person or thing that _____(5) or _____(6).

Hidden Meanings Puzzle 5 *(continued)**4 LETTERS*FEAR
KEEN*5 LETTERS*SCORN
RUINS
SOUND
MORAL*6 LETTERS*DEFAME
SPOILS*7 LETTERS*DESPISE
QUALITY
UNKNOWN*DISDAIN**SHARPEN**POSSESS**RAPIDLY**SLANDER**SHORTEN**COURAGE**8 LETTERS**PRETENSE**DIMINISH**VIRTUOUS**CONTEMPT**FRICION**DURATION**OMISSION**9 LETTERS**STIMULATE**RELIGIOUS**VIBRATING**10 LETTERS**DISHEARTEN**INTIMIDATE**DIFFERENCE**13 LETTERS**INCONSISTENCY*

Some words in a particular definition will be interchangeable.

Hidden Meanings Puzzle 6

myr-i-ad (mir'ē əd), *n.*

1. a very _____(5) or _____(12) great _____(6) of persons or things.

de-plete (di plēt'), *v.t.*, **-plet-ed**, **-plet-ing**.

1. to _____(8) seriously or _____(7) the _____(9) or supply of.

am-biv-a-lence (am biv'ə ləns), *n.*

1. uncertainty or _____(11), especially when caused by _____(9) to make a _____(6) or by a _____(12) desire to say or do two opposite or _____(11) things.

flour-ish (flūr'ish, flur'-), *v.i.*

1. to be in a _____(8) state; _____(6).
2. to be in its or in one's _____(5); to be at the height of fame, _____(10), influence, and so on.
3. to be successful; _____(7).

dis-tend (di stend'), *v.t.*, *v.i.*

1. to _____(6) by stretching, as something hollow or _____(7).
2. to _____(6) in all directions; expand; _____(5).

pe-riph-er-al (pə rif'ər əl), *adj.*

1. pertaining to, situated in, or constituting the _____(9).
2. concerned with relatively minor, _____(10), or _____(11) aspects of the subject in question.

gar-ner (gär'nər), *v.t.*

1. to gather or _____(7) in or as if in a granary or other _____(7) place.
2. to get; _____(7); _____(4).

tran-sient (tran'shənt, -zhənt, -zē ənt), *adj.*

1. not lasting, _____(8), or _____(9); _____(10).
2. lasting only a _____(5) time; existing _____(7); _____(9).

vir-u-lent (vir'yə lənt, vir'ə-), *adj.*

1. actively _____(9); intensely _____(7).
2. *Medical*: highly infective; _____(9) or deadly.

sty-mie (stī'mē), *n.*, *v.*, **-mied**, **-mie-ing**. —*n.*

1. a _____(9) or problem presenting such _____(12) as to discourage or _____(6) any attempt to deal with or _____(7) it.

Hidden Meanings Puzzle 6 *(continued)**4 LETTERS*

EARN

5 LETTERS

SWELL

SHORT

PRIME

LARGE

6 LETTERS

SPREAD

THRIVE

NUMBER

LARGER

DEFEAT

CHOICE

7 LETTERS

BRIEFLY

PROSPER

NOXIOUS

STORAGE

RESOLVE

ELASTIC

EXHAUST

DEPOSIT

ACQUIRE

8 LETTERS

ENDURING

VIGOROUS

DECREASE

9 LETTERS

PERMANENT

INABILITY

MALIGNANT

TEMPORARY

ABUNDANCE

SITUATION

POISONOUS

PERIPHERY

10 LETTERS

EXCELLENCE

TRANSITORY

IRRELEVANT

11 LETTERS

CONFLICTING

FLUCTUATION

SUPERFICIAL

12 LETTERS

DIFFICULTIES

SIMULTANEOUS

INDEFINITELY

Some words in a particular definition will be interchangeable.

Hidden Meanings Puzzle 7

fraud-u-lent (frô'jə lənt), *adj.*

1. characterized by, involving, or _____(10) from _____(5), as actions, _____(10), methods, or gains.
2. given to or using fraud, as a person; _____(8); _____(9).

ob-du-rate (ob'doo rit, -dyoo-), *adj.*

1. _____(7) by _____(10), pity, or tender feelings; stubborn; _____(10).

re-cal-ci-trant (ri kal'si trənt), *adj.*

1. resisting _____(9) or control; not obedient or _____(9); _____(10).
2. _____(4) to deal with, _____(6), or operate.

e-phem-er-al (i fem'ər əl), *adj.*

1. lasting a _____(4) short time; short-lived; _____(10).

sa-lu-bri-ous (sə loo'brē əs), *adj.*

1. _____(9) to or _____(9) health; healthful.

cor-rob-o-rate (*v.* kə rob'ə rāt; *adj.* kə rob'ər it), *v.*, **-rat-ed, -rat-ing**, *adj.* —*v.t.*

1. to make _____(7); to _____(7).

mu-nif-i-cent (myoo nif'ə sənt), *adj.*

1. extremely _____(7) in _____(6); very _____(8).

par-si-mo-ny (pär'sə mō'nē), *n.*

1. extreme or _____(9) economy or _____(9); _____(10).

sur-rep-ti-tious (sûr'əp tish'əs), *adj.*

1. _____(8), done, made, and so on, by _____(7); secret or _____(12); _____(11).

dis-so-nance (dis'ə nəns), *n.*

1. _____(12) or harsh sound; _____(7); _____(9).
2. *Music:* a _____(12) combination of tones conventionally accepted as being in a state of unrest and needing _____(10).

Hidden Meanings Puzzle 7 *(continued)**4 LETTERS*HARD
VERY*5 LETTERS*

FRAUD

*6 LETTERS*GIVING
MANAGE*7 LETTERS*CERTAIN
STEALTH
UNMOVED
LIBERAL
DISCORD
CONFIRM*8 LETTERS*OBTAINED
CHEATING
GENEROUS*9 LETTERS*EXCESSIVE
FAVORABLE
CACOPHONY
DISHONEST
COMPLIANT
PROMOTING
FRUGALITY
AUTHORITY*10 LETTERS*STINGINESS
ENTERPRISE
UNYIELDING
TRANSITORY
COMPLETION
PERSUASION
PROCEEDING
REFRACTORY*11 LETTERS*

CLANDESTINE

*12 LETTERS*SIMULTANEOUS
UNAUTHORIZED
INHARMONIOUS

Some words in a particular definition will be interchangeable.

Hidden Meanings Puzzle 8**ab·ste·mi·ous** (ab stē mē əs), *adj.*

1. sparing or _____(8) in eating and drinking; _____(9) in diet.
2. characterized by _____(10).

sub·or·di·nate (*adj., n.* sə bôʹ dn it; *v.* sə bôʹ dn āt'), *adj., n., v., -nat·ed, -nat·ing.* —*adj.*

1. placed in or _____(9) to a _____(5) order or _____(4).
2. of less importance; _____(9).
3. subject to or under the authority of a _____(8).
4. _____(11) or inferior.

re·gress (*v.* ri gres'; *n.* rē gres), *v.i.*

1. to move _____(8); to go _____(4).
2. to _____(6) to an earlier or less _____(8) state or form.

frac·tious (frak' shəs), *adj.*

1. _____(10) or unruly.
2. readily angered; _____(7); irritable; _____(11).

ob·se·qui·ous (əb sē' kwē əs), *adj.*

1. characterized by or showing _____(7) complaisance or _____(9); _____(7).

e·man·ci·pate (i maŋ' sə pāt'), *v.t., -pat·ed, -pat·ing.*

1. to free from _____(9), _____(9), or the like.
2. to free (a slave) from _____(7).

in·gen·u·ous (in jen' yoo əs), *adj.*

1. free from reserve, restraint, or _____(13); _____(6); sincere.
2. artless; _____(8); _____(5).

su·per·cil·i·ous (sōō' pər sił' ē əs), *adj.*

1. haughtily _____(10) or contemptuous, as a person or a facial _____(10).

con·viv·i·al (kən viv' ē əl), *adj.*

1. _____(8); agreeable.
2. fond of _____(8), drinking, and merry company; _____(6).
3. of or befitting a feast; _____(7).

co·a·lesce (kē' ə les'), *v., -lesced, -lesc·ing.* —*v.i.*

1. to grow _____(8) or into one _____(4).
2. to _____(5) so as to form one _____(9).

Hidden Meanings Puzzle 8 *(continued)**4 LETTERS*

BACK
MASS
RANK

5 LETTERS

NAIVE
LOWER
UNITE

6 LETTERS

CANDID
JOVIAL
REVERT

7 LETTERS

FAWNING
FESTIVE
PEEVISH
BONDAGE
SERVILE

8 LETTERS

INNOCENT
BACKWARD
TOGETHER
SUPERIOR
FRIENDLY
MODERATE
ADVANCED
FEASTING

9 LETTERS

SECONDARY
COMMUNITY
RESTRAINT
BELONGING
TEMPERATE
INFLUENCE

10 LETTERS

DISDAINFUL
REFRACTORY
ABSTINENCE
EXPRESSION

11 LETTERS

SUBSERVIENT
QUARRELSOME

13 LETTERS

DISSIMULATION

Some words in a particular definition will be interchangeable.



END NOTE

If a man empties his purse into his head, no man can take it away from him. An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest. Ben Franklin

How did you do? The puzzles and the vocabulary were more challenging in this chapter than in the previous chapters. You now know more vocabulary words than you did before you began the chapter, you are more comfortable trying to figure out what unknown words mean, and you are getting better at word puzzles. Don't worry if you were not able to finish every puzzle. Most students have to leave some squares or blanks empty here and there. Sometimes all you need is a little distance. Try going back on a different day to puzzles you have not been able to complete. Many times you will be able to finish the puzzle then.

Fun Quiz

1. How many students in the class of 2003 took the SAT?
 - a. 1.4 million
 - b. 2.3 million
 - c. 1.6 million
 - d. 1.0 million
 - e. 0.8 million
 2. What percentage of students taking the SATs will be the first in their household to attend college?
 - a. 27 percent
 - b. 43 percent
 - c. 38 percent
 - d. 19 percent
 - e. 22 percent
 3. The number of minorities taking the SAT was at an all-time high in 2002–2003. What percentage of students taking the SAT are minorities?
 - a. 26 percent
 - b. 18 percent
 - c. 42 percent
 - d. 51 percent
 - e. 36 percent
 4. Why does the College Board (the association that owns the SAT) say it has added writing to the new SAT?*
- a. It will give students practice for their application essays.

- b. It will help colleges make better admissions and placement decisions.
- c. It will provide colleges with a writing sample that hasn't been rewritten by parents, teachers, guidance counselors, and private college counselors.
- d. It will make the SATs longer and more difficult.
- e. It will give colleges a handwriting sample that they can have analyzed for personality traits.

Answers

- 1. a
- 2. c
- 3. e
- 4. b

* Collegeboard.org

Source: The State of College Admission 2002–2003, National Association of College Admissions Counselors.

Chapter 5

WORD CONNECTION PUZZLES

Human history has seen a lot of brilliant individuals. We have invented many words for them: genius, savant, sage. And there are plenty of other words to describe: Brainy people.

Crossword Puzzle 7

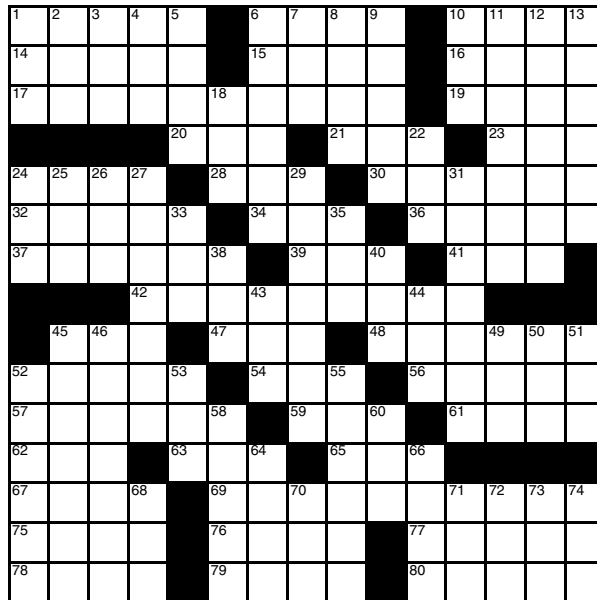
Brainy People

ACROSS

1. ____ as a tack (really brainy)
6. Top 40 hit
10. Killer whale (anagram of "Cora")
14. Weird (sounds like a Great Lake)
15. "O Brother, Where Art ____" (George Clooney film)
16. Suffix meaning "composed of"
17. Mentally developed at a very young age
19. Smallest of a litter of puppies
20. Partner word of
21. The ____ degree (ultimate)
23. Wildebeest (anagram of "gun")
24. Singer Turner of "Private Dancer"
28. " ____ it there" (offer to shake hands)
30. Be better batters in a baseball game
32. Really brainy
34. Baby dog or seal
36. Fashion designer Geoffrey
37. Go on ____ (walk the grounds for security's sake)
39. Use oars
41. "Incredible Hulk" director Lee
42. Cleverly inventive or resourceful
45. Chevy Suburban or Tahoe, for short (abbr.)
47. Elevated railways, for short
48. Come out from a hiding place
52. Scatter or sprinkle about
54. Water and dirt mixed together
56. Outdoor spot shaded by trees and bushes
57. ____ toward (going in that direction)
59. "The ____ and the Pendulum" (Poe)
61. Takes a chair
62. Competed in a foot race
63. Perfect score for a gymnast
65. Shipboard distress signal
67. Give off gamma rays (anagram of "time")
69. Having keenness of insight or understanding
75. Not physically strong
76. Cream-filled black cookie
77. Broadcast a TV show
78. James Bond's first movie villain (2 wds.)
79. Actors Cruise and Hanks
80. Gets introduced to someone for the first time

DOWN

1. Month before Oct. (abbr.)
2. Not him
3. "I am, he is, you ____"
4. Guitarist Ocasek of The Cars



5. Unskilled laborer (anagram of "nape")
6. Get all riled or agitated (2 wds.)
7. "So that's what's going on!"
8. Word form that can be common or proper
9. Hearty or enthusiastic pleasure
10. " ____ the land of the free, and the home..."
11. Make scratchy or abrasive
12. Craftiness or guile
13. Really clever or shrewd
18. Slang for a police officer
22. Center of activity or commerce
24. Common recipe amount (abbr.)
25. " ____ a little teapot..." (2 wds.)
26. ____ Turner's Rebellion (1831 uprising)
27. Showed up at the door
29. Appears at last (2 wds.)
31. Previews designed to arouse your curiosity
33. 2000 pounds
35. Hawaiian food made of taro roots
38. Big shirt size (abbr.)
40. Grievous affliction or trouble
43. Common American tree
44. "Kill Bill" actress Thurman
45. Mississippi riverboat, once
46. From the planet next to Neptune
49. Stat for a baseball batter
50. Obtained
51. Words or sounds of hesitation
52. Brainy in practical matters
53. Moist or damp, e.g.
55. Night spots for dancers
58. Train station or stop
60. Digit at the end of your foot
64. Emperor who fiddled while Rome burned
66. Junk e-mail taken collectively
68. Boxing win declared by the ref (abbr.)
70. Michael Stipe's band
71. Finish putting on your shoes
72. Anger, rage
73. Dog or cat doctor, for short
74. Actors Begley and Begley, Jr.

We often need a little push to get us going, some help from a friend or a teacher. It's not that we can't get started; it's just that sometimes we're a little slow and need someone to say: "Come on! Let's get going."

Crossword Puzzle 8

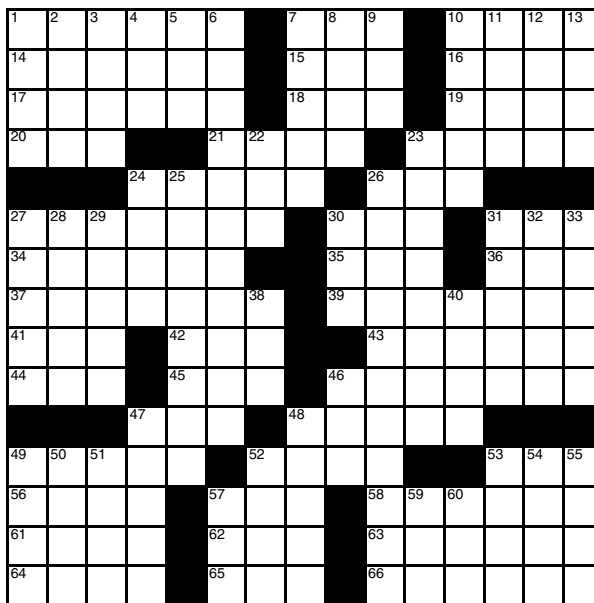
Come On! Let's Get Going

ACROSS

1. Creator of the comic strip "Lil Abner" (2 wds.)
7. Short boxing punch
10. Prod or incite into motion
14. Basecoat paint used on porous surfaces
15. Ginger _____ (soda)
16. Press, push, or hasten
17. Light up a fire or a crowd
18. Complain persistently to provoke action
19. Virtual desktop click on
20. "Help!" signal at sea
21. Where a goatee would grow
23. Wastes from metal or coal
24. Layers of plastic
26. Use your eyes
27. Situations where you make a mistake (2 wds.)
30. "I _____ very funny fellow" (2 wds.)
31. Electronics company with a dog on its logo
34. Fashion designer Giorgio
35. Cheerleader's word
36. "2001: A Space Odyssey"'s evil computer
37. Shake or stir into motion
39. Deliberately anger or exasperate
41. Pithy or witty remark
42. Tic-____-toe
43. One who swaps things
44. Hissing snake sounds
45. Celebrity trial judge Lance
46. Simplest
47. Word before cube or tray
48. Guitar great Eddie Van _____
49. Proton and neutron "holders"
52. Actor Richard of "The Mothman Prophecies"
53. Move as fast as you can
56. Person from Belgrade's country
57. Short-lived rage, like Furby
58. Wheedle or coax with flattery
61. Length times width product
62. Scrambled breakfast item
63. Actor Val of "Batman Forever"
64. Poke into action
65. Suffix meaning "inhabitants"
66. Running at an angle downhill

DOWN

1. Take it or leave it store sign (2 wds.)
2. Plastic building block from Denmark
3. Sealed food containers



4. Boxing great Muhammad
5. Dog or cat, e.g.
6. Hasten the occurrence of, like maybe rain?
7. 60s rock great Joplin
8. First American in space Shepard
9. Plead for money
10. Crafty or artful deception
11. Killer whale
12. Highly excited with anticipation
13. Lairs for wolves and coyotes
22. "For _____ a jolly good fellow"
23. Undersea "mount"
24. Junior year take on what this book is all about!
25. Nut jobs; wackos
26. Wiseacres (2 wds.)
27. Terms of politeness for women
28. Latin words meaning "therefore"
29. Actor Jimmy of "Attack of the Clones"
30. French surrealist painter Jean
31. _____ Island (state)
32. Layered desserts
33. Warn everybody
38. Prefix meaning "environment"
40. Conceited about one's looks
46. Hearing organ
47. Michael Jackson's tough guy song lyric (2 wds.)
48. Row of bushes or small trees
49. Right away (abbr.)
50. Region or area (abbr.)
51. Cream-filled black cookie
52. Short jokes or sitcom lines
53. Frolic in a playful manner
54. Peter Fonda's movie beekeeper
55. Dweeb
57. Cost of professional services
59. Be unwell
60. Ben Affleck's costar and former squeeze, for short

Every once in a while you come across something you wish you hadn't—something really disgusting or gross, a situation, a smell, or something that's just plain bad. There are some words to describe these moments—the ones that make you want to say: "P-U, that's yucky!"

Crossword Puzzle 9

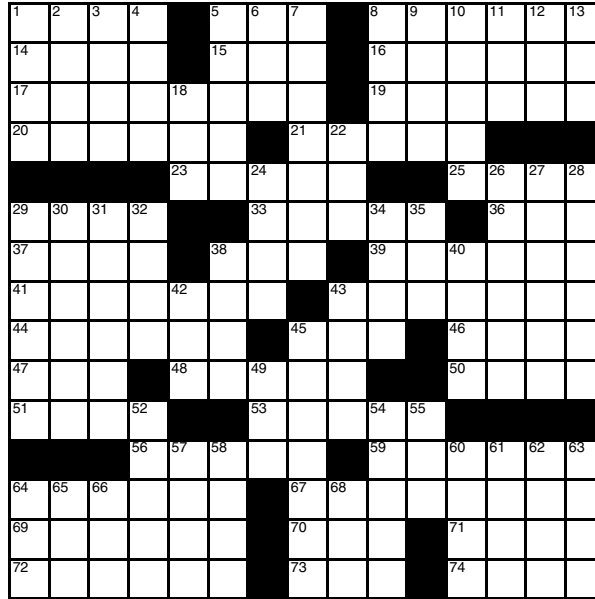
P-U, That's Yucky!

ACROSS

1. ____ pit (concert area)
5. Exact middle (abbr.)
8. Hateful; disgusting
14. Geographical region; tract
15. Japanese word for "yes" (homonym of "hi")
16. "I've had all I can take"; "Uncle!" (2 wds.)
17. Bitterly severe, as a remark or a review
19. Use a key to open a lock
20. Rock trio of "This Time Around"
21. "____ la vista, baby"
23. Really bad or yucky
25. What you sit at in school
29. Take a double-dog risk
33. Longfellow or Tennyson works
36. Writers Ryan or Goldin
37. Environmental science (abbr. and anagram of "cole")
38. Action star Diesel
39. Delphi prognosticator
41. Severely critical or sarcastic, as a remark
43. Offensive or disgusting, as in "Yuck, what's that smell?"
44. Range of eight musical notes
45. Deafening tumult or racket
46. "American ____" (hit TV talent show)
47. Numbered cube used for gambling
48. Really bad or yucky
50. Marshes; boggy lands
51. Tranquil rest; comfort
53. Leafy ingredient of some salads
56. Big name camera company (anagram of "Alice")
59. Video game that falls in pieces
64. Contemporary
67. Distasteful or unpleasant, as yucky water
69. Rank or smelly, like yucky old food
70. What a home is built on
71. Capital city of Norway
72. Rollerblades
73. Female sheep
74. Ooze gradually, as water

DOWN

1. Alan Alda's long run TV sitcom
2. Killer whale (anagram of "Cora")
3. Actor Penn of "Mystic River"
4. Headwear
5. Beijing's country
6. Get brown from the sun
7. "Exactly, dude!" (hyph. wd.)
8. Burden



9. "If at first you ____ succeed, try, try again"
10. "Don't mess with me, buddy, cuz ____" (2 wds.)
11. Winning tic-tac-toe line
12. Internet address specifier, for short
13. Harden into cement
18. Sweetie pie
22. Word that means "yes" to a sailor
24. ____-n-span (old way of saying "clean")
26. Put into a cypher
27. Fish known for swimming upstream
28. Gets down on a knee to propose marriage, say
29. Break or solve a cypher
30. Another name for the locust tree
31. Postal carriers' paths
32. Joy Adamson's "Born Free" lioness
34. Earth's satellite
35. ____ Lanka (Asian country)
38. Watch a movie or show, e.g.
40. "Yeah, like, I would really do something like that" (2 wds.)
42. Big New Deal dam project (abbr.)
43. Africa's longest river
45. Able to resist wear and decay
49. Government bureau in charge of TV and radio (abbr.)
52. Vote into office
54. Utah or Nevada, e.g.
55. "Just a ____" (soon)
57. One of the Great Lakes
58. Not Democrats or Republicans (abbr.)
60. Boxing victories (abbr.)
61. Get out of bed
62. Where Robinson Crusoe ended up (anagram of "lies")
63. Store
64. Mr. & ____ (married woman's title)
65. Tree that grows acorns
66. Genetic "cargo carrier"
68. Use oars

Quotation Puzzle 3

1H	2J	3E	4B	5C	6A	7L	8F		9E	10K	11H	12A		13E	14H		15A
16E	17B		18F	19I	20D		21K	22D	23C	24J		25I	26B	27H		28I	29E
30L	31G		32A	33L	34J		35L	36G	37B	38E		39D	40C	41G	42J	43K	44B
45E	46H		47I	48B	49F	50A	51J	52D	53G	54K		55C	56L	57B	58F	59D	60H
	61F	62J	63B	64I	65A	66G	67K	68L	69C	70H	71E						

Clues:

A. Ren's bud

65 12 6 50 32 15

B. Not genuine, authentic, or true

57 63 37 48 44 26 17 4

C. The Lone Star State

5 23 40 55 69

D. Chompers

20 59 39 52 22

E. Giant sequoias

38 3 13 9 29 16 71 45

F. Not right

58 61 49 8 18

G. Hammers, saws, screwdrivers, etc.

31 36 41 53 66

H. Divider of the Northern and Southern Hemispheres

70 1 27 11 46 14 60

I. Quietest one of the Seven Dwarfs

28 64 47 19 25

J. Extreme poverty; destitution

51 62 24 2 42 34

K. Like gum or caramel

43 10 67 21 54

L. Bugs, like your little sister or brother

33 56 30 7 35 68

Quotation Puzzle 4

1A	2I	3L	4C		5B	6A	7C	8L	9K	10F	11I	12H		13L	14E	15C	16B
17G		18D	19B	20G	21L		22F	23A	24E	25J		26L	27F	28B	29J		30H
	31G	32A	33H	34C		35L	36G	37I		38I		39I	40G	41H		42L	43A
44M		45K	46C	47B	48J	49E		50J	51B	52C	53D		54C	55E	56J	57K	
58J	59E	60B	61G		62M		63H	64B	65M		66D	67J	68K		69M		70A
71D	72F	73K		74F	75J	76D	77B		78M	79A	80K	81C	82L	83G			

Clues:

- A. China-born director of Travolta's "Broken Arrow" (2 wds.) 70 79 23 43 1 6 32
- B. TV talk show host and sometime actress (2 wds.) 16 51 5 28 19 77 64 60 47
- C. Zealous; ardent; impassioned 46 81 4 15 52 34 7 54
- D. Poet T. S. of "The Wasteland" 53 76 66 71 18
- E. Weighing a lot 55 24 59 14 49
- F. Fiddle with software code or electronic parts 22 74 10 27 72
- G. Term of address for the king 20 40 31 61 83 36 17
- H. Takes a stroll 41 30 63 33 12
- I. Travels by ship 37 38 2 39 11
- J. Reckless boldness; rashness 67 56 58 29 48 75 50 25
- K. Old Faithful, to name one 80 73 57 68 45 9
- L. Leave one's country to settle in another 21 26 35 8 82 42 3 13
- M. Emmy, Oscar, or Grammy, e.g. 69 65 62 78 44

Quotation Puzzle 5

1B		2G	3F	4E	5A	6C		7D	8E	9F		10G	11B		12A	13D	14C
15F	16H	17G	18C	19H	20B		21B	22D	23C	24H	25F	26C	27F	28A	29B		30E
31D	32B	33A		34F	35C		36E	37A	38B	39D	40G	41C	42E	43D	44B		45G
46D	47E	48H		49H	50A	51G	52G	53B									

Clues:

