# 3000 Common SAT Vocabulary List 3

## benediction

n. (благословение) blessing; invocation of divine blessing; expression of good wishes

## benefactor

n. Syn. patron (благодетеля) gift giver; person who gives people or institutions with financial help

### beneficial

a. Syn. helpful; useful (полезных) helpful; tending to promote physical well-being

## beneficiary

n. (получатель) person entitled to benefits or proceeds of an insurance policy or will

### benefit

n. Syn. welfare; gain (выгоды) advantage; something that aids or promotes well-being ; welfare; gain

### benevolent

a. Syn. generous; charitable (доброжелательный) generous in providing aid to others; charitable

### benign

a. Syn. kindly; favorable (доброкачественной) kindly; favorable; not malignant

### bequeath

v. (завещать) leave to someone by a will; hand down

### berth

n.

(причал) space for ship to dock or anchor; allotted place; place to sleep or stay; appointment or job

### beseech

v. Syn. beg; plead (умоляю) beg; plead with; ask for or request earnestly

### beset

v. Syn. harass; attack (сталкиваются) attack from all sides; trouble persistently; hem in

## bestial

a. Syn. brutal (звериной) beastlike; brutal; lacking in intelligence or reason

# betroth

v. (обручу) become engaged to marry; promise to marry

# bewilder

v. Syn. confuse (замешательство) lead into perplexity or confusion; perplex with mazes

# bibliography

n.

(библиография) list of works of a specific author or publisher; list of writings relating to a given subject

# biennial

a. (двухгодичной) every two years; lasting or living for two years

# bilateral

a. Syn. mutual; lateral (двусторонних) two-sided; mutual

# bilingual

n. (двуязычные) using or able to use two languages, especially with equal or nearly equal fluency

### bitterness

n. (горечь) sharp and bitter manner

# blatant

a. Syn. flagrant (вопиющим) flagrant; conspicuously obvious; loudly offensive

### blaze

n. Syn. flame (пожар) brilliant burst of fire; destructive fire; flame

# bleak

a. Syn. cold; cheerless (мрачная) cold or cheerless; unlikely to be favorable

# blemish

v.

(порока) mark with deformity; injure or impair, as anything which is excellent; make defective, either the body or mind

### blithe

a. Syn. gay; joyous; heedless (веселый) gay; joyous; carefree and lighthearted

# blockade

n. (блокада) shutting up of a place by troops or ships; obstruction to passage

### boisterous

a. Syn. violent; rough; noisy (шумной) rough and stormy; loud, noisy, and lacking in restraint or discipline

## bolster

v. Syn. support; reinforce (укреплению) support or prop up with or as if with a long narrow pillow or cushion

# boorish

a. Syn. rude; clumsy; illiterate (хамского) rude and clumsy in behavior; ungentlemanly; awkward in manners

### bore

v. Syn. drill (отверстие) drill; make a hole in or through, with or as if with a drill

# borough

n.

(район) incorporated town that is not a city; association of men who gave pledges to the king for the good behavior of each other

### botany

n.

(ботаника) science which treats of the structure of plants, the functions of their parts, their places of growth, their classification

# bountiful

a. Syn. abundant; liberal (обильный) abundant; graciously generous; giving freely and generously

# bowdlerize

v.

(выбрасывать все нежелательное из текста) edit by omitting or modifying parts considered offensive, vulgar, or otherwise unseemly

# boycott

v. (бойкот) refrain from buying or using

# braggart

n. Syn. boaster (хвастун) boaster; one given to loud, empty boasting; very talkative person

# brandish

v. Syn. flourish (размахивать) move or wave, as a weapon; raise and move in various directions

# bravado

n. Syn. swagger (бравада) defiant or swaggering behavior; pretense of courage; false show of bravery

## breach

n. Syn. violation; infringement (нарушение) breaking of contract or duty

# brevity

n. Syn. conciseness (краткость) quality or state of being brief in duration; concise expression

# bridle

n.

(уздечку) headgear with which a horse is directed and which carries a bit and reins

# brittle

a. (хрупкого) easily broken; having little elasticity

# broach

v. Syn. introduce; announce (протяжки) introduce; bring up for discussion or debate; announce

# broadcast

n. (трансляции) message that is transmitted by radio or television; radio or television show

# brooch

n. (Брошь) ornamental clasp; decorative pin worn by women

# browbeat

v. Syn. bully; intimidate (запугать) bully; intimidate; discourage or frighten with threats

# brusque

a. Syn. blunt; abrupt (резкий) abrupt and curt in manner or speech; rudely abrupt, unfriendly

# buffoon

n.

(шут) one who makes a practice of amusing others by low tricks, antic gestures; droll; mimic; clown

# buffoonery

n. Syn. clowning

(шутовство) clowning; arts and practices of buffoon, as low jests, ridiculous pranks, vulgar tricks and postures

# bulwark

n.

