

KAPLAN'S TOP 100 SAT WORDS

1. **abbreviate** -- (v) to shorten, abridge
2. **abstinence** -- (n) the act of refraining from pleasurable activity, e.g., eating or drinking
3. **adulation** -- (n) high praise
4. **adversity** -- (n) misfortune, an unfavorable turn of events
5. **aesthetic** -- (adj) pertaining to beauty or the arts
6. **amicable** -- (adj) friendly, agreeable
7. **anachronistic** -- (adj) out-of-date, not attributed to the correct historical period
8. **anecdote** -- (n) short, usually funny account of an event
9. **anonymous** -- (adj) nameless, without a disclosed identity
10. **antagonist** -- (n) foe, opponent, adversary
11. **arid** -- (adj) extremely dry or deathly boring
12. **assiduous** -- (adj) persistent, hard-working
13. **asylum** -- (n) sanctuary, shelter, place of refuge
14. **benevolent** -- (adj) friendly and helpful
15. **camaraderie** -- (n) trust, sociability amongst friends
16. **censure** -- (v) to criticize harshly
17. **circuitous** -- (adj) indirect, taking the longest route
18. **clairvoyant** -- (adj) exceptionally insightful, able to foresee the future
19. **collaborate** -- (v) to cooperate, work together
20. **compassion** -- (n) sympathy, helpfulness or mercy
21. **compromise** -- (v) to settle a dispute by terms agreeable to both sides
22. **condescending** -- (adj) possessing an attitude of superiority, patronizing
23. **conditional** -- (adj) depending on a condition, e.g., in a contract
24. **conformist** -- (n) person who complies with accepted rules and customs
25. **congregation** -- (n) a crowd of people, an assembly
26. **convergence** -- (n) the state of separate elements joining or coming together
27. **deleterious** -- (adj) harmful, destructive, detrimental
28. **demagogue** -- (n) leader, rabble-rouser, usually appealing to emotion or prejudice
29. **digression** -- (n) the act of turning aside, straying from the main point, esp. in a speech or argument
30. **diligent** -- (adj) careful and hard-working
31. **discredit** -- (v) to harm the reputation of, dishonor or disgrace
32. **disdain** -- (v) to regard with scorn or contempt
33. **divergent** -- (adj) separating, moving in different directions from a particular point
34. **empathy** -- (n) identification with the feelings of others
35. **emulate** -- (v) to imitate, follow an example
36. **enervating** -- (adj) weakening, tiring
37. **enhance** -- (v) to improve, bring to a greater level of intensity
38. **ephemeral** -- (adj) momentary, transient, fleeting
39. **evanescent** -- (adj) quickly fading, short-lived, esp. an image
40. **exasperation** -- (n) irritation, frustration
41. **exemplary** -- (adj) outstanding, an example to others
42. **extenuating** -- (adj) excusing, lessening the seriousness of guilt or crime, e.g., of mitigating factors

43. **florid** -- (adj) red-colored, flushed; gaudy, ornate
44. **fortuitous** -- (adj) happening by luck, fortunate
45. **frugal** -- (adj) thrifty, cheap
46. **hackneyed** -- (adj) cliched, worn out by overuse
47. **haughty** -- (adj) arrogant and condescending
48. **hedonist** -- (n) person who pursues pleasure as a goal
49. **hypothesis** -- (n) assumption, theory requiring proof
50. **impetuous** -- (adj) rash, impulsive, acting without thinking
51. **impute** -- (v) to attribute an action to particular person or group
52. **incompatible** -- (adj) opposed in nature, not able to live or work together
53. **inconsequential** -- (adj) unimportant, trivial
54. **inevitable** -- (adj) certain, unavoidable
55. **integrity** -- (n) decency, honesty, wholeness
56. **intrepid** -- (adj) fearless, adventurous
57. **intuitive** -- (adj) instinctive, untaught
58. **jubilation** -- (n) joy, celebration, exultation
59. **lobbyist** -- (n) person who seeks to influence political events
60. **longevity** -- (n) long life
61. **mundane** -- (adj) ordinary, commonplace
62. **nonchalant** -- (adj) calm, casual, seeming unexcited
63. **novice** -- (n) apprentice, beginner
64. **opulent** -- (adj) wealthy
65. **orator** -- (n) lecturer, speaker
66. **ostentatious** -- (adj) showy, displaying wealth
67. **parched** -- (adj) dried up, shriveled
68. **perfidious** -- (adj) faithless, disloyal, untrustworthy
69. **precocious** -- (adj) unusually advanced or talented at an early age
70. **pretentious** -- (adj) pretending to be important, intelligent or cultured
71. **procrastinate** -- (v) to unnecessarily delay, postpone, put off
72. **prosaic** -- (adj) relating to prose; dull, commonplace
73. **prosperity** -- (n) wealth or success
74. **provocative** -- (adj) tending to provoke a response, e.g., anger or disagreement
75. **prudent** -- (adj) careful, cautious
76. **querulous** -- (adj) complaining, irritable
77. **rancorous** -- (adj) bitter, hateful
78. **reclusive** -- (adj) preferring to live in isolation
79. **reconciliation** -- (n) the act of agreement after a quarrel, the resolution of a dispute
80. **renovation** -- (n) repair, making something new again
81. **resilient** -- (adj) quick to recover, bounce back
82. **restrained** -- (adj) controlled, repressed, restricted
83. **reverence** -- (n) worship, profound respect
84. **sagacity** -- (n) wisdom
85. **scrutinize** -- (v) to observe carefully
86. **spontaneity** -- (n) impulsive action, unplanned events
87. **spurious** -- (adj) lacking authenticity, false
88. **submissive** -- (adj) tending to meekness, to submit to the will of others

89. **substantiate** -- (v) to verify, confirm, provide supporting evidence
90. **subtle** -- (adj) hard to detect or describe; perceptive
91. **superficial** -- (adj) shallow, lacking in depth
92. **superfluous** -- (adj) extra, more than enough, redundant
93. **suppress** -- (v) to end an activity, e.g., to prevent the dissemination of information
94. **surreptitious** -- (adj) secret, stealthy
95. **tactful** -- (adj) considerate, skillful in acting to avoid offense to others
96. **tenacious** -- (adj) determined, keeping a firm grip on
97. **transient** -- (adj) temporary, short-lived, fleeting
98. **venerable** -- (adj) respected because of age
99. **vindicate** -- (v) to clear from blame or suspicion
100. **wary** -- (adj) careful, cautious