

boisterous

SAT Vocabcards

talking

boisterous \BOY stir uss\
(adj.)—rough and stormy; noisy and undisciplined

The **boisterous** child carried on in the playground; that **boy** sure created a **stir**!

KAPLAN

– Charge

cacophonous

SAT Vocabcards

Fold Here

talking

cacophonous \ke KOF en uss\
(adj.)—jarring, unpleasantly noisy

The evil witch let out a **cacophonous cackle**.

KAPLAN

– Charge

circumlocution

SAT Vocabcards

talking

circumlocution \sir cum loh KYOO shun\
(n.)—roundabout, lengthy way of saying something

Circumlocution circles the point.

KAPLAN

– Charge

discordant

SAT Vocabcards

talking

discordant \di SKOR dint\
(adj.)—harsh-sounding, inharmonious, conflicting

The musical piece was absolutely **discordant**; its **chords** **disgusted** me!

KAPLAN

– Charge

bombastic

SAT Vocabcards

talking

bombastic \bom BASS tic\
(adj.)—using high-sounding but meaningless language

*The speaker's **bombastic** lecture sounded loud and explosive but it bored his audience to tears; it **bombed**.*

KAPLAN

- Charge

circuitous

SAT Vocabcards

Fold Here

talking

circuitous \sir CYOO i tuss\
(adj.)—indirect, taking the longest route

*The **circuitous** speaker talked in **circles**; he talked and talked and he never got to the point!*

KAPLAN

- Charge

clamor

SAT Vocabcards

talking

clamor \KLAM er\
(n.)—noisy outcry

*One can be quiet as a **clam** or loud as a **clamor**.*

KAPLAN

- Charge

dulcet

SAT Vocabcards

talking

dulcet \DUL sit\
(adj.)—pleasant-sounding, soothing to the ear

*With a sweet and **dulcet** sound, the saxophone player never played a **dull set**.*

KAPLAN

+ Charge

effusive

SAT Vocabcards

talking

effusive \i FYOO siv\
(adj.)—unrestrained or excessive in emotional expression; gushy

*"It's no **use** wasting such **effort** and energy crying," the mother said to her **effusive** son.*

KAPLAN

= Charge

garrulous

SAT Vocabcards

Fold Here

talking

garrulous \GAR re luss\
(adj.)—very talkative

*Everyone in the building dreaded running into the **garrulous** principal because that **gabby** ruler of the school would talk their ears off!*

KAPLAN

= Charge

loquacious

SAT Vocabcards

talking

loquacious \lo KWAY shuss\
(adj.)—talkative

***Loquacious** talkers are **loathe** to keep **quiet**.*

KAPLAN

= Charge

raucous

SAT Vocabcards

talking

raucous \RAW kuss\
(adj.)—harsh-sounding; boisterous

*The grade school cafeteria was a **raucous** place at lunch time because there were always some noisy children creating a **ruckus**.*

KAPLAN

= Charge

euphony

SAT Vocabcards

talking

euphony \YOO fun ee\
(n.)—pleasant, harmonious sound

*"It's **funny**," the man said to his wife, "the **euphonious** sounds of birds singing and crickets chirping make me think of **you**."*

KAPLAN

+ Charge

laconic

SAT Vocabcards

not talking

laconic \le KHON ik\
(adj.)—using few words

*A **laconic** person **economizes** words.*

KAPLAN

= Charge

lucid

SAT Vocabcards

talking

lucid \LOO sid\
(adj.)—clear and easily understood

*The actor's performance was **lucid** so his feelings were **translucent** for his audience.*

KAPLAN

+ Charge

reticent

SAT Vocabcards

not talking

reticent \RHET i sent\
(adj.)—not speaking freely, reserved

*A **reticent** person **remains silent**.*

KAPLAN

- Charge

Fold Here

sonorous

SAT Vocabcards

talking

sonorous \SON er uss\
(adj.)—having or producing a full, deep sound; impressive in style of speech

The **sonorous sound** of the opera singer's voice could be heard **over** the crowd's noise.

KAPLAN

+ Charge

succinct

SAT Vocabcards

not talking

succinct \suck SINCT\
(adj.)—terse, brief, concise

His sentences had to be **succinct** as the ship was **sinking**.

KAPLAN

= Charge

taciturn

SAT Vocabcards

not talking

taciturn \TASS i TERN\
(adj.)—uncommunicative; not inclined to speak

The **taciturn** student was **silent** when **it** was her **turn** to speak.

KAPLAN

- Charge

verbose

SAT Vocabcards

talking

verbose \ver BOHSS\
(adj.)—wordy

Verbose talkers are **very boring**.

KAPLAN

- Charge

Fold Here

strident

SAT Vocabcards

talking

strident \STRY dnt\
(adj.)—loud, harsh, unpleasantly noisy

He **tried** to take the noise in his **stride** but the **strident** noise would not relent.

KAPLAN

= Charge

tacit

SAT Vocabcards

Fold Here

not talking

tacit \TASS it\
(adj.)—silently understood or implied

In case her message wasn't **tacit**, she **tacked** it on the wall.

KAPLAN

= Charge

terse

SAT Vocabcards

not talking

terse \TEHRSS\
(adj.)—concise, brief, free of extra words

The poet trimmed his **verse**, leaving his poem **terse**.

KAPLAN

= Charge

vociferous

SAT Vocabcards

talking

vociferous \voh SIF er uss\
(adj.)—loud, vocal and noisy

Someone **vociferous** vocalizes forcefully.

KAPLAN

= Charge

voluble

SAT Vocabcards

talking

voluble \VOL ye bu\ (adj.)—speaking much and easily; talkative; glib

The student was a **voluble** speaker, always **volunteering** to answer questions and to present information to the class.

