

Macbeth

by William Shakespeare

Definitions



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1.	antidote	AN teh dote	something that relieves the effects of poison
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> poison
	A snake bite need not be deadly, as long as one can get an antidote quickly.		
	Derivatives >>	antidotol	
2.	augment	awg MENT	to make greater or to supplement
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to diminish
	We must try to augment our savings this year.		
	Derivatives >>	augmentable, augmenter, augmentation, augmentative, augmented	
3.	augury	AW gyuh ree	an omen or prophecy
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	Several auguries were revealed to Caesar before his death.		
	Derivatives >>	augur, auguries, augured	
4.	avarice	AV uh ris	greed for wealth
	Synonyms >>	cupidity	Antonym >> generosity
	Avarice and gluttony are two vices that can destroy lives.		
	Derivatives >>	avaricious, avariciously, avariciousness	
5.	balm	BALLM	a soothing substance or one that gives relief
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> irritant
	The balm caused the pain of the sunburn to subside and then to diminish.		
	Derivatives >>	balmily, balminess, balmy, balms, balmed, balming	
6.	bane, baneful	BANE ful	a source of harm or destruction; harmful, destructive
	Synonyms >>	deleterious, detrimental, noxious, pernicious	Antonym >> benign influence; harmless
	Overeating was the bane of her existence. The baneful herbs made the woman extremely ill.		
	Derivatives >>	baneful, banefully, banefulness	
7.	beguile	buh GUYL	to deceive, to mislead, to persuade with charm
	Synonyms >>	delude	Antonym >> to enlighten
	We sometimes allow ourselves to be beguiled by flatterers.		
	Derivatives >>	beguiled, beguiling, beguilement, beguiler	
8.	bestow	be STOW	to grant or to give
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> deprive
	The country bestowed honor for Martin Luther King, Jr., by making his birthday a national holiday.		
	Derivatives >>	bestowal, bestowed, bestowment	
9.	blanch	BLANCH	to take the color out of, to bleach, to make white
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to color
	It is popular to blanch new blue jeans before wearing them.		
	Derivatives >>	blancher, blanched	
10.	blasphemous	BLAS fuh mus	irreverent, profane
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> sacred; reverent
	Telling that sacrilegious joke is blasphemous.		
	Derivatives >>	blaspheme, blasphemed, blaspheming, blaspemer, blasphemousness, blasphemously, blasphemy	
11.	buffeted	BUFF et id	struck repeatedly, battered
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> assuaged; soothed
	The winds buffeted the seamen all last night.		
	Derivatives >>	buffet, buffeting, buffeter, buffets	

12.	censure	SEN shur	to blame or to condemn
	Synonyms >>	denounce, reprehend, reprobate (verb)	Antonym >> to praise
	The congressman was censured for taking a bribe.		
	Derivatives >>	censured, censuring, censorer, censures	
13.	champion	CHAM pee un	to defend or to support
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to persecute
	The senator championed the cause of the homeless.		
	Derivatives >>	championship, championless, championlike, championed, championing	
14.	cherubic	chuh ROO bic	innocent, wholesome, angelic
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> fiendish
	The cherubic expression on the child's face concealed his guilt.		
	Derivatives >>	cherub, cherubs, cherubim, cherubically	
15.	chide	CHIDE	to voice disapproval, to scold
	Synonyms >>	admonish, castigate, chasten, chastise, rebuke, reprove	Antonym >> to applaud
	I was chided by my teacher for not completing my assignment.		
	Derivatives >>	chided, chid, chidden, chiding, chider, chidingly	
16.	clamor	KLAM ur	loud noise or shouting
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> quiet
	The clamor finally subsided when the children went to bed.		
	Derivatives >>	clamors, clamored, clamoring, clamorous, clamorously, clamorousness	
17.	cloister	KLOI stur	to seclude or to confine
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to display; to exhibit; to make
	The wealthy magnate led a cloistered life in his retirement.		
	Derivatives >>	cloistered, cloisterlike, cloistering	
18.	combustible	kum BUS tuh bul	capable of burning
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> unable to burn
	One needs to be careful when cleaning with combustible liquids.		
	Derivatives >>	combustibility, combustibleness, combustibly, combustive	
19.	confound	kon FOUND	to cause one to become confused
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to distinguish between
	I am confounded by the tax forms of the IRS.		
	Derivatives >>	confounded, confoundedly, confounding, confounds	
20.	corporeal	kor POR ee ul	relating to a physical, material body; tangible and palpable
	Synonyms >>	bodily, material, substantial	Antonym >> immaterial; not tangible
	The lawyers asked the man to list all his corporeal properties, his material assets which are visible or tangible.		
	Derivatives >>	corporealist, corporeality, corporealize, corporeally	
21.	credulous	KREJ uh lus	believing on slight evidence, gullible
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> suspicious
	Because the lady's horoscope said that she should stay inside, the credulous woman did not go to work.		
	Derivatives >>	credulously, credulousness, credulity	
22.	daunt	DAWNT	to intimidate, to dismay
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to hearten
	I am not daunted by your threats.		
	Derivatives >>	dauntless, dauntlessly, dauntlessness	
23.	deft	DEFT	skillful, adroit
	Synonyms >>	clever, cunning, dexterous, ingenious	Antonym >> clumsy
	He was very deft in handling the questions from the reporter.		
	Derivatives >>	deftness, deftly	
24.	desolate	DES uh lit	deserted, without inhabitants, barren
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> populous
	Some of the western states have large areas that are desolate.		
	Derivatives >>	desolately, desolateness, desolater, desolating, desolation	
25.	diminution	dim uh NOO shun	diminishment, reduction
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> escalation
	The diminution of nuclear weapons is a goal of arms control.		
	Derivatives >>	diminutive, diminutival, diminutively, diminutiveness	