A. Particularly sharp or astute

12 33 28 5 50 37

B. Clever inventiveness

1 44 20 29 53 38 21 32 11

C. Frugal; skillful at managing money

23 14 6 18 26 41 35

D. Expressing much in few words

7 46 13 43 22 31 39

E. Roger Ebert critique

47 8 4 42 36 30

F. Home theater controller

25 3 34 15 9 27

G. Karl Malone's NBA nickname

10 40 52 17 45 51 2

H. Keepsake

49 16 48 24 19

Cryptofamily Puzzle 5
That's Ancient History

S X B K S
 D A T E D

X H N M X C N

M X N W G K V K S

D R Y D J K B K

Y I Q K H X G G I X B K

D I B S X B K S

D J S - L X Y M C D G K S

Q H D B D B V Q K

X G N K Y B H X J

X G B K N K S K G B

Q H D P K G C B D H

D H C P C G X J

X G B C A I K

E C G B X P K

D I B F D S K S

Cryptofamily Puzzle 6
Anger Mismanagement

M J G O U M Q C A
 I N F U R I A T E

M U A

A J U Q K A

M J F A J N A

W U D B D P A

A T W R D V A

G O E A

U Q K A

N A A C Y A

S U M N C R A

S D M R

G O U L

D O C U Q K A

C D U E A J C

Q J J D L

Cryptofamily Puzzle 7**Oh, No, You Don't!**N B X H N L D O
R E S T R A I N

C P D J

C B H H B N

Q L G T B N

U L N

I P O X H N L D O

I W N U

I P O C D O B

I N L G T

X H N D I H W N B

N B X H N D I H

X L O I H D P O

C P N U D E

H Q Z L N H

X H M G D B

Cryptofamily Puzzle 8**I'm in My Right Mind**O W P G T D W Y
R A T I O N A L

K W D V

S O H F V D P

Y H B G F

E W Y W D B V F

C H F G B G T H K

O V W K T D W E Y V

K W R W B G T H K

K V D K G E Y V

U G K V

S V O B V S P G N V

B T R D G I W D P

F G K B V O D G D R

K W S G V D P

B T J V O V D P

Cryptofamily Puzzle 9
On the Road to Nowhere

S A L V Q A F
 M E A N D E R

O A L J A

O L V Q A F

Q A J P L C A

N P E N L E

R O A F J A

C O P R C

R V L M A

R M A O

R O L I

G X P H

G X F M R G F A O

G W F H

R T P F L H

C O P V A

Cryptofamily Puzzle 10
We Need an Exorcism Here

R H X E Y O H G
 D I A B O L I C

G A V W O

R W I H O H K P

J P Y V O H K P

H U Z W A U X O

Y J A H K P

K X Q X U H G

E X A E X A Y V K

E W K Q H X O

Z W A X O

Z W A Y G H Y V K

H U P V N X U

K X I X J W

I H G H Y V K

F Y O Z H K P

Cryptofamily Puzzle 11**It Was the Biggest Fish You Ever Saw!**

W C P M C E Q
S T R E T C H

M V X B B M P X C M

Q T Z M P D U K J S M

J I A K X C M

F X B I J A T

U G M P E Q X P B M

U G M P W C X C M

X B B P X I L J S M

M I I U D K M

W M I W X C J U I X K J S M

M F D M K K J W Q

M F D P U J L M P

M I Q X I E M

X F Z K J A T

G X P I J W Q

Cryptofamily Puzzle 12**Duty Calls**

X U Z W M U I N
V A L I D A T E

S Z N M Y N

X J F T B D J P

S P J V W L N

U F I B N Q I W T U I N

L F C L I U Q I W U I N

T J V V W I

T J P P J C J P U I N

J C Z W Y U I N

T N P I W D O

X J K

T J Q I P U T I

L K N U P

U X N P

X N P W D O

Cryptofamily Puzzle 13

Life Is Good

A G J P X Y
B L I T H E

K I F Y M F Y Y

E Y A C R I J F

W B F J U X P G O

G J U X P X Y I F P Y E

Y T D A Y F I R P

N C O M D G

Y A D G G J Y R P

Y M M Y F H Y W K Y R P

H J H I K J C D W

P F J D Q B X I R P

N D A J G I R P

Y T D G P I P J C R

I R J Q I P Y E

H J U C F C D W

Cryptofamily Puzzle 14

The Lowest of the Low

M G E M F C P V C H V
S U B S T A N D A R D

E C M A

W K N N K P

Y G N E S A

Q D P K E S A

K H V Q P C H Z

I S A E Q C P

B G S D C H

Q P O A H Q K H

N A V Q K W H A

M Y K V V Z

F H Q F A

W S Q W Y A

E C P C S

Y C W R P A Z A V

Cryptofamily Puzzle 15**The Winner's Circle**

E Q U K O Z D V
D O M I N A T E

A V M D

H Q O Y I V L

U Z M D V L

J L V R Z K P

M I L U Q I O D

Q R V L H Q U V

D L K I U J F

E V W V Z D

L Q I D

M I A E I V

R Z O Y I K M F

D L Z O M H V O E

V B H V V E

M I L J Z M M

Cryptofamily Puzzle 16**Waste Not, Want Not**

H K L S F
S P A R E

F A X S L B L W L Q X

C I K S E B C Z F Q X

K S E Z C W L O

O L B C H N

H K F Q Z X N S C P X

F A V F H H

W O G X

P L X

H G K F S P O G E G H

H G S K O G H

K S E O C A

H G S P F C X

C I I E Z F S L X F

S F Z G Q Z L Q X

Groupie Puzzle 3

G E T S I T N E A R D I

D _ _ _ N _ _ _ _ _ _ _

R V E U L A N

_ N _ _ _ E _

T E D I E V C E F

_ _ F _ _ T _ _ _

G N S U A L H I

L _ _ _ _ I _ _

N A W E K E

_ E _ _ E _

H I O S A N O N D E N

_ _ _ A _ _ _ _ I _ _

*Groupie Phrase*P M A E O M C T T T R A A
H A S E S E

_ _ M _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

_ _ _ _ E _ _ _

Groupie Puzzle 4

Y E F I R N

_ I _ _ R _

W E E D J E E L B

B E _ _ _ _ _ _ _

D A D R E N O

_ _ O _ N _ _

M L Y A E S

_ L _ _ _ E

T H I G A E N N C N

_ _ C _ _ _ _ I _ _

G L L E E N A S I A T C O
R R A E

S _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

E _ _ _ _ _ _ _

Groupie Phrase

S I T E D D O L L E S R K

_ _ _ S _ _ _ _ _ _ L _



END NOTE

You are on your way! As you did the last group of word connections puzzles, you learned two important concepts about solving verbal questions on the SAT. Very few high school students will know every word used on the SAT. Therefore, you must have a strategy for solving questions that include words you do not know. The puzzles you just completed helped you to create associations among words based on word connotations. If you can determine a word's general connotation, then you can use that knowledge to help you determine the correct answer on the verbal questions you are unsure of.

The other important concept you learned with this last batch of puzzles has to do with word associations. All the puzzles in this batch contain words that are related to one another. You will not remember all the distinctions among the words, but if you see one of the words in this batch on a test, you will remember that it was in a puzzle with, for example, other “friendly” words. That information will be enough to allow you to keep or eliminate answer choices.

Next, we are going to learn about word roots. You will put words together and take them apart. Just for fun, you will match a list of strange fears with their matching phobias by figuring out the meaning of the word roots.

Fun Quiz

1. One of the following schools is not a “seven sister.” Which one is it?
 - a. Vassar College
 - b. Smith College
 - c. Mills College
 - d. Bryn Mawr College
 - e. Wellesley College
2. All of the following colleges are affiliated with the Catholic church except:
 - a. University of Notre Dame
 - b. Lehigh University
 - c. College of the Holy Cross
 - d. Boston College
 - e. University of Scranton

3. Which school is the training ground for the U.S. Army's future leaders?
 - a. The Citadel
 - b. The U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis
 - c. NORAD
 - d. West Point
 - e. College of William and Mary

Answers

1. c. Mills College
2. b. Lehigh University
3. d. West Point

Chapter 6

BACK TO THE ROOTS PUZZLES

We're all human, so we all make mistakes. That means we have plenty of opportunities to think of ways to make up for the things we've done wrong. Here are some words to help you say: "I am so sorry."

Crossword Puzzle 10

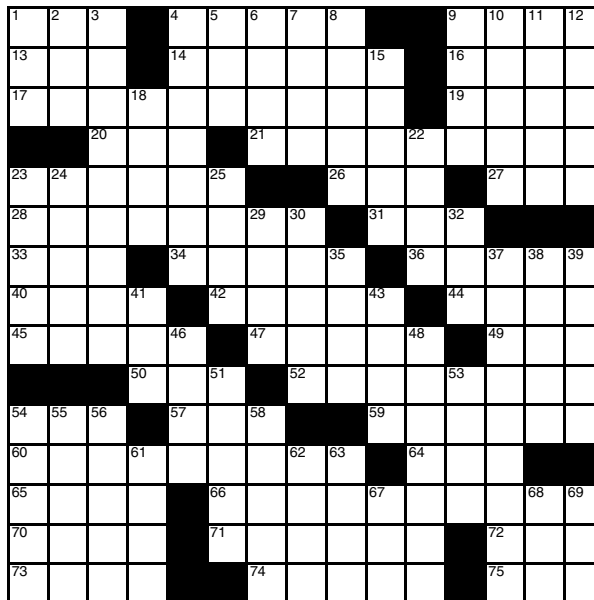
I Am So Sorry

ACROSS

1. Tool used for cutting wood
4. Jail or prison units
9. Foam; lather; soapy water
13. Make a mistake
14. Atlantic, Pacific and Indian, e.g.
16. ____ cadabra (magician's word)
17. Genuinely sorry or regretful
19. Crazy as a ____ (bird name)
20. Zero; zilch; none
21. Sincerely sorry and wanting to make up for
23. Tilted; slanted geometrically (anagram of "Glenda")
26. ____-cone (icy dessert)
27. Coffee alternative
28. Showing sincere remorse
31. Small child
33. Put to work
34. "Go on, get outta here!"
36. Big name in cameras
40. Take a break; take a load off
42. Bother someone persistently, as a problem (2 wds.)
44. The Abominable Snowman
45. State in Northeastern India (anagram of "amass")
47. Add one's share to the mix (2 wds.)
49. State directly west of Kansas (abbr.)
50. Washington, DC deal maker (anagram of "lop")
52. Feeling sorry and wanting to make up for something
54. Standard cooking recipe amount (abbr.)
57. Tree that grows acorns
59. The World ____ (baseball championship)
60. Feeling disappointed or humiliated
64. Permit; allow
65. Lead singer of rock music's U2
66. Genuinely sorry for having done wrong
70. Wisest of the "Star Wars" Jedi knights
71. No longer in fashion
72. Baseball rules decider, for short
73. Number, datum, piece of info, for short
74. ____ Wrap (kitchen coverer)
75. ____ Vegas, Nevada

DOWN

1. Large body of water
2. French painter Jean (anagram of "rap")
3. State of not being right that'll make you say "sorry"
4. Picnic iced drinks holders



5. Medicine's electrocardiogram test (abbr.)
6. Look with a sideways or oblique glance
7. ____ for class (tardy)
8. Small cuts with scissors
9. Complement of pepper
10. German submarine from World War II (hyph.)
11. Talk on endlessly and boringly
12. Yearly Christmas present deliverer
15. Smell or aroma
18. Song or tune (anagram of "till")
22. Secluded corner of a room
23. Make of Japanese car
24. Organs you smell with
25. You roll these hoping to make a 7
29. Fall into a ____ (get snared)
30. Really, really enjoy (2 wds.)
32. What a small child plays with
35. Liverpool pal or buddy
37. Misleading; fraudulent
38. Make up for one's sins or errors
39. Scottish skirts for men
41. Hit the floor with a cane
43. What food is stored in; cans
46. Firmly secure a ship with ropes
48. Big name in sweeps week television ratings
51. Landed proprietor in Scotland
53. Pine, maple, beech, or cedar, e.g.
54. Frozen yogurt stores, for short
55. Fire a gun
56. Bamboo-eating zoo favorite from China
58. Joints between your ankles and hips
61. Farm animal much like a sheep
62. English actress Thompson
63. You enter a room through this
67. Vitamin label abbreviation (anagram of "rad")
68. Actress Thurman
69. These were played before CDs were invented

Some people are passive or shy; some just don't feel the need to say very much. Here are some words to describe those people; the silent types, the guys who, when you describe them to your friends, you might say, "He's the quiet type."

Crossword Puzzle 11

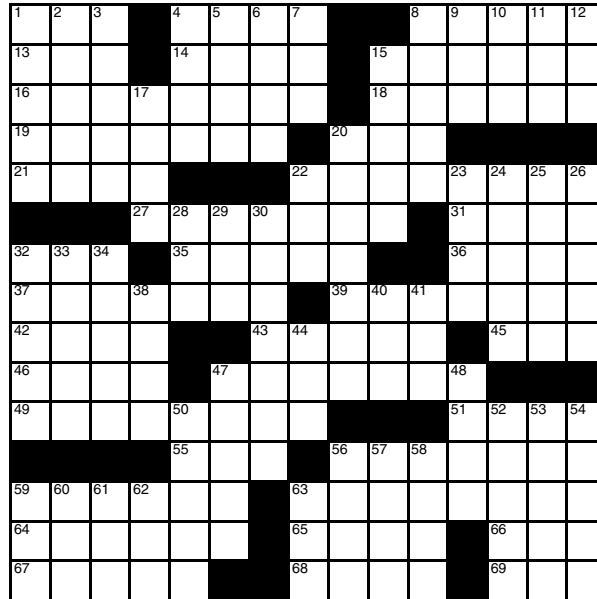
He's the Quiet Type

ACROSS

1. Police officer
4. Wagers
8. This reportedly makes waste
13. Gorilla or chimpanzee, e.g.
14. Length times width product
15. People found in "People Magazine"
16. The quiet type keeps to himself, he's often shy and _____
18. Most ready to eat, as fruit
19. Puts one's clothes on
20. Portable trough for carrying bricks
21. _____ Lee pastries
22. He's reluctant to speak or join conversations; he's _____
27. Computer or typewriter features
31. Largest of the continents
32. Particularly appropriate
35. Kinda
36. Straight and limp, as hair
37. The quiet type is very abrupt in manner; you might call him _____
39. The quiet type says what he means in few words; he's usually pretty _____
42. Downhill snow racing vehicle
43. Stringed instrument smaller than a cello
45. Primary color
46. Soft, yellow cheese
47. In the middle
49. The quiet type is often reluctant to speak; he's _____
51. Women's magazine with a French name
55. Close relative of CTRL or ESC
56. Sofa or recliner softener
59. Opposite of most dangerous
63. The quiet type is known for verbal brevity; his comments are usually _____
64. Allows
65. Fitzgerald of jazz singing fame
66. Coffee or teacup handle
67. The quiet type's sentences are brief and pithy; his comments are _____
68. Actors Alda or Arkin
69. Sylvester Stallone's nickname

DOWN

1. Jack, queen, and king, e.g.
2. "The Barber of Seville," to name one
3. Actor Falk or Fonda
4. Jail cell features
5. One of the Great Lakes
6. Fingers or toes numbers
7. Droop
8. Fictional girl of Switzerland



9. Mountain you might find 8 Down on
10. Use your eyes
11. Ted Turner's Superstation
12. Ballpark figure (abbr.)
15. Close relatives of gators
17. Author Dinesen of "Out of Africa"
20. Got upset like Bart Simpson (3 wds.)
22. Tit for _____ (equal measure)
23. Mineral base for a body powder
24. Aviation company with a Pittsburgh hub
25. Washing machine cycle
26. Without a stitch of clothing on
28. Abbreviation found after a lawyer's name
29. "Yes, I mean _____!"
30. Stop something bad from happening
32. More capable of doing a task
33. Excessively proper person
34. Pull on repeatedly (2 wds.)
38. Prefix meaning "half"
40. Bull fight cheer
41. Word meaning "no" in Scotland
44. Hairy cousin from "The Addams Family"
47. These'll help keep your pants up
48. Maker of grape or orange soda
50. Social group of the same rank
52. Groups waiting at the movie box office
53. In one's own neighborhood
54. Way of getting in
56. Choose; select or pick
57. West Coast home of the college Bruins
58. Read over hastily
59. "_____ Bilko" (Steve Martin movie)
60. "You _____ My Sunshine"
61. A long way away
62. Navy rank below lieutenant (abbr.)
63. The Mediterranean, e.g.

We occasionally run into people who are too hyper and really need to calm down. We need some words to say to these people, words for when you want to say, "Dude, you need some chill pills."

Crossword Puzzle 12

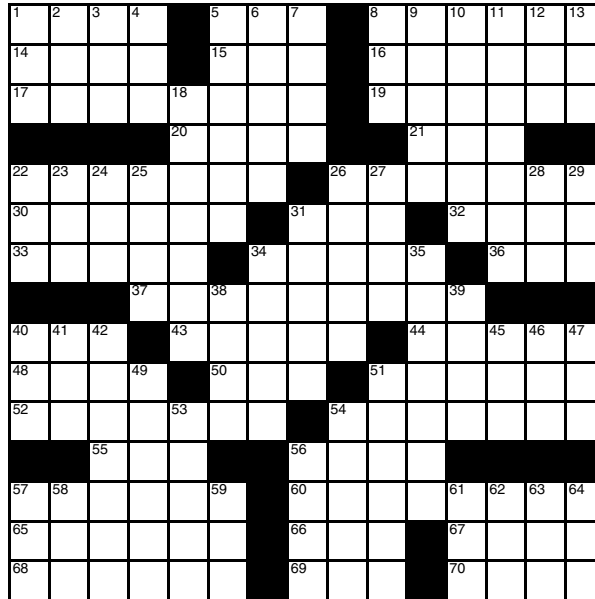
Chill Pills

ACROSS

1. ____ one's time (wait)
5. Presidential hopefuls Gore and Smith
8. Calm down to a peaceful state
14. Neutron and proton "container"
15. ____ de Janeiro (Brazilian city)
16. "Songs in A Minor" singer Keys
17. Makes milder or less severe
19. Sways to and fro; flutters
20. Situation that just won't work (hyph.)
(anagram of "goon")
21. Zero; none; zilch
22. Bring to a state of peace or calm
26. Calm someone down by using
conciliatory gestures
30. Word referring to property (anagram of
"raylet")
31. How Miss Piggy refers to herself
32. White winter stuff
33. Monte ____, Monaco (anagram of
"coral")
34. Loafs about
36. Mother deer
37. Make easier to endure; lessen
40. Suffix with novel, real, or social
43. "Old MacDonald had a farm, ____"
44. Kid's comeback to "are so" (2 wds.)
48. Big gooey mess of stuff
50. "Before," to Shakespeare
51. Spanish fleet that Sir Francis Drake
fought
52. Soften someone's feelings or temper
54. Lessened or relieved; mitigated
55. Daniel in the lion's ____ (Biblical story)
56. Goad into action
57. Retard or prevent from going faster
(2 wds.)
60. Calming down, like a baby
65. Heat up pottery in the kiln again
66. You hear with this
67. Largest of the continents
68. Ease the blow; make less hard
69. Dr. of rap music fame
70. Kind of haircut or rug

DOWN

1. Sound a sheep makes
2. " ____ not a joke!"
3. MS- ____ (PC operating system)
4. Relative of the ostrich
5. Large merchant ship or fleet of ships
6. "My ____" (address for a feudal lord)
7. Just average (hyph.)
8. Lion or tiger's "hand"
9. Singer Davis of "Blame It on Me"



10. Study of the obligations of citizens
(or Honda cars!)
11. Reykjavik's country
12. Tree of the pine family or its wood
13. Library sections for young adults (abbr.)
18. Nobel literature winner named France
from France
22. Part of the circumference of a circle
23. Vegetable that comes in a pod
24. Average score for Tiger Woods
25. Fitzgerald of jazz singing fame
26. Disease prevented by Dr. Jonas Salk's
vaccine
27. Country singer McCann of "Down
Came a Blackbird"
28. As well as
29. Mother sheep
31. ____ theater (film venue)
34. Wary; suspicious
35. Up and coming movie actress word
38. "Gladly," to Shakespeare (anagram of
"file")
39. English actress Thompson
40. Company initials seen on many
personal computers
41. Traffic sign shorthand for "don't go
fast"
42. Dressed down or a gave a talking to
(2 wds.)
45. "No" vote word
46. " ____ on a Grecian Urn" (Keats)
47. Small amount
49. Bungled the chance to make the play
(2 wds.)
51. He ran against George W. Bush in
2000 (2 wds.)
53. Get used to by repeated use
54. Cheering and noisy, like a crowded
stadium
56. Not bought new, like many a car
57. Classes following junior years (abbr.)
58. "Titanic's" DiCaprio, to his friends
59. Writing utensil
61. Owns; possesses
62. Suffix meaning "belonging to"
63. Actress Vardalos of "My Big Fat Greek
Wedding"
64. Fast joke or laugh provoker

Word Creation Puzzle 3*Prefix*

se = separate
 im = into, on, in
 pre = before
 con = together
 de = away from
 trans = across
 in = into, on, in
 multi = many

Root

sequ, secut = follow
 mut = change
 nat = born
 bas, base = low
 cred = low
 curr, curs = run
 fac, fact, fect, fic = do, make
 mult = many
 ven, vent = come
 sum, summ,
 sume, sumpt = take
 far = law, right

Suffix

(a)tive = like
 (a)tion = that which is
 ial = pertaining to
 ory = a place for
 tude = state of
 ment = result or action
 al, el = pertaining to
 able = able
 y = full of
 ible = able
 ious = full of
 (t)ate = one who
 ile = pertaining to
 ent = full of
 e = we don't know but a
 lot of words have it!

Best score so far: 44

Cryptofamily Puzzle 17**Give Me More!**L R T O Q I Q V Q N A
A C Q U I S I T I V E

L R M A

L N L E Q R Q F O I

R F N A V F O I

H A I Q E F O I

E L C L R Q F O I

A D N Q F O I

W S O V V F D F O I

W E A A H K

R E L N A

M O D W A E

K A L E D

K A D

L C C A V Q V A

C L I I Q F D L V A

Cryptofamily Puzzle 18**Takeaways**H E E P W G O H M W
A B B R E V I A T E

U J O M

B N E M P H Y M

I W I N Y M

I O J O C O B F

Y U C I W C B W

I W Y O J H M W

W L Y Z N I W

W V W Y M

H Z Z W G O H M W

W P H I O Y H M W

W L M O P Q H M W

W L Q N P K H M W

U E Z O M W P H M W

H E P O I K W

Cryptofamily Puzzle 19**You Look Marvelous**P I G R K N R B Q
R A V I S H I N G

C I R P

A X I W V X J W K

X Z L W R K R V X

P I U R I B V

H I Q B R C R Y X B V

T R B K J H X

P X C R B X U

X F X Q I B V

Q F I H J P J W K

Y N R Y

K W A F R H X

P X K O F X B U X B V

O W F Y N P R V W U R B J W K

K V I V W X K L W X

Cryptofamily Puzzle 20**You Said It!**N G C A R A E Y P
P L A T I T U D E

C Y C I P

F C H R F

N D S Q P D W

C N O S D R K F

P N R I D C F

F S A A S

K G S I C J

P N R A O P A

C H R S F

A D E R K F

W C J C G R A T

B G R B O P

W D S F R Y P

Y R B A E F

Cryptofamily Puzzle 21
Protest Types

P Q Q P D C D M
 O P P O N E N T

K S Y Y S K C D M

D P D L P D H P A I S Y M

Q A P M C Y M E D M

Y C L M E A S E D

Q E A M S Y E D

Y C Q E A E M S Y M

Y L W S Y I E M S L

I E J L P D M C D M

K C M A E L M P A

L P D Y L S C D M S P B Y
 P V T C L M P A

B D L P D G C D M S P D E J S Y M

V P W C I S E D

K S Y Y C D M S C D M

H E L M S P D E J S Y M

Cryptofamily Puzzle 22
Keep Your Eyes Peeled

J I G H B D H
 O B S E R V E

G T W M

R J M P N J B

G F B D H Z

G T B F N P M P U H

B H T J M M J P N H B

G T J F N

L H B F G H

X W L H

X W K V

J X E H

B H W O

P M D P X P E W N H

G L H T N W N H

K P N M H G G

Cryptofamily Puzzle 23
I Care. I Really, Really Care

N G T D U Q
 A R D E N T

D L L F V A J D

A U Q D U V D

A E X N V V A R U D T

Y D N H R F V

J D S D E D U Q

X N V V A R U N Q D

G N X Q F G R F V

D W V Q N Q A W

A U L H N E D T

A E X D Q F R F V

Q D E X D G N E D U Q N H

J R H N Q A H D

E D H R T G N E N Q A W

L N U N Q A W N H

Cryptofamily Puzzle 24
The Professor Speaks

J Q V M F C
 D I C T U M

P U D B J Q W S G F Y B M

U N Y M S U Q V D W

Q C H Y U Q S F E

Y U F J Q M Y

S U D M S U Z

Y W S G F Y B V Y

J Q J D V M Q V

V S B X S W F M Y J

H U S O S F B J

J S P C D M Q V

E D P D V Q S F E

Q B J S V M U Q B D M Y

Y E S M Y U Q V

D U V D B Y

Cryptofamily Puzzle 25**Be My Friend**

W E U W C E R V L K
G R E G A R I O U S

C M M C I H U

W U Z R C H

C X L Z D L H C E

D V E G R C H

D V L E O U V L K

D V Z W U Z R C H

I H R O B U

A B R H C Z O B E V A R D

I U Z R W Z

N R Z K V P U

C P R C I H U

M U H R D R O V L K

K C Z W L R Z U

F V D L H C E

Cryptofamily Puzzle 26**Get Away from Me**

W O I I F G X Y O
B E L L I C O S E

U L O M L I X L Y

Q I X X K

B F Y G X M B Q Z S

G Q Z S Q Z A O M X L Y

Q W M Q Y F T O

W M L Y U L O

D Q I O T X I O Z S

N O M Z F G F X L Y

Z O K Q M F X L Y

G X Z S O P N S L X L Y

G X P W Q S F T O

F Z G X M M F C F W I O

K M Q G S F X L Y

J Q L C J S H

Cryptofamily Puzzle 27**Do It!**

W X Q S G W G J H J Q
 P R E C I P I T A T E

H A G J H J Q

Q E A Q E N Q X

J H E J H D G B Q

S H P T D Q

G E S G J Q

W X T I T Z Q

H S J G I H J Q

W X T N

S T Q X S Q

A T H N

S T E V S X G W J

G A E G J Q

Q E P T G E

H X T Y V Q

Cryptofamily Puzzle 28**Put-downs**

K Y T H W M Y H Q
 C A S T I G A T E

K F W P Q

Q G K Z S W Y H Q

P W T S Q T L Q K H

K F Y T H W T Q

P Q X W M S Y H Q

P W T L Y S Y M Q

A Y I J Y T H Q

S Q L S W I Y X P

K Q X T D S Q

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I Y A W M X

O W A W N E

J Q A W H H A Q

J Q S Y H Q

Phobia Puzzle 2

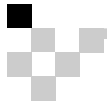
Match the following fears with the name of their phobia.

<i>Item</i>	<i>Phobia</i>
1. people	a. androphobia
2. numbers	b. logophobia
3. words	c. vestiphobia
4. sound	d. bibliophobia
5. airsickness	e. didaskaleinophobia
6. men	f. graphophobia
7. loneliness	g. chromophobia
8. books	h. philophobia
9. plants	i. acousticophobia
10. meat	j. pharmacophobia
11. color	k. hedonophobia
12. crowds	l. phobophobia
13. school	m. anthrophobia
14. church	n. autophobia
15. writing	o. theophobia
16. pleasure	p. aeronausiphobia
17. large objects	q. venustaphobia
18. drugs	r. botanophobia
19. love	s. traumatophobia
20. fear	t. arithmophobia
21. light	u. tachophobia
22. speed	v. carnophobia
23. God	w. photophobia
24. injury	x. megalophobia
25. clothing	y. ecclesiophobia
26. beautiful women	z. demophobia

Phobia Puzzle 3

Match the following fears with the name of their phobia.

<i>Item</i>	<i>Phobia</i>
1. motion	a. thalassophobia
2. doctors, hospitals	b. acerbophobia
3. body odor	c. obesophobia
4. cold things	d. anginophobia
5. sourness	e. onomatophobia
6. sunlight	f. potophobia
7. the left	g. odontophobia
8. disease	h. bromidrophobia
9. sea	i. phalacrophobia
10. drink	j. arachnophobia
11. freedom	k. hematophobia
12. large objects	l. pathophobia
13. names	m. sinistrophobia
14. everything	n. mnemophobia
15. gaining weight	o. peccatiphobia
16. wine	p. iatrophobia
17. spiders	q. textophobia
18. heart problems	r. megalophobia
19. gravity	s. heliophobia
20. blood	t. uranophobia
21. teeth	u. panphobia
22. sin	v. dromophobia
23. baldness	w. barophobia
24. memories	x. oenophobia
25. fabric	y. eleutherophobia
26. heaven	z. frigophobia



END NOTE

We hope that learning word roots was fun! Word roots are the keys that will help you unlock the mystery around unknown words on the SAT. Word roots will give you enough information so that you will be able to eliminate or keep an answer choice on the SAT. Word roots will provide you with connotations so that you can get the gist of an important sentence in a reading passage. You do not have to be afraid of unknown words anymore. Words can be deciphered, their clues unlocked, piece by piece, so that you can determine the meaning of a word you do not know. What wonderful keys to take with you to unlock the SAT.

Fun Quiz

1. Match the quotation with its speaker:
 - a. Never express yourself more clearly than you think.
 - b. Everybody is ignorant, only in different subjects.
 - c. It is not enough to have a good mind. The main thing is to use it well.
 - d. There is no substitute for hard work.
 - e. Grasp the subject; the words will follow.
 1. Will Rogers
 2. Thomas Edison
 3. Cato
 4. Niels Bohr
 5. René Descartes

Answers

1. Will Rogers, b.
2. Thomas Edison, d.
3. Cato, e.
4. Niels Bohr, a.
5. René Descartes, c.

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Chapter 7

VOCABULARY BUILDING PUZZLES

Traditionally, quotation puzzles come with a twist. They contain an “acrostic”: the first letters of the answer words spell out a secret message. Sound hard? It’s really not. This can actually make solving the puzzle easier. If you get stuck elsewhere, you can always read down the answer list and search for words or names. We’ll give you another hint as well. The first two puzzles in this section have an acrostic that tells what the quotes are about; the final three spell out the author’s name and the theme of the quote. As always, don’t be afraid to consult your dictionary if you’re not sure of an answer. Some of the vocabulary words here are hard. And take heart. Professional editors think that if you can figure out as few as three of the answer words (two in a shorter quote), you can solve the entire puzzle by working back and forth.