KAPLAN

+ Charge

assiduous

SAT Vocabcards

clever

assiduous \a SI joo iss\ (adj.)—persistent, hard-working

He was **astute** and **studious** and his efforts led the **assiduous** boy to the top of his class

KAPLAN

+ Charge

clairvoyant

SAT Vocabcards

clever

clairvoyant \klayr VOY nt\ (adj.)—exceptionally insightful, able to foresee the future

His **clairvoyance** allowed him a **clear vision** of the company's **imminent** success.

KAPLAN

+ Charge

dolt

SAT Vocabcards

stupid

dolt \DOHLT\ (n.)—idiot, dimwit, foolish person

Even though he was an **adult**, **Adele's** cool uncle was not a **dolt**.

KAPLAN

- Charge

Fold Here

aesthetic

SAT Vocabcards

clever

aesthetic \ess THET iK\
(adj.)—pertaining to beauty or the arts

*Under an **anesthetic**, the **theatrical** performance seemed quite **aesthetic**.*

KAPLAN

+ Charge

buffoon

SAT Vocabcards

stupid

buffoon \bu FOON\
(n.)—clown or fool

*The boy was known as the school **buffoon**; he was always making a **fool** out of himself.*

KAPLAN

- Charge

diligent

SAT Vocabcards

clever

diligent \DIL i jint\
(adj.)—careful and hard-working

*Because she was so **diligent**, she was the designated leader of the group project.*

KAPLAN

+ Charge

egregious

SAT Vocabcards

stupid

egregious \i GREE jiss\
(adj.)—conspicuously bad

*Don't **egg Greg** into wearing his **egregiously** ugly leisure suit.*

KAPLAN

- Charge

Fold Here

eminent

SAT Vocabcards

clever

eminent \EM i nent\
(adj.)—celebrated, distinguished;
outstanding, towering

*Susan B. Anthony was an **eminent** feminist who paved the way for future women's rights.*

KAPLAN

+ Charge

hackneyed

SAT Vocabcards

stupid

hackneyed \HAK need\
(adj.)—clichéd, worn out by overuse

*I have a **need** for a new daily routine because this one is quite **hackneyed**.*

KAPLAN

- Charge

inept

SAT Vocabcards

stupid

inept \in EPT\
(adj.)—clumsy, awkward; foolish,
nonsensical

*He is so **inept**, he is **incapable** of grasping most concepts.*

KAPLAN

- Charge

mundane

SAT Vocabcards

stupid

mundane \mun DAYN\
(adj.)—ordinary, commonplace

*Common and everyday activities are **mundane**.*

KAPLAN

- Charge

Fold Here

exemplary

SAT Vocabcards

clever

exemplary \egg ZEM pluh ree\
(adj.)—outstanding, an example to others

His **exemplary** behavior set a fine **example** for the rest of the class.

KAPLAN

+ Charge

incisive

SAT Vocabcards

clever

incisive \in SY siv\
(adj.)—perceptive, penetrating

An **incisive** speaker gets **inside** another person's head and can rebut an argument before it is even made.

KAPLAN

+ Charge

intuitive

SAT Vocabcards

clever

intuitive \in TOO i tiv\
(adj.)—instinctive, untaught

Intuitive people act on **intuition**; they are **in tune** with their **instinctive** tendencies.

KAPLAN

+ Charge

perspicacious

SAT Vocabcards

clever

perspicacious \PUR spi KAY shess\
(adj.)—shrewd, astute, keen-witted

Because she is **perspicacious**, her **perspective** shows that she is very **sagacious**.

KAPLAN

+ Charge

Fold Here

precocious

SAT Vocabcards

clever

precocious \pri KO shiss\
(adj.)—unusually advanced or talented at an early age

*That child is quite **precocious** and keen; he is only in **preschool** and he can **coach** the **chess** team.*

KAPLAN

+ Charge

prosaic

SAT Vocabcards

Fold Here

stupid

prosaic \pro ZAY ik\
(adj.)—relating to prose; dull, commonplace

*The acting in the newly released musical is **prosaic**; in the review of the show, the acting **pros** say “**ick!**”*

KAPLAN

- Charge

sagacious

SAT Vocabcards

clever

sagacious \su GAY shiss\
(adj.)—wise, shrewd

*The **saga** was a story for **ages**, full of **sagacious** wisdom.*

KAPLAN

+ Charge

urbane

SAT Vocabcards

clever

urbane \er BAYN\
(adj.)—courteous, refined, suave

***Urban** folks claim that they are more **urbane** than country folks.*

KAPLAN

+ Charge

prescient

SAT Vocabcards

clever

prescient \PREE shee nt\
(adj.)—having foresight

Prescient people predict.

KAPLAN

+ Charge

prudent

SAT Vocabcards

clever

prudent \PROOD nt\
(adj.)—careful, cautious

Prudence prevents accidents.

KAPLAN

+ Charge

scrutinize

SAT Vocabcards

clever

scrutinize \SKROOT n ize\
(v.)—to observe carefully

You use your eyes to scrutinize.

KAPLAN

+ Charge

vacuous

SAT Vocabcards

stupid

vacuous \VAK yoo uss\
(adj.)—empty, void, lacking intelligence

The students' brains seem to become vacuous when they are on vacation.

KAPLAN

- Charge

Fold Here

vapid

SAT Vocabcards

stupid

vapid \VAYP id\
(adj.)—tasteless, dull

Something **vapid** is void of **appeal**.

