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Build your high schooler's SAT vocabulary and prepare them for a bright future by learning and using these words in October.

- **bequeath:** (verb) to leave money or property by a will; to pass along.
 - The austere, old tightwad would not bequeath even one penny to charity.
- **cacophony:** (noun) discord; harsh sound.
 - While we sought harmony, our enemies were pleased with cacophony.
- **debilitate:** (verb) to weaken.
 - The cruel jailer starved his prisoners in order to debilitate them.
- **eclectic:** (adjective) consisting of selections from various sources.
 - With an eclectic interest in books, Sheila collected everything from Shakespeare to Superman.
- **fallacy:** (noun) false idea; mistaken belief.
 - The economist revealed the fallacy in the government's proposal.
- **garbled:** (adjective) confused; mixed up.
 - The garbled message failed to facilitate the ambulance's arrival.
- **haphazard:** (adjective) not planned; random.
 - Taking haphazard aim, the hunter committed a fatal error.



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- **immaterial:** (adjective) insignificant; unimportant.
 - The prosecutor objected to the attorney's exhibit, disparaging it as amateurish and immaterial.
- **judicious:** (adjective) wise; careful; showing sound judgment, prudent.
 - Gary thought it more judicious to speak to his mother adDownload to read ad-free rather than his father about extending his curfew time.
- **lackluster:** (adjective) lacking brightness; dull; lacking liveliness, vitality, or enthusiasm.
 - His lackluster response to our suggestions made us lose our initial enthusiasm.
- **marred:** (verb) injured; spoiled; damaged; disfigured.
 - The fight in the corridor marred Lorna's otherwise perfect record as a model student.
- **nonchalance:** (noun) carelessness; lack of interest or concern.
 - Edward's nonchalance about his studies made it difficult to lampoon him about his poor showing in the midterm exams.
- **obscure:** (adjective) not clear or distinct; hidden; remote; not well known.
 - Far from the well-traveled highway was an obscure village that seemed to belong to another age.
- **painstaking:** (adjective) very careful, diligent.
 - Researchers are engaged in a painstaking effort to cure cancer.