**SAT Vocabulary Words – Unit 1**

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| **Vocabulary Words and Parts of Speech** | **Definitions** | **Synonyms** | **Antonyms** |
| 1. abstinence (n) | forebearance from any indulgence of appetite, especially fromthe use of alcoholic beverages: *total abstinence.* | chastity; refraining | revelry; indulgence |
| 2. belittle (v) | to consider or speak of (something) as less valuable or important than it really is; disparage | criticize; scorn | praise; value |
| 3. cacophony (n) | harsh discordant sound; dissonance | discord; harshness |  |
| 4. debilitate (v) | to make feeble; weaken | disable; hurt | assist; strengthen |
| 5. eclectic (adj) | selecting what seems best from various styles, doctrines, ideas, methods, etc | broad; diverse | specific; unvaried |
| 6. fallacy (n) | an incorrect or misleading notion or opinion based on inaccurate facts or invalid reasoning | mistake; quirk | fact; reality |
| 7. gratuitous (adj) | given or received without payment or obligation | complimentary; spontaneous | costly; expensive |
| 8. haphazard (n) | mere chance; accident | accidental; random | intentional; planned |
| 9. iconoclast (n) | a person who attacks established or traditional concepts, principles, laws, etc | cynic; rebel |  |
| 10. jargon (n) | the language, especially the [vocabulary](http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/vocabulary), specific  to a particular trade, profession, or group | gibberish; slang | standard |
| 11. lassitude (n) | physical or mental weariness | dullness; tiredness |  |
| 12. malicious (adj) | motivated by wrongful, vicious, or mischievous purposes | despiteful; nasty | friendly; likely  |
| 13. nomenclature (n) | the terminology used in a particular science, art, activity, etc | classification; terminology |  |
| 14. obliterate (v) | to destroy every trace of; wipe out completely | defeat; kill | build; create |
| 15. partisan (n) | an adherent or devotee of a cause, party, etc | biased; diehard | disinterested  |
| 16. quintessential (adj) | most typically representative of a quality, state, etc; perfect | classic; ideal |  |
| 17. rancor (n) | malicious resentfulness or hostility; spite | malice; spite | love; respect |
| 18. sagacious (n) | having or showing sagacity; wise | knowledgeable; wise | careless; ignorant |
| 19. taciturn (adj) | habitually silent, reserved, or uncommunicative; not inclined to conversation | mute; unexpressive | communicative; talkative |
| 20. unassailable (adj) | undeniable or irrefutable | definite; verifiable  |  |

**SAT Vocabulary Words – Unit 2**

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| **Vocabulary Words and Parts of Speech** | **Definitions** | **Synonyms** | **Antonyms** |
| 1. abstract (adj) | hard to understand; recondite; abstruse | complex; intellectual | factual; real |
| 2. callous (adj) | unfeeling; insensitive | stubborn; unsympathetic | compassionate; tender |
| 3. decadence (n) | the state reached through such a process | downfall; regression | humility; morality |
| 4. egregious (adj) | outstandingly bad; flagrant: an egregious lie | scandalous; shocking | little; minor |
| 5. fervor (n) | great intensity of feeling or belief; ardour; zeal | animation; passion | apathy; discouragement |
| 6. guile (n) | clever or crafty character or behaviour | dishonesty; trickery | honesty; openness  |
| 7. hierarchy (n) | a system of persons or things arranged in a graded order | pecking order; ranking |  |
| 8. imminent (adj) | liable to happen soon; impending | approaching; near | distant; future |
| 9. judicious (adj) | having or proceeding from good judgment | careful; sane | foolish; reckless |
| 10. latent (adj) | potential but not obvious or explicit | immature; undeveloped | obvious; public |
| 11. marred (v) | to disfigure, deface, or scar | break; ruin | heal; help |
| 12. obscure (adj) | unclear or abstruse | unclear; vague | clear; obvious |
| 13. paucity (n) | smallness of quantity; insufficiency; dearth | famine; sparsity | abundance; plenty |
| 14. perceptive (adj) | quick at perceiving; observant | observant; wise | unaware; unobservant |
| 15. recalcitrant (adj) | not susceptible to control or authority; refractory | rebellious; stubborn | amenable; obedient  |
| 16. recluse (n) | a person who lives in seclusion | ascetic; hermit | extrovert |
| 17. sanction (n) | final permission; authorization | approval; permission | disapproval; prevention |
| 18. tactless (n) | skill or judgment in handling difficult or delicate situations; diplomacy | impolite; vulgar | careful; thoughtful |
| 19. tangential (adj) | of superficial relevance only; digressive | diverging; unrelated |  |
| 20. unequivocal (adj) | not ambiguous; plain | apparent; straightforward | obscured; unsure |