26.	disdain	dis DANE	intense dislike; to treat with scorn or contempt, to reject as unworthy
	Synonyms >>	(to be) arrogant, haughty, high-handed, insolent, lordly,	Antonym >> favor, admiration; to love
	Never having had to do manual labor, he disdained the idea of becoming a cotton picker.		
	Derivatives >>	disdained, disdaining, disdainer, disdainful, disdainfully, disdainfulness	
27.	dispatch	deh SPATCH	to send away with promptness or speed; speed, quickness
	Synonyms >>	haste, expediency	Antonym >> to delay; slowness, inefficiency
	The officer dispatched his troops to the scene of conflict.		
	Derivatives >>	dispatched, dispatching, dispatches	
28.	ecstasy	EK stuh see	extreme happiness
	Synonyms >>	rapture, transport	Antonym >> wretchedness
	The music was so beautiful that it put the crowd into a state of ecstasy.		
	Derivatives >>	ecstatic, ecstatical, ecstatically	
29.	entreaty	en TREE tee	a plea, an earnest request
	Synonyms >>	adjuration, appeal, suit, importunity, supplication	Antonym >> denial
	The lawyer made a lengthy entreaty to the jury before they retired to chambers.		
	Derivatives >>	entreat, entreatingly, entreatment	
30.	epicure	EP uh kyoor	a person who understands a lot about food and drink, a connoisseur
	Synonyms >>	gastronome, gourmet, gourmand	Antonym >> ascetic
	The extravagant party was enjoyed most by the epicure who indulged in sensual delight.		
	Derivatives >>	epicureal, epicurial, epicurean, epicureanism, epicureous, epicurism,	
31.	equivocate	eh KWIV uh kate	to attempt to lie, to mislead, or to hide the truth
	Synonyms >>	palter, prevaricate	Antonym >> to tell the truth
	Tell the truth and do not attempt to equivocate.		
	Derivatives >>	equivocal, equivocacy, equivocality, equivocally, equivocalness, equivocation, equivocator, equivocity	
32.	esteem	eh STEEM	estimate of value; approval and respect often blended with fondness
	Synonyms >>	regard, valuation, reputation	Antonym >> disrespect
	The people held their leader in the highest esteem.		
	Derivatives >>	esteemed, esteeming, esteems, esteemable	
33.	expeditious	ek speh DISH us	done with speed and efficiency
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> sluggish
	You need to be expeditious in solving this matter.		
	Derivatives >>	expedite, expediter, expedition, expeditionary, expeditioner, expeditiously, expeditiousness, expeditive	
34.	flout	FLOUT	to treat with contempt
	Synonyms >>	scoff, jeer, gibe, sneer, mock, insult	Antonym >>
	When the boy answered the question he flouted a response that was both rude and insulting.		
	Derivatives >>	flouted, flouting, flouts, flouter, floutingly	
35.	forswear	fore SWARE	to renounce and to repudiate
	Synonyms >>	abjure, renounce, recant, retract	Antonym >> to embrace eagerly
	I had such a hangover this morning that I am going to forswear drinking.		
	Derivatives >>	forsovere, foreswear, foresworn, foreswearing	
36.	fret	FRET	to worry or be annoyed
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> relax
	You should not fret over things that you cannot control		
	Derivatives >>	fretted, fretting, frets, fretful, fretfully, fretfulness	
37.	galling	GAUL ing	very irritating
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> soothing
	It was a galling experience to have my boyfriend ask another girl to the prom.		
	Derivatives >>	gallingly, gallingness, gall, galls, galled	
38.	harbingers	HAR bin jers	things that precede and forecast
	Synonyms >>	forerunners, heralds, precursors	Antonym >>
	Thick fur on a wooly worm is a harbinger of a cold winter.		
	Derivatives >>	harbinger	
39.	hideous	HID ee us	very ugly, offensive, shocking
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> delightful
	Some characters in the horror movie had hideous faces.		
	Derivatives >>	hideously, hideousness, hideosity	