KAPLAN

- Charge

arid

SAT Vocabcards

sickness & disease

arid \AR id\
(adj.)—extremely dry or deathly boring

In the **arid** desert, the **area** is **dry**.

KAPLAN

- Charge

enhance

SAT Vocabcards

health & happiness

enhance \in HANSS\
(v.)—to improve, bring to a greater level of intensity

They can sure use a **hand** in **enhancing** the quality of the cafeteria food!

KAPLAN

+ Charge

evanescent

SAT Vocabcards

sickness & disease

evanescent \EV in ESS nt\
(adj.)—quickly fading, short-lived, esp. an image

Evanescent images **vanish** quickly.

KAPLAN

= Charge

Fold Here

wary

SAT Vocabcards

clever

wary \WAYR ee\
(adj.)—careful, cautious

One who is **wary** *worries* that everything is okay.

KAPLAN

+ Charge

enervating

SAT Vocabcards

sickness & disease

enervating \EN er VAYT ing\
(adj.)—weakening, tiring

Enervating activities put your **energy** on vacation!

KAPLAN

- Charge

ephemeral

SAT Vocabcards

sickness & disease

ephemeral \i FEM er i\
(adj.)—momentary, transient, fleeting

Something **ephemeral** *emerges* only for a little while.

KAPLAN

= Charge

florid

SAT Vocabcards

health & happiness

florid \FLAW rid\
(adj.)—ruddy, flushed; gaudy, extremely ornate

Flooded with **horrid** colors and patterns, her wardrobe was extremely **florid**.

KAPLAN

- Charge

Fold Here

fortuitous

SAT Vocabcards

health & happiness

fortuitous \for TOO i tuss\
(adj.)—happening by luck, fortunate

*He was quite **fortuitous**; good **fortune** followed him everywhere he went.*

KAPLAN

+ Charge

jubilation

SAT Vocabcards

health & happiness

jubilation \JOO bi LAY shin\
(n.)—joy, celebration, exultation

*Let's have a **celebration** to show our **jubilation**.*

KAPLAN

+ Charge

maudlin

SAT Vocabcards

sickness & disease

maudlin \MAWD lin\
(adj.)—overly sentimental

*In the **maudlin** play, **Maude's lines** were sickeningly sweet.*

KAPLAN

- Charge

mirthful

SAT Vocabcards

health & happiness

mirthful \MIRTH fu\
(adj.)—jovial, merry, causing or provoking laughter and glee

*Something **mirthful** fills you with **merriment**.*

KAPLAN

+ Charge

Fold Here

integrity

SAT Vocabcards

health & happiness

integrity \in TEG ri tee\
(n.)—decency, honesty, wholeness

*Intelligent as well as **gracious**, the woman was full of **integrity**.*

KAPLAN

+ Charge

longevity

SAT Vocabcards

health & happiness

longevity \lon JEV i tee\
(n.)—long life

*If you have **longevity** you'll live **long** with **vitality**.*

KAPLAN

+ Charge

mercurial

SAT Vocabcards

health & happiness

mercurial \mer CYOOR ee \
(adj.)—quick, shrewd and unpredictable

*The **mercurial** **Merlin** the magician was quick-witted and changeable.*

KAPLAN

+ Charge

moribund

SAT Vocabcards

sickness & disease

moribund \MAWR i bund\
(adj.)—dying, decaying

*I could see **Mo's ribs** under the **moribund** flesh of his corpse.*

KAPLAN

- Charge

Fold Here

noisome

SAT Vocabcards

sickness & disease

noisome \NOY sum\
(adj.)—stinking, putrid

*A dead mouse trapped in your walls makes **no noise**, but produces a **noisome** odor.*

KAPLAN

- Charge

parched

SAT Vocabcards

sickness & disease

parched \PARCHt\
(adj.)—dried up, shriveled

*If you're **parched** after you've **marched**, drink the **water** before you eat tarts.*

KAPLAN

- Charge

prosperity

SAT Vocabcards

health & happiness

prosperity \pross PER i tee\
(n.)—wealth or success

*Cheaters never **prosper**; honesty brings **prosperity**.*

KAPLAN

+ Charge

resilient

SAT Vocabcards

health & happiness

resilient \re ZIL yent\
(adj.)—quick to recover, bounce back

*Her **resilient** hair **resumes** its **brilliance** after each washing.*

KAPLAN

+ Charge

Fold Here

pallid

SAT Vocabcards

sickness & disease

pallid \PAL id\
(adj.)—lacking color or liveliness

Illness makes you pallid.

KAPLAN

- Charge

poignant

SAT Vocabcards

health & happiness

poignant \POYN yint\
(adj.)—emotionally moving

The pointless poisoning of the ants was so poignant that we cried.

KAPLAN

= Charge

renovation

SAT Vocabcards

health & happiness

renovation \REN o VAY shen\
(n.)—repair, making something new again

Renovation renews something to its original condition.

KAPLAN

+ Charge

sanguine

SAT Vocabcards

health & happiness

sanguine \SANG win\
(adj.)—cheerfully optimistic; ruddy

The employees loved their sanguine boss; she practically sang about the windows of opportunity for them at her company.

+ Charge

Fold Here

sprightly

SAT Vocabcards

health & happiness

sprightly \SPRITE lee\
(adj.)—lively, animated, energetic

The **sprightly** jack-in-the-box **sprang right up** each time the lid was opened.

KAPLAN

+ Charge

vivacious

SAT Vocabcards

health & happiness

vivacious \vy VAY shiss\
(adj.)—lively, spirited

Her bright smile and the **vibrant** colors **she** wore reflected her **vivacious** personality.

KAPLAN

+ Charge

adulation

SAT Vocabcards

respect

adulation \AJ e LAY shin\
(n.)—high praise

Adulation is a form of **admiration**.

