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**collaborate V.** // work together.

Two writers *collaborated* in preparing this book.

**collage N.** //work of art put together from fragments.

Scraps of cloth, paper doilies, and old photographs all went into her collage.

**collate V.** /, /examine in order to verify authenticity;

arrange in order. They collated the newly found manuscripts to determine their age.

**collateral N.** //security given for loan.

The sum you wish to borrow is so large that it must be secured by collateral.

**colloquial ADJ.** // pertaining to conversational or common speech

. Some of the new, less formal reading passages on SAT I have a colloquial tone that is intended to make them more appealing to students.

**collusion N.** // Conspiring in a fraudulent scheme.

The swindlers were found guilty of collusion.

**colossal ADJ.** // huge.

Radio City Music Hall has a colossal stage.

**comatose ADJ.** // a coma;

extremely sleepy. The longwinded orator soon had his audience in a comatose state.

**\*combustible ADJ.** // easily burned.

After the recent outbreak of fires in private homes, the fire commissioner ordered that all *combustible* materials be kept in safe containers, also **N.**

**comely ADJ.** // attractive;

agreeable. I would rather have a poor and comely wife than a rich and homely one.

**comeuppance N.** // rebuke;

deserts. After his earlier rudeness, we were delighted to see him get his *comeuppance*.

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**commandeer V.** // to draft for military purposes  
to take for public use. The policeman *commandeered* the first car that approached and ordered the driver to go to the nearest hospital.

**commemorate V.** // honor the memory of.  
The statue of the Minute Man commemorates the valiant soldiers who fought in the Revolutionary War.

**commensurate ADJ.** // equal in extent.  
Your reward will be *commensurate* with your effort.

**commiserate V.** // feel or express pity or sympathy for.  
Her friends commiserated with the widow.

**commodious ADJ.** /, /spacious and comfortable.  
After sleeping in small roadside cabins, they found their hotel suite commodious.

**communal ADJ.** // held in common;  
of a group of people. When they were divorced, they had trouble dividing their communal property.

**compact N.** // agreement;  
contract. The signers of the Mayflower Compact were establishing a form of government.

**compact ADJ.** / tightly packed;  
firm; brief. His short, compact body was better suited to wrestling than to basketball.

**comparable ADJ.** // similar.  
People whose jobs are comparable in difficulty should receive comparable pay.

**compatible ADJ.** // harmonious;  
in harmony with. They were compatible neighbors, never quarreling over unimportant matters. compatibility, **N.**

**compelling ADJ.** // overpowering;  
irresistible in effect. The prosecutor presented a well-reasoned case, but the defense attorney's compelling arguments for leniency won over the jury.

**compensatory ADJ.** // making up for;  
repaying. Can a *compensatory* education program make up for the

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inadequate schooling he received in earlier years?

**compile V.** // assemble; gather;

accumulate. We planned to compile a list of the words most frequently used on SAT I examinations.

**complacency N.** // self-satisfaction;

smugness. Full of *complacency* about his latest victories, he looked smugly at the row of trophies on his mantelpiece. complacent, **ADJ.**

**complaisant ADJ.** / ; / trying to please;

obliging. The courtier obeyed the king's orders in a complaisant manner.

**complement V.** // complete;

consummate; make perfect. The waiter recommended a glass of port to *complement* the cheese. also **N**

**\*complementary ADJ.** // serving to complete something.

John and Lisa's skills are *complementary*. he's good at following a daily routine, while she's great at improvising and handling emergencies. Together they make a great team.

**compliance N.** // readiness to yield;

conformity in fulfilling requirements. Bullheaded Bill was not noted for easy *compliance* with the demands of others. As an architect, however, Bill recognized that his design for the new school had to be in *compliance* with the local building code.

**compliant ADJ.** // yielding.

Because Joel usually gave in and went along with whatever his friends desired, his mother worried that he might be too compliant.

**complicity N.** // participation;

involvement. You cannot keep your complicity in this affair secret very long; you would be wise to admit your involvement immediately.

**component N.** // element;

ingredient. I wish all the *components* of my stereo system were working at the same time.

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**composure N.** // mental calmness.

Even the latest work crisis failed to shake her composure.

**compound V.** // combine;

constitute; pay interest; increase. The makers of the popular cold remedy compounded a nasal decongestant with an antihistamine. also **N.**

**comprehensive ADJ.** // thorough;

inclusive. This book provides a comprehensive review of verbal and math skills for the SAT.

