# Richardson Independent School District

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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 November.

- abstract: (adjective) theoretical, not applied or practical; not concrete; hard to understand.
    - *I prefer realistic art to abstract paintings, which are totally confusing to me.*
- bizarre: (adjective) strikingly odd in appearance or style; grotesque.
    - *The beggar's bizarre street behavior alerted the police to question her.*
- cajole: (verb) to persuade by pleasant words or false promises.
    - *First he tried to cajole the witness into testifying, then he used threats.*
- decadence: (noun) decay; decline.
    - *Many sermons tend to focus on the moral decadence in our time.*
- efface: (verb) to wipe out; to erase.
    - *A devious attempt to efface the signature didn't fool the bank teller.*
- fastidious: (adjective) hard to please; dainty in taste.
    - *Everett was so fastidious that his messy fraternity brothers refused to room with him.*

- garner: (verb) to gather and store away; to collect.
    - *By paying close attention, you may be able to garner some information [that] will elucidate the situation.*
- imminent: (adjective) about to occur.
    - *The ominous clouds told us that a storm was imminent.*
- laconic: (adjective) brief or terse in speech; using few words.
    - *The tense situation calls for a laconic reply, not a lengthy one.*
- meager: (adjective) thin; lean; of poor quality or small amount.
    - *The visiting team lampooned the meager dinner served by their hosts.*
- obsolete: (adjective) out-of-date.
    - *Propeller planes have become obsolete.*
- pariah: (noun) an outcast.
    - *The Western mind finds it difficult to accept the idea of a pariah class.*
- quandary: (noun) condition of being doubtful or confused.
    - *The benefits and dangers of a nuclear plant leave us in a quandary.*
- raconteur: (noun) a person skilled at telling stories or anecdotes.
    - *Comedians and masters of ceremonies must be consummate raconteurs.*