

- 1) **Prey on(v)**: to hunt
- 2) **astounding(adj)**: amazing/incredible/unbelievable
- 3) **resolute(adj)**: Determined
- 4) **attain(v)**: reach
- 5) **eschew(v)**: avoid
- 6) **Coherent(adj)**: clear/understandable/intelligible
- 7) **Holistic(adj)**: refers to the whole
- 8) selective task(phr): multiple-choice task
- 9) Constructive task(phr): development task
- 10) thesis(n): opinion/position/claim
- 11) integral part of(phr): important/essential part of
- 12) agrarian(adj): related to fields and land and farmers
- 13) fertile(adj): good for growing/rich in nutrients/productive
- 14) Enervating(adj): exhausting
- 15) reliable(adj); can rely on
- 16) prosper(v): succeed/grow economically
- 17) assiduous(adj): hard working
- 18) undergo(v): experience/go or pass through
- 19) emancipated(adj): free
- 20) envisage(v): visualize
- 21) innovate(v): develop
- 22) trailblazer(n): leader/pioneer/pathfinder
- 23) wary(adj): watchful/cautious
- 24) versatile(adj): can be used in many ways
- 25) inasmuch as(conj.): because/since/owing to the fact that
- 26) fundamental(adj): basic/essential/central part of
- 27) germinate(v): grow
- 28) a myriad of(phr): lots /abundant /great number (e.g: a myriad of courses)
- 29) a plethora of(phr): excessive/far too much or many/more than is practical or useful (e.g: a plethora of money problems)
- 30) allude to(v): to refer to casually (e.g: in a presidential speech, obama alludes to his wife as his biggest influence in his life)
- 31) analogous(adj): related to/connected to/comparable to (e.g: TOEFL IELTS are analogous)
- 32) connote(v): to give meaning beyond literal definition (e.g: breaking mirror connotes to bad luck)
- 33) indeed(adv): without a doubt/in fact/certainly.
- 34) quite(adv): very/exactly/really (e.g: that's quite fascinating!/ that's really fascinating!)
- 35) Distractor(n): something that deviates attention/ an answer that looks right but actually wrong.
- 36) harbinger(n): sign (e.g: snow is a harbinger of winter)
- 37) perch(v); to rest or settle in a high place (e.g: eagles perch on top of mountains)
- 38) precarious(adj): dangerous/doubtful/not secure(e.g: the rope seems precarious, but it's strong)
- 39) quest(n): seek/looking for/search (e.g: King arthur went on a quest to find the Holly grail)
- 40) infer(v): to conclude from facts.
- 41) thaw(v): to melt/change from ice to water/warm up
- 42) keen(adj): very sensitive
- 43) brood(n): young children of one family (e.g: the mother bear moved her brood across the river)
- 44) impecunious(adj): always poor
- 45) benevolent(adj): generous/kind/good
- 46) inveterate(adj): established habit
- 47) reimburse(v): pay back

- 48) subsist on(v):live on
- 49) quite the contrary(phr):the exact opposite
- 50) all in all(phr):when everything is considered/in the final analysis/when all is said and done
- 51) judicious(adj):demonstrating good judgment
- 52) insinuate(v):suggest (The professor insinuated that Joe have to study harder)
- 53) suffice it to say(phr):in short/it is enough to say/no more is needed to add
- 54) posthumously(adv):after death (e.g: michael jackson is as famous posthumously as he was alive)
- 55) hue(n):color(e.g: van gogh used a myriad of hue)
- 56) masterpiece(n):great work(e.g: Opera Carmen by george Bizet is a masterpiece)
- 57) saturated(adj):drained/soaked/full of(That cup of tea is saturated with sugar)
- 58) towering(adj):best of the best(James Joyce is a towering literary figure in the west)
- 59) snub(v):ignore/avoid/shun(The actress snubbed her fan who wanted an autograph)
- 60) mercurial(adj):changing unpredictably (A mercurial temper is a harbinger of trouble)
- 61) palette(n):artist's paint mixing box
- 62) shimmer(v): flicker/shine/move like sunlight(I like to watch the sun shimmer on the lake)
- 63) unerring(adj):never making a mistake (steve jobs is an unerring genius for innovation and marketing)
- 64) discombobulated(adj):confused/uncertain/not clear **preplexed**(The essay prompt really discombobulated Heather)
- 65) Dwell(n):home/place to live/abode
- 66) Inhabit(v):to live in
- 67) Opulent(adj): demonstrating great wealth (some opulent houses are really quite astounding)
- 68) Spartan(adj):simple/basic/frugal(Historians believe that the early humans lived a spartan life)
- 69) Renounce(v):to give up (he has renounced smoking recently)
- 70) Per Capita(phr):per person (what is the per capita income of your country?)