KAPLAN

+ Charge

castigate

SAT Vocabcards

disrespect

castigate \KASS ti GAYT\
(v.)—to punish, chastise, criticize severely

You might **castigate** someone you criticize and hate.

KAPLAN

- Charge

Fold Here

transient

SAT Vocabcards

sickness & disease

transient \TRANZ ee nt\
(adj.)—temporary, short-lived, fleeting

The man was **transient**; he stayed in each town for only one night and then was back in **transit** to his next destination.

KAPLAN

- Charge

absolve

SAT Vocabcards

respect

absolve \ab ZOLV\
(v.)—to forgive, free from blame

To **absolve** is to **resolve** to **abolish** all blame.

KAPLAN

+ Charge

berate

SAT Vocabcards

disrespect

berate \bi RAYT\
(v.)—to scold harshly

To **berate** is to **belittle** as **third-rate**.

KAPLAN

- Charge

censure

SAT Vocabcards

disrespect

censure \SEN she\
(v.)—to find fault with and condemn as wrong; blame

You **censure** when you **sense** that someone **sure** is guilty!

KAPLAN

- Charge

Fold Here

condescending

SAT Vocabcards

disrespect

condescending \con di SEHN ding\
(adj.)—possessing an attitude of superiority, patronizing

One who **condescends** is **conceited** while posing as a friend.

KAPLAN

– Charge

defame

SAT Vocabcards

Fold Here

disrespect

defame \di FAYM\
(v.)—to slander, speak evil of, to libel

To **defame** is to **destroy** someone's **fame** or popularity.

KAPLAN

– Charge

denounce

SAT Vocabcards

disrespect

denounce \di NOWNSS\
(v.)—to accuse, blame

When you **denounce** someone, you **deny** that s/he is **innocent**.

KAPLAN

– Charge

deride

SAT Vocabcards

disrespect

deride \di RYD\
(v.)—to mock, ridicule, make fun of

To **deride** is to **deeply ridicule**.

KAPLAN

– Charge

decry

SAT Vocabcards

disrespect

decry \di KRY\
(v.)—to belittle, openly condemn

To **decry** is to **denounce** someone and hope to make them **cry**.

KAPLAN

– Charge

denigrate

SAT Vocabcards

disrespect

denigrate \DEHN i grayt\
(v.)—to slur someone's reputation;
attack one's character

When you **denigrate** someone, you **deny** that s/he is **great**.

KAPLAN

– Charge

depreciate

SAT Vocabcards

disrespect

depreciate \di PREE shee AYT\
(v.)—to lessen in value, belittle

A product's value **depreciates** when it is **under-appreciated**.

KAPLAN

– Charge

diatribe

SAT Vocabcards

disrespect

diatribe \DY a TRYB\
(n.)—bitter verbal attack

In her **diatribe** on **dieting** Diane **tried to be** critical of my gigantic size.

KAPLAN

– Charge

Fold Here

discredit

SAT Vocabcards

disrespect

discredit \diss KRED it\
(v.)—to harm the reputation of,
dishonor or disgrace

To **discredit** is to **disgrace** someone's
reputation.

KAPLAN

- Charge

disparage

SAT Vocabcards

disrespect

disparage \di SPAR ij\
(v.)—to belittle, speak disrespectfully
about

To **disparage** is to **slander** and to **damage**
another's character.

KAPLAN

- Charge

ignominious

SAT Vocabcards

disrespect

ignominious \IG ne MIN ee uss\
(adj.)—disgraceful and dishonorable

We tend to **ignore** **ignominious** **gnomes**
because they are so **mean to us**.

KAPLAN

- Charge

lionize

SAT Vocabcards

respect

lionize \LY n IZE\
(v.)—to treat as a celebrity

As king of the jungle, the **lion** must be the
most **lionized** animal.

KAPLAN

+ Charge

Fold Here

disdain

SAT Vocabcards

disrespect

disdain \diss DAYN\
(v.)—to regard with scorn or contempt

To **disdain** is to **dislike**.

KAPLAN

– Charge

haughty

SAT Vocabcards

disrespect

haughty \HAW tee\
(adj.)—arrogant and condescending

One who is **haughty** acts **awfully high** and **mighty**.

Fold Here

KAPLAN

– Charge

irreverent

SAT Vocabcards

disrespect

irreverent \ir REV er nt\
(adj.)—disrespectful

To be **irreverent** is to **err** by not **revering** other's feelings.

KAPLAN

– Charge

rebuke

SAT Vocabcards

disrespect

rebuke \re BYOOK\
(v.)—to reprimand, scold

To **rebuke** is to **reprimand** someone for **behaving unkindly**.

KAPLAN

– Charge

revile

SAT Vocabcards

disrespect

revile \ri VYL\
(v.)—to criticize with harsh language,
verbally abuse

To **revile** someone is to tell them you think
they're **vile**.

KAPLAN

– Charge

supercilious

SAT Vocabcards

disrespect

supercilious \SOO per SIL ee uss\
(adj.)—arrogant, haughty, overbearing,
condescending

“Don’t be **supercilious**,” the mother warned
her son, “it’s **silly** to think you’re more **super**
than others.”

KAPLAN

– Charge

altruistic

SAT Vocabcards

good

altruistic \AL troo ISS tik\
(adj.)—concerned unselfishly for
others’ welfare

Al is **altruistic**; he is always **true** when it
comes to **sticking** by his friends.

KAPLAN

+ Charge

beneficent

SAT Vocabcards

good

beneficent \bu NEF u sint\
(adj.)—beneficial; characterized by
performing acts of kindness or charity

Beneficent acts are **beneficial** and
magnificent.

