

Using the 1000 Most Common SAT Words List

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People who read a lot know lots of words. While the best way to build your vocabulary is to read a lot, you can also try to learn lists of SAT words. You can learn many new words a day by doing some interesting activities. Your goal is to learn 20 words per day. At the end of the week, you will have added 100 new words to your vocabulary! You can be creative and make word lists, flashcards, glossaries, home made dictionaries, word wheels, and anything else that will help you remember the words. To keep things interesting try something different each day such as the activities inside.



Day One:

- Try looking for related words – 20 words that have similar definitions.
- Try to use ten of the words at least once in writing or conversation.

Day Two:

- Find groups of words that have the same root (find at least 5 different roots)
- Try to use ten words at least once in writing or conversation.

Day Three:

- Find Word Pairs – 20 words and their exact opposites
- Try to use ten words at least once in writing or conversation

Day Four:

- Find 20 words and group them by prefixes and suffixes
- Try to use ten words at least once in writing or conversation

Day Five:

- Select another 20 words and read the sample sentences provided by the SAT list.
- Write your own sample sentences –challenge yourself to improve on the sentences in the SAT guide.

Find lists of SAT words at <http://www.sparknotes.com/testprep/books/sat/chapter7section6.rhtml> or <http://www.scribd.com/doc/9407303/1000-Most-Common-Words-SAT>.