40.	homage	HOM ij	a reverential regard; respect shown by external action
	Synonyms >>	honor, reverence, deference, obeisance	Antonym >> disrespect
	The people went to pay homage to their respected leader.		
	Derivatives >>	homages, homager	
41.	homely	HOME lee	plain or unattractive in appearance
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> pretty; attractive
	The girl was rather homely, but she had a wit and an intellect that could not be matched.		
	Derivatives >>	homeliness, homlier, homliest	
42.	humane	hyoo MANE	kind, compassionate, sympathetic and considerate
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> brutal
	The United States was very humane in its treatment of prisoners of war.		
	Derivatives >>	humanely, humaneness	
43.	husband	HUZ bund	to manage prudently and in a conservative manner
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to ignore; to slight
	A farmer must husband his animals if they are to remain healthy.		
	Derivatives >>	husbandry, husbandman, husbandly, husbander, husbandland	
44.	industrious	in DUS tree us	skillfully busy or occupied
	Synonyms >>	assiduous, diligent, sedulous	Antonym >> slothful, indolent
	The industrious student will use time wisely.		
	Derivatives >>	industriously, industriousness, industry	
45.	intemperance	in TEM pur uns	lack of moderation (usually relating to drinking alcohol)
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> temperance; moderation
	Some fraternity members are known for their intemperance.		
	Derivatives >>	intemperate, intemperancy, intemperately, intemperateness	
46.	kindle	KIN dul	to start a fire, to stir up
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to douse
	The boys were taught to kindle a fire.		
	Derivatives >>	kindled, kindling, kindles	
47.	lament	luh MENT	to mourn or to express sorrow in a demonstrative manner
	Synonyms >>	bemoan, bewail, deplore	Antonym >> to rejoice
	She lamented the death of her father in a very lachrymose manner.		
	Derivatives >>	lamented, lamenting, lamentation, lamentable	
48.	largess	lar JES, LAR jis	generous giving
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> miserliness
	The wealthy man was known by many charities for his largess.		
	Derivatives >>	largesse	
49.	laud	LAWD	to praise, to extol
	Synonyms >>	revere	Antonym >> to defame
	Her performance was lauded by all of the critics.		
	Derivatives >>	laudability, laudable, laudableness	
50.	lecher	LECH ur	one who indulges excessively in sexual activity or in lasciviousness
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> ascetic
	The young woman was repulsed by the unwanted sexual advances of the lecher.		
	Derivatives >>	lechery, lecherous, lecherously, lecherousness	
51.	malady	MAL eh dee	a disease or unwholesome condition
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> good health
	The poor old woman seems to suffer one malady after another.		
	Derivatives >>	maladies	
52.	malevolence	muh LEV uh lens	ill will or evil intentions
	Synonyms >>	malice, malignity, spite, spleen	Antonym >> benevolence
	The old man's malevolence was obvious when he removed the girl from his will.		
	Derivatives >>	malevolent, malevolently	
53.	malice	MAL is	desire to harm others
	Synonyms >>	malevolence, malignity, spite, spleen	Antonym >> concern
	His death was caused by malice and was not accidental.		
	Derivatives >>	maliceful, malicious, maliciously, maliciousness	