KAPLAN

+ Charge

Fold Here

sardonic

SAT Vocabcards

disrespect

sardonic \sar DON ik\
(adj.)—cynical, scornfully mocking

To be **sardonic** is to be **sarcastic**.

KAPLAN

- Charge

venerable

SAT Vocabcards

respect

venerable \VEN er a bu\
(adj.)—respected because of age

Venerable Ben Kenobi was **revered** because he was **able** to control the Force.

KAPLAN

+ Charge

amenity

SAT Vocabcards

good

amenity \uh MEHN i tee\
(n.)—the quality of being pleasant or attractive; agreeableness

The friends made **amends** by providing **many amenities** to each other.

KAPLAN

+ Charge

benign

SAT Vocabcards

good

benign \bi NYM\
(adj.)—of a kind and gentle disposition; favorable

Someone **benign** tends to **be nice**.

KAPLAN

+ Charge

Fold Here

boon

SAT Vocabcards

good

boon \BOOM\
(n.)—blessing, something to be thankful for

You should **swoon** over a **boon**, including the **moon** and flowers in **June**.

KAPLAN

+ Charge

depraved

SAT Vocabcards

Fold Here

evil

depraved \di PRAYVD\
(adj.)—morally debased; wretched

Depraved people are **deprived** of morals.

KAPLAN

- Charge

indolent

SAT Vocabcards

evil

indolent \IN du LINT\
(adj.)—habitually lazy, idle

One who is **indolent** is **inclined** to **do less** than others.

KAPLAN

- Charge

invidious

SAT Vocabcards

evil

invidious \in VID ee uss\
(adj.)—likely to provoke ill-will, offensive

Something **invidious** **intends** to **do evil**.

KAPLAN

- Charge

demagogue

SAT Vocabcards

evil

demagogue \DEM a GOG\
(n.)—leader, rabble-rouser, usually appealing to emotion or prejudice

A **demagogue** demonstrates the behavior of a **grading rogue**.

KAPLAN

– Charge

diabolical

SAT Vocabcards

evil

diabolical \dy a BOL i c\
(adj.)—fiendish; wicked

“**Die** and **abolish**” is the motto of the **diabolical** cult.

KAPLAN

– Charge

infamy

SAT Vocabcards

evil

infamy \IN fu mee\
(n.)—reputation for bad deeds

Infamy is **fame** for **inferior** reasons.

KAPLAN

– Charge

magnanimous

SAT Vocabcards

good

magnanimous \mag NAN i muss\
(adj.)—generous, noble in spirit

Her **magnanimous** personality acted as a **magnet** in attracting people to her.

KAPLAN

+ Charge

Fold Here

malefactor

SAT Vocabcards

evil

malefactor \MAL i FAK ter\
(n.)—culprit; evildoer

A **malefactor** acts **maliciously**.

KAPLAN

- Charge

malignant

SAT Vocabcards

Fold Here

evil

malignant \mu LIG nint\
(adj.)—disposed to do evil; injurious

Someone **malignant** intends to be **malicious**.

KAPLAN

- Charge

munificent

SAT Vocabcards

good

munificent \myoo NIF i sint\
(adj.)—generous

The **munificent** man gave a **magnificent** gift.

KAPLAN

+ Charge

noxious

SAT Vocabcards

evil

noxious \NOK shiss\
(adj.)—harmful to living things;
injurious to health

Something **noxious** is **toxic** and **dangerous**.

KAPLAN

- Charge

malevolent

SAT Vocabcards

evil

malevolent \mu LEV u lint\
(adj.)—ill-willed; causing evil or harm to others

*The devil is **malevolent**.*

KAPLAN

– Charge

mercenary

SAT Vocabcards

Fold Here

evil

mercenary \MER su nehr ee\
(adj.)—motivated only by greed

*Someone **mercenary** is **miserly** and is motivated only by dollars and **cents**.*

KAPLAN

– Charge

nefarious

SAT Vocabcards

evil

nefarious \ni FAHR ee uss\
(adj.)—vicious, evil

*Nefarious deeds are **never far** from an evil-doer's mind.*

KAPLAN

– Charge

odious

SAT Vocabcards

evil

odious \OH dee uss\
(adj.)—hateful, contemptible

***Odious** acts are **offensive** and **detestable**.*

KAPLAN

– Charge

philanthropic

SAT Vocabcards

good

philanthropic \FIL an THROP ik\
(adj.)—humanitarian; charitable

As an act of **philanthropy**, **Phil**, in the **tropics**, gave his vast fortune to the villagers.

KAPLAN

+ Charge

reprobate

SAT Vocabcards

Fold Here

evil

reprobate \REP roh bayt\
(n.)—morally undisciplined person

The **reprobate** was forever in jail or on **probation**.

KAPLAN

- Charge

virulent

SAT Vocabcards

evil

virulent \VER yu lint\
(adj.)—extremely infectious; irritating, harsh or hateful

The **virulent virus** spread **relentlessly**.

KAPLAN

- Charge

beguile

SAT Vocabcards

false

beguile \bi GYL\
(v.)—to deceive, delude, cheat

To **beguile**, one must **be good** at lying.

