

3000 Common SAT Vocabulary List 3

benediction

n.

(祝福) blessing; invocation of divine blessing; expression of good wishes

benefactor

n. Syn. patron

(恩人, 赞助人) gift giver; person who gives people or institutions with financial help

beneficial

a. Syn. helpful; useful

(有用的) helpful; tending to promote physical well-being

beneficiary

n.

((遗产) 受益人) person entitled to benefits or proceeds of an insurance policy or will

benefit

n. Syn. welfare; gain

(利益, 好处) advantage; something that aids or promotes well-being ; welfare; gain

benevolent

a. Syn. generous; charitable

(慈善的) generous in providing aid to others; charitable

benign

a. Syn. kindly; favorable

(良性的, 好的, 和蔼可亲的) kindly; favorable; not malignant

bequeath

v.

(遗赠, 遗留) leave to someone by a will; hand down

berth

n.

((船)停泊) space for ship to dock or anchor; allotted place; place to sleep or stay; appointment or job

beseech

v. Syn. beg; plead

(乞求, 恳求) beg; plead with; ask for or request earnestly

beset

v. Syn. harass; attack

(困扰) attack from all sides; trouble persistently; hem in

bestial

a. Syn. brutal

(残忍的) beastlike; brutal; lacking in intelligence or reason

betroth

v.

(订婚) become engaged to marry; promise to marry

bewilder

v. Syn. confuse

(使迷惑,使昏乱) lead into perplexity or confusion; perplex with mazes

bibliography

n.

(文献学) list of works of a specific author or publisher; list of writings relating to a given subject

biennial

a.

(两年一度) every two years; lasting or living for two years

bilateral

a. Syn. mutual; lateral

(两边的,双边的) two-sided; mutual

bilingual

n.

((能说)两种语言的) using or able to use two languages, especially with equal or nearly equal fluency

bitterness

n.

(苦味,辛酸,苦难) sharp and bitter manner

blatant

a. Syn. flagrant

(喧闹,俗丽) flagrant; conspicuously obvious; loudly offensive

blaze

n. Syn. flame

(燃烧,照耀) brilliant burst of fire; destructive fire; flame

bleak

a. Syn. cold; cheerless

(阴冷的,寒冷的,没有指望的,令人沮丧的) cold or cheerless; unlikely to be favorable

blemish

v.

(损害,玷污 瑕疵,缺点) mark with deformity; injure or impair, as anything which is excellent; make defective, either the body or mind

blithe

a. Syn. gay; joyous; heedless
(欢乐,高兴) gay; joyous; carefree and lighthearted

blockade

n.
(封锁) shutting up of a place by troops or ships; obstruction to passage

boisterous

a. Syn. violent; rough; noisy
(狂暴,喧嚣) rough and stormy; loud, noisy, and lacking in restraint or discipline

bolster

v. Syn. support; reinforce
(支持,增援) support or prop up with or as if with a long narrow pillow or cushion

boorish

a. Syn. rude; clumsy; illiterate
(粗鲁,笨拙) rude and clumsy in behavior; ungentlemanly; awkward in manners

bore

v. Syn. drill
(钻孔,令人厌烦) drill; make a hole in or through, with or as if with a drill

borough

n.
(享有自治权的市镇或区) incorporated town that is not a city; association of men who gave pledges to the king for the good behavior of each other

botany

n.
(植物学) science which treats of the structure of plants, the functions of their parts, their places of growth, their classification

bountiful

a. Syn. abundant; liberal
(富足的,慷慨的) abundant; graciously generous; giving freely and generously

bowdlerize

v.
(删除) edit by omitting or modifying parts considered offensive, vulgar, or otherwise unseemly

boycott

v.
(抵制) refrain from buying or using

braggart

n. Syn. boaster
(自夸,吹嘘) boaster; one given to loud, empty boasting; very talkative person

brandish

v. Syn. flourish

(挥舞) move or wave, as a weapon; raise and move in various directions

bravado

n. Syn. swagger

(虚张声势) defiant or swaggering behavior; pretense of courage; false show of bravery

breach

n. Syn. violation; infringement

(违约,突破,打破) breaking of contract or duty

brevity

n. Syn. conciseness

(简短,短暂) quality or state of being brief in duration; concise expression

bridle

n.

