## 500 Key Words For The SAT, And How To Remember Them Forever!



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## Synopsis

500 Key Words for the SAT uses pictures and stories to help you remember the meanings of five hundred of the vocabulary words that appear most frequently on the SAT. Learning is fast, fun, and forever! Also: a special section in the back provides tips for the reading part of the SAT. Remember, no matter how much they change the SAT, vocabulary will always be critically important if you want a high score. This book was originally published in 1992 as 500 SAT Words, and How To

Remember Them Forever! This 2013 edition is the thirteenth printing, with well over 100,000 copies sold!

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## Customer Reviews

I guess the best way to judge the use of a book like this is to see if there is a pay off. I am a reading teacher and have used this book with my students for many years. My students leave my class to go on to take the 7th grade Duke SAT with outstanding success. Teachers at the junior high and high school level are astounded by the vocabulary and definition retention level of my students. This book not only exposes the students to 500 great words, but it also gives the students a tool to use in learning other--hard to remember---definitions. For my students, this book becomes a "how to" book ---"how to" remember the meanings of words even when they are used in isolation--without context clues. The proof of the value of this book is in the results that my students have had with the Duke SAT, PSAT and the SAT. It's hard to argue with results.

It's been years since I took the SAT's and I haven't looked at this book since. In fact, I think I must have donated it right after I took that test. However, last night I used a word casually in conversation with another law student and was complimented on my vocabulary. I thought for a moment and realized that I first learned that word while somewhat casually looking through this book. When I think of that word it still brings to mind the accompanying story and picture in this book, which makes it easy for me to know that I used it correctly (an invaluable certainty when one is dealing with other law students). I then started thinking about all the other words I first learned from this book. If your learning style is anything like mine, this book is amazing. It will not only teach you new words that you'll need for your SAT's, it will teach you them in such a way that you won't have just gone through a binge and purge process. You will truly be learning them forever.

I am an AVID teacher and am preparing my students for the SAT. After I started using this book my students now think that learning Vocab is fun! When have you ever heard a high school student say that vocab is fun? I highly recommend this book!

Receiving 500 words to memorize for a book that is a little over $\$ 10$ is a great deal. Other books are content to give you much less, and divide it into a couple volumes for you to buy. Moreover, the pictures that go along with the words and the example sentences which put a word in context are very helpful. However, there is one thing l'd like to quickly point out. l've been going over this book with my younger brother who is going to take the SAT, and l've got to say that a few of the definitions for the words are not the best. They are correct, but not precise. I think this was done for some of the words so that students can get a conceptual idea of the word, but it doesn't help if you want to know the precise meaning of the word.

This book was invaluable, couldn't believe how many of these words were on the actual test.

My mother bought this book for me when I was in 7th grade and spent time going over words with me every day. I was able to finish it before I entered high school (I am currently a sophomore) and I still remember all of the words. I haven't taken the SAT yet, but I couldn't imagine using this book to study right before it. So I recommend that you purchase a different book if you are in a hurry because this book takes investing of time and energy.

I have been teaching school for 25 years. Six years ago, I discovered Mr. Gulotta's SAT book and
began introducing the vocabulary words in my classes. I soon discovered that it isn't just the words in this book that helped to make my students successful, but it was also the learning of the "process for remembering definitions". After about 4 months of using this book as our guide, my students soon began to develop their own methods of remembering hard to remember definitions. It was wonderful to watch my students look at a word and see a story evolve from its meaning. This is a skill that will serve them well as they go on to develop as readers and writers. Now, my entire school uses this book (beginning in Kindergarten) and by the time these students reach me in 6th grade, they will have learned and re-learned the process of seeing a story in the definition of a word. The SAT is looming out there, so it is never too early to start preparing. A word a day keeps SAT worries away!! Thank you Mr. Gulotta!!!

Threw the kids this and told 'em if they don't get an academic scholarship for college it's off to work in the local tannery, rendering meat to make Jell-O. This is a very practical tool for expanding vocabulary--not just for kid looking to increase their verbal scores, but for jumped up bumpkins like me looking to sound all smart and ejicated at fancy art gallery openings and various high-falutin' soirees.

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