- 71) Void of (phr):empty of (the desert is void of water sources)
- 72) Contrivances(n):mechanical/electrical/fundamental domestic things
- 73) Novel(adj):new (noun:story) (The ipad was a novel idea)
- 74) Environs(n):environment/place/area (at night i would avoid certain streets and environs)
- 75) Precipitation(n):rain/snow/hail
- 76) Drought(n): long period of no precipitation/dryness
- 77) Famine(n):extreme lack of food (Somalia has been suffering from famine for 20 years)
- 78) Omen(n): Sign (Crows represent a bad omen)
- 79) Render(v): change/transform/alter
- 80) Arable(adj):good for farming(Some believe that an arable land is better than gold)
- 81) Arid(adj):Dry/lacking moisture/no water(Arizona is an arid state)
- 82) Abandon(v):to give up and leave (The enemy forces has abandoned their posts)
- 83) Downfall(n): sudden loss of wealth and power (The king's position was always precarious.His downfall could happen at anytime)
- 84) Destitute(adj):lacking everything (the people abandoned their land after drought asinmuch as they were left destitute)
- 85) Notorious(adj):famous for bad behavior.
- 86) Nefarious(adj):evil/very bad/wicked(El Capone was a notorious mobster who had many nefarious associates)
- 87) Pervade(v): to enter all parts (corruption has pervaded chicago's police department)
- 88) Ruthless(adj):no mercy
- 89) Reign(v):to rule like a queen or king/control for a period of time/to exercise authority(Elizabeth the First of England reigned from 1558 to 1603)
- 90) Unquenchable(adj):always thirsty/unable to satisfy/always desiring more
- 91) Repeal(v):seek justice (Many US citizens want the government to repeal Marijuana laws)
- 92) Turbulent(adj):chaotic (The arab world is living a turbulent time)

- 93) Corruption(n):process of decay/immoral behavior/gain by breaking the law
- 94) Placid(adj):calm and gentle (I love the scene of the placid lake during sunrise)
- 95) shatter(v):to break in many pieces (The ball shattered the glass)
- 96) Conglomerate(n):company with many large sub divisions of different industries(e.g:General Electric)
- 97) Quadruped(n):movement using 4 limbs (cats and dogs are quadruped animals)
- 98) Primate(n): mammals in the order of primates including humans and apes
- 99) Cosmos(n):the universe <Galaxy :massive groups of stars>
- 100) Black Hole(n): massive invisible hole in the space
- 101) Comet(n): celestial body with a tail
- 102) Asteroid(n):small planet sized rock
- 103) Cataclysmic(adj):sudden and violent change/transformation/earth changing event
- 104) Whereby(conj):in which (Marriage is an official process whereby a man and a woman agree to spend the rest of their lives together.)
- 105) Precipitate(v):to cause to happen/to bring about/to change from one state to another(
- 106) Abolitionist(n):one who wants to end something
- 107) Cease(v):to stop
- 108) Anathema(n): idea or object of great loathing
- 109) Proposition(n):idea to be debated/proposed plan/focus on an argument
- 110) Enflame(v):to make angry
- 111) Antipathy(n):dislike for
- 112) Secession(n):the process of leaving
- 113) Indigenous(adj):native
- 114) Heretofore(adv):previously
- 115) Monumental(adj):astounding/large and impressive/extremely significant
- 116) Devastating(adj):to destroy/to shock and stun/to ruin completely
- 117) Era(n):famous time period
- 118) Catch-22(id,n):trapped by opposing conditions/situation preventing a solution to a problem/ a no-win situation
- 119) it goes without saying(phr):it is obvious/the facts are clear/as you can see
- 120) persist with(v):to continue
- 121) counter(v): to argue the opposite
- 122) pull the plug(id,v):to end something/to cut off/to empty a sink or bath by pulling the drain plug
- 123) Quandary(n):unable to decide
- 124) Kill 2 birds with one stone(id,v): to do 2 things at the same time
- 125) the icing on the cake(id,n):the best part,the amazing part,the good part
- 126) pull through with flying colors(id,v):to succeed beyond expectations
- 127) significant other(id): lover
- 128) walk on air (id,v): to be extremely happy
- 129) blow away(id,v): to be amazed/to be astounded/to feel shocked
- 130) gratis(adj):free
- 131) Painstaking(adj):difficult process
- 132) overwhelmed(adj):feeling buried/feeling too much pressure/feeling out of control
- 133) feel like a fish out of water(id,v):to be in the wrong place/to feel out of context/to know you don't fit in
- 134) overcome(v):to defeat
- 135) take the bull by the horns(id,v):to take control/to take responsibility/to face a challenge directly
- 136) misgivings(n):feelings of doubt
- 137) pack it in(id):to surrender/to quit/to pack one's bag and leave
- 138) truly(adv):really/indeed/yes

- 139) cherish(v):to value always (I cherish our friendship very much)
- 140) there and then (adv): at the moment
- 141) esteemed(adj):respected
- 142) regard(n): consideration for/attention to/respect for
- 143) Disintegration(n):to disintegrate/to fall apart/to dissolve completely
- 144) the 64,000\$ question(id,n):the big question/the only question/the obvious question
- 145) recarnation(n):rebirth after death
- 146) figment(n):something imagined
