

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

- 1. Partisan adj.** strongly in favor of; biased, prejudiced  
In a country tired of partisan politics, the people hunger for representatives that will put the good of the nation before their political party.
- 2. Altruism n.** useful giving for the benefit of others  
Most religions are based on the concept of altruism, believing that those that give will receive.
- 3. Nonchalant adj.** casual, carefree, unconcerned  
His attitude towards smoking was nonchalant until he developed lung cancer.
- 4. Brusquely adv.** curtly, abruptly, bluntly  
When I asked my mom if I could go to the Marilyn Manson concert, she brusquely answered “No way!”
- 5. Austerity n.** somberness of manner; graveness  
As the police captain discussed the serial murder case, he spoke with great austerity.
- 6. Facilitate v.** to make easier or simpler; to smooth the way  
The geometry professor facilitated the complex formula until all the students understood it.
- 7. Precipitate v.** to cause to happen suddenly or prematurely  
The dark storm clouds and howling wind precipitated the severe storm that lasted all week.
- 8. Paradigm n.** something serving a model or idea  
For years, our class unknowingly acted as a paradigm for classes after us.
- 9. Iconoclast n.** one who criticizes established ideas or traditions  
The newspaper labeled the protesting students as iconoclasts that were trying to overrun the college.
- 10. Tacit adj.** silent; implied through one’s actions  
Her husband’s love was a tacit love, for he never said those three words: “I love you.”
- 11. Unimpeachable adj.** blameless; irreproachable  
The man on trial for embezzlement testified with such an air of credulity that he appeared unimpeachable.
- 12. Ubiquitous adj.** seemingly everywhere; widespread  
MacDonald’s restaurants, ubiquitous today, were scarce just twenty-five years ago.
- 13. Assuage v.** to appease; pacify, to quiet  
The best way to assuage your parents harping about a dirty room is to clean it.
- 14. Stagnate v.** to stop the flow of; make inactive  
All the hair stuck in the shower drain began to stagnate the flow of water.
- 15. Karma n.** a life force that determines your fate or destiny in the next life  
Whether you call it karma or something else, everyone would like to know why life unfolds as it does.