54.	malicious	muh LISH us	motivated by hate or deliberate intent to harm
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> kind
	The malicious boy burned down the school.		
	Derivatives >>	maliciousness, malice, maliciously, malicious	
55.	mettle	MET ul	courage or spirit
	Synonyms >>	resolution, tenacity	Antonym >> lack of courage
	A crisis like this would test anyone's mettle.		
	Derivatives >>	mettles, mettled, mettlesome	
56.	mirth	MURTH	gladness and merriment usually accompanied by laughter
	Synonyms >>	glee, hilarity, jollity	Antonym >> sadness
	The party was a source of mirth and gaiety.		
	Derivatives >>	mirthful, mirthfully, mirthfulness, mirthless, mirthlessly, mirthlessness	
57.	mortify	MORE tuh fie	to humiliate, to wound pride, to experience shame
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to calm; to soothe
	It would simply mortify me to have someone say such shameful things about my family.		
	Derivatives >>	mortifyingly, mortifier, mortified, mortifiedly, mortification	
58.	oblivion	uh BLIV ee un	state of being forgotten
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> remembrance
	Until the singer's recent hit, his career had fallen into a state of oblivion.		
	Derivatives >>	oblivious, obliviously	
59.	obscure	ub SKYOOR	difficult to see, vague
	Synonyms >>	abstruse, ambiguous, cryptic, enigmatic, equivocal, recondite	Antonym >> clear; apparent
	Because the meaning of the play was obscure, I was unable to enjoy it.		
	Derivatives >>	obscuration, obscurative, obscuredly, obscurely, obscurement, obscureness, obscurity	
60.	palatable	PAL uh tuh bul	agreeable to the taste, acceptable
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> distasteful
	I have never found it very palatable that girls in school can wear miniskirts but not shorts.		
	Derivatives >>	palatableness, palatability, palatably	
61.	pernicious	pur NISH us	very destructive or harmful, deadly
	Synonyms >>	baneful, deleterious, detrimental, noxious	Antonym >> harmless, benign
	Shooting heroin is a pernicious habit.		
	Derivatives >>	perniciously, perniciousness	
62.	petty	PET ee	small and insignificant
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> significant; prodigious
	Put your petty grievances aside and settle this matter.		
	Derivatives >>	pettiness, pettily	
63.	plight	PLITE	difficult or adverse situation
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> fortunate situation
	My plight is that I do not have enough money to pay my bills.		
	Derivatives >>	plights, plighted, plighting	
64.	posterity	pah STER uh tee	future generations, all descendants of a person
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> forebears
	They wanted to write a declaration of independence that would last for all posterity.		
	Derivatives >>	posterities	
65.	potent	POTE unt	powerful, having a strong effect
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> ineffectual
	They gave me a potent pain killer to stop the throbbing sensation in my leg.		
	Derivatives >>	potence, potency	
66.	prate	PRATE	to talk idly or foolishly at great length
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to speak about serious matters
	We want a speaker who will talk of important issues, not one who will prate about himself.		
	Derivatives >>	prater, prated, prating	
67.	prattle	PRAT ul	meaningless sounds, babble
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> articulate language
	I have difficulty understanding the prattle of young children.		
	Derivatives >>	prattled, prattling, prattlement, prattler, prattlingly	