Quotation Puzzle 6

1I	2D		3A	4B	5D		6E	7C	8J	9I		10A	11I	12H	13C	14G	
15A	16G	17C	18L	19B	20F	21H	22D		23B	24K	25L	26F		27F	28E	29C	30J
	31E	32C	33F		34I	35G	36H	37E	38F		39E		40L	41C	42A	43J	44K
	45G	46F	47I	48L	49J	50H		51G	52H	53E	54J	55C	56F		57H	58A	59D
60B	61F		62L	63A		64E	65B	66J	67A	68H	69K	70L		71C	72A	73D	74I
75F	76L	77K	78G		79G	80A	81F	82I									

Clues:

- A. Feelings of strong dislike; ill will 10 63 42 80 58 15 72 67 3
- B. Former MTV veejay “Downtown” Julie 19 65 4 23 60
- C. The Sooner State 13 71 55 7 41 32 17 29
- D. Make into a single unit 5 73 59 2 22
- E. Nervous and jumpy 53 64 39 37 6 28 31
- F. 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue dwelling (2 wds.) 27 26 81 61 38 46 20 33 75 56
- G. Kings, queens, princes, princesses, etc. 35 16 14 79 51 45 78
- H. Without distinctive or stimulating qualities 68 12 50 52 57 36 21
- I. Sudden, sharp pains 9 34 1 11 74 47 82
- J. Focused on the task at hand 66 8 54 49 43 30
- K. Big rival of Adidas and New Balance shoes 69 24 44 77
- L. Mariah Carey’s 2001 movie bomb 70 76 62 25 40 18 48

Quotation Puzzle 7

1G		2H	3P	4N		5L	6I	7D	8A	9J		10M	11O	12H	13G		14F
	15B	16C	17L	18Q	19O	20D	21N	22M	23F	24H	25P	26A	27I		28L	29D	30M
31O	32A	33H		34N	35I	36D	37C		38I		39F	40I	41K	42L	43N	44H	
45C	46P		47Q	48M	49B		50P	51A	52B	53D		54H	55M	56N		57O	58M
59F	60H		61P	62L	63Q	64G	65M		66F	67E	68P		69H	70L	71Q	72K	73C
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103E	104J	105N	106L	107P		108K	109N	110H		111A	112D	113I	114K	115F	116O		117N
118B	119E	120P	121K	122A	123F	124J											

Clues:

- A. Moviedom’s Scorpion King (2 wds.) 26 91 111 122 51 32 8
- B. Throaty voices or woodshop tools 118 100 49 15 52
- C. Atlanta hip-hop star of “Nice & Slow” 45 16 37 73 95
- D. French privateer who aided the U.S. Revolutionary War 7 112 29 20 36 77 53
- E. Super Mario Bros. star who has his own island 103 119 99 67 96
- F. Maze of intricate paths 123 14 39 59 23 76 115 66 85
- G. Likely (2 wds.) 1 87 64 84 13
- H. Branch of numbers dealing with relationships and proportions 2 44 12 78 33 69 54 110 24 90 60
- I. China, Japan, Korea, etc., collectively (2 wds.) 80 6 27 113 40 97 35 38
- J. Toys you might “walk the dog” with (hyph.) 124 82 89 104 9
- K. Theory of relativity promulgator 121 114 41 102 72 86 92 108
- L. Get rid of some trash (2 wds.) 94 62 106 28 75 42 5 70 17
- M. Extreme, uncritical zealousness for a cause 30 58 55 93 22 10 83 48 65 79
- N. Reversing direction, like Answer J? (hyph.) 105 117 21 4 56 81 109 34 43
- O. Parts of the day following sunset 11 31 116 19 98 57
- P. Periodical delivered daily to your door 50 68 61 25 46 3 120 107 74
- Q. Seagoing crafts for the wealthy 101 63 18 47 71 88

Quotation Puzzle 8

1F	2C		3G	4R	5J	6K		7E	8H		9O	10G		11B	12L	13F	14G
	15S	16N		17A		18R	19C	20P	21K	22Q	23L	24M	25A	26S		27M	28Q
29P	30K	31I		32B	33F		34M	35Q	36J		37E	38R	39J	40O	41C		42E
43A	44R	45S	46C		47H	48A	49G	50L		51B	52Q	53G	54L	55D		56J	57F
	58F	59H	60N	61E		62L	63K	64D		65L	66H	67O	68F	69R	70A	71E	72S
	73N	74S		75A	76F	77L	78O	79P		80N	81A	82G		83R	84D	85L	
86L	87A	88D	89F		90M	91K	92H	93R	94N	95A		96J	97C		98I	99P	100F
101R	102B		103L	104I		105A	106B	107F		108I	109M		110A		111B	112I	113M

Clues:

- A. Diva of the No. 1 hits "Heartbreaker" and "Honey" (2 wds.) $\overline{70} \overline{87} \overline{43} \overline{110} \overline{17} \overline{48} \overline{25} \overline{81} \overline{95} \overline{75} \overline{105}$
- B. Inuit houses made of ice $\overline{32} \overline{51} \overline{11} \overline{111} \overline{106} \overline{102}$
- C. Food Channel stars such as Emeril Lagasse $\overline{41} \overline{46} \overline{19} \overline{97} \overline{2}$
- D. Borders of garments such as dresses $\overline{84} \overline{64} \overline{88} \overline{55}$
- E. Reduce in amount, degree, or intensity $\overline{7} \overline{37} \overline{71} \overline{42} \overline{61}$
- F. Comprehensive; thorough $\overline{57} \overline{76} \overline{58} \overline{1} \overline{107} \overline{33} \overline{100} \overline{68} \overline{13} \overline{89}$
- G. These fall off trees $\overline{3} \overline{10} \overline{49} \overline{53} \overline{14} \overline{82}$
- H. Close cousins of butterflies $\overline{92} \overline{59} \overline{47} \overline{66} \overline{8}$
- I. Places where you'd cook pizza $\overline{108} \overline{98} \overline{31} \overline{112} \overline{104}$
- J. Signs or portents of good or evil $\overline{96} \overline{56} \overline{36} \overline{5} \overline{39}$
- K. The ____ Riders (Teddy Roosevelt's outfit) $\overline{30} \overline{21} \overline{91} \overline{6} \overline{63}$
- L. Gets out of tough spots or predicaments $\overline{85} \overline{77} \overline{62} \overline{23} \overline{12} \overline{65} \overline{103} \overline{50} \overline{54} \overline{86}$
- M. Excessively or showily decorated $\overline{34} \overline{109} \overline{90} \overline{24} \overline{27} \overline{113}$
- N. Make a call $\overline{60} \overline{80} \overline{73} \overline{16} \overline{94}$
- O. Des Moines's state $\overline{40} \overline{78} \overline{9} \overline{67}$
- P. "Finding ____" (animated underwater movie) $\overline{79} \overline{29} \overline{20} \overline{99}$
- Q. 1/12 of a foot $\overline{52} \overline{35} \overline{22} \overline{28}$
- R. Unmoved by pity or tenderness; stubborn $\overline{4} \overline{93} \overline{18} \overline{44} \overline{69} \overline{38} \overline{83} \overline{101}$
- S. Very good, fine, excellent $\overline{72} \overline{15} \overline{74} \overline{45} \overline{26}$

Anagram Magic Square Puzzle 7

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Clues:

1. Defrosts
2. Troublemaker
3. Open wound
4. Umbilical
5. Borrow money
6. Combination
7. Falters
8. Outfit
9. Jean material

SAT Word:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

Clue: Shortened

Anagram Magic Square Puzzle 8

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








1. Audacity
2. Church instrument
3. Pulsate
4. Stenches
5. Person atop a steed
6. Stalls
7. Oblongs
8. Discombobulated
9. Young branch

SAT Word:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

Clue: Well known

Anagram Magic Square Puzzle 9

R E V E L  -----	S M E A R  -----	S H A P E  -----
G R O W N  -----	B R E A M  -----	S O L I D  -----
D U S T Y  -----	D I L L Y  -----	S C I O N  -----

Clues:

1. Harm
2. Piles
3. Poem
4. Female horses
5. Scrutinize
6. Deities
7. Change
8. Golden brown
9. Handle

SAT Word:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

Clue: Fanciful

It's a fact that not everyone is honest. Some people are liars; some people are out and out cheats. Here are some special words for these "Sneaky people."

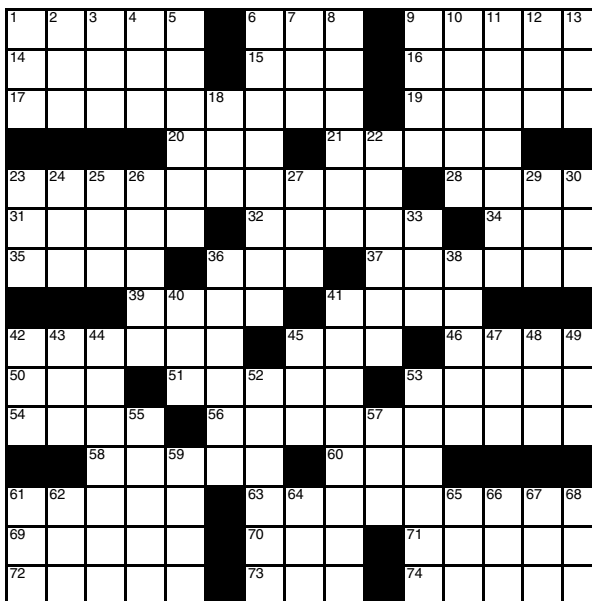
Crossword Puzzle 13 Sneaky People

ACROSS

1. Lights that sit on tables
6. Streets or roads (abbr.)
9. Make or become confused
14. Expect; look for
15. French word for "water" (homonym of "oh")
16. Test answers that aren't false
17. Misleading; fraudulent
19. Inner _____ (river float trip "vehicles")
20. Tell a falsehood
21. Mushrooms and molds, collectively
23. Treacherous; perfidious
28. Spiritual part of a human being
31. Ovens for firing pottery
32. Mistake; goof
34. Frequent American stadium chant
35. Leave off intentionally
36. Chair or table "prop"
37. Handbags or pocketbooks
39. Peruse a book
41. Society for treating animals well (anagram of "tape")
42. Extremely bad reputation because of an outrage
45. Founding Father Franklin
46. Born and _____ (grew up there)
50. "Brains" of a PC (abbr.)
51. "Desperately Seeking _____" (Madonna movie)
53. Dwelling; place of residence
54. Makes a mistake
56. Ruinous; injurious; hurtful
58. City in Oklahoma (anagram of "salut")
60. Six-legged picnic intruder
61. Spanish word for "friend"
63. Cooperating secretly; conspiring
69. Exploding stars
70. Diner table scrap (anagram of "rot")
71. Leonardo da _____ (Italian artist)
72. Bambi and all his kind
73. "Scream" movie director Craven
74. _____ a positive note (conclude happily) (2 wds.)

DOWN

1. Young boy
2. Overwhelm with fear
3. Apple PC, for short
4. "American _____" (Jason Biggs comedy)
5. "Tall" circus performers walk on these
6. Officiated at a basketball game
7. Greek letter for "tee"
8. Brimstone or matchhead element
9. Envelope notation (abbr.)



10. Substances used to treat illness
11. Questionable or doubtful
12. Actors Horsley or Majors (anagram of "eel")
13. Letter before "tee"
18. Spanish word for "uncle"
22. Annual American tennis championship (2 wds.)
23. Boxing technical win, for short
24. Metal part of a basketball hoop
25. Heavyweight boxing champ "The Greatest"
26. Prefix meaning "within"
27. Relative of .com
29. Put to work; employ
30. _____ Vegas, Nevada
33. In a _____ (bored and stale)
36. Easy basketball scores
38. Chief religious figure at a synagogue
40. Letters before "en"
41. Long, tapering flags
42. Frozen water
43. National Public Radio (abbr.)
44. Done surreptitiously or by stealth
45. Unit of soap or candy
47. Tigger's friend and Kanga's son
48. School relative of .com
49. _____ Moines, Iowa (city)
52. Manatee or dugong (2 wds.)
53. On the move and doing things
55. Cereal or tea sweetener
57. Ramada _____ (motel chain)
59. Not a win
61. As well as
62. Curly, _____, and Larry (The Three Stooges)
64. Mineral-bearing rock
65. Action movie star Diesel
66. State due west of Ohio (abbr.)
67. Sergeant or corporal (abbr.) (anagram of "con")
68. Cotton _____ (machine for separating out cotton seeds)

Some people seem to have all the luck; they have everything they want and more. Sometimes all we can say to them is: “Too much, man.”

Crossword Puzzle 14

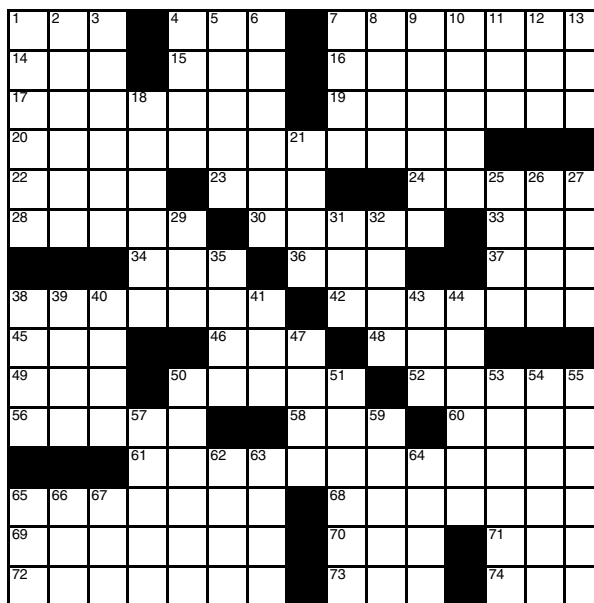
Too Much, Man

ACROSS

1. Workout target after the lats, perhaps
4. Highest card in the deck
7. Quality of being really cool
14. Letter after “bee”
15. Competed in a foot race
16. Make bigger, as a photo
17. People who habitually complain
19. Chemical compound (anagram of “a cat tee”)
20. Occurring in an excessive amount
22. Philosopher Descartes
23. The Bering or Baltic, e.g.
24. Uses a keyboard to enter letters
28. What you do during sleep
30. Full of foam and bubbles
33. Everyone
34. Floor covering pad for wrestlers
36. Highest point
37. Comedienne Margaret
38. Amount greater than is needed
42. An excessive amount
45. Author Levin of “Rosemary’s Baby”
46. Not good
48. Kanga’s baby
49. Greek trident-shaped letter (anagram of “sip”)
50. Turned white with fear
52. Put your clothes on
56. Mexican food hot sauce
58. Club ____ (resort company group)
60. Actress Jovavich of “Resident Evil”
61. Spreads rapidly and often excessively
65. Deprive and make desolate
68. Items you wear
69. “Slots spots” for gamester teens
70. Cheerios cereal grain
71. Adam’s Garden of Eden wife
72. People ripping things up
73. The Big Apple’s initials
74. Seeing ____ (extremely angry)

DOWN

1. Be in agreement or harmony
2. Mammal that builds its own dam
3. Calm, quiet, and peaceful
4. Length times width product
5. What runners load up on before a marathon
6. Follows in order
7. This rests on your shoulders
8. Native Peruvian of the Andes
9. Full or abundant supply
10. Sharply or smartly dressed
11. Significant historical time (anagram of “are”)
12. “____ Bilko” (Steve Martin comedy) (abbr.)
13. Use your eyes
18. Sound booster part of a stereo (anagram of “pamper”)
21. Suffix with “astro” or “cosmo”
25. Set the ____ (lead the race)
26. Kindergarten to senior year catchall (abbr.)
27. Soda machine coin receptacle
29. Prefix meaning “bad” or “ill”
31. MS-____ (PC operating system)
32. Metal attachment to a cowboy boot
35. Biggest brass instrument in the marching band
38. Short, quick drinks
39. ____ Major (the Big Dipper)
40. Part of a train track
41. “My Gal ____” (Erie Canal song)
43. Fishing pole, e.g.
44. Prepare a diskette for use on your PC
47. Actress Moore of “Gl Jane”
50. Thanksgiving or St. Patrick’s Day event



51. State of national readiness (abbr.)
53. Conjunction used with “or”
54. Part of a shirt
55. Talked back or acted up
57. Arm a castle tower guard might carry
59. Put off to a later time
62. ____ and above
63. Not more
64. Campus military organization (abbr.)
65. Baseball hitter’s need
66. “Able was I ____ I saw Elba”
67. Electronics company with a dog logo

We all feel sad at one time or another. Things we can't control sometimes overwhelm us. Here are some words for when you're feeling particularly low or "Bummed out."

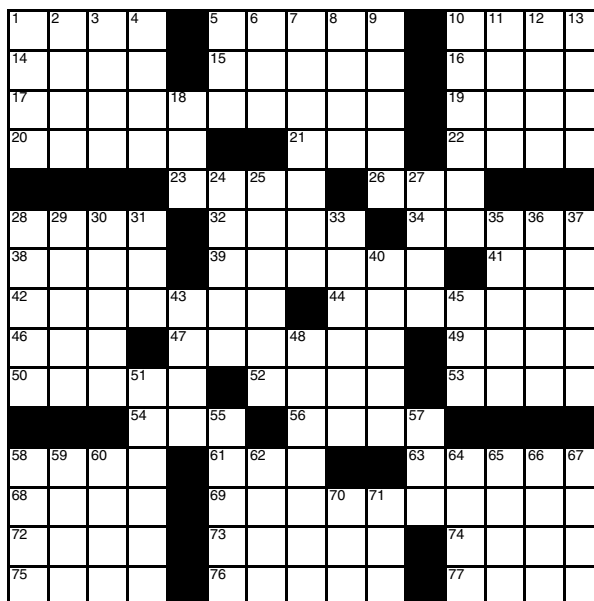
Crossword Puzzle 15 Bummed Out

ACROSS

1. ____ in the mouth (bummed out)
5. Brothers famous for fairy tales
10. A real ____ (definitely a bummer)
14. Entertainers Clapton or Idle
15. Big craze
16. The Hawkeye State
17. Gloomy and maybe even depressed
19. Dog-powered Eskimo vehicle
20. Greek letters meaning very small amounts
21. Actor Stephen of "The Crying Game" (anagram of "are")
22. "Clean up this ____" (Mom's orders when seeing your room)
23. Got on in years
26. Railroad stop (abbr.)
28. Possess
32. "Signatures" from those who can't write
34. Mary-Kate and Ashley's last name
38. Teheran's country
39. Tax put on imported goods
41. Heavyweight champ played by Will Smith
42. Bummed out and sorrowful
44. Foolishly sentimental
46. String bean comic Phillips
47. Joins an online users list (2 wds.)
49. On the ocean (hopefully in a boat!)
50. Language of modern Teheran (anagram of "fairs")
52. Bird of "The Ugly Duckling" tale
53. Catholic church service
54. Getting along in years
56. "Dragonwyck" novelist Seton
58. MTV's "The ____ World"
61. Relative of .com or .gov
63. Suggest without stating explicitly
68. Impel with force or words
69. Unrelievedly mournful or gloomy
72. Bummed out or dejected
73. Seriously overweight
74. What many people's hair does
75. Spotted with one's eyes
76. Aired a TV show a second time
77. Greek god of war

DOWN

1. Actress Moore of "GI Jane"
2. Cream-filled black cookie
3. Shrink from the heat, like lettuce
4. College sports ruling body (abbr.)
5. Auto maker of Suburbans and Yukons (abbr.)
6. Cheerleader's word



7. Lined up alphabetically or numerically (2 wds.)
8. 5280 feet, e.g.
9. Ancient natives of Mexico's Yucatan
10. Bad enough to bum you out
11. Actor's part
12. Overwhelms with fear
13. Wanders about restlessly from place to place
18. U.S. intelligence gathering outfit (acronym)
24. Start the day off (2 wds.)
25. Praises or extols
27. Food also called bean curd
28. Super quality television signal (abbr.)
29. Good or enticing smell
30. Bravery in the face of danger
31. Chemical suffix used after benz or ethyl
33. Characteristic of apes or monkeys
35. Mexican food hot sauce
36. Writer Wiesel and designer Tahari (anagram of "Elsie")
37. Spanish word for "girls"
40. Actress Brice or Ardan (or what you sit on!)
43. Aluminum or tin ____ (kitchen wrap)
45. River-blocking construction of a beaver
48. Strut about boastfully
51. Grave, sober, or mirthless
55. Sorrow or grief (anagram of "drool")
57. What we breathe
58. Floor coverings or jokey words for toupees
59. Mystery writer ____ Stanley Gardner (anagram of "leer")
60. Catchall for fits, fevers, shivering, etc.
62. Easily bilked yokel or bumpkin (anagram of "uber")
64. Common, shiny, mountainside mineral
65. Put liquid into a glass
66. Entice; tempt
67. Logos seen on St. Laurent fashionwear
70. Popular chant at American sports events
71. Actor Affleck

Most people are good people: outgoing, warm and friendly. And there are lots of convivial words to describe them. Here are some nice words for some “Affable people.”

Crossword Puzzle 16

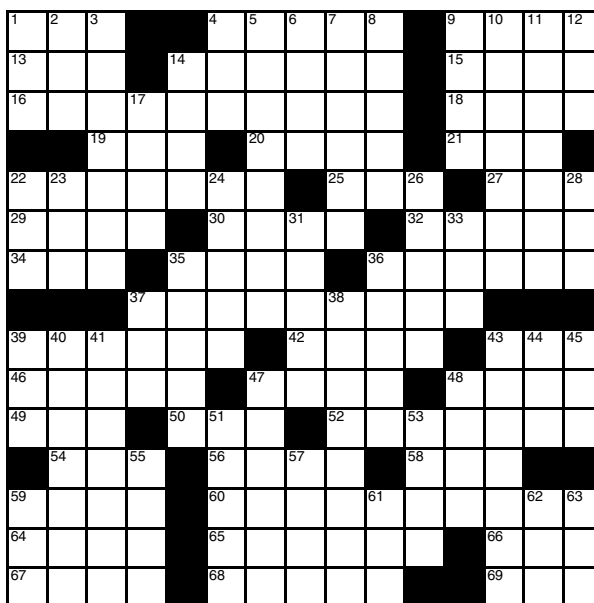
Affable People

ACROSS

1. 11th month of the year (abbr.)
4. _____ enter (join a list or chat room) (2 wds.)
9. Con man's scheme
13. French word for “yes”
14. Pop artist great of the 1960s Andy
15. The Hawkeye State
16. Fond of the company of others; friendly
18. Greek god of war (anagram of “ears”)
19. Tic- _____-toe
20. Restore to health from an illness
21. Doctors (abbr.)
22. Sweetly or innocently charming
25. Letters after “ems”
27. Charged particle
29. Fall into a _____ (get caught)
30. Little bit (2 wds.)
32. Company that makes frisbees (hyph.)
34. “I Am _____” (Sean Penn movie)
35. Actor Neeson of “Darkman” (anagram of “mail”)
36. Got well from an injury
37. Agreeable or pleasing in nature
39. Demi Moore's military movie (2 wds.)
42. Ernie's “Sesame Street” bud
43. U.S. spy organization (abbr.)
46. _____ friends (with your crew)
47. Tale of heroic deeds
48. Side of a room or a building
49. Company known for its writing pens
50. Maple tree product
52. Having pleasant personal qualities
54. King _____, for short (boy pharaoh of ancient Egypt)
56. Religious denomination or subgroup
58. _____ de Janeiro, Brazil
59. Country in western Africa
60. Well suited for the occasion; apt
64. Latin abbreviation for “and others” (2 wds.)
65. Hateful; detestable
66. Health or fitness club
67. Actor Richard of “Pretty Woman”
68. ABC television innovator Arledge (anagram of “one or”)
69. Prefix meaning “environment”

DOWN

1. Egg _____ (holiday drink)
2. “_____ Town” (Thornton Wilder play)
3. Hanoi and Saigon's country
4. What you row with



5. Where you find the cost of something new (2 wds.)
6. “O Brother, Where Art _____” (George Clooney movie)
7. Played gigs all around the country, e.g.
8. Mary-Kate and Ashley _____
9. “Anna and the King of _____”
10. Gracious; friendly; warm
11. “Totally spectacular, dude!”
12. Mothers, for short
14. Texas city on the Brazos River
17. Sudden breath from surprise or shock
22. Pounds, ounces, etc. (abbr.)
23. Author Levin of “Rosemary's Baby”
24. Northeasternmost American state
26. Perspiration
28. Say yes nonverbally
31. Single-celled organism
33. Mark Twain portrayer Holbrook
35. Years for; pines
36. Biblical king of Tyre (anagram of “I harm”)
37. Soup or tuna fish container
38. The act of denying
39. Shoot the breeze; chat
40. Try to act just like someone else
41. Given to jesting; facetious
43. Last car of a railroad train
44. Feeling sickly
45. Ginger _____ (soda)
47. Company known for its swimsuits
48. Bide one's time
51. “_____ me, I'll pass” (2 wds.)
53. Opening where light enters the pupil of the eye
55. Scrabble game piece
57. Award given to TV commercials (anagram of “coil”)
59. Actress Ryan of “When Harry Met Sally”
61. Actor's prompt
62. What bar code scanners scan (abbr.)
63. _____ Paulo, Brazil

Hidden Meanings Puzzle 9

in·tran·si·gent (in tran'si jənt), *adj.*

1. refusing to agree or _____(10); _____(14); _____(10).

co·gent (kō'jənt), *adj.*

1. convincing or _____(10) by virtue of _____(8), clear, or _____(8) presentation; telling.
2. to the point; _____(8); _____(9).

re·dun·dant (ri dun'dənt), *adj.*

1. characterized by _____(9) or unnecessary _____(10) in expressing ideas; _____(6).

hum·drum (hum'drum'), *adj.*

1. _____(7) variety; boring; _____(4).
2. tedious character or _____(7); _____(8).

prod·i·gal (prod'i gəl), *adj.*

1. wastefully or _____(10) _____(11).
2. giving or yielding _____(9); _____(6).

im·pu·dent (im'pyə dənt), *adj.*

1. of, pertaining to, or characterized by _____(12) or _____(10).

lo·qua·cious (lō kwā'shəs), *adj.*

1. talking or tending to talk much or freely; _____(9); _____(10); babbling; _____(9).
2. characterized by _____(9) talk; _____(5).

con·sen·sus (kən sen'səs), *n., pl. -sus-es.*

1. _____(8) of _____(7).
2. general agreement or _____(7); _____(7).

ig·no·min·y (ig'nə min'ē, ig nom'ə nē), *n., pl. -min-ies.*

1. _____(8); dishonor; public _____(8).
2. _____(8) or dishonorable quality or _____(7) or an instance of this.

ma·lign (mə līn'), *v.t.*

1. to speak _____(7) untruths about; speak _____(4) of; _____(7); _____(6).
2. evil in effect; _____(10); baleful; _____(9).

Hidden Meanings Puzzle 9 *(continued)***4 LETTERS**EVIL
DULL**5 LETTERS**

WORDY

6 LETTERSLAVISH
PROLIX
DEFAME**7 LETTERS**ROUTINE
CONCORD
SLANDER
LACKING
HARMONY
HARMFUL
OPINION
CONDUCT**8 LETTERS**DISGRACE
MONOTONY
INCISIVE
SHAMEFUL
MAJORITY
CONTEMPT
FORCEFUL
RELEVANT**9 LETTERS**PERTINENT
PROFUSELY
EXCESSIVE
TALKATIVE
VERBOSITY
GARRULOUS
INJURIOUS**10 LETTERS**CHATTERING
EFFRONTERY
BELIEVABLE
PERNICIOUS
RECKLESSLY
INFLEXIBLE
COMPROMISE
REPETITION**11 LETTERS**

EXTRAVAGANT

12 LETTERS

IMPERTINENCE

14 LETTERS

UNCOMPROMISING

Some words in a particular definition will be interchangeable.

Hidden Meanings Puzzle 10

ab·er·ra·tion (ab'ə rā'shən), *n.*

1. the act of departing from the _____(5), normal, or usual _____(6).
2. the act of _____(9) from the _____(8), usual, or normal type.

in·sid·i·ous (in sid'ē əs), *adj.*

1. intended to _____(6) or _____(7).
2. stealthily _____(11) or deceitful.
3. operating or proceeding in an _____(13) or seemingly harmless way but actually with _____(5) effect.

jux·ta·pose (juk'stə pōz', juk'stə pōz'), *v.t.*, **-posed, -pos-ing.**

1. to place close _____(8) or side by side, especially for _____(10) or _____(8).

joc·u·lar (jok'yə lər), *adj.*

1. given to, characterized by, intended for, or suited to joking or _____(7); waggish; _____(9).

in·ter·mi·na·ble (in tūr'mə nə bəl), *adj.*

1. incapable of being _____(10); _____(8).
2. _____(12) or annoyingly _____(10) or continued; unceasing; _____(9).

lag·gard (lag'ərd), *n.*

1. a person or thing that lags; _____(8); _____(8).
2. moving, developing, or responding slowly; _____(8); _____(8); backward.

prone (prōn), *adj.*

1. having a natural _____(11) or tendency to something; _____(8); _____(6).
2. having the front or _____(7) part downward; _____(5) face downward.

trite (trīt), *adj.*, **trit·er, trit·est.**

1. lacking in freshness or _____(13) because of constant use or _____(9) repetition; _____(9).

vo·li·tion (vō lish'ən, və-), *n.*

1. the act of willing, choosing, or _____(9).
2. a choice or _____(8) made by the will.

un·ten·a·ble (un ten'ə bəl), *adj.*

1. _____(9) of being _____(8), as an argument, thesis, and so on; _____(12).
2. not fit to be _____(8), as an apartment, house, and the like.