KAPLAN

- Charge

profligate

SAT Vocabcards

evil

profligate \PROF li git\
(adj.)—corrupt, wasteful, extravagant

*When it comes to spending money, that **profligate** man is clearly “pro” opening the flood gates!*

KAPLAN

– Charge

slothful

SAT Vocabcards

evil

slothful \SLOTH fu\
(adj.)—lazy

*The **slothful** snail was sluggish and slow-moving.*

KAPLAN

– Charge

abscond

SAT Vocabcards

false

abscond \ab SKAHND\
(v.)—to depart secretly

*With the help of his **conditioned abs** and his sharp wit, the criminal **absconded** from his jail cell in the night.*

KAPLAN

– Charge

candor

SAT Vocabcards

true

candor \KAN dohr\
(n.)—honesty, openness

*Candace spoke with **candor** about her passion for **candy**.*

KAPLAN

+ Charge

Fold Here

covert

SAT Vocabcards

false

covert \ko VIRT\
(adj.)—hidden, secret

Something **covered** is **covert**.

KAPLAN

– Charge

enshroud

SAT Vocabcards

Fold Here

false

enshroud \in SHROWD\
(v.)—to cover, enclose with a dark cover

The dead body was **enshrouded** in a **shroud** to escape the eyes of the crowd.

KAPLAN

– Charge

fawn

SAT Vocabcards

false

fawn \FAHN\
(v.)—to flatter excessively, seek the favor of

Your **fawning** over my **lawn** fills me with **awe**;
such **flattery** makes me feel **awkward**!

KAPLAN

– Charge

furtive

SAT Vocabcards

false

furtive \FER tiv\
(adj.)—secret, stealthy

The **furtive** cat ate the **frankfurter** in secret.

KAPLAN

– Charge

dupe

SAT Vocabcards

false

dupe \DOOP\
(v.)—to deceive, trick

The **dope** was **duped** into taking the blame for our offenses.

KAPLAN

– Charge

exorbitant

SAT Vocabcards

Fold Here

false

exorbitant \ig ZAWR ba tint\
(adj.)—extravagant, greater than reasonable

There were an **exorbitant** number of **ants** in the house and we needed to perform an **ant exorcism** of sorts.

KAPLAN

– Charge

feign

SAT Vocabcards

false

feign \FAYN\
(v.)—to pretend, give a false impression; to invent falsely

She felt the need to **feign** her **weight**; she said she weighed 100 when she was really 108.

KAPLAN

– Charge

hyperbolic

SAT Vocabcards

false

hyperbolic \HY pir BOL ik\
(adj.)—purposefully exaggerated language

“The **hyper boy** licked about one million lollipops” is a **hyperbolic** statement!

KAPLAN

– Charge

hypothesis

SAT Vocabcards

true

hypothesis \hi POTH a siss\
(n.)—assumption, theory requiring proof

A **hypothesis** is a **hypothetical** theory that needs to be proven.

KAPLAN

= Charge

mendacious

SAT Vocabcards

Fold Here

false

mendacious \men DA shiss\
(adj.)—dishonest

The **mendacious** men stole the **data** in hopes of **acing** the test.

KAPLAN

- Charge

pretentious

SAT Vocabcards

false

pretentious \pri TEN shuss\
(adj.)—pretending to be important, intelligent or cultured

Pretentious people **pretend** to be important.

KAPLAN

- Charge

probity

SAT Vocabcards

true

probity \PROW bi tee\
(n.)—complete and confirmed integrity; uprightness, honesty

Because I was at the fight, I can say with **probity** that the **pro** boxer **bit** his opponent's ear.

KAPLAN

+ Charge

illicit

SAT Vocabcards

false

illicit \i LISS it\
(adj.)—illegal, improper

He became **ill** when the **lice** made his head **itch** and he resorted to such **illicit** behaviors as scratching his head in public.

KAPLAN

- Charge

perfidious

SAT Vocabcards

false

perfidious \pir FID ee uss\
(adj.)—faithless, disloyal, untrustworthy

The **perfidious** person in the bank **fiddles** with our accounts in order to steal from **us**.

KAPLAN

- Charge

prevaricate

SAT Vocabcards

false

prevaricate \pre VAR i kayt\
(v.)—to quibble, evade the truth

To **prevaricate** is to **vary** from the truth.

KAPLAN

- Charge

rectitude

SAT Vocabcards

true

rectitude \REK ti tood\
(n.)—moral uprightness; honesty

Someone with **rectitude** has the correct **attitude** about ethics.

KAPLAN

+ Charge

Fold Here

spurious

SAT Vocabcards

false

spurious \SPY0OR ee uss\
(adj.)—lacking authenticity, false

The **spurious** looking diamond **spurred us** to test it to see if it was real.

KAPLAN

- Charge

surreptitious

SAT Vocabcards

Fold Here

false

surreptitious \SIR up TISH iss\
(adj.)—secret, stealthy

The magician's tricks were **surreptitious**; she made **sure**, **repeatedly**, that onlookers were **suspicious**.

KAPLAN

- Charge

toady

SAT Vocabcards

false

toady \TOH dee\
(n.)—flatterer, yes-man, hanger on

The **toady toad** flattered the princess every day until he got a kiss.

KAPLAN

- Charge

abstinence

SAT Vocabcards

strong

abstinence \AB ste ninss\
(n.)—the act of refraining from pleasurable activity, e.g., eating or drinking

Abstinence is **abstaining** from **enticing things**.

KAPLAN

+ Charge

substantiate

SAT Vocabcards

true

substantiate \sub STAN she ayt\
(v.)—to verify, confirm, provide supporting evidence

The **substance she ate substantiated** her allergy to dairy products.

KAPLAN

+ Charge

sycophant

SAT Vocabcards

Fold Here

false

sycophant \SIK u fant\
(n.)—self-serving flatterer; yes-man

That woman is such a **sycophant**; her incessant compliments make me sick!

KAPLAN

- Charge

vindicate

SAT Vocabcards

true

vindicate \VIN di KAYT\
(v.)—to clear from blame or suspicion

The verdict **indicated** the accused's innocence; he was, therefore, **vindicated**.