**SAT Vocabulary Words – Unit 3**

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| **Vocabulary Words and Parts of Speech** | **Definitions** | **Synonyms** | **Antonyms** |
| 1. acclaim (v) | to acknowledge publicly the excellence of (a person, act, etc) | honor; recognition | criticism; disapproval |
| 2. acquiesce (v) | to remain at rest, agree without protest | accept; accommodate | disagree; protest |
| 3. bizarre (adj) | odd or unusual, esp in an interesting or amusing way | odd; peculiar | normal; usual |
| 4. capitulate (v) | to surrender, esp under agreed conditions | defer; submit | defend; fight |
| 5. deference (n) | submission to or compliance with the will, wishes, etc, of another | capitulation; submission | disobedience; impoliteness |
| 6. delineate (v) | to represent pictorially, as by making a chart or diagram; depict | depict; represent |  |
| 7. embellish (v) | to improve or beautify by adding detail or ornament; adorn | adorn; enhance | deface; disfigure |
| 8. forlorn (adj) | miserable, wretched, or cheerless; desolate | lonely; pitiful | cheerful; joyful |
| 9. gullible (adj) | easily taken in or tricked | innocent; unsophisticated | suspicious; wise |
| 10. homogeneous (adj) | composed of similar or identical parts or elements | alike; uniform | different; dissimilar |
| 11. immutable (adj) | unchanging through time; unalterable; ageless: immutable laws | invariable; permanent | changeable; flexible |
| 12. laudable (adj) | deserving or worthy of praise; admirable; commendable | deserving; worthy | bad; blamable |
| 13. lethargic (n) | sluggishness, slowness, or dullness | dull; passive | active; energetic |
| 14. meager (adj) | lacking in richness or strength | bare; scant | plenty; substantial |
| 15. obsolete (adj) | out of use or practice; not current | extinct; unfashionable | current; modern |
| 16. peripheral (adj) | not relating to the most important part of something; incidental, minor, or superficial | borderline; surface | central; internal |
| 17. peruse (v) | to browse or read through in a leisurely way | analyze; browse | neglect; overlook |
| 18. redundant (adj) | surplus to requirements; unnecessary or superfluous | inordinate; extravagant | concise; essential |
| 19. saturate (v) | to fill, soak, or imbue totally | immerse; waterlog | dehydrate; dry |
| 20. tedious (adj) | obsolete progressing very slowly | banal; uninteresting | exciting; interesting |

