

Here's a list of 90 vocabulary words along with their definitions that you can use to study for the R&W portion of the SAT. These words have been commonly tested on the exam in the past. Remember to practice using them in sentences to reinforce your understanding and usage.

1. **Abate** - to become less intense or widespread
2. **Aberration** - a departure from what is normal or expected
3. **Acquiesce** - to accept something reluctantly but without protest
4. **Alacrity** - brisk and cheerful readiness
5. **Ameliorate** - to make something better or improve a situation
6. **Anomaly** - something that deviates from what is standard or expected
7. **Arbiter** - a person who settles disputes or has ultimate authority
8. **Ascertain** - to find out for certain; to make sure of
9. **Astute** - having or showing an ability to accurately assess situations or people and turn them to one's advantage
10. **Avarice** - extreme greed for wealth or material gain
11. **Benevolent** - well-meaning and kindly
12. **Bolster** - to support or strengthen
13. **Capricious** - given to sudden and unaccountable changes of mood or behavior
14. **Catalyst** - a person or thing that precipitates an event or change
15. **Censure** - to express severe disapproval or criticism

16. **Coalesce** - to come together and form one mass or whole
17. **Conundrum** - a confusing or difficult problem or question
18. **Copious** - abundant in supply or quantity
19. **Cryptic** - having a meaning that is mysterious or obscure
20. **Debilitate** - to make someone weak and infirm
21. **Decry** - to publicly denounce or criticize
22. **Deft** - neatly skillful and quick in one's movements
23. **Deride** - to express contempt or ridicule
24. **Disparage** - to regard or represent as being of little worth
25. **Dogmatic** - inclined to lay down principles as incontrovertibly true
26. **Eccentric** - unconventional and slightly strange
27. **Elucidate** - to make clear or explain
28. **Emulate** - to match or surpass by imitation
29. **Enigma** - a person or thing that is mysterious or difficult to understand
30. **Ephemeral** - lasting for a very short time
31. **Erudite** - having or showing great knowledge or learning
32. **Exacerbate** - to make a problem, bad situation, or negative feeling worse
33. **Fastidious** - very attentive to and concerned about accuracy and detail
34. **Fervent** - having or displaying a passionate intensity

35. **Frivolous** - not having any serious purpose or value
36. **Gregarious** - fond of company; sociable
37. **Hackneyed** - lacking significance through having been overused; unoriginal and trite
38. **Haughty** - arrogantly superior and disdainful
39. **Hypocritical** - behaving in a way that suggests one has higher standards or more noble beliefs than is the case
40. **Immutable** - unchanging over time; unable to be changed
41. **Impartial** - treating all rivals or disputants equally; fair and just
42. **Incessant** - continuing without pause or interruption
43. **Incisive** - intelligently analytical and clear-thinking
44. **Indolent** - wanting to avoid activity or exertion; lazy
45. **Inevitable** - certain to happen; unavoidable
46. **Insipid** - lacking flavor; dull or boring
47. **Juxtapose** - to place two or more things together for contrasting effect
48. **Lethargic** - lacking energy; sluggish or apathetic
49. **Loquacious** - tending to talk a great deal; talkative
50. **Meticulous** - showing great attention to detail; very careful and precise
51. **Mitigate** - to make less severe, serious, or painful

52. **Nefarious** - wicked or criminal
53. **Nonchalant** - feeling or appearing casually calm and relaxed; not displaying anxiety, interest, or enthusiasm
54. **Notorious** - famous or well known, typically for some bad quality or deed
55. **Obdurate** - stubbornly refusing to change one's opinion or course of action
56. **Ominous** - giving the impression that something bad or unpleasant is going to happen
57. **Opulent** - ostentatiously rich and luxurious or lavish
58. **Paragon** - a person or thing regarded as a perfect example of a particular quality
59. **Perfunctory** - carried out with a minimum of effort or reflection
60. **Pervasive** - spreading widely throughout an area or a group of people
61. **Plausible** - seeming reasonable or probable
62. **Pragmatic** - dealing with things sensibly and realistically in a way that is based on practical rather than theoretical considerations
63. **Precarious** - not securely held or in position; dangerously likely to fall or collapse
64. **Prodigal** - spending money or resources freely and recklessly; wastefully extravagant
65. **Prolific** - producing much fruit or foliage or many offspring; plentiful
66. **Prudent** - acting with or showing care and thought for the future

67. **Quandary** - a state of perplexity or uncertainty over what to do in a difficult situation
68. **Reclusive** - avoiding the company of other people; solitary
69. **Relegate** - to consign or dismiss to an inferior rank or position
70. **Repudiate** - to refuse to accept or be associated with
71. **Resilient** - able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
72. **Sanguine** - optimistic or positive, especially in an apparently bad or difficult situation
73. **Scrutinize** - to examine or inspect closely and thoroughly
74. **Serene** - calm, peaceful, and untroubled
75. **Spurious** - not being what it purports to be; false or fake
76. **Substantiate** - to provide evidence to support or prove the truth of something
77. **Superfluous** - unnecessary, especially through being more than enough
78. **Surreptitious** - kept secret, especially because it would not be approved of
79. **Tenacious** - tending to keep a firm hold of something; clinging or adhering closely
80. **Transient** - lasting only for a short time; impermanent
81. **Ubiquitous** - present, appearing, or found everywhere
82. **Unprecedented** - never done or known before

83. **Vacillate** - to waver between different opinions or actions; be indecisive

84. **Venerable** - accorded a great deal of respect, especially because of age, wisdom, or character

85. **Vindicate** - to clear someone of blame or suspicion

86. **Virtuoso** - a person highly skilled in music or another artistic pursuit

87. **Vivacious** - attractively lively and animated

88. **Whimsical** - playfully quaint or fanciful, especially in an appealing and amusing way

89. **Zealot** - a person who is fanatical and uncompromising in pursuit of their religious, political, or other ideals

90. **Zenith** - the highest point reached by a celestial or other object

Remember to tailor your vocabulary study to your specific needs and strengths. Focus on learning new words and reviewing their definitions regularly to ensure retention. Additionally, practice using these words in context to improve your understanding and usage.

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