KAPLAN

+ Charge

anachronistic

SAT Vocabcards

false

anachronistic \uh NAK ru NISS tik\
(adj.)—out-of-date, not attributed to the correct historical period

The events on the timeline were **anachronistic**; there were two events in the wrong **chronological** order.

KAPLAN

- Charge

conformist

SAT Vocabcards

weak

conformist \cun FORM ist\
(n.)—person who complies with
accepted rules and customs

*A conformist constantly forms his opinions
based on the opinions of others.*

KAPLAN

— Charge

diffident

SAT Vocabcards

Fold Here

weak

diffident \DIF i dint\
(adj.)—shy; lacking confidence

Diffident people lack confidence.

KAPLAN

— Charge

frugal

SAT Vocabcards

strong

frugal \FROO gu\
(adj.)—thrifty, cheap

*The fruit gal is frugal and she refuses to
give fruit for free.*

KAPLAN

— Charge

impetuous

SAT Vocabcards

strong

impetuous \im PET choo uss\
(adj.)—rash, impulsive, acting without
thinking

An impetuous person acts on impulse.

KAPLAN

— Charge

craven

SAT Vocabcards

weak

craven \CRAY vin\
(adj.)—cowardly

*Delia is so **craven** that she **cries** when she sees a **raven**.*

KAPLAN

- Charge

dormant

SAT Vocabcards

weak

dormant \DAWR mint\
(adj.)—at rest, inactive, in suspended animation

*The **dorm ants** sleep in **dorms** all day and then eat all night when the students are **dormant**.*

KAPLAN

= Charge

forbearance

SAT Vocabcards

strong

forbearance \FOUR bear ans\
(n.)—patience, restraint, leniency

*The tribesmen treated their ancient **forebears** with **forbearance**, even though those old folks were annoying.*

KAPLAN

+ Charge

incessant

SAT Vocabcards

strong

incessant \in SESS int\
(adj.)—continuous, never ceasing

***Incessant** actions never cease.*

KAPLAN

= Charge

Fold Here

integral

SAT Vocabcards

strong

integral \IN ti gru\
(adj.)—central, indispensable

The **integral** cog must be **integrated** in order for the watch to work.

KAPLAN

+ Charge

maverick

SAT Vocabcards

Fold Here

strong

maverick \MAV rik\
(n.)—one who breaks away from group conformity and forges a new course

The crowd **marveled** at the originality of **Rick's maverick** lyrics.

KAPLAN

= Charge

obdurate

SAT Vocabcards

strong

obdurate \AHB door it\
(adj.)—hardened against feeling; hardhearted, impenitent

The **obdurate** bridge was a **durable** object; it **endured** the **weight** of heavy traffic.

KAPLAN

- Charge

restrained

SAT Vocabcards

weak

restrained \ri STRAYnd\
(adj.)—controlled, repressed, restricted

To **restrain** someone is to **restrict** his/her movement.

KAPLAN

- Charge

intrepid

SAT Vocabcards

strong

intrepid \in TREP id\
(adj.)—fearless

The **intrepid** kayak team went **into** the rapids and over the waterfall.

KAPLAN

+ Charge

nonchalant

SAT Vocabcards

strong

nonchalant \NON shu LAHNT\
(adj.)—calm, casual, seemingly unexcited

The **nonchalant** shall not be easily excited.

KAPLAN

= Charge

obsequious

SAT Vocabcards

weak

obsequious \ob SEE kwee iss\
(adj.)—full of or exhibiting servile compliance; fawning

Obsequious people **obviously seek** approval.

KAPLAN

- Charge

seminal

SAT Vocabcards

strong

seminal \SEM i nu\
(adj.)—relating to the beginning or seeds of something

Al's **seminar** on salmon was a **seminal event**; no man had ever given a similar speech.

KAPLAN

+ Charge

Fold Here

spontaneity

SAT Vocabcards

strong

spontaneity \spon ti NAY i tee\
(n.)—impulsive action, unplanned events

Something done with **spontaneity** is done **on the spot**.

KAPLAN

= Charge

submissive

SAT Vocabcards

Fold Here

weak

submissive \sub MISS i\
(adj.)—tending to meekness, to submit to the will of others

One who is **submissive** **submits** to the will of others.

KAPLAN

- Charge

tenacious

SAT Vocabcards

strong

tenacious \ten AY shiss\
(adj.)—determined, keeping a firm grip on

The gymnast **tenaciously** performed on the balance beam; in order to score a perfect **ten** she needed to **ace** her routine.

KAPLAN

+ Charge

wayward

SAT Vocabcards

strong

wayward \WAY werd\
(adj.)—erratic, unrestrained, reckless

The **wayward** criminal **wailed** the jail **warden** with his fist.

KAPLAN

- Charge

stolid

SAT Vocabcards

strong

stolid \ST AHL id\
(adj.)—having or showing little emotion

Stolid people keep a **lid** on their emotions.

KAPLAN

= Charge

tractable

SAT Vocabcards

Fold Here

weak

tractable \TR AK te be\
(adj.)—easily managed or controlled

The **actor** was so **tractable** that we were **able** to keep him on **track**.

KAPLAN

- Charge

tremulous

SAT Vocabcards

weak

tremulous \TREM yoo luss\
(adj.)—trembling; quivering; fearful, timid

Tremulous people **tremble** in fear.

KAPLAN

- Charge

affable

SAT Vocabcards

friendly

affable \AAF a bu\
(adj.)—friendly, easy to approach

The **affable** puppy was **affectionate**.