- 147) expiration(n):end/death/termination
- 148) contemplation(n):act of thinking
- 149) transfiguration(n):change in shape or figure/change in appearance or look/process of transfiguring
- 150) manifestation(n):act of revealing
- 151) address(v):to deal with/to answer an issue/to speak directly to
- 152) breach(v):break
- 153) remedy(n):solution
- 154) apoplectic(adj):very angry
- 155) get wind of the fact that (id,v):to receive information
- 156) jurisdiction(n):territory where a law applies(NYPD has no jurisdiction over New Jersey)
- 157) Negligent(adj):careless/failing to perform/lacking attention to duty
- 158) Recourse(n):choice/plan of action/direction to follow
- 159) Sue(v): to see money for damages
- 160) Stipulated(adj):item required by a contract/object in question/the agreed to point
- 161) Seminal(adj):the very first
- 162) Assembly line(phr):moving or conveyor belt in a factory/chain moving in a circle
- 163) essentially(adv):basically
- 164) substantially(adv):greatly
- 165) behemoth(n/adj):huge/massive/mosntrous
- 166) symbol(n);sign with meaning
- 167) indomitable(adj): cannot be conquered
- 168) doomed(adj):destined to disappear
- 169) susceptible(adj):open to/vulnerable to/defenseless
- 170) coalesce(v): to come together as one
- 171) frigid(adj):very cold
- 172) perish(v): to die/vanish/disappear
- 173) owing to the fact that(phr):because/since/inasmuch as
- 174) tragic(adj):great misfortune/disaster/cataclysmic
- 175) iconic(adj):symbol of /representation of/sign of
- 176) genesis(n);the beginning
- 177) arguably(adv):that which can be argued
- 178) incorporate(v):to become a public company
- 179) take root(v):to begin to grow
- 180) crucible(n):place where forces meet/place of great heat/bowl used for melting objects
- 181) inventiveness(n):good at creating/ability to invent/talent for making new things
- 182) frontier(n):where civilization ends/border/point of transition
- 183) savage(adj)destructive
- 184) jack-of-all-trades(id,adj):can do many things well
- 185) quintessential(adj):the best or perfect example/the most illustrative example
- 186) herd(v):to group together
- 187) none more so than(phr):there is no better example
- 188) self-reliant(adj):independant

- 189) archetype(n):original model or type
 190) sublime(adj):God-Like Beauty
 191) pod(n);small group of whales/dolphins/seals
 192) matrilineal(adj): following the mother
 193) transient(adj):temporary/one who always moves about
 194) Contrary to the Popular Belief(phr):against what is true/what most think/agree with what is true
 195) appellation(n):name
 196) stocky(adj): short and heavy
 197) life span(phr):the length of a life
 198) ratify(v):to approve/to confirm/to put your stamp on
 199) absolute(adj):pure/not limited/total control of
 200) apace(adv):rapidly with no purpose
 201) confound(v): to frustrate
 202) venerate(v):to worship
 203) Burn the candle at both ends(id,v):to work late and long
 204) Come with the territory(id,v):to be part of the job
 205) Put one's nose to the grindstone(id,v):to focus on what is important
 206) Ace(v):to do extremely well
 207) Keep one's eye on the prize(id,v):to focus always on what you are working for
 208) Push the envelope(id,v):to go to the extreme
 209) Give it one's best shot(id,v):to try one's best
 210) Conviction(n):strong belief
 211) Kick back(id,v):to take it easy
 212) R and R(id,n) :rest and relaxation
 213) Pragmatic(adj):prefers logic to emotions/practical/black and white
 214) Enigmatic(adj):mysterious
 215) Have both feet on the ground(id,v):to be pragmatic
 216) Cynic(adj):one who does not trust selfless acts
 217) have one's head in the clouds(id,v):to feel romantic
 218) very much the(adv):definitely/really/totally
 219) what one would call(phr):an example or illustration or definition of
 220) diehard(adj): resolute/determined
 221) advent of(phr):introduction of /development of/invention of
 222) concurrent with(phr):conditionally
 223) wayward(adj):difficult/unpredictable /capricious
 224) specious(adj):sounds convincing but lacks logic/misleading
 225) emblematic(adj):symbolic of/sign of/indication of
 226) malefaction(n):crime/violation/lawlessness
 227) brazen(adj):shameless
 228) boom(n):explosion/rapid expansion/fast growth
 229) wholesale(adj):complete/total/utter
 230) parasitic(adj):benefiting from another's hard work
 231) double-edged sword(id,n/adj):when the outcome can be both positive and negative
 232) cost an arm and a leg(id,v):to be very expensive/extremely costly/unaffordable
 233) take one's place in the spotlight(id,v):to stand at the center of attention
 234) purport(v):to claim
 235) unadulterated(adj):untouched
 236) produce(n):fresh fruits and vegetables
 237) nevertheless(adv):yet/nonetheless/still
 238) bite the bullet(id,v): to do something unwillingly
 239) rampant(adj):out of control

- 240) persnickety(adj):fussy/strict/fastidious
- 241) bent out of shape(adj):really angry
- 242) cross the rubicon(id,v):crossing the point of no return/to go too far/to cross a very big line
- 243) Neanderthal(n/adj):early cave man/lacking culture/brain-dead guy
- 244) ascertain(v):to discover with certainty