**compress V.** // close; squeeze;

contract. She compressed the package under her arm.

**comprise V.** // include;

consist of. If the District of Columbia were to be granted statehood, the United States of America would comprise fifty-one states, not just fifty.

**compromise V.** // adjust or settle by making mutual concessions;

endanger the interests or reputation of.

Sometimes the presence of a neutral third party can help adversaries compromise their differences.

Unfortunately, you're not neutral; therefore, your presence here compromises our chances of reaching an agreement. also **N.**

**compunction N.** // remorse.

The judge was especially severe in his sentencing because he felt that the criminal had shown no *compunction* for his heinous crime.

**compute V.** // reckon; calculate.

He failed to compute the interest, so his bank balance was not accurate. computation, **N.**

**concave ADJ.** // hollow.

The back-packers found partial shelter from the storm by huddling against the concave wall of the cliff.

**concede V.** // admit;

yield. Despite all the evidence Monica had assembled, Mark refused to *concede* that she was right.

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**conceit N.** / / vanity or self-love;

whimsical idea; extravagant metaphor. Although Jack was smug and puffed up with *conceit*, he was an entertaining companion, always expressing himself in amusing *conceits* and witty turns of phrase.

**concentric ADJ.** / / having a common center.

The target was made of *concentric* circles.

**conception N.** / / beginning;

forming of an idea. At the first *conception* of the work, he was consulted. conceive, **V.**

**concerted ADJ.** / / mutually agreed on;

done together. All the Girl Scouts made a *concerted* effort to raise funds for their annual outing. When the movie star appeared, his fans let out a *concerted* sigh.

**concession N.** / / an act of yielding.

Before they could reach an agreement, both sides had to make certain *concessions*.

**conciliatory ADJ.** / / reconciling

; soothing. She was still angry despite his conciliatory words. conciliate, **V.**

**concise ADJ.** / / brief and compact When you define a new word, be *concise*:

the shorter the definition, the easier it is to remember.

**contrived ADJ.** / / forced;

artificial; not spontaneous. Feeling ill at ease with his new in-laws, James made a few *contrived* attempts at conversation and then retreated into silence.

**controvert V.** / / oppose with arguments;

attempt to refute; contradict. The witness's testimony was so clear and her reputation for honesty so well-established that the defense attorney decided it was wiser to make no attempt to *controvert* what she said.

**contusion N.** / / bruise.

Black and blue after her fall, Sue was treated for *contusions* and abrasions.

**conundrum N.** / / riddle.

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During the long car ride, she invented *conundrums* to entertain the children.

**convene V.** // assemble

. Because much needed legislation had to be enacted, the governor ordered the legislature to *convene* in special session by January 15.

**convention N.** // social or moral custom;

established practice. Flying in the face of *convention*, George Sand shocked society by taking lovers and wearing men's clothes.

**conventional ADJ.** // ordinary;

typical. His *conventional* upbringing left him wholly unprepared for his wife's eccentric family.

**converge V.** // approach;

tend to meet; come together. African-American men from all over the United States *converged* on Washington to take part in the historic Million Men march.

**conversant ADJ.** // familiar with.

The lawyer is *conversant* with all the evidence.

**converse N.** // opposite.

The inevitable *converse* of peace is not war but annihilation.

**converse V.** // chat;

talk informally. Eva was all ears while Lulu and Lola *conversed*. Wasn't it rude of her to eavesdrop on their *conversation*? conversation, **N.**

**convert N.** // one who has adopted a different religion or opinion

. On his trip to Japan, though the President spoke at length about the virtues of American automobiles, he made few *converts* to his beliefs. also **V.**

**convex ADJ.** // curving outward.

He polished the convex lens of his telescope.

**conveyance N.** // vehicle;

transfer. During the transit strike, commuters used various kinds of *conveyances*.

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**conviction N.** // judgment that someone is guilty of a crime ; strongly held belief. Even her *conviction* for murder did not shake Peter's *conviction* that Harriet was innocent of the crime.

**convivial ADJ.** // festive; gay; characterized by joviality. The convivial celebrators of the victory sang their college songs.

**convoke V.** // call together. Congress was *convoked* at the outbreak of the emergency. convocation, **N.**

**convoluted ADJ.** // coiled around; involved; intricate. His argument was so *convoluted* that few of us could follow it intelligently.