Hidden Meanings Puzzle 10 *(continued)**5 LETTERS*

GRAVE
LYING
RIGHT

6 LETTERS

LIABLE
ENTRAP
COURSE

7 LETTERS

JESTING
BEGUILE
VENTRAL

8 LETTERS

DISPOSED
TOGETHER
LOITERER
ORDINARY
UNENDING

DILATORY
DECISION
OCCUPIED
LINGERER
DEFENDED
CONTRAST
SLUGGISH

9 LETTERS

INCESSANT
RESOLVING
EXCESSIVE
DEVIATING
FACETIOUS
HACKNEYED
INCAPABLE

10 LETTERS

COMPARISON
PROTRACTED
TERMINATED

11 LETTERS

TREACHEROUS
INCLINATION

12 LETTERS

INDEFENSIBLE
MONOTONOUSLY

13 LETTERS

EFFECTIVENESS
INCONSPICUOUS

Some words in a particular definition will be interchangeable.

Hidden Meanings Puzzle 11

a-mal-ga-mate (ə mál'gə māt'), *v.*, **-mat-ed**, **-mat-ing**. —*v.t.*

1. to mix or _____(5) so as to make a _____(11); blend; unite; combine.
2. to combine, unite, merge, or _____(8).

clois-tered (kloi'stərd), *adj.*

1. _____(8) from the world; _____(9).

tal-is-man (tal'is mən, -iz-), *n., pl. -mans.*

1. a stone, _____(4), or other object, _____(8) with figures or _____(10) supposed to possess _____(6) powers and worn as an _____(6) or charm.

in-an-i-mate (in an'ə mit), *adj.*

1. not animate; _____(8).
2. spiritless; _____(8); _____(4).

per-plex-i-ty (pər plək'si tē), *n., pl. -ities.*

1. the state of being perplexed; _____(9); _____(11).
2. a _____(7), involved, or confused condition or _____(9).

e-nig-ma (ə niǵ'mə), *n., pl. -mas, -ma-ta* (-mə tə).

1. a puzzling or _____(12) occurrence or situation.
2. a person of puzzling or _____(13) character.
3. a saying, question, picture, and the like, containing a _____(6) meaning; _____(6).

crass (kras), *adj., -er, -est.*

1. without _____(10), delicacy, or _____(11); gross; _____(6); stupid.

for-tu-i-tous (fôr tōo'təs, -tyōō'-), *adj.*

1. _____(9) or produced by _____(6); _____(10).
2. _____(5); _____(9).

pre-pos-ter-ous (pri pos'tər əs, -trəs), *adj.*

1. completely _____(8) to nature, _____(6), or common sense; _____(6); senseless; utterly _____(7).

squal-id (skwol'id, skwō'lid), *adj.*

1. foul and _____(9), as from lack of care or cleanliness; _____(9) and _____(6).
2. wretched; miserable; _____(8); _____(6).

Hidden Meanings Puzzle 11 *(continued)**4 LETTERS*DULL
RING*5 LETTERS*LUCKY
MERGE*6 LETTERS*AMULET
FILTHY
HIDDEN
CHANCE
OCCULT
ABSURD
SORDID
OBTUSE
RIDDLE
REASON*7 LETTERS*FOOLISH
TANGLED*8 LETTERS*SECLUDED
CONTRARY
SLUGGISH
DEGRADED
LIFELESS
COALESCE
ENGRAVED*9 LETTERS*HAPPENING
REPULSIVE
SHELTERED
SITUATION
FORTUNATE
CONFUSION
NEGLECTED*10 LETTERS*REFINEMENT
ACCIDENTAL
CHARACTERS*11 LETTERS*UNCERTAINTY
SENSITIVITY
COMBINATION*12 LETTERS*

INEXPLICABLE

13 LETTERS

CONTRADICTIONARY

Some words in a particular definition will be interchangeable.

Hidden Meanings Puzzle 12

up-roar-i-ous (up rôr' ē əs, -rōr'-), *adj.*

1. characterized by or in a state of uproar; _____(10).
2. making an uproar; _____(8) and _____(5), as an assembly, person, and so on.

win-some (win' səm), *adj.*

1. sweetly or _____(10) charming; _____(7); _____(8).

plun-der (plun' dər), *v.t.*

1. to rob of goods or _____(9) by open _____(5), as in war, _____(7) raids, _____(10), and so forth.
2. to rob, despoil, or _____(6).
3. to take wrongfully, as by _____(7), robbery, or _____(5).

har-row-ing (har' ō ing), *adj.*

1. extremely _____(10) or distressing; _____(8).

gar-gan-tu-an (gär gan' chōō ən), *adj.*

1. _____(8); _____(8); _____(8).

churl-ish (chûr' lish), *adj.*

1. like a churl; _____(7); rude.
2. of a churl; _____(11).

whee-dle (hwēd' l, wēd' l), *v.*, **-dled**, **-dling**. —*v.t.*

1. to _____(8) to influence (a person) by smooth, _____(10), or _____(9) words or acts.

fal-la-cious (fə lā' shəs), *adj.*

1. containing a _____(7); logically _____(7).
2. _____(9); misleading.

con-geal (kən jēl'), *v.t.*, *v.i.*

1. to change from a soft or _____(5) state to a _____(5) or solid state, as by cooling or _____(8).
2. to curdle; _____(9), as a fluid.

fi-as-co (fē as' kō or, esp. for 2, -ă' skō), *n.*, *pl.* **-cos**, **-coes**.

1. a complete and _____(11) _____(7).

Hidden Meanings Puzzle 12 *(continued)***5 LETTERS**

FRAUD
 FLUID
 FORCE
 RIGID
 NOISY

6 LETTERS

FLEECE

7 LETTERS

BOORISH
 WINNING
 HOSTILE
 UNSOUND
 FAILURE
 FALLACY
 PILLAGE

8 LETTERS

GIGANTIC
 ENGAGING
 FREEZING
 COLOSSAL
 ENDEAVOR
 GRIEVOUS
 ENORMOUS
 CONFUSED

9 LETTERS

VALUABLES
 COAGULATE
 BEGUILING
 DECEPTIVE

10 LETTERS

FLATTERING
 DISTURBING
 TUMULTUOUS
 INNOCENTLY
 BRIGANDAGE

11 LETTERS

IGNOMINIOUS
 PEASANTLIKE

Some words in a particular definition will be interchangeable.

Hidden Meanings Puzzle 13

wraith (rāth), *n.*

1. an _____ (10) of a living person supposed to _____ (7) his or her death.
2. a _____ (7) _____ (6).

pro-pin-qui-ty (prō ping'kwi tē), *n.*

1. nearness in place; _____ (9).
2. nearness of relation; _____ (7).
3. _____ (8) of nature; _____ (10).

ep-i-taph (ep'i taf', -täf'), *n.*

1. a commemorative _____ (11) on a _____ (4) or _____ (8) monument about the person buried at that site.
2. a brief _____ (4) or other writing in praise of a _____ (8) person.

a-byss (ə bis'), *n.*

1. a deep, _____ (12) space, gulf, or _____ (6); _____ (4) chasm.
2. anything _____ (8), _____ (12), or _____ (8).

par-a-gon (par'ə gon', -gən), *n.*

1. a model or _____ (7) of _____ (10) or of a _____ (10) excellence.

vis-cer-al (vis'ər əl), *adj.*

1. of or pertaining to the _____ (7).
2. characterized by or proceeding from _____ (8) rather than _____ (9).
3. characterized by or dealing with _____ (6) or base emotions; _____ (6).

per-spi-cac-i-ty (pûr'spi kas'i tē), *n.*

1. _____ (8) of mental _____ (10) and understanding; _____ (11); _____ (11).

de-ci-pher (di sī'fər), *v.t.*

1. to make out the _____ (7) of [poor or partially _____ (11) writing, etc.]
2. to discover the meaning of [anything _____ (7) or difficult to _____ (5) or _____ (10)].

fa-cade (fə säd', fa-), *n.*

1. *Architecture*: the _____ (5) of a building, especially an _____ (8) or _____ (10) one.
2. a _____ (11) appearance or _____ (8) of something.

pru-ri-ent (prū'rē ənt), *adj.*

1. having, inclined to have, or characterized by _____ (10) or _____ (7) thoughts, _____ (7), and the like.

Hidden Meanings Puzzle 13 *(continued)***4 LETTERS**

VAST
POEM
TOMB

5 LETTERS

TRACE
FRONT

6 LETTERS

CAVITY
EARTHY
SPIRIT
COARSE

7 LETTERS

MEANING
VISIBLE
PATTERN
VISCERA
KINSHIP
PORTEND
OBSCURE
DESIRES
LUSTFUL

8 LETTERS

ILLUSION
AFFINITY
MORTUARY
INSTINCT
PROFOUND
DECEASED
KEENNESS
INFINITE
IMPOSING

9 LETTERS

INTELLECT
PROXIMITY

10 LETTERS

PARTICULAR
DECORATIVE
LASCIVIOUS
SIMILARITY
EXCELLENCE
UNDERSTAND
PERCEPTION
APPARITION

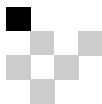
11 LETTERS

OBLITERATED
INSCRIPTION
DISCERNMENT
SUPERFICIAL
PENETRATION

12 LETTERS

IMMEASURABLE
UNFATHOMABLE

Some words in a particular definition will be interchangeable.



END NOTE

You are making good progress! New words should be less intimidating and more interesting. Your vocabulary is growing, as is your ability to decode words. Watch for the new words you have learned in the books you read for school. The next chapter includes more difficult word connection puzzles. You are ready for them.

Fun Quiz

Which of the following would never be an SAT essay question/quotation?

1. It was the best of times, it was the worst of times. (Charles Dickens) Do you think the same could be said for our own times? Why or why not?
2. Should there be a law requiring U.S. citizens to marry only people of their own race?
3. The United States has declined to send its Olympic athletes to compete in the Olympic Games for political reasons. Should the Olympics be above politics, or are there circumstances where it is inappropriate for a country's athletes to compete in the Olympics?
4. Should the United States become a "neutral" country like Switzerland? Why or why not?
5. A man is known by the company his mind keeps. (Thomas Bailey Aldrich) Do you agree or disagree with Thomas Aldrich? Why?

Answer

Question 2 would never be on the SAT because the test is very politically correct, as it should be. Students of mixed race or those dating someone of another race could be upset by the question and score poorly on the SAT as a result. Also, a question that asks students to reveal their personal prejudices does not have a place on a standardized test.

In the critical reading section you may safely eliminate any answer choice that depicts an ethnic stereotype, denigrates any group, or makes fun of people for their religion.

There is considerable debate about the rewriting of the passages in the critical reading section. In order to not offend anyone taking the test, the test writers will rewrite a reading passage to eliminate any potentially offensive sections. Purists are appalled that great writers' work is being rewritten. They feel that students should be able to read the original work. Perhaps the SAT writers should ask the following essay question on the next SAT:

Should the SAT include texts in their original form even if they include potentially offensive material?

Chapter 8

CHALLENGING WORD CONNECTION PUZZLES

There are some words that will bring you up short, even drag you to a halt or make you quit. These are the words for when you've totally had it, when you're ready to say: "Enough already. I give up."

Crossword Puzzle 17

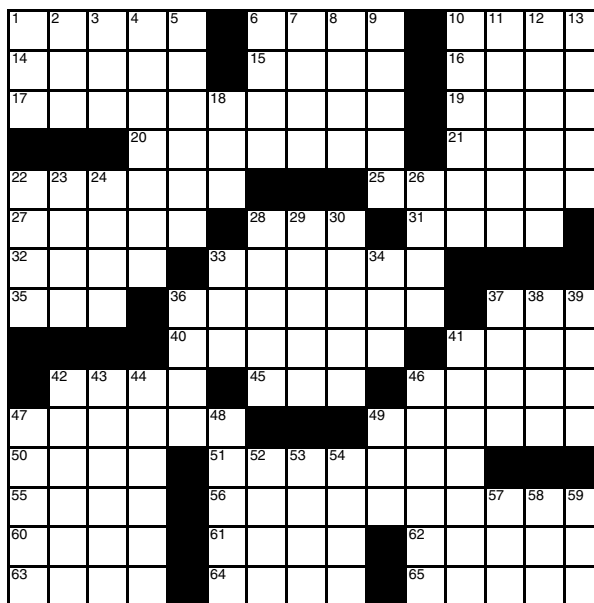
Enough Already. I Give Up.

ACROSS

1. Referring to the moon
6. Quick swims
10. Pointy medieval weapon
14. A miss is as good as ____ (2 wds.)
15. Dr. ____ from "Austin Powers"
16. Sarcastic comment similar to "Yeah, right" (2 wds.)
17. Give up all resistance
19. Biblical ark builder
20. Disney Presents ____ The Science Guy (2 wds.)
21. ____ Major (the night sky's Big Dipper)
22. Formally retract a statement (anagram of "canter")
25. Baby cat
27. Protozoan that's little more than a nucleus
28. Bounder; heel
31. Scottish loch that just might contain a monster
32. ____ monster (real southwest U.S. lizard)
33. Stop from an action or proceeding
35. Extension to a building
36. Cut short or abridge
37. Pal; good friend
40. Marriotts and Hiltons, e.g.
41. Auto wheel
42. ____ En-lai (former premier of China and anagram of "ouch")
45. High school students in their last year (abbr.)
46. Slight degree of color
47. "____ and Greg" (Jenna Elfman's sitcom)
49. Cause a delay or interruption
50. ____ out the room (freshens it up)
51. Not at all prepared
55. Windows edit command that might bail you out
56. Make weak or feeble
60. Word form that can be common or proper
61. Actress Moran of "Happy Days" (anagram of "rein")
62. Soft feathers, or down, from a duck
63. Common recipe amounts (abbr.)
64. Olfactory organ
65. Spread a color or wet substance on something

DOWN

1. Prefix meaning "milk" (think "-tose")
2. Actress Thurman of "Kill Bill"
3. Small bite



4. "Star" of the 40 thieves fable (2 wds.)
5. Image-receiving part of the eye
6. Big company name in personal computers
7. "____ the Terrible" (Russian czar)
8. Feel very sorry for
9. Well-contoured; streamlined
10. 60 seconds
11. Scrubs a space mission
12. Stops
13. Revolutionary War leader Allen of the Green Mountain Boys
18. Final (abbr.)
22. Road ____ (extreme anger)
23. Old-time actor Jannings (anagram of "mile")
24. Prisoner's barred "home"
26. Occurring between two or more countries (abbr. and anagram of "lint")
28. Product that bills itself as a "breath mint"
29. Prefix before -oid or -isk meaning "star"
30. Clock faces often, e.g.
33. Musical twosome
34. Bro's counterpart
36. Pal; good friend
37. Secure with a band or bond
38. Impel with force or words
39. Bambi, e.g.
41. Bob Cratchett's "Christmas Carol" son (2 wds.)
42. Tough, cotton cloth trousers
43. Pressed for cash and a bit desperate (2 wds.)
44. Actors Welles and Bean
46. Straightens up; neatens
47. Intimidate; take away one's courage
48. Nobel Prize winning poet W. H.
49. Actor Holbrook who portrayed Mark Twain
52. Emperor who fiddled while Rome burned
53. Important stats for a baseball batter (abbr.)
54. "____ Kleine Nachtmusik" (Mozart piece)
57. Sweet, drinkable, suffix with lemon or lime
58. "Not my cup of ____"
59. Make a mistake

Some people love to talk and talk and talk and talk. There are words for people who use a lot of words (or too many words)—people to whom we might wish to say, “Will you please be quiet!”

Crossword Puzzle 18

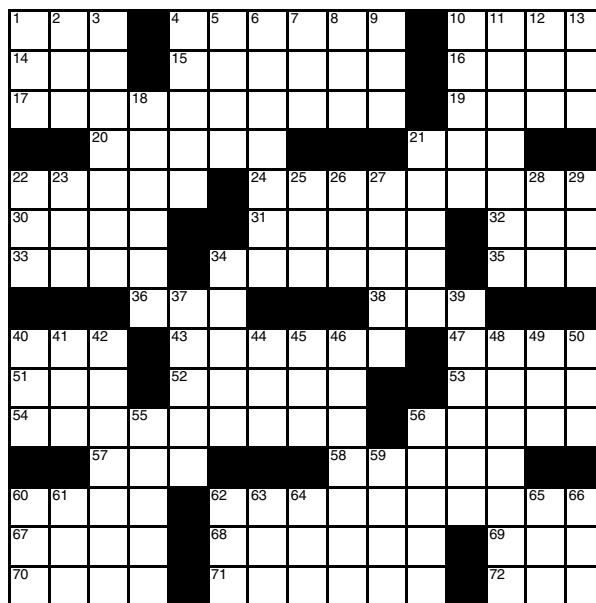
Will You Please Be Quiet!

ACROSS

1. Automobile
4. Fair hair color
10. _____ the Terrible (Russian czar)
14. How old you are
15. People using oars
16. Southwest table top land (anagram of “same”)
17. Talking too much or too freely
19. Worship
20. Author Sinclair of “The Jungle”
21. Young woman coming out into society (for short)
22. Places where you live, dude
24. Excessively talkative; wordy
30. Without a stitch on
31. Test to see if clothes fit (2 wds.)
32. Workout or beauty spot
33. _____ Stadium (N.Y. Mets ballpark)
34. Marriotts or Hiltons, e.g.
35. Psychic’s talent, for short
36. What Santa might bring you
38. Latin shorthand for “and so forth”
40. Actress Tyler of “Lord of the Rings”
43. Seaport and gulf in southwest Italy (anagram of “planes”)
47. Overwhelms with fear
51. String bean comic Philips
52. _____ Mertz (Lucy Ricardo’s best sitcom friend)
53. Get someone all worked up or angry
54. Inclined to gab a great deal
56. Aladdin found one in a bottle
57. Internet address hunting protocol (abbr.)
58. Very strong winds
60. Prefix meaning “both” and “around”
62. Crying out noisily; clamorous
67. On a _____ (has things going great)
68. Apprentice doctor or other professional
69. Frequent American arena chant
70. Central support structure of a ship (anagram of “leek”)
71. Live and in _____ (appearing live)
72. Senator Kennedy of Mass., for short

DOWN

1. Record-setting Ripken of baseball
2. In time past
3. Need
4. Really rotten kids
5. Crazy (anagram of “cool”)
6. Because of (2 wds.)
7. Prefix meaning “new” or “recent”
8. 50s actress Joanne (homonym of “drew”)
9. Alphabet letter before “tee”
10. Drive or urge forward
11. Characterized by using too many words
12. _____ general rule (2 wds.)
13. Voting against word
18. Optimistic; happy; cheerful
21. Actress Kirsten of “Spider-Man”
22. “Everybody Loves Raymond” TV network
23. Cheerleader’s word
25. What you go to museums to see
26. “The Catcher in the _____” (J. D. Salinger novel)
27. Parts for actors
28. FedEx’s biggest rival
29. Maple tree output
34. Another big name in 34 Across
37. NBA star Shaquille
39. Occupation or profession
40. Permit; allow
41. “_____ little teapot” (2 wds.)
42. Fluent; glib; talkative
44. _____ Beta Kappa (college honor society) (anagram of “hip”)
45. Biblical book of Leviticus (abbr.)



46. Funeral songs or laments
48. Finishes first after all (2 wds.)
49. Inventor Whitney
50. Use your eyes
55. Small, shrimplike food of many whales
56. First American to orbit the Earth, John
59. _____ American (black American)
60. Noah’s boat
61. Curly, _____, and Larry (The Three Stooges)
62. Very important person (abbr.)
63. “_____ day my ship will come”
64. Exact midpoint (abbr.)
65. Put to work; employ
66. Bummed out; not happy

We all get caught short from time to time. We sit there knowing we need more of something: food or money or clothes. When those times happen, when you feel as if you deserve another piece of the pie, you just want to scream: “Gimme more!”

Crossword Puzzle 19

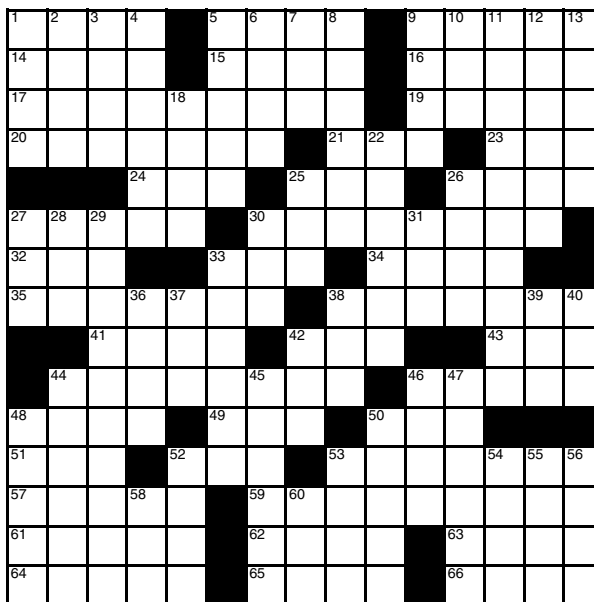
Gimme More!

ACROSS

1. Pepper's partner
5. "Anna and the King of ____"
9. Make or become confused (anagram of "laded")
14. Robert ____ (Confederate general) (2 wds.)
15. Something you shouldn't do
16. Judge and jury event
17. Lacking; shortage (2 wds.)
19. Entice; lure
20. Tyrants or oppressors
21. ____ general rule (2 wds.)
23. Japanese figure skater Midori
24. Words or sounds of hesitation
25. "The ____ and the Pendulum"
26. Shortened reference to an unknown author
27. Connector to the Internet
30. Move from bottom to top of an e-document (2 wds.)
32. Sweet suffix with lemon or lime
33. "My country ____ of thee..."
34. Writer of verse
35. Lack or shortage, especially of money
38. Smallness of quantity; scarcity
41. Teheran's country
42. Gangster's gun (anagram of "tag")
43. Metal-bearing mineral or rock
44. Insufficiency or shortness of supply
46. Singer Tucker or actress Roberts
48. Clark Kent's Ms. Lane (anagram of "soil")
49. "One," in Spanish
50. E-cousin of "org" or "gov"
51. Do perfectly on a test
52. Biggest rival of FedEx
53. Most agile or nimble
57. Trigonometric cousins of tangents and secants
59. Not nearly enough (2 wds.)
61. Bulletin board "stickers"
62. Biblical twin brother of Jacob
63. Slang for "big amount" (2 wds.)
64. More clever or crafty
65. Baby dogs or seals
66. Require

DOWN

1. Forward an e-mail (anagram of "dens")
2. ____ vera (skin moisturizer)
3. Gives permission
4. Conical Native American dwelling
5. Supercilious people
6. Debt markers, for short
7. Director Lee of "Crouching Tiger"
8. Fabric made of Angora goat fleece
9. ____ boy!
10. Dr. of rap fame
11. Lessening; reduction
12. Carry-around kind of computer
13. Singer John of "Candle in the Wind"
18. Comedian Macdonald's "The ____ Show"
22. Conclude; terminate (2 wds.)
25. Macs, Dells, etc.
26. Oldest of the acting Baldwin brothers
27. Angry
28. "____ on a Grecian Urn" (Keats)
29. State of lacking or incompleteness
30. Use a chair
31. Actor Diamond Phillips
33. Kevin Costner movie about pro golfers (2 wds.)
36. Gershwin and Levin first names (anagram of "sari")
37. Automobile
38. Give money for work done
39. Attempt
40. Affirmative reply or vote
42. Pontiac muscle car initials (anagram of "got")
44. Friendly; gregarious; enjoying others' company



45. Arched upper surface of your foot
46. Actress Spelling of "Beverly Hills 90210"
47. Author of "The Bonesetter's Daughter" (2 wds.)
48. Endures
50. Barely better-than-average report card grade (2 wds.)
52. Russia and its satellites, before 1993 (abbr.)
53. ____ opera (daytime TV show)
54. Suffix meaning "feminine"
55. Juniper berry (anagram of "sole")
56. Be inclined toward something
58. Increase; enlarge; lengthen
60. Initials of the college Buckeyes

Groupie Puzzle 5

I U M O L D S O E

M _ _ _ _ I _ _ _

P O C Y S H I N M

_ _ M _ _ O _ _ _

T P A L G U S P N N I

_ _ _ P _ _ _ _ I _ _

X O P Y R

_ R O _ _

G Y E M T P A R A

_ A _ _ _ _ A _ _

U G O L E N

L _ _ N _ _

Groupie Phrase

R C U S C A I S H A M I L

_ _ _ I _ A _ _ _ _ _ _

Groupie Puzzle 6

S U M A S E

_ S _ _ _ E

T P E T M I I N S R E

M _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ E _

R E R

_ _ _

Y S E I Z H O P T H E

_ _ _ O _ H _ _ _ _ _

L T E A C U P E S

_ P _ _ U _ _ _ _

G L U Y L C I O A T F

F _ _ _ _ _ L _ _ _ _

Groupie Phrase

W A D O G H E T R E N G E T I

_ _ _ _ _ _ _ R O _ _

_ _ _ _ _

Groupie Puzzle 7

I H I P L N N C

L _ _ _ H _ _ _

C R O N H A

_ N _ _ O _

E C O V G E R N

_ _ _ V E _ _ _

S C E E E N S

E _ _ _ _ E

V A T L P I O

_ I _ _ _ A _

B A S E T S U N C

_ _ B _ T _ _ _ _

Groupie Phrase

X R A T F C O U R H M T T E E

C _ _ _ _ _ T _ _

_ _ _ _ _ _

Groupie Puzzle 8

D A Y R A T M N O

_ _ N _ _ T _ _ _

'S A E L S P A W O O T R O T K R H

P _ _ T _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

_ _ _ _ _

C U S E T A N I O

_ E _ _ C _ _ _ _

T I T N O P E P I I C R A

_ _ _ _ I _ _ _ A _ _ _ _

L O R S A

S O _ _ _

T E E C M L N I N

I _ C _ _ _ _ _ _

Groupie Phrase

N R O H E I C O R N S E I M A

C _ _ _ _ A _ _ _ _

_ _ _ _ _

Groupie Puzzle 9

D S E R W H

S _ _ E _ _

L F A I C O S U L A

_ A L _ _ _ _ _ _ _

C L I Y T D I P U

D _ _ _ _ C _ _ _

A S D E I B

_ I _ S _ _

B C O S U D E R

O _ _ C _ _ _ _

C A F E D A

_ A _ _ _ E

Groupie Phrase

A H N D E G I D A D E N

_ I _ _ _ _ A _ _ _ _ _

Groupie Puzzle 10

O C I T D E N C E

C _ _ _ _ I _ _ _

G T H U Y A H

_ A _ _ H _ _

C T E L R R O F E

R _ _ _ _ _ O _

U S E I X I T Q E

_ X _ _ _ _ I _ _

E L I T V P U S R E A

S _ _ _ _ L _ _ _ _ _

G S U E R O G O

_ O _ _ _ O _ _

Groupie Phrase

E L R O R I M R W O H T I R

N R M R O A L

_ _ R _ _ _ _ _ R _ _

_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

Groupie Puzzle 11

X P A E R A T E S E

E _ _ _ _ E _ _ _ _

S A R S H A

_ A R _ _ _

L E E X I

_ _ I L _

U E C R R S U T T

_ _ R _ _ _ U _ _

E I C N L I N

I _ _ _ _ _ E

T N I M A D E O

_ _ _ I _ A _ _

Groupie Phrase

R W E V L A T E L U P H I D

_ _ _ _ E _ _ _ H _ _ _ _ _

Groupie Puzzle 12

A N R D E E M

_ E A _ _ _ _

F E C O S U B T A

_ _ _ U _ C _ _ _

M Y S I T E

S _ _ _ I _

P X E E L R P

_ E _ P _ _ _

Q I E C O V E U A T

_ Q U _ _ _ _ _ _ _

T W Z A L

_ A L _ _

*Groupie Phrase*H U A C D S U N E E I N A O
E R S T D

_ _ _ _ _ A _ _ _ _ D _ _ _

_ _ _ _ _

Groupie Puzzle 13

Y A I V N T

_ _ N I _ _

L P E E N C N O O D E

P _ _ _ _ _ E _ _ _ _ _

T A Y S A F N

_ A _ _ _ S _

P A N U T O I

_ T O _ _ _ _ _

I T A R O T N A M U

_ _ _ U _ A _ _ _ _ _

C E E S E B N U C P

P _ _ E _ _ _ _ _ _ _

Groupie Phrase

Y T O H T O U U N A F I O N F

_ O _ _ _ _ _ I _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

Cryptofamily Puzzle 29**He Got Up on the Wrong Side of
the Bed**

Z V T U U

G R U F F

Y X C E X C J W V B T M

Y V X C J G

B K M E F C X E W

S W N F C Z

R T W V T A B T M

Q W V S W V M W

Q W W S F M O

F V X M Y F K A W

Y B C E W C E F B T M

Y O T V A F M O

Y X A A B T M

X C C B G F C Z

Q W E T A X C E

B V C W V G

Cryptofamily Puzzle 30
Oh, My Gosh. Look at That!