**SAT Vocabulary Words – Unit 4**

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| **Vocabulary Words and Parts of Speech** | **Definitions** | **Synonyms** | **Antonyms** |
| 1. admonish (v) | to advise to do or against doing something; warn; caution | advise; scold | compliment; praise |
| 2. advocate (n) | a person who upholds or defends a cause; supporter | defender; supporter | enemy; opposition |
| 3. capricious (adj) | characterized by or liable to sudden unpredictable changes in attitude or behaviour | careless; impulsive | dependable; sensible |
| 4. demeanor (n) | the way a person behaves towards others; conduct | attitude; poise |  |
| 5. embroil (v) | to involve (a person, oneself, etc) in trouble, conflict, or argument | disturb; entangle | exclude; uncomplicate |
| 6. formidable (adj) | arousing or likely to inspire fear or dread | dangerous; terrible | harmless; nice |
| 7. hypothetical (adj) | assumed or thought to exist | indefinite; uncertain | confirmed; factual |
| 8. impartial (adj) | not prejudiced towards or against any particular side or party; fair; unbiased | equal; unbiased | biased; unjust |
| 9. levity (n) | inappropriate lack of seriousness | amusement; happiness | gravity; seriousness |
| 10. lucid (adj) | readily understood; clear | clear; distinct | clouded; unclear |
| 11. meticulous (adj) | very precise about details, even trivial ones; painstaking | exact; punctual | careless; sloppy |
| 12. officious (adj) | unnecessarily or obtrusively ready to offer advice or services | opinionated; rude | modest; shy |
| 13. piety (n) | dutiful devotion to God and observance of religious principles | belief; passion | impiety; irreverence |
| 14. refurbish (v) | to make neat, clean, or complete, as by renovating, re-equipping, or restoring | rejuvenate; restore | destroy; ruin |
| 15. rejuvenate (v) | to give new youth, restored vitality, or youthful appearance to | restore; revitalize | destroy; ruin |
| 16. scapegoat (n) | a person made to bear the blame for others | chump; pushover |  |
| 17. scoff (v) | to speak contemptuously (about); express derision (for); mock | belittle; reject | be nice; praise |
| 18. scrupulous (adj) | very careful or precise | exact; precise | careless; unscrupulous |
| 19. temerity (n) | rashness or boldness | boldness; overconfidence | care; caution |
| 20. unethical (adj) | not ethical; improper: companies involved in unethical practices | corrupt; wrong | honest; moral |

**SAT Vocabulary Words – Unit 5**

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| **Vocabulary Words and Parts of Speech** | **Definitions** | **Synonyms** | **Antonyms** |
| 1. aesthetic (adj) | relating to pure beauty rather than to other considerations | harmonious; ideal | distasteful; inelegant |
| 2. catalyst (n) | a person or thing that causes a change | impulse; stimulant | block; preventer |
| 3. denunciation (n) | open condemnation; censure; denouncing | accusation; indictment | approval; praise |
| 4. emulate (v) | to attempt to equal or surpass, esp by imitation | imitate; mimic |  |
| 5. fortuitous (adj) | happening by chance, esp by a lucky chance; unplanned; accidental | fortunate; unplanned | intentional; unlucky |
| 6. impassive (adj) | calm; serene | emotionless; nonchalant | emotional; passionate |
| 7. mitigate (v) | to make less severe | calm;dull | aggravate;irritate |
| 8. morose (adj) | characterized by or expressing gloom | grouchy;gloomy | cheerful;happy |
| 9. opportunist (n)  | a person who adopts his actions, responses, etc; to take advantage of opportunities, circumstances, etc | deceitful;devious |  |
| 10. pious (adj) | characterized by a hypocritical concern with virtue or religious devotion; sanctimonious | devoted;spiritual | atheist;sinful |
| 11. placate (v) | to appease or pacify, especially by concessions or conciliatory gestures | calm;comfort | worry;upset |
| 12. relegate (v) | to consign or commit | designate;consign | keep;allow |
| 13. scrutinize (v) | to examine in detail with careful or critical attention |  | analyze;check |
| 14. sectarian (adj) | of or pertaining to [sectaries](http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/sectary) or sections | limited;fanatic | broad;liberal |
| 15. tenet (n) | any opinion, principle, doctrine, [dogma](http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/dogma), etc., especially one held as true by members of a profession, group, or [movement](http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/movement) | assumption;opinion |  |
| 16. tentative (adj) | of the [nature](http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/nature) of or made or done as a trial, [experiment](http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/experiment), or attempt; experimental | speculative;temporary | certain;decisive  |
| 17. unimpeachable (adj) | above suspicion; impossible to discredit; impeccable | faultless;uncorrupted | blameful;impeachable |
| 18. unobtrusive (adj) | inconspicuous, unassertive, or reticent | humble;modest | flaunting;noticeable |
| 19. vacillate (v) | to waver in mind or opinion; be indecisive or irresolute | indecisive;sway | remain;stay |
| 20. waive (v) | to refrain from claiming or insisting on; give up; forgo | neglect;postpone | claim;win |