- 245) transgression(n):violation
- 246) multitude(n):many
- 247) accumulate(v):to collect
- 248) infringement(n): too close without permission
- 249) sort(n):label
- 250) feral(adj):wild
- 251) prodigious(adj):extraordinary
- 252) deem(v):judge
- 253) cross(v): to pass/to breed-interbreed/cross fertilization
- 254) harbor(v):have/possess/hold
- 255) litter(n):group of new born animals/ trash/ pile of objects
- 256) propensity(n):tendency/need/ability
- 257) sustenance(n):food/nourishment/comestibles
- 258) **Biosphere(n)**:area of world where life exists **Pedosphere(n)**:area of world with soil/dirt/earth **Geosphere(n)**:solid/rock based part of the earth studied by geologists **Hydrosphere(n)**:all water found on earth
- 259) gourmand(n):food lover
- 260) ground breaking (adj): seminal/original/revolutionary
- 261) case in point(phr):for example/namely/specifically
- 262) obtuse(adj):stupid
- 263) conundrum(n):challenging problem/problem with no answer/puzzlement
- 264) diffidence(n):no confidence
- 265) albeit(adv):but/although/though
- 266) inscrutable(adj):impenetrable
- 267) insurmountable(adj):impossible/cannot be conquered/unresolvable
- 268) countenance(n):expression on one's face
- 269) ebullient(adj):always enthusiastic
- 270) disconcerted(adj):preplexed/embarrassed/discombobulated
- 271) nail(id,v): to answer correctly/to attain a goal/to target and hit
- 272) take no prisoners(id,v): show no pity or compassion or weakness
- 273) all manner of (adj):all kinds of/myriad of/great variety of
- 274) widget(n):name of a non specific product or contrivance
- 275) peddle(v):to sell
- 276) budding(adj):young and learning
- 277) expand one's horizons(id,v):to explore new territory
- 278) rake in (id,v): to make a lot of money
- 279) resurrect(v): to bring back from the dead/ to give new life/ to make new again
- 280) stigmata(n):marks
- 281) peruse(v):examine carefully
- 282) salient(adj):one that rises above the rest
- 283) mince words(v):to be uncertain/to render incomplete/to soften one's words
- 284) epiphany(n):innate moment of realization/sudden revelation/personal discovery
- 285) boon(n):benefit
- 286) disingenuous(adj):insincere
- 287) expediency(n):convenience
- 288) bevy of (phr):a myriad of/many/a lot of

- 289) expunge(v): to delete totally
- 290) ersatz(adj):fake(german)/knock of/forgery
- 291) vernacular(n):mainstream/native/indigenous language
- 292) jargon(n):code for special applications
- 293) aficionado(n):fan
- 294) voracious(adj):always hungry
- 295) murky(adj):not clear
- 296) territorial(adj):protective of one's land
- 297) attribute to(v):to give credit to/to acknowledge/to give benefit to
- 298) zenith(n):highest point/opposite of nadir/the absolute top
- 299) laissez-faire(phr):free market buisness model
- 300) impugn(v):to attack
- 301) epitome(n):quintessence
- 302) equanimity(n):calm
- 303) placate(v):to assuage/mollify/pacify
- 304) resplendent(adj):brilliant and amazing
- 305) impervious(adj):invulnerable to attack
- 306) harangue(n/v):long,angry lecture
- 307) rancor(n):anger
- 308) Persevere(v):to keep going despite obstacles or discouragement/to maintain a purpose (Perseverance is noun/Persistent is adj.) (e.g:Researchers in meteorology persevere in studying and predicting tsunami behavior.)
- 309) Plunge(v):to go down suddenly/to decrease by great amount in short time.(e.g:He jumped of the diving board and plunged into the pool./The value of the company's stocks plunged after its CEO's resignation./He plunged the box of candy during his visit to his aun't house./Many believe that it's cruel to plunge live lobsters into boiling water.)
- 310) Cultivation(n):preparing the land to grow crops/improvement for agricultural purposes.(e.g: With the deveelopment of land cultivation,hunters and gatherers were able to settle in one place. Cultivate(v) – e.g: The farmers use various methods to cultivate the crops.)
- 311) Intensify(v):to increase in power/to act with increased strength.(e.g: Several human rights agencies has intensified their efforts to fight child abuse worldwide.)
- 312) Irrigation(n):to supply water to dry land.(e.g:In dry areas of the country, you can see ditches all over the farmland for irrigation.)
- 313) Adversely(adv):in a harmful way/negatively (e.g:Excessive rainfall can adversely affect the planting of crops.) (adverse adj./adversity n.)
- 314) Feature(n):part/characteristic. (e.g: The best feature of this computer is its processor's speed.)
- 315) Inherent(adj):naturally characterisitc/always found within something/basic part of something.(e.g: No job can be interesting all the time.Boredom is inherent in any kind of work.)
- 316) Constraint(n):something that restricts thought or action.(e.g: The constraints of military life kept Eileen from seeing Private Morrison more than once a month.)
- 317) Deplete(v):to greatly decrease the supply of a resource or material.(e.g: Sternous excercise depletes the muscle from its glycogen stores.)
- 318) Dispose of(v):to throw away/to get rid of/to kill.(e.g:The mobster cruelly disposed of all his enemies./I'm going to dispose of my unwanted posessions before moving to my new apartment.)