M L X Z B Y Z K X
 S P E C T A C L E

J Y J C B V

E Y J Q X K

E C J Y Z K X

X A Z X L B C H W

L T X W H E X W H W

S H W F X J

M D J L J C M X

M T H Z G

L J H F C R V

X W C R E Y

Z D J C H M C B V

H F F C B V

L Y J Y R H W

E Y M B X J L C X Z X

Cryptofamily Puzzle 31
A Little Bit Here, a Little Bit There . . .

I Q G C W N W S K G W
 C O N S T I T U E N T

I T O S C K

N G M X K Y N K G W

U X O M E K G W

U X O I W N Q G

I O W K M Q X L

O T T Q W E K G W

J X O G I D

E Q X C K T

K T K E K G W

Y N Z N C N Q G

Y K A O X W E K G W

A Q X W N Q G

Y K W X N W S C

I Q E A Q G K G W

Cryptofamily Puzzle 32**Free at Last!**

M W B S G H R B D M
E M A N C I P A T E

X S O H S Y

J H O M Q B D M

X S T E B G I J M

Y M Q M F X J B D M

M P D Q H G B D M

R B Q U J M

X S J M B T E

Q M J M B T M

Y H T G E B Q F M

B G C X H D

Q M T G X M

Q M Y M M W

Q M R Q H M A M

Y M J H A M Q

Cryptofamily Puzzle 33**Hey, I Was Here First!**

W P L Q M M E
P I O N E E R

W E M O K E R L E

F V E I P Q A M E

B L E M S L E H

W E L U L A K M

W E M Z L Q P C P L Q

W E M D K M U

X V Q A K V E H

W E M M Z W C P L Q

V Q C M O M H M Q O M

W E M U K H M

L X M E C K E M

W E M H P O C P L Q

C E V P U I U V Y M E

C E M Q H R M C C M E

Cryptofamily Puzzle 34**Undercover Work**

O R U X Q P P G D Q G D
 S U B T E R R A N E A N

V L S Q P X

J B U Q P D G X B D I

B D S B O B U Y Q

O Q F R Q O X Q P Q A

O R U V L D O V B L R O

A L P N G D X

Y G X Q D X

F R B Q O V Q D X

B N W Q D Q X P G U Y Q

L U O V R P Q

O Q V Y R A Q A

O R U Y B N B D G Y

R D N G D B H Q O X Q A

Y R P E B D I

Cryptofamily Puzzle 35**Let's Get Something Going**

Z P F R T H W P Y
 S T I M U L A T E

F R L Y H

L I K L W S W P Y

Z F I Y

X K R L Y H

E K R Y Q P

L I Y X F L F P W P Y

F Q W T S T I W P Y

F Q Z P F S W P Y

G I K W X J

E K Z P Y I

M F Q V H Y

G Y S Y P

X T H P F O W P Y

P Y R L P

Cryptofamily Puzzle 36**Like a Rock**

H Y D C F J U S W P D
P R E D I C T A B L E

J S P T

F M C D Q U Y A J U F W P D

Q U D S C B S Q U

C A Y S W P D

F Y Y D G D Y Q F W P D

F M B P D V F W P D

D M U Y D M J K D C

F T H D Y U A Y W S W P D

F T T A U S W P D

F M D V U F M E A F Q K S W P D

H D Y H D U A S P

H D Y D M M F S P

F M C D P F W P D

W S P S M J D C

Cryptofamily Puzzle 37**Keeping It Brief**

Y U Z R H W S W B J
A B R I D G M E N T

R Z H W Q J

E Y Y U W X Z E J Z C B

Q V S S E U O

Q O B C F Q Z Q

Q V U X W O

E Y Q J U E M J

C V J P Z B W

Q A W J M T

R Z E H U E S

R W P Z B W E J Z C B

M C B R W B Q E J Z C B

M C B J U E M J Z C B

Q Z P T C V W J J W

M C B J C V U

Cryptofamily Puzzle 38**Flowery Talk**

H N C I F V U P W
G A R N I S H E D

H F M W P W

L V E P I E N E F L B V

H N B W Z

P G E C N O N H N I E

U Z Y P C D L M F K

D P T P R P M P W

P Q D P M M F V U P W

W P K L C N E F O P

L C I N E P

N J J P K E P W

Y L Q Y L B V

H C N I W F L V P

N W L C I P W

P I U N I K P W

Cryptofamily Puzzle 39**Can We Talk?**

R H E T W Q I P O C
H O S P I T A B L E

Z C K W I O

A H J T I K W H K I P O C

N U P I K C

I J W I P O C

Z U C Z I U W H N E

C F Q U H L C U Q C G

X H L W I O

A H U G W I O

A H J J N K W A I Q W L C

I J W A I P O C

E H A W I P O C

A R I U W E J I Q W A

A H K L W L W I O

H N Q Z H W K Z

Cryptofamily Puzzle 40**It's Loud in Here!**G A L B C U O V P
S T R I D E N C Y

C B O

L U Q U L J U L N A B S O

V N V D B O O N A B S O

V T N O X S L

V L U G V U O C S

I N O I N L U

A W F W T A

Q S V B I U L N A B S O

W T W T N A B S O

J U C T N F

M N O C U F S O B W F

A W L F S B T

J S F J N L C F U O A

V T N F S L

Cryptofamily Puzzle 41**Hey, Lazarus!**H D L D H S L I G
I N A N I M A T E

W L I L Z

V G X G L B G V

V G S H B G V

C A G L I O Z G B B

S Y A H C E D V

K G A H B O H D Q

G T I H D X I

Z G I O L Z

I G A S H D L Z

X L V L U G A Y E B

Z H U H V

K L Z Z H V

V G W E D X I

Z H W G Z G B B



END NOTE

You are a hard worker! You have proven your brains and your perseverance by making it this far in *SAT Vocabulary Express*. You have completed all the chapters containing the medium and medium-to-hard vocabulary and puzzles. Now it is your chance to really shine. We warn you. The puzzles from here on are not for the faint of heart, but they will challenge and intrigue you. You have all the tools you need to break the code on any question on the new SAT that has tough vocabulary. Get ready to strut your stuff. The next puzzles may take more than one attempt, but we think you will be able to plow through them. And, who knows? Perhaps you are now as hooked on puzzles as we are!

Fun Quiz

The following Cryptofamily puzzle contains the names of famous couples throughout history and from famous books and plays. Can you figure them out? We have not given you any clues to help you get started. Try to think of as many couples as you can. Do any of the names have double letters or obvious repeating patterns? Look for those names first, and then continue from there.

Cryptofamily Puzzle 42**Famous Couples**

H E I Y J & K J E Y V X F J

E I Y S I L & F W J S Z E Y V E

J V S B & Z B L F C J

P J V Y V N H J B Y J X I & E W X F J K Y S G W E B

R E I J J L V J & J H M E V H V S F C J B Y J V

Z E V X B & C J W J I

C J E Y C F W X A A & F E Y C L

F E V S W L I K J B B J Y Y J & R S C I G J I I J H L

V S Q J S & R N W X J Y

E I I E G E V J I X I E & E W J G B J X U V S I B G X

I E Z S W J S I & R S B J Z C X I J

B F E V W J Y Y S ' C E V E & V C J Y Y K N Y W J V

W E I F J W S Y & P N X I J U J V J

B S I I L & F C J V

H E U X H & K E Y C B C J K E

W E H L H X E I E & Z V X I F J F C E V W J B

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CHALLENGING PUZZLES

Traditionally, the hardest *New York Times* crossword puzzle of the week appears on Saturday. These puzzles are even harder than the much larger Sunday crosswords. One of the reasons why they're harder is that they have no theme: There are no cues or clues from other answers to help you with the longer answer words or phrases.

We have here a challenging crossword for you hardy souls who've made it this far. You know who you are. You're SAT code-breaking grandmasters, and here's your chance to see if you can piece a few difficult words together, just as you will on the SAT when your time comes. It's a themeless crossword puzzle, or what we call a vocabulary builder.

Crossword Puzzle 20

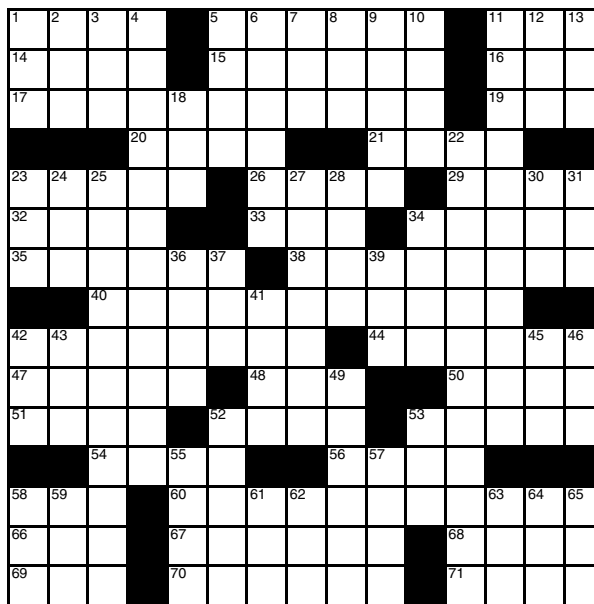
A Vocabulary Builder

ACROSS

1. On _____ (without a contract)
5. Rubbed the wrong away?
11. Unruly crowd
14. Othello's evil lieutenant
15. Woman of Hispanic heritage
16. In existence
17. Published or proclaimed formally
19. Had the pack at one's heels
20. Junior year exam, for short
21. Medieval mauler
23. Kind of TV or modem
26. Characterized by a pretentious manner
29. Lyric poems
32. Musical instrument of the reed family
33. Graphic or centric prefix
34. Show those pearly whites
35. Clumsy oaf
38. Not expressly stated but there
40. Having a warlike character
42. Uses as a platform (2 wds.)
44. More sharply defined
47. Constituent members
48. Spider's specialty
50. Bustle; fuss
51. Assistant; helper
52. Miami, Florida's county
53. Krispy Kreme delight
54. Not doing much of anything
56. Sound of surprise
58. Honest _____
60. Attackers of cherished beliefs
66. Ares or Mars's domain
67. One of Illinois's Quad Cities
68. "Saturday Night Live" offering
69. Actors Begley and Begley, Jr.
70. Aspiring doctor's major
71. Ratio in a right triangle

DOWN

1. Small drink
2. Average, to a golfer
3. What a braggart displays
4. Fitted in to make perfect
5. Fitzgerald of jazz fame
6. Made of mixed elements
7. _____ loss for words (2 wds.)
8. Take a chair



9. Foe
10. Mama's mate
11. Curse or imprecation
12. Gold mine product
13. Pajamas are worn here
18. Put to work
22. Transpiring; eventuating (3 wds.)
23. He gives orders to a maj.
24. _____ Dhabi (country)
25. Specialists in a B-52
27. Ruled the kingdom
28. Weighty book
30. Inventor Whitney
31. Harden in cement, e.g.
34. Snow racer
36. Inventor of a self-named auto
37. T-shirts for big, big people (abbr.)
39. Syllable meaning "before"
41. The Hawkeye State
42. Masseur's work spot
43. _____ chi (exercise form)
45. Alternative to .com or .org
46. Decay
49. Depart (2 wds.)
52. Home ornamentation
53. Internet connector
55. Flaccid; lacking firmness
57. Did this puzzle perfectly!
58. Overwhelming admiration
59. Not good
61. Bullfight cheer
62. Two-player, pencil-and-paper game
63. Hit the slopes
64. Element abbreviated Sn
65. Title bestowed on Theresa of Avila (abbr.)

Anagram Magic Square Puzzle 10

P O R T A L □ -----	S N O W E D □ -----	C O R O N A □ -----
R I O T E D □ -----	M A R I N A □ -----	U N S H O D □ -----
V O L L E Y □ -----	H E A R T Y □ -----	R E M O T E □ -----

Clues:

1. Of the ground
2. Secure the perimeter
3. Hunting dogs
4. Book publishing VIP
5. Shooting star
6. Donates money for a specific purpose
7. Nocturnal animal (alt. spelling)
8. Male pilot
9. Exquisite

SAT Word:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

 Clue: Fleeting

Anagram Magic Square Puzzle 11

R E N A M E <input type="text"/> -----	N E U R A L <input type="text"/> -----	B O S S E S <input type="text"/> -----
C H I C L E <input type="text"/> -----	F L U E N T <input type="text"/> -----	S H A R E D <input type="text"/> -----
E A R N E R <input type="text"/> -----	A P P E N D <input type="text"/> -----	E R R I N G <input type="text"/> -----

Clues:

1. Trite word or phrase
2. Focus intensely
3. Slumbered
4. Imaginary
5. Closer
6. Sprinter
7. Double; twin
8. Not sensed tactilely
9. More malicious

SAT Word:

 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

Clue: Perplexing problem with no obvious solution

These are the challenging puzzles, so only words with four or more letters count toward the score! The answer key presents the combined effort of several people with too much time on their hands.

Word within Word Puzzle 4

an·thro·po·cen·trism (an'thrə pō sen'triz əm), *n.*
a human theory or view.

Best score so far: 561

Word within Word Puzzle 5

cir·cum·lo·cu·tion (sûr'kəm lō kyōō'shən), *n.*

1. a roundabout or indirect way of speaking; the use of more words than necessary to express an idea.
2. a roundabout expression.

Best score so far: 167

Word within Word Puzzle 6

dis·in·gen·u·ous (dis'in jen'yōō əs), *adj.*

1. lacking in frankness, candor, or sincerity; falsely or hypocritically ingenuous; insincere: *Her excuse was rather disingenuous.*

Best score so far: 52

Word within Word Puzzle 7

e·quiv·o·cate (i kwiv'ə kāt'), *v.i.*, **-cat·ed**, **-cat·ing**.

1. to use ambiguous or unclear expressions, usually to avoid commitment or in order to mislead; prevaricate or hedge: *When asked directly for his position on disarmament, the candidate only equivocated.*

Best score so far: 26

Word within Word Puzzle 8

lo·qua·cious (lō kwā´shəs), *adj.*

1. talking or tending to talk much or freely; talkative; chattering; babbling; garrulous: *a loquacious dinner guest.*
2. characterized by excessive talk; wordy: *easily the most loquacious play of the season.*

Best score so far: 18

Word within Word Puzzle 9

mach·i·na·tion (mak´ə nā´shən), *n.*

1. an act or instance of machinating.
2. usually, *machinations*. crafty schemes; plots; intrigues.

Best score so far: 116

Quotation Puzzle 9

1P	2N	3F	4K	5G		6Q	7K	8G	9M	10A	11J		12Q	13P	14N	15G	16D
17F		18D	19J	20K		21D	22I	23Q	24B	25F	26J	27C	28K		29B	30P	31H
32J	33G	34C		35D	36O	37M	38K		39P	40C	41N	42M	43F	44H	45D	46O	47L
	48A	49E	50I		51N	52L	53E	54D	55A	56J	57C	58M		59A	60B	61I	
62M	63C	64P	65O		66F	67L	68P	69H	70G	71B	72I	73O		74C	75D	76O	77Q
78B	79L	80K		81I	82H	83N	84F	85P	86B	87L	88O	89J		90O	91C	92F	93G
	94N	95G	96P	97E	98K	99I	100B		101L	102N		103N	104K	105B	106O	107G	108J
109L		110B	111L	112G	113F		114Q	115E	116B	117H	118D		119P	120C	121G	122D	123Q
124B	125K	126L	127E		128D	129C	130O	131L	132A	133E	134Q						

Clues:

- A. Flying elephant of Disney fame 10 132 55 48 59
- B. English actress of "Punch-Drunk Love" (2 wds.) 110 86 78 116 100 124 71 24 29 105 60
- C. Extremely wicked or villainous 27 57 74 120 63 91 129 40 34
- D. 98 Degree member; J. Simpson's husband (2 wds.) 45 18 128 16 122 75 21 35 54 118
- E. Protected from disease by a shot 115 133 53 49 127 97
- F. Spaceships like "Atlantis" and "Discovery" 113 25 66 84 43 92 3 17
- G. Bummed out and gloomy; depressed 70 33 121 112 15 8 107 95 93 5
- H. Rome's country 69 82 44 117 31
- I. The _____ thing (all the rage) 22 99 72 61 81 50
- J. Beatles #1 rereleased "Naked" in 2003 (3 wds.) 32 108 89 26 19 56 11
- K. Causes or gives rise to 38 104 28 125 80 98 7 4 20
- L. Head general, Confederate Army, Civil War (3 wds.) 111 79 101 52 109 131 126 67 47 87
- M. All night parties 58 9 37 62 42
- N. Tending to annoy or cause ill will 83 41 51 103 94 14 2 102
- O. Nightly work for Dan Rather, Tom Brokaw, etc. 88 73 90 76 46 36 65 106 130
- P. England's principal waterway (2 wds.) 30 119 1 68 13 64 96 85 39
- Q. Calmed; comforted; tranquilized 114 123 23 12 77 134 6

Quotation Puzzle 10

1B	2A		3Q	4A	5M		6H	7J	8C	9F		10G	11L	12U		13F	14S
15Q	16E	17U	18D	19R	20P	21B	22J		23A	24K	25U	26H	27S	28I	29B		30I
31S	32D	33E	34R	35Q	36T		37M	38F	39K		40A	41Q	42B	43I	44G	45D	
46H	47E	48Q	49B	50F	51K	52M	53S	54C	55U	56R	57L		58E	59U	60H		61C
62H	63O	64L	65M	66P		67U	68F		69A	70K	71C		72B	73Q	74R		75M
76B	77Q	78K	79O		80G	81T	82O	83H	84N	85A		86F	87H	88L	89P	90U	91N
	92I	93L	94H		95L	96H		97D		98J	99O	100D	101S	102P		103J	104F
105B	106T	107N		108T	109M	110E	111A	112N	113K		114C	115I	116S	117H		118U	119S
120P	121L	122U	123B		124F	125L	126U	127J	128K		129C	130T		131E		132T	133D
134G	135O		136E	137G		138N	139J	140L	141T	142D	143S	144O	145P	146F	147U	148R	

Clues:

- A. Comedian teamed with Bing Crosby in movies (2 wds.) 23 2 69 40 4 111 85
- B. Effrontery; inclination to talk back 72 42 49 76 1 123 29 21 105
- C. Sir Thomas _____ (man famous for importing tea to U.S.) 114 129 61 71 8 54
- D. Sideways pass in football 133 97 45 142 18 100 32
- E. Nickname for the Wild West's Bill Cody 136 47 16 58 131 33 110
- F. Director of the movie "A Beautiful Mind" (2 wds.) 86 124 38 104 68 9 146 50 13
- G. Ingredient that makes bread rise 137 44 134 80 10
- H. Big 7-day period for the Nielsen TV ratings (2 wds.) 96 26 87 117 83 46 60 94 62 6
- I. Popeye's girlfriend 92 43 115 30 28
- J. Huey, Dewey, or Louie, to Donald Duck 7 22 98 139 127 103
- K. Learned or scholarly; having great knowledge 113 128 70 39 51 78 24
- L. Basic or natural aversion; repugnance 88 93 125 95 64 140 121 11 57
- M. Spill the beans; rat on; tattle 52 75 5 109 37 65
- N. Shouts out loud 91 107 112 84 138
- O. Hire a person for a job 79 82 144 99 63 135
- P. Sewing or stitching necessity 20 102 145 120 89 66
- Q. Give pleasure to a person; delight; gladden 35 48 41 73 77 15 3
- R. Contract an apartment renter must sign 56 19 34 74 148
- S. Penetrating; cutting; trenchant 31 119 101 14 143 53 116 27
- T. Gilligan's TV "boss" 130 141 81 132 108 36 106
- U. Aussie actor in "The Patriot" and "A Knight's Tale" (2 wds.) 122 12 118 25 126 90 17 67 55 59 147

This puzzle provides little in the way of clues, making it the most difficult hidden meanings puzzle. It will take more time, but we think you will be able to figure it out!

Hidden Meanings Puzzle 14

ar·cha·ic (är kā'ik), *adj.*

1. _____(6) by the _____(15) of an _____(7) _____(6);
_____ (10).

ed·i·fy (ed'ə fī), *v.t.*, **-fied**, **-fy·ing**.

1. to _____(8) or _____(7), especially _____(7) or _____(11);
_____ (6).

gre·gar-i-ous (gri gâr'ē əs), *adj.*

1. _____(4) of the _____(7) of _____(6); _____(8).

pe·jo-ra-tive (pi jôr'ə tiv, -jor'-, pej'ə rā', pē'jə-), *adj.*

1. having a _____(11), _____(10), or _____(10) _____(6) or
_____ (5).

ver-nac-u-lar (vər nak'yə lər, və nak'-), *adj.*

1. (of language) _____(6) or _____(10) as [_____ (7) to _____(8)
or _____(7)].

per-il-ous (per'ə ləs), *adj.*

1. _____(9) or _____(4) of _____(5) _____(4) or _____(5);
_____ (9); _____ (9).

rev-e-la-tion (rev'ə lā'shən), *n.*

1. the act of _____(9) or _____(10); _____(10).

bi-as (bī'əs), *n., adj., adv., v.*, **bi-ased**, **bi-as-ing** or (*especially British*) **bi-assed**, **bi-as-sing**. —*n.*

1. an _____(7) or _____(8) line of _____(9), especially _____(6) a
_____ (5) _____ (6).
2. a particular _____(8) or _____(11), especially one who prevents
_____ (12) _____ (13) of a _____(8); _____ (9).

dearth (dûrth), *n.*

1. an _____(10) _____(6); _____(8); _____(4).

im-pec-ca-ble (im pek'ə bəl), *adj.*

1. _____(9); _____(8); _____(14).

Hidden Meanings Puzzle 14 *(continued)***4 LETTERS**

FOND
RISK
LACK
FULL

5 LETTERS

FORCE
WOVEN
PERIL
GRAVE

6 LETTERS

ACROSS
NATIVE
PERIOD
FABRIC
MARKED
UPLIFT
SUPPLY
OTHERS
EFFECT

7 LETTERS

OBLIQUE
EARLIER
MORALLY
OPPOSED
BENEFIT
COMPANY
LEARNED

8 LETTERS

SOCIABLE
DIAGONAL
QUESTION
SCARCITY
LITERARY
INSTRUCT
TENDENCY
FLAWLESS

9 LETTERS

DIRECTION
DANGEROUS
INVOLVING
FAULTLESS
REVEALING
PREJUDICE
HAZARDOUS

10 LETTERS

DISCLOSURE
DEROGATORY
INDIGENOUS
INADEQUATE
DISCLOSING
ANTIQUATED
BELITTLING

11 LETTERS

INCLINATION
SPIRITUALLY
DISPARAGING

12 LETTERS

UNPREJUDICED

13 LETTERS

CONSIDERATION

14 LETTERS

IRREPROACHABLE

15 LETTERS

CHARACTERISTICS

Some words in a particular definition will be interchangeable.

CLOSING LETTER TO STUDENTS

Dear Students:

Congratulations! You are now ready to crack the code of the vocabulary in the new SAT. You have learned many new words but, more importantly, you have learned how to play with words, how to build them and pull them apart, and how to use their connotations to help you guess well on the SAT.

People will try to tell you how difficult the SAT is and how nervous you should be. They are entitled to their opinion. But you don't have to be afraid, because you know the SAT is a game that you can win. Yes, the test is hard, but you are no slouch. You can handle it. No test is going to make you give up. Take the SAT challenge. Stand tall, put on your game face, and kick some butt.

The same people who tell you that the SAT is going to be scary will also tell you that it is impossible to get into a good school. Although it is a little more competitive at the top colleges and universities than it used to be, it is not impossible. Students are admitted every year. Why not you? Do the best job you can on the SAT and in your application. Make sure you apply to two safety schools that you would be happy to attend and then relax and enjoy your senior year. There is no one perfect college for you. You can be happy and get a wonderful education at any number of colleges. If you really hate where you end up, you can transfer.

A 1600 on the SAT will not guarantee you a spot at an Ivy League school. This means that many people with less than perfect scores are admitted to Ivy League schools. And many students from less than top schools are admitted to the top graduate schools every year. Only your undergraduate transcript will be evaluated when you apply to graduate school, so it will matter how well you do in college, not how well your college is ranked in *U.S. News and World*

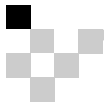
Report. The college you attend may influence your first job opportunity, but only your success and work ethic at your first job will get you a better second job.

Deciding where to apply and where to attend college are big decisions, but they are not the biggest or the most important decisions you will ever make in your life. You can grow, learn, and explore life at any college or university in the world.

Good luck,

Jacqueline Byrne

Michael Ashley



Answers

CHAPTER 1 ANSWERS

Crossword Puzzle 1

A	G	E		A	B	E		F	L	U
M	E	L		L	A	W		R	E	M
A	M	I	A	B	L	E		I	D	A
			D	E	E		M	E		
A	T	A	R	I	S		O	N	E	S
B	E	F	I	T		L	O	D	G	E
C	A	F	E		C	A	R	S	O	N
		A	N		H	U	E			
L	A	B		C	O	R	D	I	A	L
A	I	L		U	S	E		C	O	O
D	R	E		B	E	N		E	L	S

Easy Going

Crossword Puzzle 2

H	U	M		S	A	D		H	A	T
A	S	A		H	B	O		A	R	E
V	E	R	B	O	S	E		L	E	A
E	N	S	U	E			S	T	A	R
N	E	H	I		P	A	L			
	T	A	L	K	A	T	I	V	E	
			D	O	N		G	I	V	E
M	O	S	S			S	H	R	E	D
R	N	A		P	R	A	T	I	N	G
E	L	F		R	E	N		L	E	E
D	Y	E		O	D	D		E	D	S

All Talk

Crossword Puzzle 3

P	E	P		P	C	S		N	A	B
U	M	A		R	O	O		O	W	E
N	O	T	G	O	O	D		T	E	D
			O	L	E		I	M		
S	E	N	I	O	R		M	U	L	E
A	L	O	N	G		L	A	C	E	S
M	I	T	T		T	I	G	H	T	S
		N	O		R	T	E			
T	A	I		N	O	T	S	A	F	E
A	R	C		I	L	L		I	O	N
B	E	E		A	L	E		L	E	D

Puzzle You—Not!

Quotation Puzzle 1

Quote: "If you can't beat them, arrange to have them beaten." George Carlin.

Answers: **A.** BABE RUTH, **B.** VENERATE, **C.** THE RING, **D.** RACCOON, **E.** ENMITY, **F.** EAGLE, **G.** AGATE, **H.** FATHOM.

Quotation Puzzle 2

Quote: "Do you think my mind is maturing late, or simply rotted early?" Ogden Nash.

Answers: **A.** ATHENS, **B.** TURMOIL, **C.** HANSON, **D.** IGLOO, **E.** SYNONYM, **F.** MADRID, **G.** TRULY, **H.** GRADE, **I.** KITTY, **J.** IMPEDE.

Anagram Magic Square Puzzle 1

1. Padre, 2. Anger, 3. Route, 4. Askew, 5. Melon, 6. Optic, 7. Urban, 8. Night, 9. Tiara.

SAT Word: Paramount.

Anagram Magic Square 2

1. Verse, 2. Aloft, 3. Coops, 4. Idler, 5. Leaks, 6. Lease, 7. Alert, 8. Truce, 9. Exalt.

SAT Word: Vacillate.

CHAPTER 2 ANSWERS**Hidden Meanings Puzzle 1**

subtle 1. thin, tenuous, or rarefied, as a fluid or an odor. 2. fine or delicate in meaning or intent; difficult to perceive or understand. 3. delicate or faint and mysterious. **viable** 1. capable of living. **accent** 1. prominence of a syllable in terms of differential loudness, or of pitch, or length, or of a combination of these. **fruitless** 1. useless; unproductive, without results or success. 2. bearing no fruit, barren. **reserve** 1. to keep back or save for future use, disposal, treatment, and so on. **drawback** 1. a hindrance or disadvantage; an undesirable or objectionable feature. **homogeneous** 1. composed of parts or elements that are all of the same kind; not heterogeneous. 2. of the same kind or nature; essentially alike. **receptive** 1. having the quality of receiving, taking in, or admitting. 2. able or quick to receive knowledge, ideas, and so on. **genre** 1. a class or category of artistic endeavor having a particular form, content, technique, or the like. **respite** 1. a delay or cessation for a time, especially of anything distressing or trying; an interval of relief.