**SAT Vocabulary Words – Unit 6**

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| **Vocabulary Words and Parts of Speech** | **Definitions** | **Synonyms** | **Antonyms** |
| 1. affinity (n) | a natural liking for or attraction to a person, thing, idea, etc. | attraction;affection | dislike;hatred |
| 2. alienate (v) | to make indifferent or hostile | separate;withdraw | friendly;disarm |
| 3. catharsis (n) | the purging of the emotions or relieving of emotional tensions, especially through certain kinds of [art](http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/art), as tragedy or music. | cleansing;purification | dirtying |
| 4. deprecate (v) | to express earnest disapproval of. | depreciate;object | approve;endorse |
| 5. engender (v) | to produce, cause, or give rise to | arouse;develop | destroy;finish |
| 6. enigma (n) | a puzzling or inexplicable occurrence or situation | [problem](http://thesaurus.com/browse/problem); [puzzle](http://thesaurus.com/browse/puzzle) | [known](http://thesaurus.com/browse/known); [understanding](http://thesaurus.com/browse/understanding) |
| 7. furtive (adj) | sly; shifty | sneaky; secretive | honest; truthful |
| 8. imperturbable (adj) | incapable of being upset or agitated; not easily excited; calm | composed; nerveless | irritable; jittery |
| 9. opulent (adj) | wealthy, rich, or affluent | luxurious; profuse | depressed; poor |
| 10. overt (adj) | open to view or knowledge; not concealed or secret | obvious; definite | concealed; private |
| 11. placid (adj) | pleasantly calm or peaceful; unruffled; tranquil; serenely quiet or undisturbed | Composed; peaceful | agitated; excited |
| 12. repudiate (v) | to reject with disapproval or condemnation | Abandon; banish | admit; approve |
| 13. sequester (v) | to remove or separate. | Isolate; seclude | reveal; uncover |
| 14. serene (adj) | calm, peaceful, or tranquil; unruffled | Calm; undisturbed | agitated; excited |
| 15. terse (adj) | abruptly concise; curt; brusque | Abrupt; brief | lengthy; wordy |
| 16. thwart (v) | to frustrate or baffle  | Confuse; hinder | aid; encourage |
| 17. unscathed (adj) | unharmed; uninjured | Safe; unharmed | hurt; injured |
| 18. validate (v) | substantiate; confirm | Approve; authorize | refuse; reject |
| 19. writhe (v) | to twist the body about, or squirm, as in pain, violent effort, etc. | Agonize; struggle |  |
| 20. zealot (n) | an excessively zealous person; fanatic | Maniac; fiend | moderate |

**SAT Vocabulary Words – Unit 7**

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| **Vocabulary Words and Parts of Speech** | **Definitions** | **Synonyms** | **Antonyms** |
| 1. alleviate (v) | to make easier to endure; lessen; mitigate | relieve; mollify | aggravate; intensify |
| 2. aloof (adj) | reserved or reticent; indifferent; disinterested | remote; detached | friendly; sociable |
| 3. caustic (adj) | severely critical or sarcastic | abrasive; tart | mild; soothing |
| 4. celestial (adj) | pertaining to the sky or visible heaven | angelic; heavenly | infernal, mortal |
| 5. derogatory (adj) | tending to lessen the merit or reputation of a person or thing; disparaging; depreciatory | offensive; critical | appreciative; complimentary |
| 6. equanimity (n) | mental or emotional stability or composure, especially under tension or strain; calmness; equilibrium | confidence; calmness | alarm; anxiety |
| 7. implausible (adj) | not plausible; not having the appearance of truth or credibility | doubtful; improbable | likely; plausible |
| 8. inadvertent (adj) | not intentional or deliberate | careless; negligent | deliberate; attentive |
| 9. irrefutable (adj) | that cannot be refuted or disproved | accurate; certain | doubtful; uncertain |
| 10. platitude (n) | the quality or state of being flat, dull, or trite | adage; banality | nuance |
| 11. pompous (adj) | characterized by an ostentatious display of dignity or importance | boastful; conceited | dull; plain |
| 12. repugnant (adj) | making opposition; averse | obnoxious; contradictory | friendly; pleasant |
| 13. skeptical (adj) | showing doubt | cynical; doubtful | devoted; believing |
| 14. sobriety (n) | the state or quality of being sober | moderation; self-control | drunkenness; indulgence |
| 15. tirade (n) | a long, vehement speech | bitter; outspoken |  |
| 16. trepidation (n) | tremulous fear, alarm, or agitation; perturbation | anxiety; worry | calm; happiness |
| 17. untenable (adj) | incapable of being defended, as an argument, thesis, etc.; indefensible | indefensible; unsupportable | defensible; supportable |
| 18. venerate (v) | to regard or treat with reverence; revere | admire; adore | abhor; condemn |
| 19. verbose (adj) | characterized by the use of many or too many words; wordy | bombastic; talkative | concise; succinct |
| 20. zenith (n) | a highest point or state; culmination | top; peak | bottom; anticlimax |

