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# **SAT VOCABULARY PRACTICE TEST 1**



**Suggested Time: 5 minutes**  
**8 Questions**

**Directions:** In context, choose the word(s) that fits the sentence best.

1. The teacher's lecture did nothing to ----- the causes of the chemical reaction; his words only left the students more perplexed.
- (A) dispel (B) justify (C) demystify  
 (D) refute (E) invalidate
2. Rather than provide an objective look at the proposal, the article strongly----- the funding and construction of a new baseball stadium.
- (A) elucidated (B) profiled (C) clarified  
 (D) advocated (E) explicated
3. The group devised the strategy, not in an overt process open to the public, but in ----- method that included only specially-chosen members.
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4. The housing advocate reiterated the idea that the city's statistics were -----, disparate from the true facts, and that they were neither ----- nor cogent.
- (A) stalwart...inscrutable  
 (B) indistinguishable...motley  
 (C) derisive...obtuse  
 (D) discrepant...salient  
 (E) dubious...indomitable
5. While John did not ----- his royal heritage as might be expected, he also did nothing to downplay the status that ensured him fame.
- (A) delineate (B) discredit (C) satirize  
 (D) accentuate (E) baffle
6. Sue's smile always eluded firm -----; some stressed its sincerity and closeness, while others accentuated its ----- and detachment.
- (A) refutation...perplexity  
 (B) elucidation...irony  
 (C) substantiation...reiteration  
 (D) assertion...contradiction  
 (E) delineation...endorsement
7. Police officers were ----- the discovery of a rose and a chopstick at the crime scene, and they called in detectives to help solve the robbery.
- (A) cynical of (B) bolstered by (C) dubious of  
 (D) befuddled by (E) nonchalant about
8. Beneath her practiced façade of -----, June actually cared a great deal about her grades and her ultimate class rank.
- (A) exultation (B) assertion (C) zeal  
 (D) nonchalance (E) perplexity

**Suggested Time: 3 minutes**  
**5 Questions**

**Directions:** In context, choose the word(s) that fits the sentence best.

1. Because Pam was ---- the mayor's assertion that the city had only used fifty percent of its budget, she sought to ---- it using city records.
- (A) yearning for...scoff at  
 (B) skeptical of...corroborate  
 (C) dismissive of...confound  
 (D) jaded by...rebut  
 (E) baffled by...jeer at
2. Rather than ----- her reputation, her charitable donation only ----- it, when the press discovered that her donation consisted solely of used socks.
- (A) deride...invalidated  
 (B) perplex...reinforced  
 (C) vindicate...clarified  
 (D) satirize...criticized  
 (E) bolster...discredited
3. While Zach was not particularly enamored of cheese food, he did not entirely ----- the food-like substance.
- (A) cajole (B) accentuate (C) endorse  
 (D) adore (E) deplore
4. Alan's employees knew that not only did the manager adore his royal nickname, but also that he greatly rewarded those who ----- him with it.
- (A) maligned (B) baffled (C) deplored  
 (D) wheedled (E) berated
5. While some museum visitors believed the latest installation, "Man Standing on One Foot", to be groundbreaking, others argued that the piece was nothing, if not, -----.
- (A) keen (B) quotidian (C) wanton  
 (D) haughty (E) debonair

**Suggested Time: 4 minutes**  
**6 Questions**

**Directions:** In context, choose the word(s) that fits the sentence best.

1. When the clerk did not earn a promotion by ----the manager, he stopped adulating her and began instead to view her with lukewarm -----.
- (A) debunking...speciousness  
 (B) disparaging...fervor  
 (C) coaxing...nonchalance  
 (D) dumbfounding...accolades  
 (E) denigrating...excoriation
2. After he had stuck a knife into the toaster, she did not disparage his intelligence, but rather the ----- of his doltish actions.
- (A) calumny (B) astuteness (C) vacuity  
 (D) languidness (E) obsequiousness
3. Instead of revealing profound truths during the lecture, the speaker offered only a series of ----- inanities and clichés.
- (A) intrepid (B) acute (C) incredulous  
 (D) fervid (E) imbecilic
4. Concrete is ----- of different materials, unlike one of its constituent substances, lime, which is a consistent and ----- white powder.
- (A) an affront...sundry  
 (B) a plaudit...acute  
 (C) a panic...listless  
 (D) an amalgam...homogeneous  
 (E) a sycophantism...malignant
5. The Spanish Inquisition sought to reinforce -----and the conventions of its time by rooting out deviant ideas and the ----- who held them.
- (A) timidity...cowards  
 (B) stoutness...buffoons  
 (C) defiance...skeptics  
 (D) denigration...sages  
 (E) conformity...iconoclasts
6. Dustin's love of sea monkeys was no fleeting fad but rather a ----- passion that he carried throughout his life.
- (A) cursory (B) durable (C) cerebral  
 (D) vacuous (E) dauntless

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# Practice Test 1

## Answer Key and Explanations

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**Section 1**

1. (C) demystify
2. (D) advocated
3. (D) surreptitious
4. (E) discrepant...salient
5. (D) accentuate
6. (B) elucidation...irony
7. (D) befuddled by
8. (D) nonchalance

**Section 2**

1. (B) skeptical of...corroborate
2. (E) bolster...discredited
3. (E) deplore
4. (D) wheedled
5. (B) quotidian

**Section 3**

1. (C) coaxing ...nonchalance
2. (C) vacuity
3. (E) insipid
4. (D) an amalgam...homogeneous
5. (E) conformity...iconoclasts
6. (B) durable

### Finding Your Percentile Rank

Raw score: Total Number Right – [Total Number Wrong ÷ 4] = \_\_\_\_\_

Raw Score	Percentile Rank
19	99
18	97
17	93
16	89
15	85
14	80
13	75
12	70
11	65
10	60
9	50
8	45
7	40
6	35
5	30
4	25
3	20
2	15
1	10
0	5
-1 or below	1 - 4

### Identifying Strengths and Areas for Improvement

Go back to the test and circle the questions that you answered incorrectly. This review will allow you to see what vocabulary to study more closely. It will also allow you to see what word lists you need to review more carefully. You can also reference *Essential SAT Vocabulary for Reading Passages & Questions*, a companion study guide and vocabulary workbook.

	Section 1	Section 2	Section 3
<b>To Explain</b>	1, 6		
<b>To Argue For</b>	2	1, 2	
<b>To Argue Against</b>		2	
<b>To Emphasize</b>	5	3	
<b>Confused</b>	7		
<b>Mocking</b>	6		
<b>Questioning / Doubtful</b>		1	
<b>Indifferent / Lazy</b>	8		1
<b>Long-Lived</b>			6
<b>Dislike / Hate</b>		3	5
<b>To Flatter</b>		4	1
<b>Stupid</b>			2, 3
<b>Same</b>			4
<b>Different / Odd</b>	4		4, 5
<b>Ordinary</b>		5	
<b>Secret / Difficult to Understand</b>	3		
<b>Relevant</b>	4		

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