Hidden Meanings Puzzle 2

surpass 1. to go beyond in amount, extent, or degree; to be greater than; exceed 2. to go beyond in excellence or achievement; be superior to; excel. **diction** 1. style of speaking or writing as

dependent upon choice of words. **2.** the accent, inflection, intonation, and speech-sound quality manifested by an individual speaker, usually judged in terms of prevailing standards of acceptability; **genuine** **1.** possessing the claimed or attributed character, quality, or origin; not counterfeit; authentic. **tentative** **1.** of the nature of or made or done as a trial, experiment, or attempt. **2.** unsure; uncertain; not definite or positive; hesitant. **docile** **1.** easily managed or handled; tractable. **2.** readily trained or taught; teachable. **comply** **1.** to act or be in accordance with wishes, requests, demands, requirements, conditions, and so on; agree (sometimes followed by *with*). **revert** **1.** to return to a former habit, practice, belief, condition, and so on. **2. Law:** to go back to or return to the former owner or to his or her heirs. **3. Biology:** to return to an earlier or primitive type. **assent** **1.** to agree or concur; subscribe to (often followed by *to*). **2.** to give in; concede; yield. **devoid** **1.** not possessing, untouched by, void or destitute (usually followed by *of*). **2.** to deplete or strip of some quality or substance. **seclude** **1.** to place in or withdraw into solitude; remove from social contact and activity. **2.** to isolate; shut off; keep apart.

Cryptofamily Puzzle 1

APATHY, LASSITUDE, LANGUOR, LETHARGIC, SOPORIFIC, TORPOR, COMATOSE, STUPOR, PASSIVE, LISTLESS, PHLEGMATIC, SOMNOLENT, LANGUID, SLUGGISH.

Cryptofamily Puzzle 2

MALLEABLE, AMBIVALENT, VACILLATE, OBEDIENT, ABEYANCE, AMENABLE, BIDDABLE, COMPLIANT, TRACTABLE, DEFERENTIAL, OBSEQUIOUS, SERVILE, ACQUIESCENT, RESIGNED.

Cryptofamily Puzzle 3

EXHAUSTIVE, METICULOUS, SCRUPULOUS, PRAGMATIC, THOROUGHNESS, PAINSTAKING, OBSERVANT, COMPULSIVE, DILIGENT, ASSIDUOUS, OBSESSIVE, ATTENTIVE, SEDULOUS, CAREFUL.

Cryptofamily Puzzle 4

OBSTINATE, TENACIOUS, DOGGED, INTRACTABLE, INTRANSIGENT, PERVERSE, WILLFUL, OBSTREPEROUS, BULLHEADED, OB DURATE, PUGNACIOUS, DOGMATIC, INCORRIGIBLE, PIGHEADED.

Groupie Puzzle 1

premeditate, justified, revenge, biblical, optical, retaliate. Eye for an eye.

Groupie Puzzle 2

glassy, serene, horizontal, two-dimensional, breakfast, off-key. Flat as a pancake.

CHAPTER 3 ANSWERS

Word Creation Puzzle 1

tenant	projection	confer
tension	injection	infertile
retain	conjunction	refer
aver	rejection	infer
veracity	reject	generate
convert	conjecture	generic
reverse	component	generation
averse	compose	progenerate
conversant	repose	regenerate
aversion	propose	fiction
reversion	impose	confection
conversation	posture	infection
manual	current	factual
manufacture	cursory	prefect
many	recurrent	factory
inject	concurrent	faction
project	fertile	

Word within Word Puzzle 1

FRACTIOUS—9 letters

act	cart	fast
actor	cast	fat
afro	cat	fiat
aft	ciao	ficus
air	coat	first
aortic	coif	fist
arc	craft	focus
ascot	crust	fort
astir	curt	frat
auric	fair	iota
auto	far	oaf
car	fart	oats

our	rout	stair
oust	rust	star
out	rustic	stria
raft	sat	surf
rat	scarf	tofu
ratio	scat	turf
rift	sofa	
riot	sot	

58 words***Word within Word Puzzle 2***

COMPRESSION—11 letters

cession	miser	rose
coins	miss	rosin
come	moon	scion
compose	mope	scone
compress	more	scoop
cone	moss	scope
cons	nose	score
coop	pore	scrip
cope	pose	semipro
core	press	sensor
corm	prion	sermon
corn	promise	simper
cosine	prone	sin
cosmos	prose	sine
cress	remiss	sip
crimp	resin	sir
croon	rinse	siren
crop	rip	snip
impress	ripe	snore
income	rise	some
ion	roe	soon
iron	romp	sore
mess	room	sperm
mire	rope	spin

spine
spire

sponsor
spoon

spore

77 words

Word within Word Puzzle 3

FACSIMILE—9 letters

ace

families

malice

ail

file

meal

aim

film

mica

aisle

flame

mice

ale

flies

mile

cafe

lace

misfile

calf

lame

sail

came

leaf

sale

case

leis

same

clime

lice

seal

elf

lies

seam

face

life

self

facile

lime

semi

fail

mace

simile

false

mail

smile

fame

male

47 words

Phobia Puzzle 1

1. e, 2. s, 3. f, 4. v, 5. k, 6. z, 7. c, 8. u, 9. b, 10. r, 11. x, 12. a, 13. j, 14. h, 15. p, 16. y, 17. l, 18. n, 19. d, 20. g, 21. w, 22. i, 23. q, 24. t, 25. m, 26. o.

CHAPTER 4 ANSWERS

Crossword Puzzle 4

I	C	E	T		A	G	A	P	E		C	O	U	P	
D	O	E	R		R	E	S	E	W		O	K	R	A	
O	B	L	I	T	E	R	A	T	E		M	A	G	I	
			G	I	N	A					M	E	Y	E	R
M	T	V		C	A	R	N	A	G	E		S	R	S	
A	H	A	B			D	E	B	U	T					
S	E	L	E	S			W	E	R	E		J	R	S	
O	M	I	N	O	U	S		T	U	R	M	O	I	L	
N	E	D		C	R	A	M				S	L	I	D	E
				I	N	C	A	S			K	N	E	E	
S	P	Y		A	S	S	E	N	T	S		T	S	P	
T	R	A	I	L			E	A	T	S					
A	I	L	S		C	A	T	A	C	L	Y	S	M	S	
F	E	T	A		A	L	I	K	E		N	A	I	L	
F	R	A	Y		L	E	A	S	T		C	L	A	Y	

*Destructive Tendencies**Crossword Puzzle 5*

A	N	T	H	E	M		A	G	E		A	V	I	D	
B	A	H	A	M	A		M	O	M		N	O	R	A	
A	V	A	R	I	C	I	O	U	S		T	R	E	Y	
T	A	N	K		S	L	U	G		S	E	A			
E	L	K				I	N	E	P	T		C	B	S	
				C	O	V	E	T	O	U	S		I	R	A
T	H	R	O	N	E		S	U	E		M	O	A	T	
R	E	A	R	E	N	D		T	R	I	B	U	T	E	
E	S	P	N		D	I	P		T	O	A	S	T	S	
A	S	A		D	E	S	I	R	O	U	S				
D	E	C		D	R	A	C	O			S	I	B		
			I	S	T		B	T	U	S		A	N	N	A
S	H	O	E		G	L	U	T	T	O	N	O	U	S	
N	O	U	N		P	E	R		E	E	Y	O	R	E	
L	E	S	T		A	D	E		P	R	A	T	E	S	

*Mine, All Mine!**Crossword Puzzle 6*

D	R	A	W		L	A	S	T		H	O	V	E	L
N	O	D	E		I	N	C	A		O	R	A	N	G
A	E	S	T	H	E	T	I	C		M	I	N	D	S
				I	I	I		K	N	E	E			
O	P	U	L	E	N	C	E		O	R	N	A	T	E
L	A	N	E				V	I	M		T	R	A	Y
D	R	O	G	U	E		E	V	A	S		T	I	E
			O	S	L	O		Y	A	L	E			
S	E	A		C	O	A	L		M	O	S	A	I	C
P	E	R	P		P	T	A		T	O	D	O		
A	L	C	O	V	E		B	U	N	G	A	L	O	W
			W	I	S	P		N	S	A				
A	B	O	D	E		L	A	B	Y	R	I	N	T	H
R	E	N	E	W		A	L	A	N		C	I	A	O
B	E	E	R	S		N	A	R	C		E	A	R	P

*Our House (Is a Very, Very, Very Fine House)**Anagram Magic Square Puzzle 3*

1. Needs, 2. Olive, 3. Coins, 4. Tough, 5. Until, 6. Regal, 7. Nudes, 8. Aster, 9. Lapse.
SAT Word: Nocturnal.

Anagram Magic Square Puzzle 4

1. Purse, 2. Evict, 3. Neigh, 4. Ideal, 5. Nears, 6. Stare, 7. Untie, 8. Leapt, 9. Adept.
SAT Word: Peninsula.

Anagram Magic Square Puzzle 5

1. Addle, 2. Trash, 3. Terse, 4. Ether, 5. Naked, 6. Urban, 7. Aside, 8. Toned, 9. Edify.

SAT Word: Attenuate.

Anagram Magic Square Puzzle 6

1. Froth, 2. Regal, 3. Auger, 4. Coals, 5. Throw, 6. Items, 7. Overt, 8. Urges, 9. South.

SAT Word: Fractious.

Hidden Meanings Puzzle 3

somber 1. gloomily dark; shadowy; dimly lighted. 2. dark and dull, as color, or as things in respect to color. **vocation** 1. a particular occupation, business, or profession; calling. 2. a strong impulse or inclination to follow a particular activity or career. **malediction** 1. a curse; imprecation. 2. the utterance of a curse. **provocative** 1. tending or serving to provoke; inciting, stimulating, irritating, or vexing. **vociferous** 1. crying out noisily; clamorous. **infraction** 1. breach; violation; infringement. **sublime** 1. elevated or lofty in thought, language. 2. impressing the mind with a sense of grandeur or power; inspiring awe or veneration. **abdicate** 1. to renounce or relinquish a throne, right, power, claim, responsibility, or the like, especially in a formal manner. **transgress** 1. to violate a law, command, moral code, and so on; offend; sin. 2. to pass over or go beyond a limit or boundary. **prodigy** 1. a person, especially a child or young person, having extraordinary talent or ability. 3. something wonderful or marvelous; a wonder.

Hidden Meanings Puzzle 4

postscript 1. a paragraph, phrase, and the like added to a letter that has already been concluded and signed by the writer. **sanctify** 1. to make holy; set apart as sacred; consecrate. 2. to purify or free from sin. **quest** 1. a search or pursuit made in order to find or obtain something. 2. Medieval romance. an adventurous expedition undertaken by a knight or knights to secure or achieve something. **execrable** 1. utterly detestable; abominable; abhorrent. **prolix** 1. extended to great, unnecessary, or tedious length; long and wordy. **querulous** 1. full of complaints; complaining. 2. characterized by or uttered in complaint; peevish. **empathy** 1. the intellectual identification with or vicarious experiencing of the feelings, thoughts, or attitudes of another. **disparage** 1. to speak of or treat slightingly; depreciate; belittle. 2. to bring reproach upon or discredit; lower the estimation of. **circuitous** 1. roundabout; not direct. **diffident** 1. lacking confidence in one's own ability, worth, or fitness; timid; shy. 2. restrained or reserved in manner, conduct, and so on.

Hidden Meanings Puzzle 5

vilify 1. to speak ill of; defame; slander. **whet** 1. to sharpen (a knife, tool, etc.) by grinding or friction. 2. to make keen or eager; stimulate. **spurn** 1. to reject with disdain; scorn. 2. to treat with contempt; despise. **vibrant** 1. moving to and fro rapidly; vibrating. 2. vibrating so as to produce sound, as a string. **abridge** 1. to shorten by omissions while retaining the basic content. 2. to reduce or lessen in duration, scope, authority, and so on; diminish. **daunt** 1. to overcome with fear; intimidate. 2. to lessen the courage of; dishearten. **obscurity** 1. the state or quality of being obscure.

discrepancy 1. the state or quality of being discrepant; difference; inconsistency. **hypocrisy** 1. a pretense of having a virtuous character, moral or religious beliefs or principles, and the like, that one does not really possess. **bane** 1. a person or thing that ruins or spoils.

Hidden Meanings Puzzle 6

myriad 1. a very great or indefinitely great number of persons or things. **deplete** 1. to decrease seriously or exhaust the abundance or supply of. **ambivalence** 1. uncertainty or fluctuation, especially when caused by inability to make a choice or by a simultaneous desire to say or do two opposite or conflicting things. **flourish** 1. to be in a vigorous state; thrive. 2. to be in its or in one's prime; to be at the height of fame, excellence, influence, and so on. 3. to be successful; prosper. **distend** 1. to make larger by stretching, as something hollow or elastic. 2. to spread in all directions; expand; swell. **peripheral** 1. pertaining to, situated in, or constituting the periphery. 2. concerned with relatively minor, irrelevant, or superficial aspects of the subject in question. **garner** 1. to gather or deposit in or as if in a granary or other storage place. 2. to get; acquire; earn. **transient** 1. not lasting, enduring, or permanent; transitory. 2. lasting only a short time; existing briefly; temporary. **virulent** 1. actively poisonous; intensely noxious. 2. *Medical*: highly infective; malignant or deadly. **stymie** 1. a situation or problem presenting such difficulties as to discourage or defeat any attempt to deal with or resolve it.

Hidden Meanings Puzzle 7

fraudulent 1. characterized by, involving, or proceeding from fraud, as actions, enterprise, methods, or gains. 2. given to or using fraud, as a person; cheating; dishonest. **obdurate** 1. unmoved by persuasion, pity, or tender feelings; stubborn; unyielding. **recalcitrant** 1. resisting authority or control; not obedient or compliant; refractory. 2. hard to deal with, manage, or operate. **ephemeral** 1. lasting a very short time; short-lived; transitory. **salubrious** 1. favorable to or promoting health; healthful. **corroborate** 1. to make certain; to confirm. **munificent** 1. extremely liberal in giving; very generous. **parsimony** 1. extreme or excessive economy or frugality; stinginess. **surreptitious** 1. obtained, done, made, and so on by stealth; secret or unauthorized; clandestine. **dissonance** 1. inharmonious or harsh sound; discord; cacophony. 2. *Music*: a simultaneous combination of tones conventionally accepted as being in a state of unrest and needing completion.

Hidden Meanings Puzzle 8

abstemious 1. sparing or moderate in eating and drinking; temperate in diet. 2. characterized by abstinence. **subordinate** 1. placed in or belonging to a lower order or rank. 2. of less importance; secondary. 3. subject to or under the authority of a superior. 4. subservient or inferior. **regress** 1. to move backwards; to go back. 2. to revert to an earlier or less advanced state or form. **fractious** 1. refractory or unruly. 2. readily angered; peevish; irritable; quarrelsome. **obsequious** 1. characterized by or showing servile complaisance or deference; fawning. 2. servilely compliant or deferential. **emancipate** 1. to free from restraint, influence, or the like. 2. to free (a slave) from bondage. **ingenuous** 1. free from reserve, restraint, or dissimulation; candid; sincere. 2. artless; innocent; naive. **supercilious** 1. haughtily disdainful or contemptuous, as a person or a facial expression. **convivial** 1. friendly; agreeable. 2. fond of feasting, drinking, and merry company; jovial. 3. of or befitting a feast; festive. **coalesce** 1. to grow together or into one body. 2. to unite so as to form one mass, community, and so forth.

CHAPTER 5 ANSWERS

Crossword Puzzle 7

S	H	A	R	P		S	O	N	G		O	R	C	A
E	E	R	I	E		T	H	O	U		E	O	U	S
P	R	E	C	O	C	I	O	U	S		R	U	N	T
				N	O	R		N	T	H		G	N	U
T	I	N	A		P	U	T		O	U	T	H	I	T
S	M	A	R	T		P	U	P		B	E	E	N	E
P	A	T	R	O	L		R	O	W		A	N	G	
				I	N	G	E	N	I	O	U	S		
	S	U	V		E	L	S		E	M	E	R	G	E
S	T	R	E	W		M	U	D		A	R	B	O	R
H	E	A	D	E	D		P	I	T		S	I	T	S
R	A	N		T	E	N		S	O	S				
E	M	I	T		P	E	R	C	E	P	T	I	V	E
W	E	A	K		O	R	E	O		A	I	R	E	D
D	R	N	O		T	O	M	S		M	E	E	T	S

Brainy People

Crossword Puzzle 8

A	L	C	A	P	P		J	A	B		G	O	A	D	
S	E	A	L	E	R		A	L	E		U	R	G	E	
I	G	N	I	T	E		N	A	G		I	C	O	N	
S	O	S				C	H	I	N		S	L	A	G	S
				P	L	I	E	S		S	E	E			
M	E	S	S	U	P	S		A	M	A		R	C	A	
A	R	M	A	N	I			R	A	H		H	A	L	
A	G	I	T	A	T	E		P	R	O	V	O	K	E	
M	O	T		T	A	C			T	R	A	D	E	R	
S	S	S		I	T	O		E	A	S	I	E	S	T	
				I	C	E		H	A	L	E	N			
A	T	O	M	S		G	E	R	E			R	U	N	
S	E	R	B		F	A	D		C	A	J	O	L	E	
A	R	E	A		E	G	G		K	I	L	M	E	R	
P	R	O	D		E	S	E		S	L	O	P	E	D	

Come on! Let's Get Going

Crossword Puzzle 9

M	O	S	H		C	T	R		O	D	I	O	U	S		
A	R	E	A		H	A	I		N	O	M	O	R	E		
S	C	A	T	H	I	N	G		U	N	B	O	L	T		
H	A	N	S	O	N		H	A	S	T	A					
					N	A	S	T	Y		D	E	S	K		
D	A	R	E			P	O	E	M	S		N	A	N		
E	C	O	L		V	I	N		O	R	A	C	L	E		
C	A	U	S	T	I	C		N	O	I	S	O	M	E		
O	C	T	A	V	E		D	I	N		I	D	O	L		
D	I	E		A	W	F	U	L			F	E	N	S		
E	A	S	E			C	R	E	S	S						
					L	E	I	C	A		T	E	T	R	I	S
M	O	D	E	R	N		B	R	A	C	K	I	S	H		
R	A	N	C	I	D		L	O	T		O	S	L	O		
S	K	A	T	E	S		E	W	E		S	E	E	P		

P-U, That's Yucky!

Quotation Puzzle 3

Quote: Question: "What do you get when you don't pay your exorcist promptly? Answer: Repossessed." Unknown Author

Answers: **A.** STIMPY, **B.** SPURIOUS, **C.** TEXAS, **D.** TEETH, **E.** REDWOODS, **F.** WRONG, **G.** TOOLS, **H.** EQUATOR, **I.** DOPEY, **J.** PENURY, **K.** CHEWY, **L.** ANNOYS.

Quotation Puzzle 4

Quote: "With Congress, every time they make a joke it's a law. And every time they make a law it's a joke." Will Rogers

Answers: **A.** JOHN WOO, **B.** RICKI LAKE, **C.** VEHEMENT, **D.** ELIOT, **E.** HEAVY, **F.** TWEAK, **G.** MAJESTY, **H.** WALKS, **I.** SAILS, **J.** TEMERITY, **K.** GEYSER, **L.** EMIGRATE, **M.** AWARD.

Quotation Puzzle 5

Quote: "I never let my schooling interfere with my education." Mark Twain.

Answers: **A.** SHREWD, **B.** INGENUITY, **C.** THRIFTY, **D.** LACONIC, **E.** REVIEW, **F.** REMOTE, **G.** MAILMAN, **H.** TOKEN.

Cryptofamily Puzzle 5

ARCHAIC, HACKNEYED, OBSOLETE, SUPERANNUATE, OUTDATED, OLD-FASHIONED, PROTOTYPE, ANCESTRAL, ANTECEDENT, PROGENITOR, ORIGINAL, ANTIQUE, VINTAGE, OUTMODED.

Cryptofamily Puzzle 6

IRE, ENRAGE, INCENSE, PROVOKE, EXPLODE, FUME, RAGE, SEETHE, BRISTLE, BOIL, FURY, OUTRAGE, TORMENT, ANNOY.

Cryptofamily Puzzle 7

FOIL, FETTER, HAMPER, BAR, CONSTRAIN, CURB, CONFINE, CRAMP, STRICTURE, RESTRICT, SANCTION, FORBID, THWART, STYMIE.

Cryptofamily Puzzle 8

SANE, PRUDENT, LUCID, BALANCED, JUDICIOUS, REASONABLE, SAGACIOUS, SENSIBLE, WISE, PERCEPTIVE, COGNIZANT, DISCERNING, SAPIENT, COHERENT.

Cryptofamily Puzzle 9

WEAVE, WANDER, DEVIATE, ZIGZAG, SWERVE, TWIST, SNAKE, SKEW, SWAY, COIL, CORKSCREW, CURL, SPIRAL, TWINE.

Cryptofamily Puzzle 10

CRUEL, DEVILISH, GHOULISH, INFERNAL, OGRISH, SATANIC, BARBAROUS, BESTIAL, FERAL, FEROCIOUS, INHUMAN, SAVAGE, VICIOUS, WOLFISH.

Cryptofamily Puzzle 11

EXAGGERATE, HYPERBOLIZE, INFLATE, MAGNIFY, OVERCHARGE, OVERSTATE, AGGRANDIZE, ENNOBLE, SENSATIONALIZE, EMBELLISH, EMBROIDER, ENHANCE, AMPLIFY, VARNISH.

Cryptofamily Puzzle 12

PLEDGE, VOUCH FOR, PROMISE, AUTHENTICATE, SUBSTANTIATE, COMMIT, CORROBORATE, OBLIGATE, CERTIFY, VOW, CONTRACT, SWEAR, AVER, VERIFY.

Cryptofamily Puzzle 13

CAREFREE, DEBONAIR, SPRIGHTLY, LIGHTHEARTED, EXUBERANT, JOYFUL, EBULLIENT, EFFERVESCENT, VIVACIOUS, TRIUMPHANT, JUBILANT, EXULTATION, ANIMATED, VIGOROUS.

Cryptofamily Puzzle 14

BASE, COMMON, HUMBLE, IGNOBLE, ORDINARY, PLEBIAN, VULGAR, INFERIOR, MEDIOCRE, SHODDY, TRITE, CLICHÉ, BANAL, HACKNEYED.

Cryptofamily Puzzle 15

BEST, CONQUER, MASTER, PREVAIL, SURMOUNT, OVERCOME, TRIUMPH, DEFEAT, ROUT, SUBDUE, VANQUISH, TRANSCEND, EXCEED, SURPASS.

Cryptofamily Puzzle 16

EXTRAVAGANT, IMPROVIDENT, PRODIGAL, LAVISH, SPENDTHRIFT, EXCESS, GLUT, FAT, SUPERFLUOUS, SURPLUS, PROLIX, SURFEIT, IMMODERATE, REDUNDANT.

Groupie Puzzle 3

disintegrate, unravel, defective, languish, weaken, nonadhesion. Come apart at the seams.

Groupie Puzzle 4

finery, bejeweled, adorned, slay me, enchanting, sartorial elegance. Dressed to kill.

CHAPTER 6 ANSWERS

Crossword Puzzle 10

S	A	W		C	E	L	L	S		S	U	D	S		
E	R	R		O	C	E	A	N	S		A	B	R	A	
A	P	O	L	O	G	E	T	I	C		L	O	O	N	
			N	I	L		R	E	P	E	N	T	A	N	T
A	N	G	L	E	D			S	N	O		T	E	A	
C	O	N	T	R	I	T	E			T	O	T			
U	S	E		S	C	R	A	M		K	O	D	A	K	
R	E	S	T		E	A	T	A	T		Y	E	T	I	
A	S	S	A	M		P	U	T	I	N		C	O	L	
			P	O	L		P	E	N	I	T	E	N	T	
T	S	P		O	A	K			S	E	R	I	E	S	
C	H	A	G	R	I	N	E	D		L	E	T			
B	O	N	O		R	E	M	O	R	S	E	F	U	L	
Y	O	D	A		D	E	M	O	D	E		U	M	P	
S	T	A	T		S	A	R	A	N		L	A	S		

I Am So Sorry

Crossword Puzzle 11

C	O	P		B	E	T	S			H	A	S	T	E	
A	P	E		A	R	E	A		C	E	L	E	B	S	
R	E	T	I	R	I	N	G		R	I	P	E	S	T	
D	R	E	S	S	E	S		H	O	D					
S	A	R	A				T	A	C	I	T	U	R	N	
				K	E	Y	P	A	D	S		A	S	I	A
A	P	T		S	O	R	T	A			L	A	N	K	
B	R	U	S	Q	U	E		C	O	N	C	I	S	E	
L	U	G	E			V	I	O	L	A		R	E	D	
E	D	A	M		B	E	T	W	E	E	N				
R	E	T	I	C	E	N	T				E	L	L	E	
				A	L	T		C	U	S	H	I	O	N	
S	A	F	E	S	T		S	U	C	C	I	N	C	T	
G	R	A	N	T	S		E	L	L	A		E	A	R	
T	E	R	S	E			A	L	A	N		S	L	Y	

He's the Quiet Type

Crossword Puzzle 12

B	I	D	E		A	L	S		P	A	C	I	F	Y
A	T	O	M		R	I	O		A	L	I	C	I	A
A	S	S	U	A	G	E	S		W	A	V	E	R	S
				N	O	G	O			N	I	L		
A	P	P	E	A	S	E		P	L	A	C	A	T	E
R	E	A	L	T	Y		M	O	I		S	N	O	W
C	A	R	L	O		L	O	L	L	S		D	O	E
				A	L	L	E	V	I	A	T	E		
I	S	T		E	I	E	I	O		A	M	N	O	T
B	L	O	B		E	R	E		A	R	M	A	D	A
M	O	L	L	I	F	Y		A	L	L	A	Y	E	D
			D	E	N			U	R	G	E			
S	L	O	W	U	P		S	O	O	T	H	I	N	G
R	E	F	I	R	E		E	A	R		A	S	I	A
S	O	F	T	E	N		D	R	E		S	H	A	G

Chill Pills

Word Creation Puzzle 2

dominant	attraction	proactive
dominate	extraction	inactive
indomitable	tractable	counteractive
dominator	intractable	reactive
matriarchy	tractate	react
anarchy	extractable	complicate
matriarch	attractable	implicate
cadence	excessive	explicate
incident	incessant	complicit
graduate	cede	revoke
digress	procession	vocation
digression	recess	provocation
stability	recession	provoke
instability	excess	invoke
stable	antecedent	invocation
instable	agent	provocate
attract	counteract	maternal
extract	inaction	

Word Creation Puzzle 3

sequel	credible	multifarious
consecutive	current	invention
mutation	cursory	convention
transmute	concurrent	prevention
immutable	facile	preventative
transmutation	factory	preventable
transmute	infection	convent
natal	fiction	inventory
native	defection	presume
nation	confection	consume
debase	defective	consumptive
basement	facilitate	consummate
incredible	convene	presumptive
credentials	multitude	summation

Word Creation Puzzle 4

acerbity	stricture	evacuate
acrimonious	stringent	vacation
audience	restrictor	revacate
auditory	omniscient	vacate
audible	intrude	vacuous
inaudible	intrusion	vaccine
docile	intruder	conscious
doctrine	protrusion	prescient
doctor	protrudence	science
document	vacant	philosopher

Word Creation Puzzle 5

biblical	submission	subscript
bibliography	admission	inscribe
chromatic	submit	prescribe
chronological	novelty	adapt
chronology	novice	convolution
chronograph	innovation	revolution
cosmic	prescription	devolution
dormant	description	revolve
dormitory	inscription	devolve
admit	subscription	graphology

Cryptofamily Puzzle 17

ACHE, AVARICIOUS, COVETOUS, DESIROUS, RAPACIOUS, ENVIOUS, GLUTTONOUS, GREEDY, CRAVE, HUNGER, YEARN, YEN, APPETITE, PASSIONATE.

Cryptofamily Puzzle 18

OMIT, SUBTRACT, DEDUCT, DIMINISH, CONDENSE, DECIMATE, EXCLUDE, EJECT, ALLEVIATE, ERADICATE, EXTIRPATE, EXPURGATE, OBLITERATE, ABRIDGE.

Cryptofamily Puzzle 19

FAIR, BEAUTEOUS, EXQUISITE, RADIANT, MAGNIFICENT, WINSOME, REFINED, ELEGANT, GLAMOROUS, CHIC, SUBLIME, RESPLENDENT, PULCHRITUDINOUS, STATUESQUE.

Cryptofamily Puzzle 20

ADAGE, MAXIM, PROVERB, APHORISM, EPIGRAM, MOTTO, SLOGAN, EPITHET, AXIOM, TRUISM, BANALITY, CLICHE, BROMIDE, DICTUM.

Cryptofamily Puzzle 21

DISSIDENT, NONCONFORMIST, PROTESTANT, SECTARIAN, PARTISAN, SEPARATIST, SCHISMATIC, MALCONTENT, DETRACTOR, CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR, UNCONVENTIONALIST, BOHEMIAN, DISSENTIENT, FACTIONALIST.