- 319) Emission(n):sending out a small space into the general environment/a substance discharged into the air. (The Environmental Protection Agency regulates the emission of pollutants into the air.)
- 320) Reservoir(n):A place where a liquid is collected and stored.(e.g: The town's water

- reservoir was built 2 years ago.)
- 321) Shrink(v):to become reduced in size,amount,or value.(e.g:If you dry your clothing on the "high heat" setting,they may shrink.)
- 322) Stable(adj.): firm and dependable/showing little change. (e.g: He fell because the ladder wasn't stable./He is in a stable condition.)
- 323) Adjust(v):to change/get accustomed to something.(e.g:It took him time to adjust to his new house./ Travelers are advised to adjust their watches before arriving in the new time zone.)
- 324) Arbitrary(adj):chosen simply by whim or chance/not for any specific reason.(e.g:The decision to build a school in Blackberry Township was arbitrary,without any thought to future housing patterns. Arbitrate v./arbitrator n./arbitrarily adv.)
- 325) Denominator(n):the number written below the line in a fraction/ the most basic and unsophisticated things that most people share.
- 326) Exponentially(adv): at very fast rate.(e.g:The value of the Egyptian Pound has decreased exponentially in the last five years.)
- 327) Infinitesimal(adj):Immeasurably small.(e.g:The number of contaminants in the water infinitesimal,so the water was safe to drink.)
- 328) Parallel(adj):being an equal distance apart everywhere.(e.g:The street where i live runs parallel to the main road though town.)
- 329) Proportion(n): a part in relation to the whole.(e.g:The average employee spends a large proportion **of** each workday answering e-mails.)
- 330) Rate(n):the cost per unit of a good or service/the motion or change that happens in a certain time.(Telecommunication rates in Lebanon are among the highest in the world./Some grasses grow at the rate of one inch per day.)
- 331) Sequence(v):to organize or arrange in succession.(e.g; Volunteers has been asked to sequence the files and organize the boxes.) (sequence n. : the order of something/sequentially adv.)
- 332) Adjacent(adj):next to. (e.g:Even though the villages are adjacent to each other, their residents speak different languages.)
- 333) Compress(v): to press together.(e.g: Winrar is a computer software used to compress files.)
- 334) Feasibly(adv)practically/in a way that can work.(e.g: Scientists can't feasibly bring energy from deep ocean currents to where it is needed-on land)
- 335) Gut(v):to empty or hollow out.(e.g:In order to remodel the house,we must first gut it and throw away all the old fixtures.)
- 336) Integrally(adv):In a whole or complete manner(e.g: Writing and spelling are taught intergrally as a part of the reading program.)
- 337) Overlap(v): to lie over part of something/to have elements in common.(e.g: One of the 2 assistants will likely get fired, since most of their duties in the office overlap.)
- 338) Retain(v): to keep or hold (e.g: The rain fell so heavily that the banks of the river could not retain all the water.)
- 339) seep(v):to pass slowly for a long time,as a liquid or gas.(e.g: As th containers rusted, the toxic waste seeped into the ground.)
- 340) Structure(n): Something constructed, such as a building.(e.g:Most companies have a social structure that can't be understood by outsiders.)
- 341) Corrode(v):to be slowly weakened by chemical reactions.(e.g: Sitting in salt water,the old coins corroded and became very easy to break.)
- 342) Derive(v): to come from,usually through a long,slow process.(e.g: The Cyrillic alphapet was dervied from the Greek alphabet.)
- 343) Detection(n):Discovering something that cannot easily be found.(e.g: With new medical technology, the detection of cancer is much easier nowadays.)
- 344) Expeditiously(adv):Quickly ad efficiently(e.g: Using carrier pigeons, the militay

- commanders exchanged messages expeditiously.)
- 345) Implement(v):to make use of/to carry out.(e.g: Not until after the new software was installed could we implement the new filing system.)
- 346) Installation(n):Setting something into position for use.(e.g:Installation of the new software takes only four minutes.)
- 347) Simulation(n):An imitation or representation.(e.g: To test car safety,automobile makers study crash simulations.)
- 348) Convey(v):to transport from one place to another/to transmit or make known(e.g: A messenger conveyed the prince's letter to the commander of the army.)
- 349) Discretely(adv):separately/distinctly(e.g:in order to understand how the engine worked, each component needed to be studied discretely.)
- 350) Permeate(v):to spread or flow throughout/to pass through or penetrate(e.g:The smell of cooking permeated the entire apartment building.)
- 351) Rotate(v):to turn around/to take turns in sequence.(e.g:The planet rotates on its axis once every 14 earth days.The children rotate classroom responsibilities on a weekly basis.)
- 352) Trigger(v):to set off or initiate.(e.g:I was certain any mention of politics would trigger a big argument.)
- 353) Acquisition(n):the act of taking possession of something.(e.g: Our recent acquisition of over 2000 books makes our biggest library in the region.)
- 354) Consciously(adv):with awareness of one's actions.(e.g: He may have hurt her feelings,but he never would have done so consciously.)
