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# INTRODUCTION

We have encountered words since the first day that we were born. Words can ignite a range of emotions from pure joy to anger and even indifference. We hope that this book incites a passion for words for the exam and beyond.

## *About the Book*

This book is split into 3 sections. The first section breaks down the words into roots, prefixes and suffixes, as well as the hardest words found in the exam with activities for you to ingrain the words in your memory. The second section contains practice of all the SAT Verbal question types including fill in the blanks, short passage and long passage questions. The last section we encourage you to do after you mastered the first two sections. This section contains SAT vocabulary games with the more challenging words.

This is not a book where we simply want you to memorize the definitions. We want to cultivate a love for the words and really have these words as part of your repertoire forever. These exercises will help you truly retain these words by creating many different connections in your brain. Learning words from different methods creates faster retrieval. And finally, we also advise to study continuously up through your exam, as this is the most effective way to retain the information.

“Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn.” *Benjamin Franklin*

# USING THIS BOOK EFFECTIVELY TO DOUBLE YOUR VOCABULARY IN ONE MONTH

The 100 most common Latin and Greek roots build more than 5,000 English words, which is just beyond half the average person's vocabulary of 10,000 words. The 100 most common Latin and Greek roots are the ones in all CAPITAL letters. By memorizing these 100 most common Latin and Greek prefixes, suffixes and roots, you will have the foundation in place to understand an additional 5,000 words. If you learn all of them (both the caps and non-caps roots), you can double this to 10,000 additional words!

Most of these roots are used in medicine, law, business, science and technology. And, you must know these roots in order to excel on the PSAT, SAT and GRE and to have a successful professional career. You must know the capital word's meanings. Many will not have the same exact meaning as the original Latin or Greek words but they will be close. The Romans also combined prefixes and roots to derive new words. Many were borrowed straight from the Greek language, but most were combined with Latin to make additional words with similar but distinctive meanings.

By breaking a word apart into root, prefix and suffix, you will be able to determine its literal meaning. Since you have encountered the word in context, you can then guess at its present meaning. For example, take the word "interposition." The prefix is 'INTER-', the suffix is '-ION' and the root word is 'POSIT'. Inter- means 'between', -ion is 'the act of' and 'POSIT' is from Latin meaning 'to place.' Therefore, 'interposition' literally means 'the act of placing between.' Another example is the word "antipathy." The prefix is 'ANTI-', the Greek root word is 'PATH' and the suffix is '-Y.' Anti- means 'against', the suffix, -y, is 'the state of' and PATH means 'to feel.' Antipathy therefore means 'the state of feeling against'. Not all derived words have both a prefix and a suffix, many will have one or the other, some will use just the root word and others will combine two root words, as in 'manuscript' and 'astronaut.' Man- is the Latin root for 'hand' and script is the Latin root 'to write.' Astro is the Greek word for 'star' and 'naut' means sailor.

The secret to increasing your vocabulary is not by memorizing a lot of words. The secret is in knowing how combining different prefixes and suffixes with a root word make new words. For example, let's take the Latin word gressum which means 'to walk, to step or move forward' and by combining the prefixes, A(D)-, CON-, DI-, E-, PRO-, RE-, RETRO- and TRANS- with the combining word "-GRESS-", we get 8 more words. If we add the suffixes -ION, -IVE, and -OR in turn to each of these words we derive 24 additional words for a total of 32 words. By knowing the meaning of the root word, and the 8 prefixes and 3 suffixes you also know the meaning of the 32 derived words. I use this example of making words to show you how easy it is to take words apart and thereby learn their meaning.

Since many Greek words were assimilated by the Romans and Latin words also come down to us through French, Italian and Spanish, the modern spelling of some of these words can be quite different from the original Latin or Greek. The Latin and Greek prefixes, suffixes and root words are listed alphabetically in Chapters 1-6.

After you've gone through the first six chapters, you can continue to practice doubling your vocabulary using your bonus SAT vocabulary flashcards.

Use your flashcards as a reference when going through Chapter 7, The SAT's Hardest Words. Most of the hardest words can be broken down into their Latin and Greek roots, then understood easily. Then, continue on to Part 2 and Part 3 of this book to apply what you've learned with SAT vocabulary practice and games. Continue referring to your roots when you encounter an unfamiliar word. Chances are, you'll find that the word has a Latin or Greek root!