Cryptofamily Puzzle 22

SCAN, MONITOR, SURVEY, SCRUTINIZE, RECONNOITER, SCOUT, PERUSE, GAPE, GAWK, OGLE, READ, INVIGILATE, SPECTATE, WITNESS.

Cryptofamily Puzzle 23

EFFUSIVE, INTENSE, IMPASSIONED, ZEALOUS, VEHEMENT, PASSIONATE, RAPTUROUS, ECSTATIC, INFLAMED, IMPETUOUS, TEMPERAMENTAL, VOLATILE, MELODRAMATIC, FANATICAL.

Cryptofamily Puzzle 24

GRANDILOQUENT, RHETORICAL, IMPERIOUS, ERUDITE, ORATORY, ELOQUENCE, DIDACTIC, CONVOLUTED, PROFOUND, DOGMATIC, SAGACIOUS, INDOCTRINATE, ESOTERIC, ARCANÉ.

Cryptofamily Puzzle 25

AFFABLE, GENIAL, AVUNCULAR, CORDIAL, COURTEOUS, CONGENIAL, BLITHE, PHILANTHROPIC, BENIGN, WINSOME, AMIABLE, FELICITOUS, SANGUINE, JOCLAR.

Cryptofamily Puzzle 26

QUERULOUS, ALOOF, DISCORDANT, CANTANKEROUS, ABRASIVE, BRUSQUE, MALEVOLENT, PERNICIOUS, NEFARIOUS, CONTEMPTUOUS, COMBATIVE, INCORRIGIBLE, FRACTIOUS, HAUGHTY.

Cryptofamily Puzzle 27

AGITATE, ENGENDER, TANTALIZE, CAJOLE, INCITE, PROVOKE, ACTIVATE, PROD, COERCE, GOAD, CONSCRIPT, IGNITE, ENJOIN, AROUSE.

Cryptofamily Puzzle 28

CHIDE, EXCORIATE, DISRESPECT, CHASTISE, DENIGRATE, DISPARAGE, LAMBASTE, REPRIMAND, CENSURE, REPROACH, MALIGN, VILIFY, BELITTLE, BERATE.

Phobia Puzzle 2

1. m, 2. t, 3. b, 4. i, 5. p, 6. a, 7. n, 8. d, 9. r, 10. v, 11. g, 12. z, 13. e, 14. y, 15. f, 16. k, 17. x, 18. j, 19. h, 20. l, 21. w, 22. u, 23. o, 24. s, 25. c, 26. q.

Phobia Puzzle 3

1. v, 2. p, 3. h, 4. z, 5. b, 6. s, 7. m, 8. l, 9. a, 10. f, 11. y, 12. r, 13. e, 14. u, 15. c, 16. x, 17. j, 18. d, 19. w, 20. k, 21. g, 22. o, 23. i, 24. n, 25. q, 25. t.

CHAPTER 7 ANSWERS**Quotation Puzzle 6**

Quote: "If you can't annoy somebody with what you write, I think there's little point in writing."
Kingsley Amis. *Acrostic: About Writing*

Answers: **A.** ANIMOSITY, **B.** BROWN, **C.** OKLAHOMA, **D.** UNIFY, **E.** TWITCHY, **F.** WHITE HOUSE, **G.** ROYALTY, **H.** INSIPID, **I.** TWINGES, **J.** INTENT, **K.** NIKE, **L.** GLITTER.

Quotation Puzzle 7

Quote: "A man walks into a psychiatrist's office with a banana up his nose and says, 'What's the matter with me, Doc?' The psychiatrist says, 'You're not eating properly.'" *Acrostic: Truly Lame Yet Funny.*

Answers: **A.** THE ROCK, **B.** RASPS, **C.** USHER, **D.** LAFITTE, **E.** YOSHI, **F.** LABYRINTH, **G.** APT TO, **H.** MATHEMATICS, **I.** EAST ASIA, **J.** YO-YOS, **K.** EINSTEIN, **L.** THROWAWAY, **M.** FANATICISM, **N.** UP-AND-DOWN, **O.** NIGHTS, **P.** NEWSPAPER, **Q.** YACHTS.

Quotation Puzzle 8

Quote: "As long as we live in a democracy, there is one basic truth that gives me hope. The chairman of Exxon has the same number of votes as you or I—one." *Acrostic: Michael Moore Opinion*

Answers: **A.** MARIAH CAREY, **B.** IGLOOS, **C.** CHEFS, **D.** HEMS, **E.** ABATE, **F.** EXHAUSTIVE, **G.** LEAVES, **H.** MOTHS, **I.** OVENS, **J.** OMENS, **K.** ROUGH, **L.** EXTRICATES, **M.** ORNATE, **N.** PHONE, **O.** IOWA, **P.** NEMO, **Q.** INCH, **R.** OB DURATE, **S.** NIFTY.

Anagram Magic Square Puzzle 7

1. Thaws, 2. Rogue, 3. Ulcer, 4. Navel, 5. Cadge, 6. Alloy, 7. Trips, 8. Equip, 9. Denim.

SAT Word: Truncated.

Anagram Magic Square Puzzle 8

1. Nerve, 2. Organ, 3. Throb, 4. Odors, 5. Rider, 6. Idles, 7. Ovals, 8. Upset, 9. Sprig.

SAT Word: Notorious.

Anagram Magic Square Puzzle 9

1. Wrong, 2. Heaps, 3. Idyll, 4. Mares, 5. Study, 6. Idols, 7. Coins, 8. Amber, 9. Lever.

SAT Word: Whimsical.

Crossword Puzzle 13

L	A	M	P	S		R	T	S		A	D	D	L	E
A	W	A	I	T		E	A	U		T	R	U	E	S
D	E	C	E	I	T	F	U	L		T	U	B	E	S
				L	I	E		F	U	N	G	I		
T	R	A	I	T	O	R	O	U	S		S	O	U	L
K	I	L	N	S		E	R	R	O	R		U	S	A
O	M	I	T		L	E	G		P	U	R	S	E	S
				R	E	A	D		P	E	T	A		
I	N	F	A	M	Y		B	E	N		B	R	E	D
C	P	U		S	U	S	A	N		A	B	O	D	E
E	R	R	S		P	E	R	N	I	C	I	O	U	S
				T	U	L	S	A		A	N	T		
A	M	I	G	O		C	O	N	N	I	V	I	N	G
N	O	V	A	S		O	R	T		V	I	N	C	I
D	E	E	R	S		W	E	S		E	N	D	O	N

Sneaky People

Crossword Puzzle 15

D	O	W	N		G	R	I	M	M		D	R	A	G
E	R	I	C		M	A	N	I	A		I	O	W	A
M	E	L	A	N	C	H	O	L	Y		S	L	E	D
I	O	T	A	S		R	E	A		M	E	S	S	
				A	G	E	D		S	T	A			
H	A	V	E		E	X	E	S		O	L	S	E	N
I	R	A	N		T	A	R	I	F	F		A	L	I
D	O	L	E	F	U	L		M	A	U	D	L	I	N
E	M	O		O	P	T	S	I	N		A	S	E	A
F	A	R	S	I		S	W	A	N		M	A	S	S
				O	L	D		A	N	Y	A			
R	E	A	L		O	R	G			I	M	P	L	Y
U	R	G	E		L	U	G	U	B	R	I	O	U	S
G	L	U	M		O	B	E	S	E		C	U	R	L
S	E	E	N		R	E	R	A	N		A	R	E	S

Bummed Out

Hidden Meanings Puzzle 9

intransigent 1. refusing to agree or compromise; uncompromising; inflexible. **coherent** 1. convincing or believable by virtue of forceful, clear, or incisive presentation; telling. 2. to the point; relevant; pertinent. **redundant** 1. characterized by verbosity or unnecessary repetition in expressing ideas; prolix. **humdrum** 1. lacking variety; boring; dull. 2. tedious character or routine; monotony.

Crossword Puzzle 14

A	B	S		A	C	E		H	I	P	N	E	S	S	
C	E	E		R	A	N		E	N	L	A	R	G	E	
C	A	R	P	E	R	S		A	C	E	T	A	T	E	
O	V	E	R	A	B	U	N	D	A	N	T				
R	E	N	E		S	E	A			T	Y	P	E	S	
D	R	E	A	M		S	U	D	S	Y		A	L	L	
				M	A	T		T	O	P		C	H	O	
S	U	R	P	L	U	S		S	U	R	F	E	I	T	
I	R	A			B	A	D		R	O	O				
P	S	I		P	A	L	E	D		D	R	E	S	S	
S	A	L	S	A		M	E	D		M	I	L	A		
				P	R	O	L	I	F	E	R	A	T	E	S
B	E	R	E	A	V	E		C	L	O	T	H	E	S	
A	R	C	A	D	E	S		O	A	T		E	V	E	
T	E	A	R	E	R	S		N	Y	C		R	E	D	

Too Much, Man

Crossword Puzzle 16

N	O	V		O	P	T	T	O		S	C	A	M		
O	U	I		W	A	R	H	O	L		I	O	W	A	
G	R	E	G	A	R	I	O	U	S		A	R	E	S	
				T	A	C		C	U	R	E		M	D	S
W	I	N	S	O	M	E		E	N	S		I	O	N	
T	R	A	P		A	T	A	D		W	H	A	M	O	
S	A	M		L	I	A	M			H	E	A	L	E	D
				C	O	N	G	E	N	I	A	L			
G	I	J	A	N	E		B	E	R	T		C	I	A	
A	M	O	N	G		S	A	G	A		W	A	L	L	
B	I	C		S	A	P		A	M	I	A	B	L	E	
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G	E	R	E		R	O	O	N	E			E	C	O	

Affable People

prodigal 1. wastefully or recklessly extravagant. 2. giving or yielding profusely; lavish. **impudent** 1. of, pertaining to, or characterized by impertinence or effrontery. **loquacious** 1. talking or tending to talk much or freely; talkative; chattering; babbling; garrulous. 2. characterized by excessive talk; wordy. **consensus** 1. majority of opinion. 2. general agreement or concord; harmony. **ignominy** 1. disgrace; dishonor; public contempt. 2. shameful or dishonorable quality or conduct or an instance of this. **malign** 1. to speak harmful untruths about; speak evil of; slander; defame. 2. evil in effect; pernicious; baleful; injurious.

Hidden Meanings Puzzle 10

aberration 1. the act of departing from the right, normal, or usual course. 2. the act of deviating from the ordinary, usual, or normal type. **insidious** 1. intended to entrap or beguile. 2. stealthily treacherous or deceitful. 3. operating or proceeding in an inconspicuous or seemingly harmless way but actually with grave effect. **juxtapose** 1. to place close together or side by side, especially for comparison or contrast. **jocular** 1. given to, characterized by, intended for, or suited to joking or jesting; waggish; facetious. **interminable** 1. incapable of being terminated; unending. 2. monotonously or annoyingly protracted or continued; unceasing; incessant. **laggard** 1. a person or thing that lags; lingerer; loiterer. 2. moving, developing, or responding slowly; sluggish; dilatory; backward. **prone** 1. having a natural inclination or tendency to something; disposed; liable. 2. having the front or ventral part downward; lying face downward. **trite** 1. lacking in freshness or effectiveness because of constant use or excessive repetition; hackneyed. **volition** 1. the act of willing, choosing, or resolving. 2. a choice or decision made by the will. **untenable** 1. incapable of being defended, as an argument, thesis, and so on; indefensible. 2. not fit to be occupied, as an apartment, house, and the like.

Hidden Meanings Puzzle 11

amalgamate 1. to mix or merge so as to make a combination; blend; unite; combine. 2. to combine, unite, merge, or coalesce. **cloistered** 1. secluded from the world; sheltered. **talisman** 1. a stone, ring, or other object, engraved with figures or characters supposed to possess occult powers and worn as an amulet or charm. **inanimate** 1. not animate; lifeless. 2. spiritless; sluggish; dull. **perplexity** 1. the state of being perplexed; confusion; uncertainty. 2. a tangled, involved, or confused condition or situation. **enigma** 1. a puzzling or inexplicable occurrence or situation. 2. a person of puzzling or contradictory character. 3. a saying, question, picture, and the like containing a hidden meaning; riddle. **crass** 1. without refinement, delicacy, or sensitivity; gross; obtuse; stupid. **fortuitous** 1. happening or produced by chance; accidental. 2. lucky; fortunate. **preposterous** 1. completely contrary to nature, reason, or common sense; absurd; senseless; utterly foolish. **squalid** 1. foul and repulsive, as from lack of care or cleanliness; neglected and filthy. 2. wretched; miserable; degraded; sordid.

Hidden Meanings Puzzle 12

uproarious 1. characterized by or in a state of uproar; tumultuous. 2. making an uproar; confused and noisy, as an assembly, person, and so on. **winsome** 1. sweetly or innocently charming; winning; engaging. **plunder** 1. to rob of goods or valuables by open force, as in war, hostile raids, brigandage, and so forth. 2. to rob, despoil, or fleece. 3. to take wrongfully, as by pillage, robbery, or fraud. **harrowing** 1. extremely disturbing or distressing; grievous. **gargantuan** 1. gigantic; enormous;

colossal. **churlish** 1. like a churl; boorish; rude. 2. of a churl; peasantlike. **wheedle** 1. to endeavor to influence (a person) by smooth, flattering, or beguiling words or acts. **fallacious** 1. containing a fallacy; logically unsound. 2. deceptive; misleading. **congeal** 1. to change from a soft or fluid state to a rigid or solid state, as by cooling or freezing. 2. to curdle; coagulate, as a fluid. **fiasco** 1. a complete and ignominious failure.

Hidden Meanings Puzzle 13

wraith 1. an apparition of a living person supposed to portend his or her death. 2. a visible spirit. **propinquity** 1. nearness in place; proximity. 2. nearness of relation; kinship. 3. affinity of nature; similarity. **epitaph** 1. a commemorative inscription on a tomb or mortuary monument about the person buried at that site. 2. a brief poem or other writing in praise of a deceased person. **abyss** 1. a deep, immeasurable space, gulf, or cavity; vast chasm. 2. anything profound, unfathomable, or infinite. **paragon** 1. a model or pattern of excellence or of a particular excellence. **visceral** 1. of or pertaining to the viscera. 2. characterized by or proceeding from instinct rather than intellect. 3. characterized by or dealing with coarse or base emotions; earthy. **perspicacity** 1. keenness of mental perception and understanding; discernment; penetration. **decipher** 1. to make out the meaning of [poor or partially obliterated writing, etc.]. 2. to discover the meaning of [anything obscure or difficult to trace or understand]. **facade** 1. *Architecture*: the front of a building, especially an imposing or decorative one. 2. a superficial appearance or illusion of something. **prurient** 1. having, inclined to have, or characterized by lascivious or lustful thoughts, desires, and the like.

CHAPTER 8 ANSWERS

Crossword Puzzle 17

L	U	N	A	R		D	I	P	S		M	A	C	E						
A	M	I	L	E		E	V	I	L		I	B	E	T						
C	A	P	I	T	U	L	A	T	E		N	O	A	H						
			B	I	L	L	N	Y	E		U	R	S	A						
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A	M	E	B	A		C	A	D			N	E	S	S						
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						C	H	O	U		S	R	S		T	I	N	G	E	
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A	I	R	S			U	N	R	E	A	D	Y								
U	N	D	O			D	E	B	I	L	I	T	A	T	E					
N	O	U	N			E	R	I	N						E	I	D	E	R	
T	S	P	S			N	O	S	E						S	M	E	A	R	

Enough Already. I Give Up.

Crossword Puzzle 18

C	A	R			B	L	O	N	D	E			I	V	A	N			
A	G	E			R	O	W	E	R	S			M	E	S	A			
L	O	Q	U	A	C	I	O	U	S				P	R	A	Y			
			U	P	T	O	N						D	E	B				
C	R	I	B	S						G	A	R	R	U	L	O	U	S	
B	A	R	E							T	R	Y	O	N		S	P	A	
S	H	E	A							H	O	T	E	L	S		E	S	P
										T	O	Y				E	T	C	
L	I	V				N	A	P	L	E	S				A	W	E	S	
E	M	O				E	T	H	E	L					R	I	L	E	
T	A	L	K	A	T	I	V	E						G	E	N	I	E	
						U	R	L							G	A	L	E	S
A	M	B	I							V	O	C	I	F	E	R	O	U	S
R	O	L	L							I	N	T	E	R	N		U	S	A
K	E	E	L							P	E	R	S	O	N		T	E	D

Will You Please Be Quiet!

Crossword Puzzle 19

S	A	L	T		S	I	A	M		A	D	D	L	E	
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N	O	T	E	N	O	U	G	H		T	E	M	P	T	
D	E	S	P	O	T	S		A	S	A		I	T	O	
			E	R	S		P	I	T		A	N	O	N	
M	O	D	E	M		S	C	R	O	L	L	U	P		
A	D	E			T	I	S		P	O	E	T			
D	E	F	I	C	I	T		P	A	U	C	I	T	Y	
			I	R	A	N		G	A	T		O	R	E	
		S	C	A	R	C	I	T	Y		T	A	N	Y	A
L	O	I	S		U	N	O		C	O	M				
A	C	E		U	P	S		S	P	R	Y	E	S	T	
S	I	N	E	S		T	O	O	L	I	T	T	L	E	
T	A	C	K	S		E	S	A	U		A	T	O	N	
S	L	Y	E	R		P	U	P	S		N	E	E	D	

Gimme More!**Groupie Puzzle 5**

melodious, symphonic, supplanting, proxy, party game, lounge. Musical chairs.

Groupie Puzzle 6

assume, misinterpret, err, hypothesize, speculate, faulty logic. Get the wrong idea.

Groupie Puzzle 7

linchpin, anchor, converge, essence, pivotal, substance. Crux of the matter.

Groupie Puzzle 8

mandatory, postal worker's oath, tenacious, precipitation, solar, inclement. Come rain or shine.

Groupie Puzzle 9

shrewd, fallacious, duplicity, biased, obscured, facade. Hidden agenda.

Groupie Puzzle 10

conceited, haughty, reflector, exquisite, superlative, gorgeous. Mirror, mirror, on the wall.

Groupie Puzzle 11

exasperate, harass, exile, structure, incline, dominate. Drive up the wall.

Groupie Puzzle 12

meander, obfuscate, stymie, perplex, equivocate, waltz. Dance around the issue.

Groupie Puzzle 13

vanity, Ponce de Leon, fantasy, utopian, maturation, pubescence. Fountain of youth.

Cryptofamily Puzzle 29

CANTANKEROUS, CRANKY, OBSTINATE, VEXING, QUERULOUS, PERVERSE, PEEVISH, IRASCIBLE, CONTENTIOUS, CHURLISH, CALLOUS, ANNOYING, PETULANT, ORNERY.

Cryptofamily Puzzle 30

RARITY, MARVEL, MIRACLE, EXCEPTION, PHENOMENON, WONDER, SURPRISE, SHOCK, PRODIGY, ENIGMA, CURIOSITY, ODDITY, PARAGON, MASTERPIECE.

Cryptofamily Puzzle 31

CLAUSE, INGREDIENT, FRAGMENT, FRACTION, CATEGORY, ALLOTMENT, BRANCH, MORSEL, ELEMENT, DIVISION, DEPARTMENT, PORTION, DETRITUS, COMPONENT.

Cryptofamily Puzzle 32

UNBIND, LIBERATE, UNSHACKLE, DEREGULATE, EXTRICATE, PAROLE, UNLEASH, RELEASE, DISCHARGE, ACQUIT, RESCUE, REDEEM, REPRIEVE, DELIVER.

Cryptofamily Puzzle 33

PRECURSOR, HARBINGER, FOREWORD, PROLOGUE, PREMONITION, PREQUEL, VANGUARD, PREEMPTION, ANTECEDENCE, PRELUDE, OVERTURE, PREDICTION, TRAILBLAZER, TRENDSETTER.

Cryptofamily Puzzle 34

COVERT, HIBERNATING, INVISIBLE, SEQUESTERED, SUBCONSCIOUS, DORMANT, LATENT, QUIESCENT, IMPENETRABLE, OBSCURE, SECLUDED, SUBLIMINAL, UNMANIFESTED, LURKING.

Cryptofamily Puzzle 35

IMPEL, PROPAGATE, SIRE, COMPEL, FOMENT, PRECIPITATE, INAUGURATE, INSTIGATE, BROACH, FOSTER, KINDLE, BEGET, CULTIVATE, TEMPT.

Cryptofamily Puzzle 36

CALM, INDESTRUCTIBLE, STEADFAST, DURABLE, IRREVERSIBLE, INFLEXIBLE, ENTRENCHED, IMPERTURBABLE, IMMUTABLE, INEXTINGUISHABLE, PERPETUAL, PERENNIAL, INDELIBLE, BALANCED.

Cryptofamily Puzzle 37

DIGEST, ABBREVIATION, SUMMARY, SYNOPSIS, SURVEY, ABSTRACT, OUTLINE, SKETCH, DIAGRAM, DELINEATION, CONDENSATION, CONTRACTION, SILHOUETTE, CONTOUR.

Cryptofamily Puzzle 38

GILDED, OSTENTATIOUS, GAUDY, EXTRAVAGANT, HYPERBOLIC, BEJEWELED, EMBELLISHED, DECORATIVE, ORNATE, AFFECTED, POMPOUS, GRANDIOSE, ADORNED, ENHANCED.

Cryptofamily Puzzle 39

GENIAL, COMPANIONABLE, URBANE, AMIABLE, GREGARIOUS, EXTROVERTED, JOVIAL, CORDIAL, COMMUNICATIVE, AMICABLE, SOCIABLE, CHARISMATIC, CONVIVIAL, OUTGOING.

Cryptofamily Puzzle 40

DIN, REVERBERATION, CACHINNATION, CLANGOR, CRESCENDO, FANFARE, TUMULT, VOCIFERATION, ULULATION, BEDLAM, PANDEMONIUM, TURMOIL, BOMBARDMENT, CLAMOR.

Cryptofamily Puzzle 41

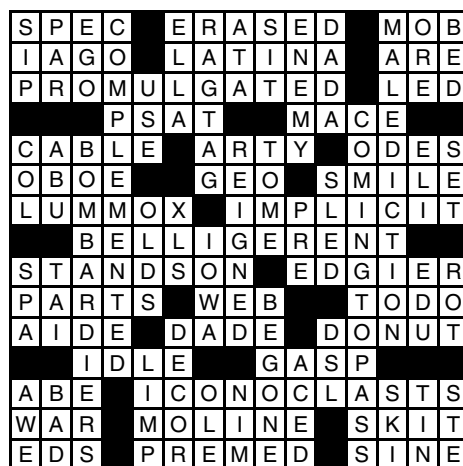
FATAL, DECEASED, DEMISED, BREATHLESS, MORIBUND, PERISHING, EXTINCT, LETHAL, TERMINAL, CADAVEROUS, LIVID, PALLID, DEFUNCT, LIFELESS.

Cryptofamily Puzzle 42

DANTE & BEATRICE, ANTONY & CLEOPATRA, EROS & PSYCHE, GERTRUDE STEIN & ALICE B. TOKLAS, JANE EYRE & EDWARD ROCHESTER, PARIS & HELEN, HEATHCLIFF & CATHY, CAROLYN BESSETTE & JOHN KENNEDY, ROMEO & JULIET, ANNA KARENINA & ALEKSEI VRONSKI, NAPOLEON & JOSEPHINE, SCARLETT O'HARA & RHETT BUTLER, LANCELOT & GUINEVERE, SONNY & CHER, DAVID & BATHSHEBA, LADY DIANA & PRINCE CHARLES.

CHAPTER 9 ANSWERS

Crossword Puzzle 20



A Vocabulary Builder

Anagram Magic Square Puzzle 10

1. Earthy, 2. Patrol, 3. Hounds, 4. Editor, 5. Meteor, 6. Endows, 7. Raccoon, 8. Airman, 9. Lovely.

SAT Word: Ephemeral.

Anagram Magic Square Puzzle 11

1. Cliche, 2. Obsess, 3. Napped, 4. Unreal, 5. Nearer, 6. Dasher, 7. Ringer, 8. Unfelt, 9. Meaner.

SAT Word: Conundrum.

Word within Word Puzzle 4

ANTHROPOCENTRISM—16 letters

aces	airmen	anterior
acetic	airs	anthem
achromic	amen	anthropic
acorn	amine	ante
acre	amino	antic
action	anchor	antiphon
actor	ancient	aortic
acts	anoint	aphorism
aims	another	apricot

apron	case	crop
apse	cast	each
arch	caste	east
arise	cater	eats
armoire	cent	enact
armor	chair	entropic
armpit	chant	errant
armrest	chase	hair
arrest	chaste	hamper
arsenic	chime	hamster
arson	chimp	hansom
arthroscope	chin	hare
arts	chip	harem
ascent	chirp	harm
ascot	choose	harmonic
ashen	chop	harp
ashore	chore	harpoon
aspect	chose	hart
aspen	chrome	hasp
aspic	coat	haste
aspire	coins	hatch
aster	cone	hate
astern	coop	hatter
astir	cooper	heart
astronomer	cope	heat
atheism	core	hector
atom	corn	hemp
attic	cornet	hems
came	corset	henna
camper	cosine	hernia
cane	cosmos	hero
canine	cost	heroin
cape	crest	heroism
caret	crime	heron
carpet	crimp	hers
carrot	croon	hire
cart	crooner	hoarse

home	match	mother
hone	mate	motor
hoop	matron	name
horn	matter	nape
horse	mean	nectar
hose	meat	nomic
host	meet	nonatomic
hotter	mention	none
import	merchant	nonhero
important	merit	noon
inane	mesh	norm
income	mete	nose
intact	meter	oats
ions	metric	ocean
iota	mice	ointment
irons	mince	omen
mace	miner	omnipotent
machine	minor	onset
macho	mint	open
main	mire	opera
mane	miscreant	operation
manioc	miser	other
manner	mist	otter
manor	mite	pace
mansion	mitten	pain
maps	mocha	paint
march	moiré	pair
mare	moist	pane
marine	monarch	panic
maroon	monastic	pant
marsh	monitor	pantheon
marten	monster	panther
martin	month	pants
mash	moon	parish
mason	moose	pare
mast	more	parse
master	most	part

paste	print	room
patch	prior	roost
pate	prison	root
path	prominent	rope
patriot	promise	roster
patter	prone	rotate
pear	prose	rotor
penchant	race	rotten
pension	rain	saint
person	raise	same
pert	ramp	sanction
pest	ransom	sapient
pesto	rant	sari
phase	rape	satin
phone	rapt	scam
phonetic	rare	scamper
phrase	rasp	scan
picot	ratchet	scant
pier	rate	scar
pincer	rather	scare
pins	ratio	scat
pint	ration	scathe
pitcher	reach	scatter
pittance	remain	scent
poem	reap	schema
poor	remit	schmo
pore	repair	scion
port	repast	scone
porter	report	scoop
pose	resin	scope
post	rich	score
poster	riot	scorpion
praise	ripe	scram
preach	risen	scrap
price	roam	scrape
primate	roast	scrimp
prince	romper	scrip

script	smart	spire
seam	smear	spit
search	smirch	spite
seat	smooth	spoon
secant	smother	spore
section	snap	sport
semipro	snip	spot
senator	snitch	sprint
senior	snoop	stain
sent	snoot	stair
sepia	snore	stamen
septic	soap	stamp
sermon	soar	star
shame	sociopath	starch
shampoo	some	stare
shape	sonic	start
share	sonnet	state
sharp	soon	static
shear	soot	steam
shim	soothe	stem
shin	sore	stench
shine	sort	step
ship	sortie	stern
shirt	space	stint
shoe	spam	stir
shoot	span	stitch
shop	spar	stoic
shore	spare	stomach
short	spat	stomp
shrimp	spatter	stone
sierra	spear	stoop
simper	spent	stop
since	sperm	store
sine	sphincter	storm
siphon	spice	strain
sire	spin	strait
siren	spine	strap

stream	theorist	totem
stretch	thin	traces
strict	this	tract
strip	thorn	train
stripe	those	trait
tacit	threat	traitor
tact	thrice	tramp
taint	throe	trance
tame	throne	transcript
tanner	tier	transient
tape	time	transit
taste	tint	transmit
teach	tips	transpire
team	tiptoe	trap
teapot	tires	trash
tear	tithe	treason
teaspoon	toaster	treat
tempo	tome	tremor
tempt	tone	trench
tenant	toot	triceps
tenor	tooth	tricorn
tension	topic	tricot
tensor	topper	trim
tent	tops	trio
term	torch	trip
terminator	torment	trite
test	torso	tropics
than	tort	tropism
that	torte	trot
thematic	tortoise	tsar

561 words**Word within Word Puzzle 5**

CIRCUMLOCUTIONS—15 letters

circuitous	clinic	coco
circus	clot	coconut
citron	clout	coil

coin	litmus	must
colic	loco	mutinous
colitis	locus	nitric
colon	locution	nitrous
column	loin	norm
color	loom	nostrum
comic	loon	nuts
conic	loot	occult
control	loris	oculist
concur	lorn	oils
consort	lost	olio
consul	lots	omit
contour	lotus	onto
corn	lout	onus
cortisol	micro	ours
cosmic	minor	oust
cost	minus	outs
council	miscount	outrun
count	miso	rims
cousin	mist	riot
crust	moist	room
cult	molt	root
icon	monitor	rosin
ilium	moon	rostrum
incisor	moor	roust
incult	moot	rout
incur	morn	ruin
inmost	moron	runt
insult	most	rust
into	motion	silicon
intro	motor	silt
iron	moult	sitcom
ions	mount	slim
isotonic	mourn	slit
licit	mouton	slot
limit	mucous	slum
lint	mucus	smolt
lion	multicolor	smut
list	music	snit

snort	stimulus	torn
snoot	stir	torsion
snout	stoic	torso
soil	stool	tour
solicit	storm	tourism
solo	strum	tricolor
solution	stucco	tricot
sonic	succor	trim
soon	suction	trio
soot	surmount	tumor
sort	tocsin	tunic
soul	soil	turmoil
sour	tonic	turn
stern	tool	

167 words

Word within Word Puzzle 6

DISINGENUOUS—12 letters

deign	guise	sing
design	guns	sinuous
digs	ingenuous	sinus
dine	inside	sinusoid
dingo	neon	snide
disguise	nine	snug
disunion	node	song
done	noise	sound
dose	none	souse
douse	nose	suds
dune	nude	sued
dung	nudge	suns
ensign	odes	undone
genius	ones	unsound
gods	send	unused
gone	side	using
guess	sign	
guide	sine	

52 words

Word within Word Puzzle 7

EQUIVOCATE—10 letters

acquit	cute	quite
active	equate	quota
auto	evict	quote
cave	give	toque
cite	iota	veto
coat	octave	vice
coquet	ovate	voice
cove	quiet	vote
covet	quit	

26 words**Word within Word Puzzle 8**

LOQUACIOUS—10 letters

ails	loco	quasi
also	locus	sail
coal	oils	social
coil	olio	soil
cola	oscula	soul
loci	quail	usual

18 words**Word within Word Puzzle 9**

MACHINATIONS—12 letters

action	atomic	cats
aims	atonic	chain
amino	caiman	chamois
animation	cannot	chant
amnion	canon	chaos
anoint	cant	chasm
anon	cantina	chat
antic	canto	chin
ants	cash	china
ascot	casino	chino
asthma	cast	chit

coast	mast	scant
coats	mastic	scat
coma	match	schmo
contain	mats	sham
cost	mica	shim
cots	minion	shin
hansom	mint	shot
hint	moan	simian
hoist	moat	sitcom
host	moist	smith
hosanna	month	snatch
icon	mosaic	snit
inaction	moth	snot
inch	nacho	somatic
into	nation	sonata
itch	niacin	sonic
mach	ninth	stain
machinist	nits	stamina
main	notch	stanch
maintain	oath	stoic
mania	oats	stoma
maniac	omit	stomach
manioc	saint	tahini
mannish	sanction	than
mantis	satanic	thin
mascot	satin	this
mash	scam	tonic
mason	scan	

116 words

Quotation Puzzle 9

Quote: "Every decade thinks its clothing styles have substance. But remember: One era's ultimate fashion statement will someday be another era's silly Halloween costume." Acrostic: Dennis Miller Rants.

