

SAT Word Roots

10th Grade

Thirty-six high-yield roots for standardised-test vocabulary.

One root unlocks a dozen words. Learn the root, then collect the family.

acr sharp, bitter acid, acrimony	err wander erratic, erroneous	neg deny negate, renege
ali / alter other alias, alternative	eu good, well euphoria, eulogy	pac peace pacify, pacifist
belli war belligerent, rebel	fall / fals deceive fallacy, falsify	ple / plen full replete, plenary
cand glowing, white candid, incandescent	grat pleasing gratitude, ingratiate	prob test, prove probity, reprobate
carn flesh carnivore, incarnate	greg herd, group gregarious, segregate	punct point punctual, punctuate
cir / circum around circumvent	hetero different heterogeneous	quer / quis ask, seek query, inquisitive
clam shout clamour, proclaim	homo same homogeneous, homonym	sanct holy sanctuary, sanctify
culp blame culprit, culpable	ject throw conjecture, dejected	somn sleep insomnia, somnolent
dign worthy dignity, indignant	laud praise laudable, laudatory	tac / tic silent taciturn, reticent
doc / doct teach doctrine, indoctrinate	loqu / locu speak eloquent, loquacious	ten / tain hold tenacious, retain
dur hard, lasting endure, durable	luc light elucidate, lucid	ven / vent come convene, intervene
ego self egotist, egocentric	mut change mutation, immutable	vor eat greedily voracious, carnivore

ON A TEST

Split the unknown word, translate each part, then check it against the sentence.