# TIPS FOR TAKING THE SAT

What to Expect on your Test Day:

- ★ Your ability to score well on the SAT Critical Reading component depends upon how you prepare to handle unfamiliar words. Without thoroughly reading and outlining this book, you will probably encounter words you don't know on the Sentence Completion and Reading Comprehension type of questions.
- ★ There are two types of hard questions, those with unfamiliar words, or those words with multiple meanings. With this book, you will double your vocabulary and practice answering every kind of hard question.

Mastering Vocabulary

- ★ Most SAT words are made up of prefixes and roots that can help you make sense of the word. That's often enough to get you a correct answer. Use the word roots in Chapters 1-6 to learn the most valuable SAT roots. These will help you ace the SAT, and prepare you to do well in college and life in professional school.

- ★ Decide whether the word has a positive or negative charge. By understanding vocabulary charge, you will earn points on the SAT. By charge, we mean, does the word mean something good or bad. For example, knowing the word *malodorous* has a negative charge can help you identify the definition by eliminating all choices that have positive charges. We will explore this a bit more in our SAT Vocabulary Practice in Chapters 8, 9, and 10.

#### Personalize Your Vocabulary Study

- ★ Use the flashcards we provide
- ★ Make a vocabulary notebook with words and their definitions and test yourself. Make a sample sentence with each word
- ★ Record yourself saying unknown words and their definitions. Pause before reading the definition of the word, giving yourself time to define the word in your head
- ★ Think of hooks that help you retain a new word in mind. As an example, let's take the word *Verbose*. To remember this word you can think of a person who says many verbs.

### Use Your Foreign Language Skills

- ★ If you're studying Latin or Greek, or you're fluent in Spanish, Italian, or French then you probably can use that to your benefit. If you don't recognize the word in English, try to see if you can understand part of the word in your familiar tongues. The English language is derived from Latin and Greek, and the "Romance languages" of Spanish, Italian and French are also derived from Latin. So, you can almost always figure out something about strange words on the test.

### Guess Strategically When All Else Fails

- ★ When it comes to guessing on the SAT, we recommend that you guess without any bias only when you can eliminate one answer choice with certainty. Of course you should eliminate as many choices as possible before taking your final guess.

# PART 1

## 2400 SAT Vocabulary Words

*“The habit of taking the path of least resistance makes all men,  
and some rivers, crooked.”*

Napoleon Hill

## Chapter 1: Latin Prefixes

The prefixes listed below are from Latin prepositions. They are attached to nouns, adjectives and especially to verbs. When taking apart compound verbs and defining them, it is best to translate the prefix as adverbial rather than preposition. For example, abduct divides into ab (away) and duct (lead) and so means 'lead away' and not 'away from leading'. Some of these prefixes have different forms depending on the initial letter of the root word. This makes the derived word more pronounceable and is known as assimilation. A prime example is the prefix SUB- which also has SUC-,SUF-,SUG-,SUM-, SUP-, SUR-, and SUS- as different forms.

"Quod in vita faciamus, id in aeternitatem persistet."

"What we do in life, echoes in eternity." From the movie *Gladiator*

<b>1. Latin Prefixes</b>		
<b>Prefix</b>	<b>Meaning</b>	<b>Examples</b>
A-	not, without	amoral, APATHY, ANOMALY
AB-, ABS-	away from, off, apart	abrupt, ABSCOND, ABSTRACT
AD-, AC-, AN-, AS-	toward, against	advent, accurate, ANNOTATE, assent

AMBI-, AMB-	around, about, on both sides	AMBIGUOUS, AMBIVALENT
ANTE-	before, in front of, early	antecede, antedate, antebellum
ARCH	main, chief	archangel, archbishop, archenemy
BI-	two	bifurcate, biannually
BENE-	well	BENEFACTOR, benefit, beneficial
CIRCUM-, CIRA-	around, about	circumflex, circumference, circa
CIS-	on this side of	cisalpine
CON-	with, together	concur, concede, CONSCRIPT
COM-, COR-, COL-	together, with, very	COMPRISE, corrode, collateral
CONTRA-	against	contradict, controversy, contravene
COUNTER-	against	counterfeit, counterclockwise
DE-	down, down from, off, utterly	deformed, defoliate, descend, depress
DEMI-	half, partly belongs to	demisemi-quaver, demigod