68.	profundity	pruh FUN deh tee	profound knowledge, intellectual depth
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> shallowness; stupidity
	Einstein had a profundity that was admired by all.		
	Derivatives >>	profound, profoundly, profoundness	
69.	prologue	PRO log	introductory remarks in a speech, play or literary work, introductory action
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The play had a prologue that set the scene for the opening act.		
	Derivatives >>	prologist, prologize	
70.	purveyors	pur VAY ur	one who provides or procures
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The purveyors were able to get all sorts of things for their Army division.		
	Derivatives >>	purveyance, purveyor	
71.	quell	KWELL	to quiet or to put down a disturbance
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to foment; to incite
	Fortunately, the principal was able to quell the food fight in the cafeteria.		
	Derivatives >>	quelled, quelling, quells	
72.	quench	KWENCH	to extinguish, to put out; to relieve with liquid
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to stir up
	He quenched the hot coals in the barbecue pit with water.		
	Derivatives >>	quencher, quenched, quenching, quenchable, quenchableness	
73.	rancor	RANG kur	bitter deep-seated ill will, enmity
	Synonyms >>	animosity, animus, antagonism, antipathy, hostility	Antonym >> affection; kindness
	I was full of rancor when I learned that the men had killed my parents.		
	Derivatives >>	rancored, rancorous, rancorously	
74.	reconcile	REK un sile	to reestablish friendship, to resolve a dispute
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to alienate
	The family will never be the same until Mom and Grandma reconcile their differences.		
	Derivatives >>	reconcilability, reconcilable, reconcilableness, reconcilably, reconcileness, reconciliation, reconcile	
75.	rend	REND	to tear violently, to split
	Synonyms >>	cleave, rive	Antonym >> to unify
	He tried to rend the flag as a protest against the war.		
	Derivatives >>	rent, rended, rending, rends	
76.	requite	reh KWITE	to make repayment or to return
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to withhold
	The girl suffered a broken heart from unrequited love.		
	Derivatives >>	requited, requiter, requital	
77.	resolute	REZ uh loot	characterized by a decided purpose
	Synonyms >>	staunch, steadfast, determined, resolved, faithful, firm	Antonym >>
	The business was run by a resolute man who set his mind on a goal and followed through with it.		
	Derivatives >>	resoluter, resolutest, resolutely, resoluteness, resolution, resolutionary, resolutioner, resolute	
78.	rue	ROO	to be sorry for, to regret
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to consider happily
	He will rue the day that he tangles with me.		
	Derivatives >>	rueful, ruefully, ruefulness, rues	
79.	sanctify	SANGK tuh fie	to set apart for sacred use, to make holy, to purify
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to taint
	A priest sanctifies water by blessing it.		
	Derivatives >>	sanctification, sanctified, sanctifier, sanctity, sanctitude	
80.	scrupulous	SKROO pyuh lus	very principled, very careful and conscientious
	Synonyms >>	meticulous, punctilious	Antonym >> unprincipled
	The scrupulous police officer never took a bribe, and he ceaselessly tried to prevent crime.		
	Derivatives >>	scruple, scrupulosity, scrupulousness, scrupulously	
81.	searing	SEER ing	causing to wither or to dry up or to become scorched
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	One could easily die in the searing heat of the Mojave desert.		
	Derivatives >>	sear, seared, searingly	

82.	sentinel	SEN tuh nul	one who keeps guard as a sentry
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The oak trees hovered over the house as sentinels.		
	Derivatives >>	sentineled, sentineling, sentinels	
83.	sieve	SIV	a utensil for sifting or straining
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The manager complained that his second baseman fielded ground balls like a sieve.		
	Derivatives >>	sieving	
84.	sovereign	SOV rin	possessed of controlling power
	Synonyms >>	predominant, paramount, preponderant	Antonym >> without power
	The king is sovereign within his country.		
	Derivatives >>	sovereignly, sovereignty, sovranity	
85.	spurn	SPURN	to reject or to refuse with hostility
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to embrace
	The woman had always viewed the man with disdain and would spurn his attempts at friendship forever.		
	Derivatives >>	spurner, spurned, spurning	
86.	stealthy	STEL the	acting in a secret and sneaky way--this is a negative term
	Synonyms >>	clandestine, covert, furtive, surreptitious, underhanded	Antonym >> open; indiscreet
	The secret organization moves by stealth to gather information on its enemies.		
	Derivatives >>	stealthyful, stealthfully, stealthily, stealthiness, stealth	
87.	summon	SUM un	to call together, to send for or to request to appear
	Synonyms >>	convene, convoke, muster	Antonym >> to turn away
	I am frightened because I have been summoned to the principal's office.		
	Derivatives >>	summoner, summons	
88.	surfeited	SUR feh ted	fed or supplied to excess
	Synonyms >>	cloyed, gluttoned, gorged, palled, sated, satiated	Antonym >> starved
	I was surfeited after having eaten so much food at the banquet.		
	Derivatives >>	surfeit, surfeiter	
89.	temperate	TEM pur ut	exercising self-control
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> extreme
	Seeing the devastating effects of alcohol on his father, he was temperate in his own liquor consumption.		
	Derivatives >>	temperance, temperately, temperateness	
90.	tidings	TIE dings	information or news
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	I bring good tidings from the central office. Tomorrow is a holiday.		
	Derivatives >>	tiding	
91.	trifling	TRY fling	not significant, frivolous
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> important; significant
	Some think that watching MTV is a trifling experience.		
	Derivatives >>	trifle, trifled, trifling, trifles	
92.	usurp	yoo SURP	to take possession or authority over something without right
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to acquiesce
	The younger son tried to usurp the throne from the rightful heir.		
	Derivatives >>	usurpation, usurpative, usurpatory, usurpature	
93.	utter	UT ur	to express by speaking
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to leave unspoken
	The teacher told me not to utter another word.		
	Derivatives >>	utters, uttered, uttering, utterance	
94.	vanquished	VAN kwishd	conquered, overpowered
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> submitted
	Hitler's armies vanquished Poland with aid from Russia.		
	Derivatives >>	vanquishable, vanquisher, vanquishment	
95.	voluptuous	vuh LUP choo us	pleasurable to the senses, sensuous
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> plain; homely
	Bob Hope always took voluptuous women with him when he entertained soldiers overseas.		
	Derivatives >>	voluptuosity, voluptuousness, voluptuate, voluptuously	