**SAT Vocabulary Words – Unit 8**

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| **Vocabulary Words and Parts of Speech** | **Definitions** | **Synonyms** | **Antonyms** |
| 1. ambiguous (adj) | lacking clearness or definiteness; obscure; indistinct | vague; unclear | clear; definite |
| 2. ambivalence (n) | uncertainty or fluctuation, especially when caused by inability to make a choice or by a simultaneous desire to say or do two opposite or conflicting things | fluctuation; hesitation | certainty; decisiveness |
| 3. censure (n) | strong or vehement [expression](http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/expression) of disapproval | blame; disapproval | approval; endorsement |
| 4. chastise (v) | to discipline, especially by corporal punishment | beat; punish | comfort; promote |
| 5. despot (n) | any tyrant or oppressor | dictator; tyrant |  |
| 6. devoid (adj) | not possessing, untouched by, void, or destitute | empty; barren | complete; filled |
| 7. equivocate (v) | to use ambiguous or unclear expressions, usually to avoid commitment or in order to mislead; prevaricate or hedge | dodge; evade | meet; face |
| 8. eulogy (n) | a speech or writing in praise of a person or thing, especially a set oration in honor of a deceased person | praise; acclaim | criticism |
| 9. incisive (adj) | remarkably clear and direct; sharp; keen; acute | insightful; sensitive | obtuse; slow |
| 10. irrelevant (adj) | not relevant; not applicable or pertinent | insignificant; inappropriate | appropriate; necessary |
| 11. preclude (v) | to exclude or debar from something | cease; avert | allow; permit |
| 12. precocious (adj) | of or pertaining to premature development | advanced; intelligent | unintelligent |
| 13. prestigious (adj) | having a high reputation; honored; esteemed | famous; influential | humble; modest |
| 14. rescind (v) | to abrogate; annul; revoke; repeal | abolish; cancel | allow; approve |
| 15. residual (adj) | pertaining to or constituting a residue or remainder; remaining; leftover | leftover; extra | base; core |
| 16. solemn (adj) | serious or earnest | deliberate; dignified | funny; light |
| 17. sporadic (adj) | occurring singly or widely apart in locality | random; rare | constant; dependable |
| 18. urbane (adj) | reflecting elegance, sophistication, etc., especially in expression | civilized; cultured | uncivilized; unsophisticated |
| 19. viable (adj) | capable of living | reasonable; applicable | impossible; unreasonable |
| 20. vicarious (adj) | performed, exercised, received, or suffered in place of another | indirect; secondary | primary;  |