(马笼头 抑制,控制) headgear with which a horse is directed and which carries a bit and reins

brittle

a.

(易碎的) easily broken; having little elasticity

broach

v. Syn. introduce; announce

(介绍,提出,引见) introduce; bring up for discussion or debate; announce

broadcast

n.

(广播,传播) message that is transmitted by radio or television; radio or television show

brooch

n.

(胸针) ornamental clasp; decorative pin worn by women

browbeat

v. Syn. bully; intimidate

(吓唬) bully; intimidate; discourage or frighten with threats

brusque

a. Syn. blunt; abrupt

(唐突,直率,粗暴无礼) abrupt and curt in manner or speech; rudely abrupt, unfriendly

buffoon

n.

(丑角,缺乏教养之人) one who makes a practice of amusing others by low tricks, antic gestures; droll; mimic; clown

buffoonery

n. Syn. clowning

(滑稽的) clowning; arts and practices of buffoon, as low jests, ridiculous pranks, vulgar tricks and postures

bulwark

n.

(壁垒) earthwork or other strong defense; person who defends

bumper

n.

((汽车前后的)保险杠) something as bars at edges to absorb shock and prevent serious damage

bumptious

a.

(盲目自大) offensively self-assertive; liable to give or take offense; forward; pushing

bungle

v. Syn. mismanage; blunder

(搞砸) mismanage; blunder; work or act in clumsy, awkward, or blundering manner

buoyant

a.

(可漂浮的,乐观的) able to float; cheerful and optimistic

bureaucracy

n.

(官僚机构) over-regulated administrative system

burnish

v. Syn. polish

(擦拭) make shiny by rubbing; polish

bursar

n.

((大学的) 会计员, 出纳员, 事务员) treasurer or keeper of funds; purser or treasurer of college or other community

bustle

v. Syn. teem

(喧嚣,繁忙,熙熙攘攘) move or cause to move energetically and busily; teem

buttress

v. Syn. support

(支持) support physically; prop up; support something or someone by supplying evidence

cabal

n.

(内阁) small group of persons secretly united to promote their own interests

cabinet

n.

(橱柜,政府内阁) group of persons appointed by a head of state or a prime minister; hut; cottage; small house; small room; closet

cadaverous

a. Syn. pale

(尸体似的,苍白的) like corpse; pale; Having appearance or color of dead human body

cadence

n. Syn. beat

(平仄,重音) rhythmic rise and fall of words or sounds; beat

cajole

v.

(哄骗,勾引) influence or urge by gentle urging or flattering

callow

a. Syn. youthful; immature; inexperienced

(年幼,稚嫩,无经验) youthful; immature; inexperienced; without feathers

calorie

n.

(卡路里(热量单位)) unit of heat; unit of heat equal to the amount of heat required to raise the temperature of 1 kilogram of water by 1 degree

calumny

n. Syn. slander

(诽谤,中伤) false statement maliciously made to injure another's reputation; slander

cameo

n.

(贝壳上的浮雕,特写(演员)) piece of jewelry; a small scale used as a jewel for adornment; famous actor's special appearance in a minor role in film

campaign

n. Syn. drive; battle

((政治或商业性)活动,竞选活动) battle ;a series of actions advancing a principle or tending toward a particular end

canary

n.

(金丝雀,女歌星) pale yellowish color; wine made in the Canary Islands; canary bird; quick and lively dance

candid

a. Syn. straightforward; frank

(率直的,坦白的) straightforward; frank; free from prejudice; impartial

candor

n. Syn. frankness

(开诚布公,坦率) frankness; quality of being honest and straightforward in attitude and speech

canine

a.

