

Hot Words for the SAT

Lesson 23 Words Relating to Being Short-lived in Time or Place

- **ephemeral** *adj.* lasting a short time; fleeting
- **evanescent** *adj.* vanishing quickly; fleeting
- **fleeting** *adj.* short-lived
- **itinerant** *adj.* wandering about; tending to move around, travel
- **nomadic** *adj.* wandering
- **peripatetic** *adj.* moving or walking about; itinerant
- **transient** *adj.* lasting for only a short time; temporary
- **transitory** *adj.* fleeting
- **volatile** *adj.* explosive or changing very quickly

Lesson 24 Words Relating to the Old or the New

The Old . . .

- **antediluvian** *adj.* very, very old; antiquated
- **antiquated** *adj.* very old and no longer in use; obsolete
- **antiquity** *n.* ancient times
- **archaic** *adj.* old; from a much earlier time; antiquated
- **obsolete** *adj.* old; outdated, as if no longer in use
- **relic** *n.* a custom or object that has been around for a very, very long time

The New . . .

- **contemporary** *adj.* modern, new; relating to the same time period
- **inception** *n.* the start, the beginning of something
- **innovation** *n.* something new
- **novel** *adj.* new
- **unprecedented** *adj.* novel; unparalleled

Lesson 25 Words Relating to Being Sneaky or Hardly Noticeable

- **clandestine** *adj.* hidden, secret, concealed
- **covert** *adj.* secret, hidden
- **furtive** *adj.* sneaky
- **inconspicuous** *adj.* hardly noticeable
- **sly** *adj.* underhanded, furtive
- **stealthy** *adj.* secretive, sly
- **surreptitious** *adj.* done or made in a secret, stealthy way
- **unobtrusive** *adj.* inconspicuous; not easily noticed

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Lesson 26 Words Relating to People You Will Meet on the SAT I

- **adversary** *n.* an opponent
- **artisan** *n.* a person who is skillful with his or her hands
- **ascetic** *n.* a person who refrains from indulging in earthly pleasures
- **charlatan** *n.* a fraud; a quack or imposter
- **diva** *n.* a highly skilled singer, usually an opera singer
- **hedonist** *n.* a person who lives for pleasure
- **pariah** *n.* a social outcast
- **raconteur** *n.* a skillful storyteller
- **skeptic** *n.* a person who doubts
- **virtuoso** *n.* a highly skilled performer, usually a musical performer

Lesson 27 Words Relating to Things of Little Importance or Value

- **extraneous** *adj.* not necessary; not an essential part; not relevant
- **frivolous** *adj.* not having substance or sense of importance or seriousness
- **incidental** *adj.* less important; minor
- **inconsequential** *adj.* irrelevant; of no significance; unimportant
- **irrelevant** *adj.* not relating to the matter at hand
- **negligible** *adj.* able of likely to be neglected or bypassed due to smallness or lack of importance
- **peripheral** *adj.* only marginally connected to what is truly important; relating to the field of vision
- **petty** *adj.* minor or trivial, small in quantity
- **superficial** *adj.* lacking in depth or importance; on the surface
- **trifling** *adj.* lacking significance; unimportant
- **trivial** *adj.* unimportant; trifling; ordinary

Lesson 28 Words Relating to Being Wise and Sharp-Minded

- **acute** *adj.* keen-minded; sharp
- **astute** *adj.* sharp-minded; very clear
- **discerning** *adj.* able to judge people and situations clearly
- **erudite** *adj.* wise due to much reading and studying; scholarly
- **incisive** *adj.* sharp; keen
- **ingenious** *adj.* very clever or inventive
- **judicious** *adj.* showing wisdom in judging people and situations
- **perspicacious** *adj.* using wise judgment; sharp-minded
- **prudent** *adj.* careful, cautious, and wise
- **sagacious** *adj.* wise
- **savvy** *adj.* smart; informed
- **shrewd** *adj.* insightful; clever