- 355) Degrade(v):to reduce in value or strength.(e.g:The roads in cold or wet areas of the united states degrade faster than those in warm,sunny regions.)
- 356) Indisputable(adj):beyond doubt/unquestionable(e.g: The members of the jury found her guilty because they found the facts of the case indisputable.)
- 357) Intervene(v);to come between.(e.g:A good mediator intervenes only as much as necessary to settle a dispute between other parties.)
- 358) Intuitively(adv):By means of a natural sense about things that are hard to observe(e.g:Many mothers know intuitively when something is wrong with their children.)
- 359) Recede(v):to move back or away from.(e.g:After the age of 30,his hairline began to recede further back from his forehead.)
- 360) Retrieve(v);to bring or get back(e.g:Most dogs can be trained to retrieve objects that their owners have thrown.)
- 361) Agnostic(adj):Believing that humans cannot know whether there is a God.(e.g:His devoutly Christian parents had problems with his agnostic beliefs.)
- 362) Animism(n):the belief that natural objects,such as trees,have souls.(e.g:Desert cultures that practice animism often believe that winds contain spirits.)
- 363) Atheist(n):one who does not believe in the existence of a supreme being.(e.g: he argued that his scientific training made it impossible for him to be anything but an atheist.)
- 364) Be inclined to (v):to favor an opinion or a course of action.(e.g: He couldn't say which candidate he favored,but he had always been inclined to vote Republican.)
- 365) Deify(v):to worship as a God.(e.g: When people deify the leader of their country,the leader is able to abuse power more easily.)
- 366) Ecclesiastical(adj):relating to a church(e.g:He was looking specifically for a university where he could study ecclesiastical history.)
- 367) Exalt(v):to praise or honor(e.g:He would often exalt the virtues of his new wife.)
- 368) Pious(adj):having or exhibiting religious reverence.(e.g:Sometimes she was so pious that the rest of us felt like heathens)
- 369) Heathen(n):A follower of a polytheistic religion; a pagan *derogatory*. A person who does not belong to a widely held religion (esp. one who is not a Christian, Jew, or Muslim) as regarded...: "bringing Christianity to the heathens"
- 370) Decrepit(adj):weakened or worn out because of age,illness,or excessive use.(e.g:The

- once-beautiful building was now dirty, decrepit, and roofless.)
- 371) Aggravate(v): to make worse/to anger or intensify. (e.g: Running will aggravate your sore knees.)
- 372) Augment(v): to make bigger or better by adding to. (e.g: In some types of popular cosmetic surgery people augment parts of their bodies/The college augmented its course offerings because students complained that there were too few choices.)
- 373) Certifiably(adv): In a manner that is officially recognized. (e.g: He couldn't be institutionalized until he was declared certifiably insane.)
- 374) Divination(n): Fortelling the future by finding the patterns in physical objects. (e.g: In Turkey, women offer divinations by reading the dregs from a coffee cup.)
- 375) Haunt(v): To continually appear (in the form of a ghost) in the same place or to the same person. (e.g: Some say that ghost of Princess Hilda haunts this castle, appearing as a headless form while she plays the piano.)
- 376) Intermediary(n): Acting as an agent between people or things. (e.g: The plaintiff's lawyer suggested that they hire an intermediary to help them discuss their case.)
- 377) Invoke(v): to call for support. (e.g: In many religions, believers invoke their God by holding out their hands.)
- 378) Self-perpetuating(adj): Having the power to renew oneself for indefinite period of time.
- 379) Assimilate(v): to consume and incorporate/to become similar. (e.g: Not all of the overseas students could assimilate **into** the rigidly controlled school.)
- 380) Cremation(n): The act of burning the dead. (e.g: Cremation is particularly common in Japan, where land for burial is very limited.)
- 381) Domesticate(v): to make something suitable for being in a home. (e.g: The Barnes family hoped to domesticate the tiger, but their neighbors were skeptical.)
- 382) Folklore(n): traditional myths of a people transmitted orally. (e.g: Through folklore, archaeologists have learned about the migration of Native Americans in North America.)
- 383) Fossilize(v): to become preserved in clay or stone or ash after death, so that a natural record is left of the original organism/to become rigid and stuck in old ways. (e.g: The dinosaur eggs had fossilized over thousands of years.)
- 384) Relic(n): something left from a long ago culture, time period or person. (e.g: Relics of the war can still be found in the sand dunes along this shore.)
- 385) Rite(n): a ceremony meant to achieve a certain purpose. (e.g: Many cultures have fertility rites that supposedly makes it more likely for women to bear children.)
- 386) Saga(n): a long story about important events long ago. (e.g: Many American families tell sagas about their ancestors' arrival in the United States.)
- 387) Vestige(n): A visible trace that something once existed. (e.g: The wilted flowers were the only vestige of their romantic weekend.)
- 388) Amend(v): to change for the better. (e.g: The residents voted to amend their neighborhood policy on fences.)
- 389) de facto(adj): truly doing a job, even if not officially. (e.g: Popular support established the Citizens Party as the de facto government.)
- 390) Notion(n): a belief, a fanciful impulse. (e.g: The notion that older office equipment is unreliable is inaccurate./One morning, she suddenly took the notion to paint her kitchen red.)