(狗的) related to dogs; dog-like; affecting or derived from dogs

canon

n.

(经典,真作) law or rule; decision, regulation, code, or constitution made by authority; books of the Bible officially accepted; a group of literary works

cant

n.

(伪善,黑话) inclination or slope; slanted or oblique surface; jargon, especially of thieves; dialect

cantata

n.

(大合唱) story or poem set to music that can be sung by chorus

canto

n.

((长诗的) 分篇) part or division of poem of some length

capacious

a. Syn. spacious

(宽敞的) capable of containing a large quantity; spacious or roomy

capillary

n.

(毛细管) long and slender with a very small internal diameter

capitulate

v. Syn. surrender

(投降) surrender; end all resistance; give up; go along with or comply

caprice

n. Syn. whim

(反复无常,一时幻想,奇怪的想法) sudden, unexpected fancy; impulsive change of mind

caption

n. Syn. title

(标题) title; chapter heading; text under illustration

captious

a.

(难以讨好的,吹毛求疵的,爱挑毛病的) intended to confuse in an argument

captivate

v. Syn. charm; enthrall; capture

(迷住,迷惑) charm; enthrall; seize by force, as an enemy in war, or anything belonging to enemy

carcass

n.

(动物尸体) dead body of an animal especially one slaughtered and dressed for food

cardiac

a.

(心脏的) of or relating to the heart

cardinal

a. Syn. chief

(主要的) chief; serving as an essential component

caricature

n. Syn. distortion; burlesque

(歪曲,漫画,讽刺画) representation that is deliberately exaggerated to produce a comic effect

carnage

n.

(残杀,大屠杀) destruction of life; savage and excessive killing of many people

carnal

a. Syn. fleshly

(肉体的,欲望的) fleshly; of or relating to body or flesh; bodily

carnivorous

a. Syn. predatory

(食肉的) eating or feeding on flesh; predatory

caste

n.

(社会等级,等级) any of the hereditary social classes and subclasses of South Asian societies

castigate

v. Syn. punish

(严厉批评,惩罚) criticize severely; punish; revise or make corrections to publication

casual

a. Syn. informal; purposeless; unplanned

(非正式的,随便的,漫不经心的) informal; purposeless; occurring by chance

casualty

n.

(严重的事,伤亡) serious or fatal accident; someone injured or killed in an accident

cataclysm

n. Syn. deluge

(巨变,剧变,灾难) an event resulting in great loss and misfortune; deluge or overflowing of water

cataract

n.

(大瀑布,白内障) large or high waterfall; eye abnormality

catastrophe

n. Syn. calamity; disaster

(灾难) calamity; disaster; state of extreme ruin and misfortune

caucus

n.

(核心小组会议(秘密)) private meeting of members of a party to select officers or determine policy

causal

a.

(因果关系的) implying cause-and-effect relationship

caustic

a.

(腐蚀,挖苦) capable of burning, corroding, dissolving, or eating away by chemical action

cede

v.

(放弃,屈服于,投降) yield or formally resign and surrender to another

censor

n.

(审查) overseer of morals; official responsible for removal of objectionable or sensitive content

ensorious

a. Syn. critical

(批判的) critical; addicted to censure; severe in making remarks on others, or on their writings or manners; implying or expressing censure

census

n.

(人口调查,人口普查) official examination of the details of a country's population

centenary

a.

(一百周年纪念) relating to a 100-year period; occurring once every 100 years

centurion

n.

(百夫长) officer of ancient Roman army, in command of a century of soldiers or minor division

cereal

n.

(谷类,谷类食品) grass such as wheat, oats, or corn, the starchy grains of which are used as food.

ceremonial

n. Syn. ritual; ceremony

(仪式) ritual; ceremony or rite

ceremonious

a.

(隆重的) marked by formality; strictly observant of or devoted to ceremony or ritual

cessation

n. Syn. stoppage

(停止) bringing or coming to end; ceasing

cession

n. Syn. ceding

(给与,割让) yielding to another; ceding or surrendering

chameleon

n.