**SAT Vocabulary Words – Unit 9**

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| **Vocabulary Words and Parts of Speech** | **Definitions** | **Synonyms** | **Antonyms** |
| 1. analogous (adj) | having analogy; corresponding in some particular | similar; alike | disagreeing; unrelated |
| 2. animosity (n) | a feeling of strong dislike, ill will, or enmity that tends to display itself in action | hatred; resentment | love; passion |
| 3. anonymity (n) | the state or quality of being anonymous | obscurity |  |
| 4. circumspect (adj) | watchful and discreet; cautious; prudent | attentive; guarded | bold; careless |
| 5. clemency (n) | an act or deed showing mercy or leniency | forgiveness; indulgence | cruelty; harshness |
| 6. coalesce (v) | to grow together or into one body | blend; adhere | divide; seperate |
| 7. didactic (adj) | inclined to teach or lecture others too much | educational; academic | informal; imprecise |
| 8. disdain (v) | to look upon or treat with contempt; despise; scorn | hate; aversion | respect; admiration |
| 9. dismantle (v) | to disassemble or pull down; take apart | abuse; corrupt | repair; fix |
| 10. euphemism (n) | the substitution of a mild, indirect, or vague expression for one thought to be offensive, harsh, or blunt | purism; expression |  |
| 11. evanescent (adj) | vanishing; fading away; fleeting | temporary; brief | enduring; long |
| 12. incongruous (adj) | out of keeping or place; inappropriate; unbecoming | improper; illogical | compatible; fitting |
| 13. pretentious (adj) | making an exaggerated outward show; ostentatious | assuming; ornate | humble; modest |
| 14. prodigious (adj) | abnormal; monstrous | colossal; monumental | small; little |
| 15. resilient (adj) | returning to the original form or position after being bent, compressed, or stretched | airy; buoyant  | rigid; inflexible |
| 16. spurious (adj) | not genuine, authentic, or true; not from the claimed, pretended, or proper source; counterfeit | artificial; phony | authentic; genuine |
| 17. squalid (adj) | wretched; miserable; degraded; sordid | despicable; wretched | clean; rich |
| 18. utopian (adj) | given to impractical or unrealistic schemes of such perfection | imaginary; idealistic | real |
| 19. vilify (v) | to speak ill of; defame; slander | abuse; attack | compliment; praise |
| 20. vindictive (adj) | disposed or inclined to revenge; vengeful | hateful; cruel | helpful; kind |

**SAT Vocabulary Words – Unit 10**

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| **Vocabulary Words and Parts of Speech** | **Definitions** | **Synonyms** | **Antonyms** |
| 1. antagonism (n) | an active hostility or opposition, as between unfriendly or conflicting groups | conflict; hostility | understanding; harmony |
| 2. antithesis (n) | opposition; contrast | contradictory; opposite | same |
| 3. arduous (adj) | requiring great exertion; laborious; difficult | harsh; grueling | easy; motivating |
| 4. colloquial (adj) | involving or using conversation | common; popular | formal; correct |
| 5. commiserate (v) | to feel or express sorrow or sympathy for; empathize with; pity | ache; pity | ignore; disregard |
| 6. conciliatory (adj) | tending to conciliate | calm; civil | antagonistic; stubborn |
| 7. disparage (v) | to speak of or treat slightingly; depreciate; belittle | degrade; scorn | approve; flatter |
| 8. disparity (n) | lack of similarity or equality; inequality; difference | dissimilarity; distinctness | equality; likeness |
| 9. exacerbate (v) | to embitter the feelings of (a person); irritate; exasperate | aggravate; annoy | calm; comfort |
| 10. expedient (adj) | tending to promote some proposed or desired object; fit or suitable for the purpose; proper under the circumstances | worthwhile; desirable | unbeneficial; unprofitable |
| 11. incorrigible (adj) | not corrigible; bad beyond correction or reform | hopeless; abandoned | manageable; obedient |
| 12. indigent (adj) | lacking food, clothing, and other necessities of life because of poverty; needy; poor; impoverished | poor; destitute | rich; wealthy |
| 13. profane (adj) | common or vulgar | crude; obscene | clean; moral |
| 14. respite (n) | temporary suspension of the execution of a person condemned to death; reprieve | break; delay | continuation |
| 15. reticent (adj) | disposed to be silent or not to speak freely; reserved | secret; reserved | open; unreserved |
| 16. stagnate (v) | to be or become sluggish and dull | decay; decline | grow; strengthen |
| 17. stoic (adj) | of or pertaining to the school of philosophy founded by Zeno, who taught that people should be free from passion, unmoved by joy or grief, and submit without complaint to unavoidable necessity | calm; dry | upset; anxious |
| 18. virtuoso (n) | a person who has special knowledge or skill in a field | adept; intelligent | amateur; rookie |
| 19. vitriolic (adj) | very caustic; scathing | bitter; hurtful | kind; nice |
| 20. volatile (adj) | tending or threatening to break out into open violence; explosive | explosive; unsettled | firm; stable |