- 391) Prejudiced(adj): causing to judge prematurely and unfairly. (e.g: Many consumers are prejudiced against commercial goods made in third-world countries.)
- 392) Distinctly(adv): clearly (e.g: I distinctly remember saying that we would meet at noon.)
- 393) Erudite(adj): highly educated. (e.g: Even though Stella was only a freshman, she was considered erudite by both her classmates and her professors.)
- 394) Fortify(v): to strengthen. (e.g: The high priced drink had extra vitamins and minerals

- to fortify the body.)
- 395) Implicity(adv):without being tated/unquestioningly(e.g:By joining the competition,she agreed implicity to the rules.)
- 396) Parochial(adj): restricted in outlook/relating to the local parish.(e.g:Marla moved from her rual community to get away from its parochial thinking. Sending your children to a parochial school can cost as much as sending them to college.)
- 397) Rigor(n):Strictness/difficult situations that come from following rules strictly.(e.g:The wrestler followed his diet with rigor./The rigors of military life toughned the young men quickly.)
- 398) Roster(n):a list especially of names(e.g:2 names on the roster were misspelled.)
- 399) Eloquently(adv):Characterized by persuasive, powerful discourse: an eloquent speaker; an eloquent sermon./ Vividly or movingly expressive: a look eloquent with compassion.
- 400) Allegiance(n):loyalty.(e.g: My allegiance to my country is based on respect for its principles.)
- 401) Hierarchy(n):a system of levels that places people high or low according to their importance.(e.g: Starting as a lowly private,Burt Jones gradually rose through the hierarchy of the army.)
- 402) Annex(v):to make something(usually land) part of another unit.(e.g:Bardstown grew by annexing several farms at the north edge of town.)
- 403) Conquest(n):a takeover by force or continued effort.(e.g:The first recorded conquest of Mt.Everest was by Tensing Norgay and Sir Edmund Hilary.) (conquer v.)
- 404) Devise(v):to find an original way to make an object or a plan.(e.g: The soldiers devised a way ti cross the river into enemy territory.) (device n.)
- 405) Prevailing(adj.) Strongest or most common (Prevail v./prevalence n.) (e.g:The prevailing attitude among our neighbors is to be friendly but not too friendly.)
- 406) Milieu(n): General Environment or surroundings.(e.g: Many Vietnam veterans did not feel comfortable in the antiwar social milieu of the 1970s)
- 407) Orwellian(adj):frightening and overcontrolled by a government that interferes in nearly every aspect of personal life.(e.g: Biometric devices like eye-scanners allow an Orwellian level of government knowledge about everyone's location.)
- 408) Reconciliation(n):coming back together peacefully after having been enemies.(e.g:South Africs avoided a bloodbath after apartheid by setting up a Truth and Reconciliation Commission.)
- 409) Apartheid(n):A policy or practice of separating or segregating groups.
- 410) Allocate(v):to give out different amounts for different purposes(e.g:The budget allocates \$58billion to the military and only about \$2billion to education.)
- 411) Commodity(n):A thing that can be bought and sold,such as grain,oil,or wood.(e.g:Tulip Bulbs were one of the most Valuable commoditis in seventeenth-century Holland)
- 412) Subsidy(n):Money Given by a government or other organization to support an activity.(e.g: Federal subsidies to grain farmers have helped them stay in buisness despite three years of bad weather.)
- 413) Tangible(adj): obviously real because it can be seen,touched,or otherwise observed.(e.g: One tangible benefit of putting electrical cables underground is a clearer view of the sky.)
- 414) Impoverish(v); to make a person or group poor.(e.g: The collapse of the steel industry impoverished several countries in eastern Ohio.)
- 415) Proprietor(n):Owner, usually of a buisness or a building. (e.g; The proprietor of Hekman's Windows is Nels Hekman,grandson of the people who established the factory.)
- 416) Exploit(v):to take advantage of/to treat inconsiderately in order to profit(e.g:The company tried to exploit the low interest rates to expand operations.)

- 417) Incentive(n): A possible benefit that motivates a person to do a certain thing.(e.g: This city's willingness to support its public schools gave us an incentive **to** move here with out two young children.)
- 418) Marginal(adj):Not very significant or effective.(e.g:Our new advertising campaign had only marginal success,raising sales by a mere 3 percent.)
- 419) Merit(n):value/success based on one's work,not on luck.(e.g: Pay raises at our company are based on merit,as determined by a committee of managers.)
- 420) Distill(v): to remove one liquid from a mixture of liquids by boiling;to get something valuable from a confusing mix of ideas.(e.g: The forest people of Southeast Asia distill an alcoholic drink called arak from a paste of palm berries./Most students are confused by her lectures,but Joe can always distill her main idea.)
- 421) Intrepid(adj):fearless(e.g: for nearly 200 years,only the most intrepid colonists would cross the Appalachian Mountains.)
- 422) Haggle(v):to argue back and forth about a price.(e.g:The customer and the shopkeeper haggled over the silver plate for more than an hour.)
- 423) Shuttle(v):to move back and forth between 2 places.(e.g:The small jet shuttles between Kuala Lumpur and Singapore nearly every 2 hours.)