96.	wanton	WAHN tun	immoral, lewd
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> moral
	He had to drop out of the presidential race when his wanton behavior was exposed.		
	Derivatives >>	wantonly, wantonness	
97.	warranted	WOR un ted	justified
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> unjustified
	The jury felt that the death penalty was warranted because of the heinous nature of the crime.		
	Derivatives >>	warrant, warrantable, warrantableness, warrantably	

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These words which appear in **Macbeth** have been identified as words or derivatives of words that have appeared on past SAT tests. They appear here in alphabetical order.

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| 1. antidote | 33. expedition | 65. potent |
| 2. augment | 34. flout | 66. prate |
| 3. augures | 35. forsworn | 67. prattler |
| 4. avarice | 36. frets | 68. profound |
| 5. balm | 37. gall | 69. prologues |
| 6. bane | 38. harbinger | 70. purveyor |
| 7. beguile | 39. hideous | 71. quell |
| 8. bestowed | 40. homage | 72. quench |
| 9. blanched | 41. homely | 73. rancors |
| 10. blaspheming | 42. humane | 74. reconcile |
| 11. buffets | 43. husbandry | 75. rent |
| 12. censures | 44. industrious | 76. requited |
| 13. champion | 45. intemperate | 77. resolute |
| 14. cherubim | 46. kindle | 78. rue |
| 15. chid | 47. lamentings | 79. sanctified |
| 16. clamor | 48. largess | 80. scruples |
| 17. cloistered | 49. laudable | 81. sear |
| 18. combustion | 50. lechery | 82. sentinel |
| 19. confound | 51. malady | 83. sieve |
| 20. corporeal | 52. malevolence | 84. sovereign |
| 21. credulous | 53. malice | 85. spurn |
| 22. dauntless | 54. malicious | 86. stealthy |
| 23. deftly | 55. mettle | 87. summon |
| 24. desolate | 56. mirth | 88. surfeited |
| 25. diminutive | 57. mortified | 89. temperate |
| 26. disdain | 58. oblivious | 90. tidings |
| 27. dispatch | 59. obscure | 91. trifled |
| 28. ecstasy | 60. palpable | 92. usurper |
| 29. entreat | 61. pernicious | 93. utter |
| 30. epicures | 62. petty | 94. vanquished |
| 31. equivocation | 63. plight | 95. voluptuousness |
| 32. esteem | 64. posterity | 96. wanton |
| | | 97. warranted |

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These words which appear in **Macbeth** have been identified as words or derivatives of words that have appeared on past SAT tests. They are listed here in the order in which they appear in the play.

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| 1. plight | 33. lamentings | 65. deftly |
| 2. disdain | 34. combustion | 66. potent |
| 3. sieve | 35. obscure | 67. resolute |
| 4. corporeal | 36. clamored | 68. vanquished |
| 5. prologues | 37. hideous | 69. sear |
| 6. flout | 38. temperate | 70. diminutive |
| 7. trifles | 39. expedition | 71. prattler |
| 8. wanton | 40. scruples | 72. homely |
| 9. harbinger | 41. malice | 73. laudable |
| 10. beguile | 42. warranted | 74. desolate |
| 11. dispatch | 43. posterity | 75. sanctified |
| 12. sovereign | 44. bestowed | 76. esteem |
| 13. purveyor | 45. dauntless | 77. avaricious |
| 14. cherubim | 46. chid | 78. malicious |
| 15. mettle | 47. rancors | 79. voluptuousness |
| 16. clamor | 48. champion | 80. intemperance |
| 17. quell | 49. buffets | 81. pernicious |
| 18. summons | 50. ecstasy | 82. kindle |
| 19. husbandry | 51. cloistered | 83. credulous |
| 20. largess | 52. mirth | 84. forsworn |
| 21. entreat | 53. humane | 85. reconcile |
| 22. augment | 54. utterance | 86. sanctity |
| 23. palpable | 55. blanched | 87. malady |
| 24. sentinel | 56. augures | 88. rent |
| 25. stealthy | 57. profound | 89. tidings |
| 26. prate | 58. spurn | 90. mortified |
| 27. quench | 59. malevolence | 91. epicures |
| 28. surfeited | 60. homage | 92. oblivious |
| 29. balm | 61. rue | 93. antidote |
| 30. equivocator | 62. blaspheming | 94. dispatch |
| 31. lechery | 63. gall | 95. equivocation |
| 32. requited | 64. confound | 96. usurper |
| | | 97. bane |

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Vocabulary Test 1

Directions: Match the word in the left column with the correct definition in the right column.