(оплотом) earthwork or other strong defense; person who defends

# bumper

n.

(бампер) something as bars at edges to absorb shock and prevent serious damage

# bumptious

a.

(самоуверенный) offensively self-assertive; liable to give or take offense; forward; pushing

# bungle

v. Syn. mismanage; blunder (портить) mismanage; blunder; work or act in clumsy, awkward, or blundering manner

# buoyant

a. (плавучей) able to float; cheerful and optimistic

# bureaucracy

n. (бюрократия) over-regulated administrative system

# burnish

v. Syn. polish (полировки) make shiny by rubbing; polish

# bursar

n.

(Казначей) treasurer or keeper of funds; purser or treasurer of college or other community

# bustle

v. Syn. teem (cyeta) move or cause to move energetically and busily; teem

# buttress

v. Syn. support (опоры) support physically; prop up; support something or someone by supplying evidence

## cabal

n.

(интрига) small group of persons secretly united to promote their own interests

### cabinet

n.

(кабинет) group of persons appointed by a head of state or a prime minister; hut; cottage; small house; small room; closet

## cadaverous

a. Syn. pale (трупный) like corpse; pale; Having appearance or color of dead human body

### cadence

n. Syn. beat (каденции) rhythmic rise and fall of words or sounds; beat

# cajole

v. (задобрить) influence or urge by gentle urging or flattering

### callow

a. Syn. youthful; immature; inexperienced (Каллоу) youthful; immature; inexperienced; without feathers

# calorie

n.

(калории) unit of heat; unit of heat equal to the amount of heat required to raise the temperature of 1 kilogram of water by 1 degree

### calumny

n. Syn. slander (клевету) false statement maliciously made to injure another's reputation; slander

### cameo

n.

(камея) piece of jewelry; a small scale used as a jewel for adornment; famous actor's special appearance in a minor role in film

# campaign

n. Syn. drive; battle (кампании) battle ;a series of actions advancing a principle or tending toward a particular end

### canary

n.

(канарейки) pale yellowish color; wine made in the Canary Islands; canary bird; quick and lively dance

# candid

a. Syn. straightforward; frank (откровенные) straightforward; frank; free from prejudice; impartial

#### candor

n. Syn. frankness (откровенность) frankness; quality of being honest and straightforward in attitude and speech

#### canine

a.

(собак) related to dogs; dog-like; affecting or derived from dogs

#### canon

n.

(Canon) law or rule; decision, regulation, code, or constitution made by authority; books of the Bible officially accepted; a group of literary works

#### cant

n.

(наклоняю) inclination or slope; slanted or oblique surface; jargon, especially of thieves; dialect

#### cantata

n.

(кантата) story or poem set to music that can be sung by chorus

#### canto

n. (песнь) part or division of poem of some length

#### capacious

a. Syn. spacious (емкий) capable of containing a large quantity; spacious or roomy

### capillary

n. (капиллярной) long and slender with a very small internal diameter

### capitulate

v. Syn. surrender (капитулировать) surrender; end all resistance; give up; go along with or comply

### caprice

n. Syn. whim (каприз) sudden, unexpected fancy; impulsive change of mind

### caption

n. Syn. title (заголовок) title; chapter heading; text under illustration

### captious

a. (придирчивым) intended to confuse in an argument

#### captivate

v. Syn. charm; enthrall; capture (Captivate) charm; enthrall; seize by force, as an enemy in war, or anything belonging to enemy

#### carcass

n.

(туши) dead body of an animal especially one slaughtered and dressed for food

### cardiac

a. (сердечных) of or relating to the heart

## cardinal

a. Syn. chief (Кардинал) chief; serving as an essential component

### caricature

n. Syn. distortion; burlesque (карикатура) representation that is deliberately exaggerated to produce a comic effect

#### carnage

n. (бойню) destruction of life; savage and excessive killing of many people

### carnal

a. Syn. fleshly (плотской) fleshly; of or relating to body or flesh; bodily

### carnivorous

a. Syn. predatory (плотоядных) eating or feeding on flesh; predatory

### caste

n. (касты) any of the hereditary social classes and subclasses of South Asian societies

### castigate

v. Syn. punish (бичевать) criticize severely; punish; revise or make corrections to publication

### casual

a. Syn. informal; purposeless; unplanned (повседневная) informal; purposeless; occurring by chance

### casualty

n.

(авария) serious or fatal accident; someone injured or killed in an accident

### cataclysm

n. Syn. deluge (катаклизма) an event resulting in great loss and misfortune; deluge or overflowing of water

#### cataract

n. (катаракты) large or high waterfall; eye abnormality

### catastrophe

n. Syn. calamity; disaster (катастрофы) calamity; disaster; state of extreme ruin and misfortune

#### caucus

n.