(变色龙) lizard that changes color in different situations

chaos

n. Syn. disorder

(混乱) disorder; condition or place of great disorder or confusion; disorderly mass

characteristic

n. Syn. quality;

(典型的,表现特征的,特有的) feature that helps to identify, tell apart, or describe recognizably; a distinguishing mark or trait

characterize

v. Syn. distinguish

(表现的特色,刻画的性格) distinguish; be characteristic of; be a distinctive trait or mark of

charlatan

n. Syn. quack

(吹牛) quack; one who pretends to knowledge, skill, or importance

chasten

v. Syn. discipline

(磨练) rid of excess; refine or purify; correct by punishment or reproof

chastise

v. Syn. punish; rebuke

(惩罚) punish, as by beating; criticize severely; rebuke

chastity

n.

(贞节,纯洁) state of being chaste; purity of body; freedom from unlawful sexual intercourse

chateau

n.

(城堡,高级旅馆) impressive country house or castle in France; large country house

check

v. Syn. control; suppress; restrict

(控制,阻止) stop motion; curb or restrain

chivalry

n.

(骑士气概,侠义,(男人)对女人彬彬有礼) courtesy towards women

choleric

a.

(易发怒的,脾气坏) hot-tempered; easily angered; bad-tempered; expressing anger

chronology

n.

(年代学,年表) time sequence; arrangement of events in time

cipher

n. Syn. code

(密码,数字) secret code; an Arabic numeral or figure; a number

circulate

v.

((使)循环,(使)传播) move through a space, circuit or system, returning to the starting point

circumference

n. Syn. perimeter; periphery

(圆周,周长) boundary line of a circle, figure, area, or object

circumlocution

n.

(迂回累赘的话,遁词) indirect or roundabout expression; evasion in speech or writing

circumscribe

v. Syn. limit; confine

(限制) limit narrowly; confine; draw a line around; encircle

circumspect

a. Syn. prudent; cautious

(慎重,周到) carefully aware of all circumstances; cautious

citadel

n. Syn. fortress

(大本营) fortress; fortified place which people could go for shelter during battle

cite

v. Syn. quote

(引用,掌握) quote; adduce as an instance

clamorous

a.

(吵闹的,喧哗的) speaking and repeating loud words; full of clamor; calling or demanding loudly or urgently; vociferous; noisy; bawling; loud

clan

n. Syn. faction; tribe

(家族,宗族) faction; tribe; division of a tribe tracing descent from a common ancestor; a large group of relatives

clandestine

a. Syn. secret

(秘密) secret; conducted with or marked by hidden aims or methods

clangor

n.

(大声喧哗,持续的铿锵声) loud, resounding noise; sharp, metallic, ringing sound; resonant, clanging sound

clarify

v. Syn. illuminate; elucidate

(澄清,阐明) make clear and comprehensible; elucidate

classify

v.

(分类,按等级或类别组织安排) declare unavailable, as for security reasons; arrange or order by classes or categories

clearance

n.

(清理,清除,安全调查,结关证) act of clearing; space cleared; permission to proceed or trust

clemency

n.

(温和,仁慈) mildness, as of the weather; merciful, kind, or lenient act

clumsy

a. Syn. awkward; inept

(笨拙的) awkward; showing lack of skill or aptitude

coagulate

v. Syn. congeal; clot

(凝结) cause transformation of liquid into or as if into soft, semisolid, or solid mass

coalescence

n.

(合并,联合) union of diverse things into one body or form or group; growing together of parts

coalition

n. Syn. partnership; league; union

(伙伴,同盟,集合) partnership; league; state of being combined into one body

coddle

v.

(娇养,溺爱) treat gently; cook in water just below boiling point

codicil

n.

(遗嘱的附录) supplement or appendix, especially to a will

coerce

v.

(强迫,压制) restrain by force, especially by law or authority; repress; curb