

## 11<sup>th</sup> Grade SAT Vocabulary List Seven

1. **Heretic n.** one who differs from accepted belief or theory  
Witches were hanged and burned as heretics by religious fanatics during the Puritan era.
2. **Inexorable adj.** inflexible; not movable by any means  
Her inexorable religious convictions led her to live a life of chastity and self-sacrifice as a nun.
3. **Aver v.** to state firmly and convincingly  
I averred my new year's resolutions on January 1<sup>st</sup>, only to break them the next day.
4. **Equivocal adj.** open to two interpretations; evasive, unclear  
His puzzling, equivocal answer left us all stunned and questioning his sanity.
5. **Garrulous adj.** extremely talkative; gabby, loquacious  
The garrulous teenage girls never tired of gossiping and talking about their boyfriends.
6. **Posit v.** to propose; suggest  
When he first posited his idea no one thought it would work, but as it turned out it has attributed to the success of the company.
7. **Proponent n.** one who talks in favor of something; an advocate  
John is hardly a proponent of sloth, he generally works sixty hours a week and sometimes more.
8. **Respite n.** rest, pause, lull; time of relief from activity  
Winter break will be welcome respite from my busy school schedule.
9. **Elucidate v.** to explain fully and clearly  
Mrs. Macintosh, our geometry teacher, is always willing to elucidate a problem if we don't understand it.
10. **Sagacious adj.** prudent; showing wisdom in one's understanding of things  
It is amazing how sagacious Joy is for a twelve-year-old; she has more sense than some thirty-year-olds I know.
11. **Atrophy v.** to wither, degenerate; to waste away  
When the doctor removed the cast from my arm, I found that my muscles had atrophied considerably.
12. **Burgeon v.** to flourish, to grow and quickly expand; bloom  
Ideas burgeon in people's minds just as flowers and weeds burgeon in soil.
13. **Affluent adj.** wealthy in a material sense  
In Haiti, there are few affluent people; most people are so indigent they live in small shacks.
14. **Tawdry adj.** cheap-looking; showy, gaudy  
Her sequined gown was tawdry enough, but the cheap costume jewelry made her outfit look even more ridiculous.
15. **Rancor n.** deep-seated bitterness; old enmity  
The rancor in the family made it impossible to celebrate holidays together without a fight ensuing.