(собраний) private meeting of members of a party to select officers or determine policy

### causal

a.

(причинный) implying cause-and-effect relationship

### caustic

a.

(каустической) capable of burning, corroding, dissolving, or eating away by chemical action

### cede

v.

(уступить) yield or formally resign and surrender to another

#### censor

n.

(цензуры) overseer of morals; official responsible for removal of objectionable or sensitive content

### censorious

a. Syn. critical

(строгий) critical; addicted to censure; severe in making remarks on others, or on their writings or manners; implying or expressing censure

#### census

n. (переписи) official examination of the details of a country's population

#### centenary

a.

(столетие) relating to a 100-year period; occurring once every 100 years

### centurion

n.

(сотник) officer of ancient Roman army, in command of a century of soldiers or minor division

### cereal

n.

(зерновых) grass such as wheat, oats, or corn, the starchy grains of which are used as food.

#### ceremonial

n. Syn. ritual; ceremony (Торжественное) ritual; ceremony or rite

#### ceremonious

a.

(торжественно) marked by formality; strictly observant of or devoted to ceremony or ritual

### cessation

n. Syn. stoppage (прекращении) bringing or coming to end; ceasing

#### cession

n. Syn. ceding (уступке) yielding to another; ceding or surrendering

### chameleon

n. (Chameleon) lizard that changes color in different situations

### chaos

n. Syn. disorder (xaoc) disorder; condition or place of great disorder or confusion; disorderly mass

### characteristic

n. Syn. quality; (характеристика) feature that helps to identify, tell apart, or describe recognizably; a distinguishing mark or trait

### characterize

v. Syn. distinguish (характеризуют) distinguish; be characteristic of; be a distinctive trait or mark of

### charlatan

n. Syn. quack (шарлатан) quack; one who pretends to knowledge, skill, or importance

### chasten

v. Syn. discipline (наказываю) rid of excess; refine or purify; correct by punishment or reproof

### chastise

v. Syn. punish; rebuke (наказывать) punish, as by beating; criticize severely; rebuke

## chastity

n.

(целомудрие) state of being chaste; purity of body; freedom from unlawful sexual intercourse

### chateau

n.

(Замок) impressive country house or castle in France; large country house

### check

v. Syn. control; suppress; restrict (проверить) stop motion; curb or restrain

# chivalry

n. (рыцарства) courtesy towards women

# choleric

a.

(холерический) hot-tempered; easily angered; bad-tempered; expressing anger

# chronology

n. (Хронология) time sequence; arrangement of events in time

# cipher

n. Syn. code (Шифр) secret code; an Arabic numeral or figure; a number

# circulate

v. (распространяет) move through a space, circuit or system, returning to the starting point

### circumference

n. Syn. perimeter; periphery (окружности) boundary line of a circle, figure, area, or object

# circumlocution

n. (волокита) indirect or roundabout expression; evasion in speech or writing

# circumscribe

v. Syn. limit; confine (ограничить) limit narrowly; confine; draw a line around; encircle

# circumspect

a. Syn. prudent; cautious (осмотрительнее) carefully aware of all circumstances; cautious

# citadel

n. Syn. fortress (Цитадель) fortress; fortified place which people could go for shelter during battle

# cite

v. Syn. quote (цитировать) quote; adduce as an instance

#### clamorous

a.

(крикливый) speaking and repeating loud words; full of clamor; calling or demanding loudly or urgently; vociferous; noisy; bawling; loud

### clan

n. Syn. faction; tribe (клан) faction; tribe; division of a tribe tracing descent from a common ancestor; a large group of relatives

### clandestine

a. Syn. secret (тайные) secret; conducted with or marked by hidden aims or methods

### clangor

n.

(бренчать) loud, resounding noise; sharp, metallic, ringing sound; resonant, clanging sound

### clarify

v. Syn. illuminate; elucidate (уточнить) make clear and comprehensible; elucidate

# classify

v.

(классификации) declare unavailable, as for security reasons; arrange or order by classes or categories

### clearance

n.

(оформление) act of clearing; space cleared; permission to proceed or trust

### clemency

n.

(помиловании) mildness, as of the weather; merciful, kind, or lenient act

### clumsy

a. Syn. awkward; inept (неуклюжие) awkward; showing lack of skill or aptitude

### coagulate

v. Syn. congeal; clot (коагулируют) cause transformation of liquid into or as if into soft, semisolid, or solid mass

#### coalescence

n.

(слияния) union of diverse things into one body or form or group; growing together of parts

### coalition

n. Syn. partnership; league; union (коалиция) partnership; league; state of being combined into one body

### coddle

v. (нянчиться) treat gently; cook in water just below boiling point

### codicil

n. (приписке) supplement or appendix, especially to a will

#### coerce

v.

(заставить) restrain by force, especially by law or authority; repress; curb