- 424) Bitterly(adv):Strongly and with a lot of bad feelings.(e.g: Senator Thomas bitterly opposed the movement to design a new state flag.)
- 425) Inaugurate(v):to bring into public office/to start formally.(e.g: The US president is elected in November,but is not inaugurated until the following January.)
- 426) Allegedly(adv):according to what people say.(e.g: The chief financial officer of the company allegedly took company's money for his personal use.)
- 427) Verdict(n):A judgement in a court case.(e.g: It took the jury only 30 minutes to reach a verdict of "guilty".)
- 428) Condemn(v):to speak out against something in very strong terms.(e.g: Religious radicals condemned the government for allowing alcohol to be sold in restaurants.)
- 429) Bureaucratic(adj): related to a large organisation with a lot of complicated procedures.(implies that something is inefficient and unnecessarily complicated.)(e.g:Before I could speak with the chief, I had to go through a bureaucratic runaround of identity checks and written requests.)
- 430) Assail(v):to criticize or attack forcefully.(e.g:With DNA evidence from the crime scene, the defense lawyer assailed the police for falsely arresting his client.)(assailant n./assault n.)
- 431) Implicate(v):to suggest that someone was involved in a crime or other wrong behavior.(e.g:No group claimed responsibility for the bombing,but the type of explosive used implicates the Heartland Freedom Militia.)
- 432) Inquiry(n):investigation.(e.g: The FBI launched an inquiry into the relationship between organised crime and the trucking company.)
- 433) Intrusively(adv):In a way that brings unwanted person or thing into someone else's affairs.(e.g: The new consultant from company headquarters appeared intrusively at meetings,staff parties,and other functions where he was not wanted.) (intrude v./intruder or intrusion n./intrusive adj.)
- 434) Evade(v): to get away from something that tries to catch you.(e.g: The robbery suspects tried to evade the police by fleeing to Canada.)
- 435) Grotesque(adj):extremely unattractive,in a way that catches a lot of attention.(e.g: Spending \$3.5million to redecorate the governor's house is a grotesque misuse of public money.)
- 436) Coerce(v):to force/to put pressure on someone to do something.(e.g: A criminal's confession is not usable in court if the police coerce him or her into giving it.)(coercion n./coercive adj.)
- 437) Predicament(n): a difficult situation,one that is hard to get out of. (e.g: College

- basketball player of wanting to graduate but being tempted by high professional salaries.)
- 438) Distort(v): to twist or misinterpret/to make something seem different from what it really is.(e.g: If you hold a pencil in a glass of water, the water distorts the appearance of the pencil.)
- 439) Interdict(v);to keep something from reaching a certain place.(e.g: With faster patrol boats,the Coast Guard can more easily interdict drugs being smuggled by sea.)
- 440) Juxtapose(v):Place next to one another.(e.g: If you juxtapose these two similar flowers,you can see clear differences between them.)
- 441) Subtly(adv):in a quiet,hard to notice way(e.g:By subtly changing the soft drink's formula,we improved its taste and made production cheaper.)
- 442) Sentiment(n):feelings/opinion based on feelings.(e.g:I share your sentiments about air travel,but i disagree that cars are safer.)
- 443) Clique(n):A small group of friends who are unfriendly to people outside the group.(e.g:High-schoolers form cliques to security and acceptance.)
- 444) Confide(v): to tell personal things.(e.g:Teenagers are more willing to confide in a friend than in a parent.)(confidant n./confidence n./ confidential adj.)
- 445) Despondent(adj):Extremely sad and without hope for the future.(e.g: After his girlfriend left him,Johnson was despondent and wouldn't talk to anyone.)
- 446) Devotion(n):willingness to keep supporting someone you admire.(e.g: Grant showed great devotion to his wife,supporting her long illness.)
- 447) Engender(v):to bring into being/to cause to exist.(e.g:The government's warnings about terrorism engendered fear throughout the nation.)
- 448) Berate(v): to say insulting and disrespectful things.(e.g:The teacher lost his job because he cruelly berated students who made mistakes.)
- 449) Contemptuous(n):having no respect(e.g:most scientists are contemptuous of reports that aliens from outer space have landed on the Earth.)
- 450) Vitriolic(adj):showing and extreme,hateful anger.(e.g: The mayor's vitriolic attacks against the city council only made him sound unreasonable.)
- 451) Delinquency(n);serious misbehavior/not doing what one should do(e.g: because of his laziness and delinquency,Lefty was unreliable friend.)
- 452) Fringe(n):edge/in social contexts,parts of society that look or act very different from most people.(e.g:Punk music got its start at the fringe of London's rock music culture.)
- 453) Hedonistic(adj):excessively seeking pleasure.(e.g:Suddenly wealthy,Allen fell into a hedonistic life of parties,expensive dinners,and heavy drinking.)
- 454) Abstract(adj):not concrete and realistic/not obviously related to everyday experience.(e.g:Abstract painting became popular partly because early photography was very realistic.)
- 455) Depict(v):to show in pictures.(e.g: Micheal Angelo's painting on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel depicts nine scenes from the Bible.)