KAPLAN

+ Charge

amicable

SAT Vocabcards

friendly

amicable \AM i ku bu\ (adj.)—friendly, agreeable

One who is **amicable** is **amazingly likable**.

KAPLAN

+ Charge

benevolent

SAT Vocabcards

friendly

benevolent \bu NEV u lint\ (adj.)—friendly and helpful

Ben and **Eve** **volunteer** at the shelter; they enjoy **benefiting** others with their **benevolent** acts.

KAPLAN

+ Charge

collaborate

SAT Vocabcards

friendly

collaborate \ku LAB u RAYT\ (v.)—to cooperate, work together

Collaborating is **co-laboring**, or working together.

KAPLAN

+ Charge

compromise

SAT Vocabcards

friendly

compromise \KAHM pru myz\ (v.)—to settle a dispute by terms agreeable to both sides

When two people **compromise**, they **come** together, each with his own **promise** to the other.

KAPLAN

+ Charge

Fold Here

antagonist

SAT Vocabcards

unfriendly

antagonist \an TAG a nist\
(n.)—foe, opponent, adversary

An **antagonist** causes **agony**.

KAPLAN

- Charge

camaraderie

SAT Vocabcards

Fold Here

friendly

camaraderie \KAHm RAH da ree\
(n.)—trust, sociability amongst friends

The photo taken by the **camera** of the whole group showed their **camaraderie**.

KAPLAN

+ Charge

compassion

SAT Vocabcards

friendly

compassion \kum PASH in\
(n.)—sympathy, helpfulness or mercy

Compassion is helping a **companion** to **pass on** through difficult times.

KAPLAN

+ Charge

congregation

SAT Vocabcards

friendly

congregation \KAHN gre GAY shin\
(n.)—a crowd of people, an assembly

The **congregation** of rowdy **congressmen** grew **impatient** as they crowded in the **station**.

KAPLAN

= Charge

convergence

SAT Vocabcards

friendly

convergence \kun VER jinss\
(n.)—the state of separate elements joining or coming together

*The prisoners' plans **converged** when the convict **urged** the other **gents** to join his escape attempt.*

KAPLAN

+ Charge

empathy

SAT Vocabcards

friendly

empathy \EM pu thee\
(n.)—identification with the feelings of others

*The **emperor** had no **empathy**; he was **empty** of sympathy for others.*

KAPLAN

+ Charge

misanthropic

SAT Vocabcards

unfriendly

misanthropic \MIS an THROP ik\
(adj.)—characterized by a hatred or scorn for humankind

*Miss Ann hated man (and woman) so she **threw up** at the community picnic.*

KAPLAN

- Charge

pacific

SAT Vocabcards

friendly

pacific \pu SIF ik\
(adj.)—calm, peaceful

*Chewing on her **pacifier**, the baby became calm and **pacific**.*

KAPLAN

+ Charge

Fold Here

deleterious

SAT Vocabcards

unfriendly

deleterious \DEL e TEER ee yuss\
(adj.)—harmful, destructive,
detrimental

Something **deleterious** **deletes** or **destroys**
all it encounters.

KAPLAN

- Charge

incompatible

SAT Vocabcards

Fold Here

unfriendly

incompatible \IN kum PAT i bu\
(adj.)—opposed in nature, not able to
live or work together

The couple divorced because they were
incompatible; the two were simply
incapable of **compromising**.

KAPLAN

- Charge

mitigate

SAT Vocabcards

friendly

mitigate \MIT i gayt\
(v.)—to soften or make milder

To **mitigate** is to make **milder**.

KAPLAN

+ Charge

placid

SAT Vocabcards

friendly

placid \PLAA sid\
(adj.)—undisturbed; calm, quiet

The **placid** island was like the peaceful **place**
in my dreams.

KAPLAN

+ Charge

provocative

SAT Vocabcards

unfriendly

provocative \proh VOK u tiv\
(adj.)—tending to provoke a response,
e.g., anger or disagreement

One who is **provocative** provokes others
to react.

KAPLAN

- Charge

rancorous

SAT Vocabcards

unfriendly

rancorous \RANK o russ\
(adj.)—bitter, hateful

The unfair **ranking** made the contestants
rancorous.

KAPLAN

- Charge

reconciliation

SAT Vocabcards

friendly

reconciliation \REH kun SIL ee AY shin\
(n.)—the act of agreement after a
quarrel, the resolution of a dispute

We **recognized** that the argument was **silly**
and **reconciled**.

KAPLAN

+ Charge

tactful

SAT Vocabcards

friendly

tactful \TAKT fu\
(adj.)—considerate, skillful in acting to
avoid offense to others

A **tactful** person's **actions** are in good taste.

KAPLAN

+ Charge

Fold Here

querulous

SAT Vocabcards

unfriendly

querulous \KWER u luss\
(adj.)—complaining, irritable

The **querulous** customer bombarded the clerk with a **list** of **questions** and **complaints**.

KAPLAN

- Charge

reclusive

SAT Vocabcards

Fold Here

unfriendly

reclusive \ri KLOO si\
(adj.)—preferring to live in isolation

Clouseau became **reclusive** after he **retired**; he gave no **real clues** as to where he **lived**.

KAPLAN

- Charge

suppress

SAT Vocabcards

unfriendly

suppress \sup RESS\
(v.)—to end an activity, e.g., to prevent the dissemination of information

Sue **suppressed** the urge to **press** the doorbell for the fifth time.

KAPLAN

- Charge

winsome

SAT Vocabcards

friendly

winsome \WIN sum\
(adj.)—charming, happily engaging

A **winsome** smile will **win some** friends.

KAPLAN

+ Charge