Exercise A

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|-----------|-------------|----|---|
| _____ 1. | antidote | a. | a soothing substance or one that gives relief |
| _____ 2. | augment | b. | harmful, destructive |
| _____ 3. | augury | c. | irreverent, profane |
| _____ 4. | avarice | d. | to deceive, mislead, persuade with charm |
| _____ 5. | balm | e. | greed for wealth |
| _____ 6. | baneful | f. | something that relieves the effects of poison |
| _____ 7. | beguile | g. | to take the color out of, bleach, make white |
| _____ 8. | bestow | h. | to grant or give |
| _____ 9. | blanch | i. | to make greater or supplement |
| _____ 10. | blasphemous | j. | an omen or prophecy |

Exercise B

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|-----------|-------------|----|---|
| _____ 11. | buffeted | a. | to blame or condemn |
| _____ 12. | censure | b. | struck repeatedly, battered |
| _____ 13. | champion | c. | to defend or support |
| _____ 14. | cherubic | d. | to seclude or confine |
| _____ 15. | daunt | e. | capable of burning |
| _____ 16. | clamor | f. | loud noise or shouting |
| _____ 17. | cloister | g. | to cause one to become confused |
| _____ 18. | combustible | h. | innocent appearing, wholesome |
| _____ 19. | confound | i. | relating to a physical, material body; tangible |
| _____ 20. | corporeal | j. | to intimidate, dismay |

Exercise C

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| _____ 21. | credulous | a. | to send away with promptness or speed |
| _____ 22. | chide | b. | deserted, without inhabitants |
| _____ 23. | deft | c. | diminishment, reduction |
| _____ 24. | desolate | d. | extreme happiness |
| _____ 25. | diminution | e. | intense dislike, treat with scorn or contempt |
| _____ 26. | disdain | f. | skillful, adroit |
| _____ 27. | dispatch | g. | a person who understands a lot about food; connoisseur |
| _____ 28. | ecstasy | h. | to attempt to lie, mislead, or hide the truth |
| _____ 29. | entreaty | i. | a plea, an earnest request |
| _____ 30. | epicure | j. | estimate of value; approval and respect |
| _____ 31. | equivocate | k. | believing on slight evidence, gullible |
| _____ 32. | esteem | l. | to voice disapproval, scold |

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Vocabulary Test 2

Directions: Match the word in the left column with the correct definition in the right column.

Exercise A

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| _____ 1. | expeditious | a. | things that precede and forecast |
| _____ 2. | flout | b. | to totally renounce and repudiate |
| _____ 3. | forswear | c. | kind, compassionate, sympathetic and considerate |
| _____ 4. | fret | d. | very irritating |
| _____ 5. | galling | e. | done with speed and efficiency |
| _____ 6. | harbingers | f. | plain or unattractive in appearance |
| _____ 7. | hideous | g. | to worry or be annoyed |
| _____ 8. | homage | h. | a reverential regard; respect shown by external action |
| _____ 9. | homely | i. | to treat with contempt |
| _____ 10. | humane | j. | very ugly, offensive, shocking |

Exercise B

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|-----------|--------------|----|---|
| _____ 11. | husband | a. | to start a fire, to stir up |
| _____ 12. | industrious | b. | ill will or evil intentions |
| _____ 13. | intemperance | c. | to manage prudently and in a conservative manner |
| _____ 14. | kindle | d. | to mourn or express sorrow in a demonstrative manner |
| _____ 15. | lament | e. | a disease or unwholesome condition |
| _____ 16. | largess | f. | lack of moderation - usually relating to drinking alcohol |
| _____ 17. | laud | g. | one who indulges excessively in sexual activity |
| _____ 18. | lecher | h. | skillfully busy or occupied |
| _____ 19. | malady | i. | generous giving |
| _____ 20. | malevolence | j. | to praise, to extol |