Answers: **A.** DUMBO, **B.** EMILY WATSON, **C.** NEFARIOUS, **D.** NICK LACHEY, **E.** IMMUNE, **F.** SHUTTLES, **G.** MELANCHOLY, **H.** ITALY, **I.** LATEST, **J.** LET IT BE, **K.** ENGENDERS, **L.** ROBERT E. LEE, **M.** RAVES, **N.** ABRASIVE, **O.** NEWSCASTS, **P.** THE THAMES, **Q.** SOOTHED.

Quotation Puzzle 10

Quote: "Do you know the difference between 'village' and 'hamlet'? Surprisingly few people do, but it's quite simple really: one is a place where people live and the other is a play by Shakespeare."

Acrostic: Bill Bryson, *Easy English*

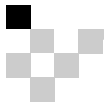
Answers: **A.** BOB HOPE, **B.** IMPUDENCE, **C.** LIPTON, **D.** LATERAL, **E.** BUFFALO, **F.** RON HOWARD, **G.** YEAST, **H.** SWEEPS WEEK, **I.** OLIVE, **J.** NEPHEW, **K.** ERUDITE, **L.** ANTIPATHY, **M.** SQUEAL, **N.** YELLS, **O.** EMPLOY, **P.** NEEDLE, **Q.** GRATIFY, **R.** LEASE, **S.** INCISIVE, **T.** SKIPPER, **U.** HEATH LEDGER.

Hidden Meanings Puzzle 14

archaic 1. marked by the characteristics of an earlier period; antiquated. **edify** 1. to instruct or benefit, especially morally or spiritually; uplift. **gregarious** 1. fond of the company of others; sociable.

pejorative 1. having a disparaging, derogatory, or belittling effect or force. **vernacular** 1. (of language) native or indigenous (as opposed to literary or learned) . **perilous** 1. involving or full of grave risk or peril; hazardous; dangerous. **revelation** 1. the act of revealing or disclosing; disclosure. **bias** 1. an oblique or diagonal line of direction, especially across a woven fabric. 2. a particular tendency or inclination, especially one that prevents unprejudiced consideration of a question; prejudice.

dearth 1. an inadequate supply; scarcity; lack. **impeccable** 1. faultless; flawless; irreproachable.



THE SAT CODE BREAKER DICTIONARY

abate—lessen
abbreviate—shorten
abbreviation—curtailment
abeyance—halt
abhorrent—detestable
abrasive—grating
abridge—shorten
abridgment—curtailment
abstinence—refraining from
abstract—nonrepresentational
absurd—farfetched
abundance—excess
accordance—agreement
acerbity—tartness
ache—yearn
acquiescent—agreeable
acquisitive—greedy
acquit—find not guilty
acrimonious—spiteful
activate—start
adage—bromide
addle—confuse
adept—capable, very able
adorned—decorated
affable—friendly
affected—influenced
affinity—connection with, liking for
aggrandize—magnify, enlarge
agitate—disturb the status quo
alleviate—relieve
allotment—share, portion
alloy—amalgamation
aloft—up high
aloof—distant, haughty
ambivalent—of two minds
amenable—willing, easy to persuade
amiable—friendly
amicable—friendly
amplify—make greater
amulet—charm
anarchy—chaos

ancestral—of ancestors
animated—lively, expressive
animosity—dislike
antecedence—act of going before
antecedent—predecessor
antipathy—dislike
antiquated—out of date
antique—very old
apathy—lack of caring
aphorism—adage
apparition—specter
aptitude—natural ability
arcane—mysterious
archaic—out of date
ardent—passionate
arouse—excite, cause interest
articulate—well spoken
askew—off center
assiduous—persevering
assume—presuppose
attentive—heedful
attenuate—soothe
attributed—ascribed
audible—able to be heard
auditory—aural
augur—bode
authentic—real
authenticate—determine provenance
avaricious—greedy
aver—swear, promise
avuncular—like an uncle
axiom—saying, bromide
balanced—sane, rational
banal—trite
banality—triteness
bar—ban
barbarous—cruel
barren—without life
base—low, common
beauteous—beautiful
bedlam—mayhem

beget—father, sire
beguile—enchant
beguiling—enchanting
bejeweled—adorned with jewels
belittle—make fun of
belittling—making fun of
bellicose—warlike, eager to fight
benign—harmless
berate—castigate
bestial—animallike
biased—slanted, prejudiced
biddable—amenable
blithe—carefree
bohemian—antiestablishment
bombardment—onslaught
bondage—oppression
boorish—coarse
breach—cross, encroach
brigandage—acting like a robber
bristle—take offense
broach—mention
bromide—adage
brusque—curt
cachinnation—loud laugh
cacophony—din
cadaverous—like a dead body
cadence—rhythm
cadge—beg
cajole—plead
callous—unfeeling
candid—frank, blunt
cantankerous—cranky
castigate—strongly reprimand
casualty—victim
cavity—hole
cede—give in, give up
censure—disapprove
certify—authenticate
cessation—stoppage
charismatic—fascinating
chastise—reprimand
chattering—talking a lot
chic—stylish
chide—berate
chromatic—colorful
chromium—shiny metallic element
chronograph—clock
chronological—in order by date
chronology—time line
churlish—rude

clamor—uproar
clamorous—noisy
clandestine—secret
clangor—ringing
clause—section
cliché—trite saying
coagulate—clot
coalesce—come together as one
coarse—rough, abrasive
coerce—force
cognizant—aware
coherent—sane, understandable
colossal—enormous
comatose—in a stupor
combative—ready to fight, belligerent
common—base, low
communicative—chatty
companionable—friendly
comparison—likening
compel—force
completion—finish
compliant—easily bid, amenable
complicate—make difficult
complicit—in on
component—part, piece
compromise—meet in the middle
compulsive—gripping
concede—acquiesce
concluded—finished
concord—agreement, peace
concur—agree
concurrent—simultaneous
condensation—dew
condense—compact
confection—sweet, candy
confine—enclose
congenial—amicable
conscientious—acting responsibly
conscript—drafted
consecrate—make holy
consecutive—in order, chronological
constituent—part; member
constrain—restrict movement
consume—eat, use up
consummate—conclude, finish
consumptive—having tuberculosis
contempt—disdain
contemptuous—disdainful
contentious—argumentative
contour—outline

- contract—acquire
contraction—acquisition
contradictory—oppositional
contrary—as opposed to
conundrum—riddle, dilemma
convene—bring together
converge—come together
convivial—friendly
convoluted—complicated, difficult
convolution—intricacy
cordially—genially
corkscrew—twist and turn
corroborate—verify
cosmic—of the cosmos
cosmopolitan—urbane, sophisticated
counteract—act in opposition
counterfeit—fake
course—path
courteous—polite
covert—secretive
covetous—jealous, envious
cramp—contraction
crave—yearn for
credentials—qualifications
credible—believable
crescendo—peak, as in a musical piece
crux—linchpin
cultivate—work the land
curb—rein in
current—up to date
cursory—perfunctory; superficial
debase—humiliate; lower
debonair—charming
deceased—dead
deceptive—misleading
decimate—destroy
decorative—attractive
deduct—subtract
defame—slander
defection—abandonment
defective—flawed
defended—guarded
deferential—solicitous
defunct—extinct
degraded—ruined
delineation—demarcation
demised—dead
denigrate—speak ill of
depreciate—lower the value of
deregulate—free from legal restraint
derogatory—insulting
desirous—covetous
despise—hate, loathe
detractor—enemy; critic
detritus—debris, leftover
deviate—veer off course
deviating—changing course
devolution—transference
devolve—transfer
diabolic—devilish
diagonal—on an angle
diagram—drawing, layout
dictum—saying, adage
didactic—instructive
digest—take in; absorb
digress—veer off the subject
digression—conversational detour
dilatatory—harmful
diligent—hard working
diminish—lessen
din—loud noise
discerning—intuitive, intelligent
discernment—insightful judgment
discharge—fire; let go
disclosing—revealing
disclosure—admission
discord—strife, disagreement
discordant—out of harmony, troubled
discredit—denigrate
disdain—contempt
disgrace—shame
dishearten—discourage
disintegrate—fall apart, deteriorate
disparage—denigrate
disposal—throwing away
disposed—inclined toward
disrespect—contempt
dissentient—a person who dissents
dissident—protester
dissimulation—act of feigning
distressing—upsetting
division—section
docile—passive
doctrine—policy
dogged—determined
dogmatic—opinionated, stubborn
dominant—on top
dominate—have influence over
dormant—at rest, not active
duplicity—underhandedness, deception

- durable—long lasting
duration—extent, length
ebullient—full of joy, ecstatic
ecstatic—overjoyed
edify—instruct
effectiveness—producing good results
effervescent—bubbly
effrontery—impudence
effusive—overly outgoing
eject—dismiss, throw out
elegance—high style
elegant—fine, classy
element—piece, ingredient
eloquence—articulateness
emancipate—free
embellish—add to, embroider
embroider—embellish
emigrate—move to a new country
enchancing—charming, beguiling
endeavor—try, attempt
endows—subsidizes
engaging—attractive
engender—give rise to
engraved—stamped; etched
enhance—embellish
enigma—mystery
enjoin—order to do something
enmity—hatred
ennoble—make impressive
enormous—huge, colossal
enrage—anger
enterprise—business
entrap—snare
entrenched—dug in
enunciation—articulation
envious—jealous
ephemeral—short-lived
epigram—witty saying
epithet—nickname; handle
equivocate—be ambivalent
eradicate—wipe out, eliminate
err—make a mistake
erudite—articulate, learned
esoteric—confidential
essence—heart of the matter
ether—the sky
evacuate—send away
evict—forcibly remove
exaggerate—overstate the truth
exalt—sing praises
exasperate—annoy, frustrate
exceed—surpass
excel—do extremely well
exception—anomaly
excess—extra
excessive—too much
exclude—keep out, ostracize
excoriate—take to task
exhaustive—very comprehensive
exile—ostracize, evict
expedition—journey
explicate—explain
expurgate—remove offensive language
exquisite—beautiful, fine
extinct—no longer alive
extirpate—erase
extract—remove from
extraction—removal
extraordinary—unbelievable, wonderful
extravagant—lavish
extricate—remove
extroverted—gregarious
exuberant—celebrative
exultation—jubilation
facade—false front
facetious—jocular
facile—easy
facilitate—make happen, make easier
factionalist—person taking a side
fallacious—false
fallacy—false notion
fanatical—extremely zealous
fanaticism—zeal; fervor
fanfare—ado; big deal
fatal—deadly
fathom—understand
fawning—obsequious
felicitous—lucky in a good way
feral—wild and fierce
ferocious—vicious
festive—partylike, joyous
fetter—tie down
finery—best clothes
flattering—praising insincerely
fleece—rob, steal from
fluctuation—variability
foil—stop, hinder
foment—stir up
forcible—by power
foreword—preamble

- foster—nurture
fraction—part, section
fractious—touchy
fragment—part, piece
fraud—fake
friction—personal conflict
froth—bubbles; soapsuds
frugality—thriftiness
fume—seethe
gape—stare
garnished—decorated
garrulous—outgoing
gaudy—tacky
gawk—stare
genial—easy going
ghoulish—macabre
gigantic—enormous
gilded—adorned
glamorous—showily attractive
gloomily—in a downbeat way
glut—excess
gluttonous—hogish
goad—prod
grandiloquent—pompous
grandeur—magnificence
grandiose—conceited, pompous
gratify—greatly please
grave—serious
greedy—avaricious
gregarious—outgoing
grievous—deleterious
gruff—surly
hackneyed—trite
hamper—hinder
harass—bother
harbinger—omen
harmony—friendly cooperation
haughty—distant, cold
hazardous—dangerous
heterogeneous—diverse
hibernating—sleeping for the winter
hindrance—obstruction
hospitable—welcoming
hostile—unfriendly, of the enemy
humble—modest
hunger—yearn
hyperbolic—given to exaggeration
hyperbolize—aggrandize
hypothesize—theorize
idler—slacker
idles—waits, lingers
idyll—poem
ignite—start a fire, spark
ignoble—shameful
ignominious—disgraceful
illusion—fantasy
immeasurable—infinite
immoderate—not moderate
immune—safe from
immutable—not changeable
impassioned—full of passion
impede—hinder
impel—force
impenetrable—impervious
impertinence—impudence
imperturbable—stoic, unflappable
impetuous—impulsive
implicate—involve, as in a crime
imposing—dignified
improvident—irresponsible
impudence—impertinence
inability—lack of ability
inaction—lack of action
inadequate—not enough
inanimate—not alive, dead
inaudible—unable to be heard
inaugurate—commence
incapable—not able
incense—anger
incessant—unceasing
incident—event, occurrence
incisive—discerning
incite—ignite, instigate
inclement—stormy
inclination—leaning toward
incline—slope
inconsistency—lacking of agreement
inconspicuous—not obvious
incorrigible—not to be changed
indefensible—untenable
indefinitely—with no end
indelible—not erasable
indestructible—cannot be destroyed
indigenous—native
indoctrinate—teach; train
indomitable—not to be beaten.
inexplicable—unexplainable
inextinguishable—cannot be put out
inferior—lower in degree
infernal—devilish

- infinite—having no end
inflamed—burning highly
inflate—fill with air
inflexible—rigid, unbendable
influence—sway
infringement—encroachment
infuriate—make angry
ingredient—component
inharmonious—out of sync
injurious—harmful
innate—inborn
innovation—new method or idea
inscribe—write on, engrave
inscription—ceremonial writing
insipid—trite, boring
instability—unsteadiness
instable—not steady
instigate—start
intense—hot; focused
intent—purpose
interval—gap; space
intimidate—cause to cower
intonation—way of speaking
intractable—not to be changed
intransigent—unyielding, stubborn
intrusion—encroachment
invention—innovation
inventory—merchandise supply
invigilate—to wait and watch
invisible—not able to be seen
invocation—prayer; chant
invoke—call upon
irascible—cranky, irritable
ire—anger
irrelevant—not pertinent
irreproachable—above or beyond fault
irreversible—permanent
isolate—separate, ostracize
jesting—joking
jocular—merry
jovial—in a good mood
jubilation—excitement, celebration
judicious—prudent, wise
justified—defensible; right
keen—enthusiastic
kindle—start, nurture
kinship—affinity
labyrinth—maze
lack—dearth
lackadaisical—slothful
lambaste—take to task
languid—slow, lazy
languish—pine away
languor—stillness
lapse—fall into disuse
lascivious—lecherous
lassitude—torpor
latent—hidden; already there
lateral—sideways
lavish—opulent
lethal—deadly
lethargic—slow moving
liable—responsible for
liberal—free; broadminded
liberate—set free, let go
linchpin—cornerstone
lingerer—loiterer
listless—lethargic
livid—very angry
lofty—high; superior
loiterer—lingerer
lucid—sane, clear
lurking—lying in wait
magnificent—gorgeous, incredible
magnify—make larger
majority—more than 50 percent
malcontent—person who is never happy
malevolent—evil
malign—speak ill of
malignant—harmful, cancerous
malleable—changeable
mandatory—imperative
marvel—wonder
marvelous—wonderful
mass—large amount, group
masterpiece—work of art
maternal—motherlike
matriarch—woman in charge of a family
matriarchy—group run by a woman
matricide—act of killing one's mother
maturation—growing up
maxim—adage
meander—wander
mediocre—average
melancholy—very sad, depressed
melodious—tuneful
melodramatic—over-the-top; overly dramatic
merge—come together
meticulous—very careful
misinterpret—misunderstand

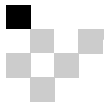
- monitor—watch carefully
monotonously—dully; tediously
monotony—tedium, boredom
moribund—declining; stagnant
morsel—small bit
mortuary—funeral home
motto—slogan
multifarious—assorted; diverse
multitude—many
mutation—transformation; change
naive—innocent
natal—pertaining to birth
nefarious—evil
nocturnal—of the night
nonadhesion—state of not belonging to
nonconformist—dissident
notorious—unfavorably well-known
novelty—something new; innovation
novice—beginner
noxious—poisonous
obdurate—very stubborn
obedient—amenable
obfuscate—deliberately confuse
objectionable—offensive; tasteless
objector—person who disagrees
obligate—morally blind
oblique—on an angle
obliterate—destroy
obscure—hide
obsequious—overly willing to help
observant—watchful
obsess—fixate
obsessive—fixating on
obsolete—no longer in use
obstinate—stubborn
obstreperous—argumentative
obtuse—dense, unable to understand
occult—related to magic or astrology
offend—insult, cause offense
ogle—look; stare at
ogreish—like an ogre
omens—portents
omissions—things left out
omit—leave out
omniscient—all knowing
opponent—competitor
opposed—against
optic—of the eye
optical—pertaining to the eye
oratory—eloquent speechifying
ornate—adorned
ornery—cantankerous
ostentatious—showy, overdone
outdated—antiquated
outgoing—gregarious
outmoded—outdated
overt—open, obvious
overture—opening gambit
painstaking—very careful
pallid—pale, unhealthy looking
pandemonium—mayhem
paragon—ideal example
paramount—chief, principal
parole—free from prison, with supervision
partisan—supporter; fan
passionate—avid
passive—amenable, do-nothing
peevish—irritable
penetration—infiltration
peninsula—land with water on three sides
penury—cheapness
perception—understanding
perceptive—having keen insight
perennial—coming every year
peril—danger
periphery—outline, outer edge
perishing—dieing
pernicious—harmful, dangerous
perpetual—ongoing
perplex—confuse
persuasion—ability to convince
pertinent—apropos
peruse—scan
perverse—willfully obstinate
petulant—pouty, whiney
phenomenon—wonder
philanthropic—generous to people
phlegmatic—dully matter of fact
pillage—loot; plunder
pitch—throw out
pivotal—important, paramount
platitude—trite saying
plebeian—of the common people
pledge—promise
pompous—pretentious
portent—omen
portion—part, piece
possessing—owning
pragmatic—practical
precipitate—give rise to

precursor—forerunner
predictable—expected
prediction—guess about the future
preemption—appropriation
prejudice—bias
prelude—overture
premeditate—determine in advance
premonition—intuitive feeling
prequel—earlier story line
prescient—prophetic
prescribe—order; recommend
presume—take for granted
presumptive—supposed
preventative—acting to prevent
primitive—first of the kind
proactive—anticipatory
proceeding—continuing
procession—parade; march
prod—goad, urge
prodigal—wastefully extravagant
prodigy—gifted child
profound—deep, philosophical
profusely—in large volume
progenitor—ancestor
prolix—wordy
prologue—introduction
prominence—conspicuousness
propagate—spread
prosper—flourish
protestant—dissident
prototype—model, first example built
protracted—drawn out
protrudent—thrusting out; bulging
protrusion—object sticking out
proverb—maxim
provocative—inciting
provocation—something that incites
provoke—cause, impel
proximity—nearness
proxy—representative
prudent—cautious
pubescence—puberty
pugnacious—confrontational
pulchritudinous—physically beautiful
pursuit—chase
quarrelsome—given to arguing
querulous—complaining
quiescent—peaceful
radiant—glowing
rapacious—predatory

rapturous—deliriously happy
rarity—odd thing
rasps—speaks with a rough voice
rational—sane, practical
raves—praises enthusiastically
ravishing—beautiful
recess—set back
recession—decline; turning back
recklessly—carelessly
reconnoiter—scout in advance
redeem—cash in
redundant—repetitive
refined—classy, elegant
refinement—good taste
refractory—obstinate
release—let go, set free
relevant—pertinent, apropos
renounce—give up
repetition—reiteration
reprieve—delay
reprimand—castigate
reproach—reprimand
repulsive—ugly, not alluring
reserved—staid in behavior
resigned—accepting
resolving—deciding
resplendent—adorned and bejeweled
restrain—hold back, hinder
restraint—curb; check
restrictor—something used to restrain
retain—keep
retaliate—repay or reply in kind
revealing—showing
revenge—retaliation, restitution
reverberation—sound; echo
revert—return to the way it was
revoke—take back
revolve—rotate
rhetorical—declamatory
rigid—stiff; fixed
rogue—scallawag
roundabout—circuitous
sagacious—wise
sanction—agree to, give the OK
sanguine—happy
sartorial—of clothing
satanic—of the devil
savage—fierce; barbarous
scan—read quickly

- scarcity—lack, dearth
schismatic—divisive
scorn—derision
scout—search for
scrupulous—principled
scrutinize—examine carefully
secluded—hidden, not in public view
sectarian—limited in one’s interests
sedulous—persevering
seethe—burn with anger
sensationalize—play up for effect
separatist—person seceding from the church
sequel—later in time story line
sequestered—set apart, kept apart
serene—peaceful
servile—fawning
sheltered—protected from adverse conditions
shoddy—of poor quality
shrewd—savvy, wise
silhouette—outline
simultaneous—at the same time
sire—father
skew—slant, tilt
slander—malicious statements
slogan—motto
sluggish—lethargic
sociable—companionable
solitude—aloneness
somnolent—sleepy
soothed—eased
sophistry—simplistic reasoning
soporific—sleep-inducing
sordid—dirty, prurient
spare—backup
spectacle—public display
spectate—watch
speculate—question, wonder
spendthrift—prodigal
spiral—helix
sprightly—lively and energetic
spurious—false
squeal—shrill cry or sound
statuesque—tall like a statue
status—rank
steadfast—stable, responsible
stealth—sneakiness
stimulate—inspire; provoke
stinginess—miserliness
stricture—constraint
stridency—harshness
stringent—strict
stupor—daze
stymie—frustrate, hinder
subconscious—site of intuitive thinking
sublime—wonderful
subliminal—below the level of consciousness
submission—giving in
subscript—written underneath
subservient—obsequious
substance—matter
substandard—inferior
substantiate—prove
subterranean—underground
subtract—take away from
summary—synopsis
summation—closing statement
superannuate—become outdated
superficial—on the surface
superfluous—extra, not needed
superlative—the best
supplanting—replacing
surfeit—surplus, extra
surplus—surfeit
survey—scan, measure
swell—grow bigger
swerve—turn to avoid
synopsis—summary
tangled—mixed up
tantalize—tempt; entice
tedious—boring, endless
temerity—nerve; courage
temperamental—volatile
temperate—mild, as a climate
tempt—lure; entice
tenacious—stubborn, dogged
tendency—leaning toward
tenuous—uncertain
terminal—end
terminated—ended
terse—short, to the point
thoroughness—attention to detail
thrive—prosper
throb—pulsate
thwart—stop, hinder
tiara—crown
timid—hesitant, shy
toned—well-muscled
torment—torture
torpor—stupor
trace—outline, or small amount

- tractable—obedient
tractate—essay
trailblazer—forerunner
transitory—fleeting
transmutation—transformation
transmute—change
treacherous—dangerous
trendsetter—leader
trite—hackneyed
triumphant—victorious
truce—peace agreement
truism—self-evident truth
truncated—shortened
tumult—uproar
tumultuous—noisy
turmoil—strife
tweak—tug; yank
twine—curl
ululation—mournful wail
umbra—shadow
unauthorized—not sanctioned
unbind—unfetter
uncompromising—steadfast; intransigent
unconventionalist—nonconformist
unfathomable—not understandable
unify—make into one
unleash—release
unmanifested—not shown
unnecessary—not needed
unprejudiced—not biased
unravel—come apart; untangled
unshackle—unleash, free
unsound—not safe, not secure
unyielding—uncompromising
urban—of the city
urbane—sophisticated
utopian—of a perfect world
utterance—saying
vacant—empty
vacate—leave
vaccine—immunizing agent
vacillate—be ambivalent
vacuous—empty
validate—certify
vanguard—leading wave
vanity—excessive pride
varnish—adorn
vast—wide, sweeping
vehement—emphatic
venerate—revere
veneration—adoration
ventral—pertaining to the belly
verbosity—wordiness
verify—prove
verse—poetry
vexing—perplexing
vibrating—oscillating
vicarious—experienced in place of another
vicious—cruel
vigorous—energetic
vilify—slander
vintage—from a previous age
violate—encroach, penetrate
virtuous—moral
viscera—innards; guts
vivacious—animated
vocation—employment
vociferation—clamor; ado
void—empty place
volatile—unstable
vouch—back; speak up for
vow—promise
vulgar—uncouth
wander—meander
weave—interlace
whimsical—fanciful
winsome—comely; attractive
witness—spectate; observe
woven—intertwined
yearn—want, desire
yen—hankering
yield—result
zealous—avid
zigzag—go back and forth



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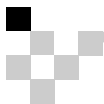
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The idea for this book came in a flash but grew out of years of frustration. Students with a weak vocabulary get a mediocre score on the verbal SAT. English teachers drill students every week in vocabulary; the students study the night before the quiz. When I tutor, one of the sentences I hear most frequently is, “I studied that word in school.” They recognize the word, but they have no idea what it means. The current methods for teaching vocabulary are not working in schools, and they did not work for me. I want to change the structure of vocabulary study for the SAT. Word puzzles are excellent teaching tools, and they are fun for students—just as they are fun for adults. Adults choose to do puzzles, and so will high school students. As soon as I thought of combining puzzles with SAT vocabulary, I knew I had found the way to end my frustration. My students are grateful when I hand them puzzles for homework. I think SAT students across the country will feel the same way.

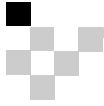
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Puzzles are about fun, of course. But there are other, more important processes at work when one is solving. Puzzles force you to focus your mind and organize your thoughts logically. They make you seek connections between words and meanings and then fill in the blank spaces of the words themselves—a spelling lesson at its most basic. Puzzles challenge you to be patient and to persevere; they ask you to exercise your mind and attune yourself to subtle allusions or oblique references. I have been part of the puzzle world for many years,

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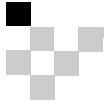
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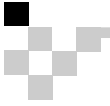
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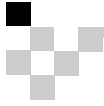
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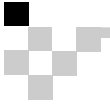
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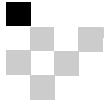
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