DIS-, DI-, DIF-	apart, in different directions	DIGRESS, divorce, dispute, DISCERN
DU-, DUO-	two	duet, duplicate
EM- EN-	in, into	embrace, enclose
EX-, E-, EF-, EC-	out, out of, from, away	EXTOL, event, expel, evade, ELUCIDATE
EXTRA-,EXTRO-	outside of, beyond	extraordinary, extrovert, EXTRAPOLATE
FORE	before	forestall, forgo, forebear
IN-, I-, IL-, IM-, IR-	in, into, on, toward, put into,	incision, impel, impulse, irrigate,
	not, lacking, without	illegal, ignominious, impure, immoral,
	same as above	immodest, indecent, INCOHERENT
INDU-, INDI-	a strengthened form of IN-	indigent
INFRA-	below, beneath, inferior to, after	infrared, infrasonic
INTER-, INTEL-	among, between, at intervals	intercede, intercept, intellect
INTRA-	in, within, inside of	intramural, intravenous
INTRO-	in, into, within	introduce, introspective

JUXTA	near, beside	juxtapose, juxtaposition
MAL-, MALE-	evil, badly	malformed, malicious, malaise, maladroit
MEDI-, MEDIO-	middle	median, mediocre
MONO-	one	MONARCH, MONOTONE
MULTI-, MULTUS-	much, many	multifaceted, multiply, multilevel
NE-	not	neuter, NEUTRAL
NON-	not (less emphatic than IN or UN)	nonresident, nonconformity
NUL-, NULL-	none, not any	nullify, nullification
OB-, OF-, OC-,	toward, against, across, down, for	oblong, OB DURATE, offer, occasion, occur
OP-, O-	toward, against, across, down, for	oppose, opposite, omit, offer
OMNI-	all, everywhere	omniscient, omnivorous
PED-, PEDI-	foot	pedestrian, pedicure
PER-, PEL-	through, by, thoroughly, away	PERMEATE, perfidy, pellucid
PRO-, PUR-	before, for, forth	proceed, purport, pursue, PROLONG
SE-, SED-	side, apart, away from	secure, seduce, seclude, sedition, select

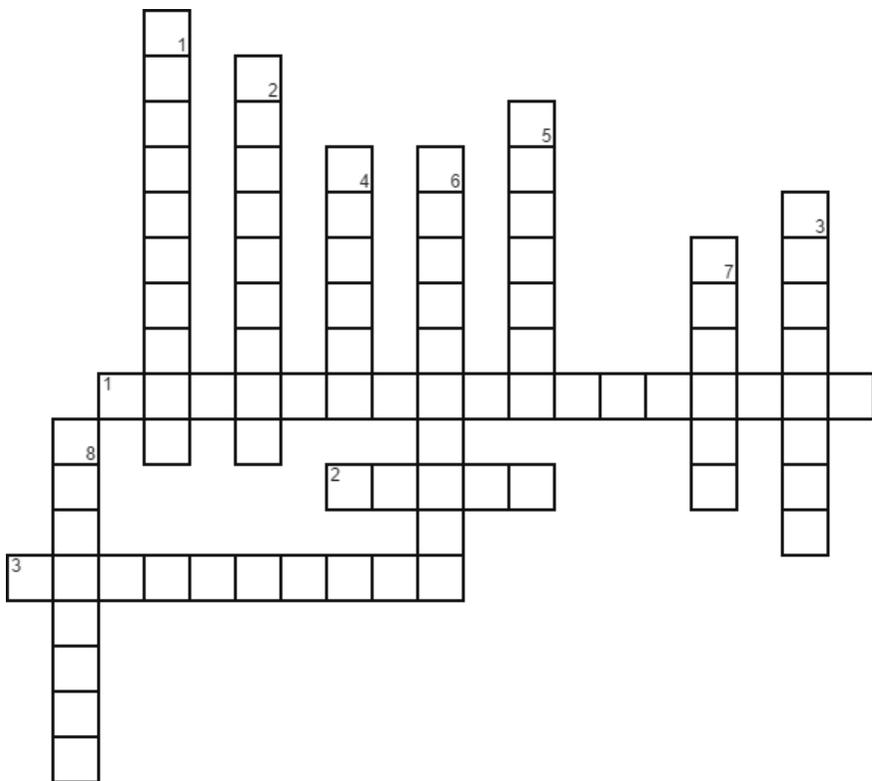
SEMI-	half	semicircle, semiprivate
SINE	without	sinecure
SUB-, SUC-, SUF-	under, beneath, inferior,	suffer, SUBMISSIVE, succumb,
SUG-, SUM-, SUP-	less than, in place of, secretly	suggest, subtract, suffuse, support
SUR-, SUS-	(same as above meanings)	suspend, surplus
SUBTER-	beneath, secretly	subterfuge
SUPER-, SUPRA-	over, above, excessively	SUPERFICIAL, SUPERCILIOUS
SUR-	over, above, excessively	surcharge, surtax, surplus, surrealism
TRANS-, TRA-	across, over, beyond, through	transoceanic, transgression, transit, transition
ULTRA-	beyond, on other side	ultrasound, ultraconservative
UN- (Old English)	no, not, without	unabashed, unashamed