Exercise C

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|-----------|------------|----|---|
| _____ 21. | malice | a. | very destructive or harmful, deadly |
| _____ 22. | malicious | b. | gladness and merriment accompanied by laughter |
| _____ 23. | mettle | c. | motivated by hate or deliberate intent to harm |
| _____ 24. | mirth | d. | small and insignificant |
| _____ 25. | mortify | e. | tangible, perceptible, easily noticeable |
| _____ 26. | oblivion | f. | courage or spirit |
| _____ 27. | obscure | g. | difficult or adverse situation |
| _____ 28. | palpable | h. | desire to harm others |
| _____ 29. | pernicious | i. | to humiliate, wound pride, experience shame |
| _____ 30. | petty | j. | difficult to see, vague |
| _____ 31. | plight | k. | future generations, all descendants of a person |
| _____ 32. | posterity | l. | state of being forgotten |

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Vocabulary Test 3

Directions: Match the word in the left column with the correct definition in the right column.

Exercise A

- _____ 1. potent
- _____ 2. prate
- _____ 3. prattle
- _____ 4. profundity
- _____ 5. prologue
- _____ 6. purveyors
- _____ 7. quell
- _____ 8. rend
- _____ 9. rancor
- _____ 10. reconcile

- a. introductory remarks in a speech; introductory action
- b. powerful, having a strong effect
- c. to reestablish friendship, to resolve a dispute
- d. to tear violently, split
- e. profound knowledge, intellectual depth
- f. bitter deep-seated ill will, enmity
- g. to talk idly or foolishly at great length
- h. to quit or put down a disturbance
- i. meaningless sounds, babble
- j. one who provides or procures

Exercise B

- _____ 11. quench
- _____ 12. requite
- _____ 13. resolute
- _____ 14. rue
- _____ 15. sanctify
- _____ 16. scrupulous
- _____ 17. searing
- _____ 18. sentinel
- _____ 19. sieve
- _____ 20. sovereign

- a. very principled, very careful and conscientious
- b. to set apart for sacred use, to make holy, to purify
- c. characterized by a decided purpose
- d. possessed of controlling power
- e. causing to wither or dry up or become scorched
- f. to make repayment or return
- g. a utensil for sifting or straining
- h. one who keeps guard as a sentry
- i. to extinguish, put out, also to relieve with liquid
- j. to be sorry for, regret

Exercise C

- _____ 21. spurn
- _____ 22. stealthy
- _____ 23. summon
- _____ 24. surfeited
- _____ 25. temperate
- _____ 26. tidings
- _____ 27. trifling
- _____ 28. usurp
- _____ 29. utter
- _____ 30. vanquished
- _____ 31. voluptuous
- _____ 32. wanton
- _____ 33. warranted

- a. exercising self-control
- b. to express by speaking
- c. to call together, to send for or request to appear
- d. justified
- e. acting in a secret and sneaky way
- f. immoral, lewd
- g. to take possession of something without right
- h. fed or supplied to excess
- i. to reject or refuse with hostility
- j. pleasurable to the senses, sensuous
- k. not significant, frivolous
- l. conquered, overpowered
- m. information or news

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Vocabulary Test 1

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| 1. f | 2. i | 3. j | 4. e | 5. a | 6. b | 7. d |
| 8. h | 9. g | 10. c | 11. b | 12. a | 13. c | 14. h |
| 15. j | 16. f | 17. d | 18. e | 19. g | 20. i | 21. k |
| 22. l | 23. f | 24. b | 25. c | 26. e | 27. a | 28. d |
| 29. i | 30. g | 31. h | 32. j | | | |

Vocabulary Test 2

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1. e | 2. i | 3. b | 4. g | 5. d | 6. a | 7. j |
| 8. h | 9. f | 10. c | 11. c | 12. h | 13. f | 14. a |
| 15. d | 16. i | 17. j | 18. g | 19. e | 20. b | 21. h |
| 22. c | 23. f | 24. b | 25. i | 26. l | 27. j | 28. e |
| 29. a | 30. d | 31. g | 32. k | | | |

Vocabulary Test 3

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| 1. b | 2. g | 3. i | 4. e | 5. a | 6. j | 7. h |
| 8. d | 9. f | 10. c | 11. b | 12. a | 13. c | 14. h |
| 15. j | 16. f | 17. d | 18. e | 19. g | 20. i | 21. k |
| 22. l | 23. f | 24. b | 25. c | 26. e | 27. a | 28. d |
| 29. i | 30. g | 31. h | 32. j | | | |