**Part 3**  
**SAT Vocabulary Games**

“Nothing can be called failure until you accept it as such.”  
Napoleon Hill

**Chapter 11: Vocabulary Crossword Puzzles**

Complete Crossword #1 below.



**Across**

1. Relating to the business of running an organization, or government.
2. Not friendly or forthcoming; cool and distant
3. Tending to talk a great deal; talkative.

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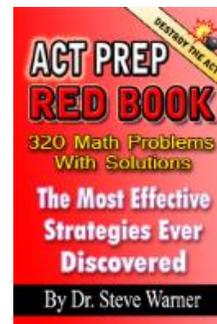
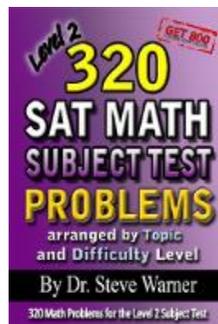
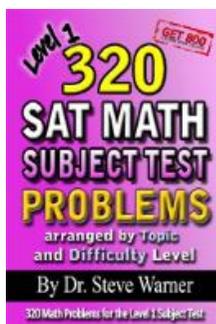
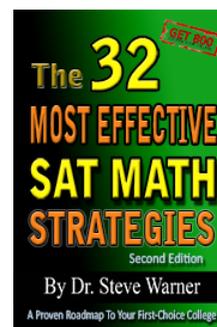
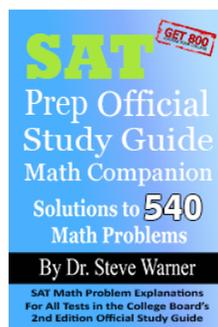
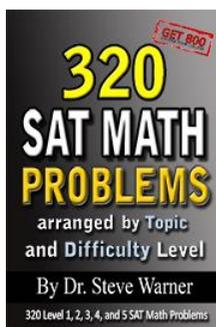
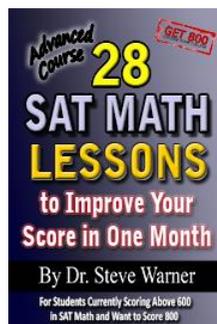
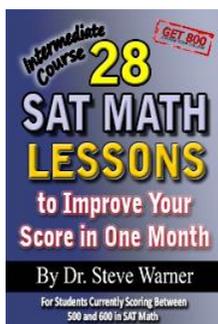
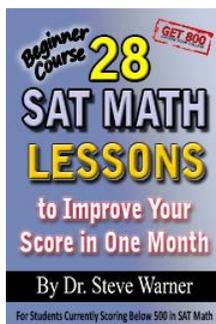
college students to be honored with this distinction.



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Put your first-choice college well within your reach with the SAT Vocabulary Book: 2400 SAT Vocab Words, Practice, and Games with Bonus Flash Cards! The content in this book was carefully chosen by doctors with more than two decades of SAT verbal tutoring experience. This book is organized in such a way that any student can immediately start growing their vocabulary and improving their score on the SAT Verbal section in a quick and efficient manner.

Using this book you will learn to solve SAT Verbal problems in clever and efficient ways that will have you spending less time on each problem, and answering difficult questions with ease. You will feel confident that you are applying a trusted system to one of the most important tests you will ever take.

Inside this book you will find important advice that will significantly increase your SAT Verbal score before you even do a single problem. The main parts of the book consist of Latin and Greek roots, the hardest SAT words found on the exam, SAT Verbal practice problems, games, and flashcards. Clear explanations of all answer choices are included – a feature ideal for those students going for a perfect 800 or near perfect score!

Here's to your success on the SAT, in college, and in life.