

A Christmas Carol

by Charles Dickens

Definitions



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1.	abyss	uh BISS	bottomless hole, a vast expanse or depth
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The man had fallen into the abyss of depravity.		
	Derivatives >>	abysm, abysmal, abysmally, abyssal	
2.	adamant	AD uh munt	inflexible, immovable, obstinate
	Synonyms >>	inexorable, obdurate	Antonym >> pliant
	The man was adamant in his decision to seek a political office.		
	Derivatives >>	adamantine, adamantive, adamancy, adamantly	
3.	affable	AF uh bul	friendly, courteous, amiable
	Synonyms >>	cordial, genial, gracious, sociable	Antonym >> surly; aloof; unfriendly
	He had a very affable nature, always saying "Hello" to everyone.		
	Derivatives >>	affability, affableness, affably	
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.	baleful	BALE ful	destructive, deadly
	Synonyms >>	malign, sinister	Antonym >> benign
	War is a baleful experience for many.		
	Derivatives >>	bale, balefully, balefulness	
6.	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	
7.	benevolence	buh NEV uh lunz	kindness, generosity, charity
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> antagonism; avarice; malevolence
	His benevolence was shown when he set up soup kitchens for the poor.		
	Derivatives >>	benevolent, benevolently	
8.	boisterous	BOY stir ous	rowdy, rough, and stormy
	Synonyms >>	blatant, clamorous, obstreperous, strident, vociferous	Antonym >> serene
	The boisterous child was running through the store screaming and laughing.		
	Derivatives >>	boisterousness, boisterously	
9.	cant	KANT	secret jargon or slang
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The rites of the Masons are characterized by their cant.		
	Derivatives >>	cants, canted, canting	
10.	caustic	KAW stik	sarcastically biting, acrid
	Synonyms >>	mordant, scathing	Antonym >> kind; gentle
	Critics are known for their caustic remarks about movies that they do not like.		
	Derivatives >>	caustically, causticity	
11.	celestial	seh LES chul	pertaining to the sky or heavens
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> earthly
	Stars are celestial bodies.		
	Derivatives >>	celestially	

12.	congeal	kun JEEL	to solidify or to coagulate		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to become fluid
		We waited three hours for the Jell-O to congeal.			
	Derivatives >>	congealing, congealed, congealment, congelative			
13.	corroboration	kuh rob uh RAY	confirmation		
	Synonyms >>	authentication, substantiation, validation, verification		Antonym >>	refutation
		Fortunately, I had some corroboration for my whereabouts on the night of the crime.			
	Derivatives >>	corroborate, corroborated, corroborating, corroboratory, corroboratively, corroborator			
14.	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			
15.	deference	DEF ur uns	courteous going along with the opinions or wishes of another		
	Synonyms >>	homage, reverence, respect		Antonym >>	disrespect
		In deference to your wishes, I will not see him again.			
	Derivatives >>	deferential, deferentially, deferentiality			
16.	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			
17.	demur	deh MUR	to hesitate, to delay, to object		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to proceed, to agree, to accede
		To demur at this time might cause the whole operation to be destroyed.			
	Derivatives >>	demurred, demurring			
18.	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			
19.	despondency	deh SPON dun see	depression, dejection		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	blithe hopefulness
		Because he thought that he had failed the test, he felt great despondency.			
	Derivatives >>	despondent, despondence, despondently, desponding, despondingly			
20.	destitution	des teh TOO shun	state of being extremely poor, in extreme want		
	Synonyms >>	impecunity, indigence, penury, want		Antonym >>	prosperity
		We face destitution if our father loses his job.			
	Derivatives >>	destitute, destitutely, destituteness			
21.	diffuse	deh FYOOZ	to spread in all directions		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	to bring together
		The rioting crowd was diffused by tear gas and water hoses.			
	Derivatives >>	diffusedness, diffusedly, diffusely, diffuseness, diffuser, diffusibility, diffusion, diffusible			
22.	dirge	DURJ	funeral hymn, lament		
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>	dance
		The music was so morose and solemn that it sounded like a dirge.			
	Derivatives >>	dirgeful, dirges			
23.	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, disdain, disdainer, disdainful, disdainfully, disdainfulness			
24.	elicit	eh LIS it	to bring out a response, to evoke		
	Synonyms >>	educe, extort, extract		Antonym >>	to inhibit
		I would like to elicit your participation in the blood drive.			
	Derivatives >>	elicitable, elicitate, elicitation			
25.	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			

26.	execrable	EK suh kruh bul	extremely bad, deserving of hate
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> admirable
	The cheerleader told a joke about the drill team that was so execrable that he was suspended for three days.		
	Derivatives >>	execrableness, execrably, execrate, execration, execrative, execratively, execrator	
27.	feint	FAYNT	a false appearance, a fake punch to occupy defenses allowing a real blow.
	Synonyms >>	artifice, ruse, stratagem, trick, wile	Antonym >>
	Fooled by his opponent's feint, the boxer dropped his guard and was knocked down.		
	Derivatives >>	feign, feigned, feigning, feignedly, feigner	
28.	ferocity	fuh ROS eh tee	savagery
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> mildness
	A tiger is an animal that has ferocity.		
	Derivatives >>	ferocious, ferociously, ferociousness	
29.	flaunt	FLONT	to show off, to display ostentatiously
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to hide
	The woman was obviously trying to flaunt the new diamond ring on her finger.		
	Derivatives >>	flaunted, flaunting, flaunter, flauntingly, flaunty	
30.	furrow	FUR ow	to make wrinkles or grooves
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to make plain
	The man's furrowed brow showed his deep concern.		
	Derivatives >>	furrowed, furrowing	
31.	grate	GRATE	to cause irritation
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to soothe
	Her acrimonious comments grate on my nerves.		
	Derivatives >>	grated, grating, grater	
32.	gratis	GRAH tis	free
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> earned
	The gratis appearance of the artist allowed more funds for the charity ball.		
	Derivatives >>	gratitude, gratuitous, gratuitously	
33.	hideous	HID ee us	very ugly, offensive, shocking
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> delightful
	Some characters in the horror movie had hideous faces.		
	Derivatives >>	hideously, hideousness, hideosity	
34.	illustrious	eh LUS tree us	notably outstanding, famous
	Synonyms >>	celebrated, distinguished, eminent, noted, renowned	Antonym >> infamous
	I was impressed by the illustrious personage at the ball.		
	Derivatives >>	illustriously, illustriousness	
35.	incessant	in SES unt	uninterrupted
	Synonyms >>	constant, perennial, perpetual, unremitting	Antonym >> intermittent
	The dog's incessant barking caused the man to have difficulty falling asleep.		
	Derivatives >>	incessancy, incessantly, incessantness, incession	
36.	indignation	in dig NAY shun	anger as a result of something unjust
	Synonyms >>	fury, ire, rage, wrath	Antonym >> serenity
	I have much indignation about the light sentence given to the drunk driver who ran over my child .		
	Derivatives >>	indignant, indignantly, indignance, indignify, indignities	
37.	infamous	IN fuh mus	having a reputation of the worst kind, vicious, notoriously bad
	Synonyms >>	disreputable, ignominious	Antonym >> illustrious
	The Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor was an infamous act.		
	Derivatives >>	infamously, infamy, infamies	
38.	infernal	in FER nul	relating to hell
	Synonyms >>	hellish, diabolical, fiendish	Antonym >> heavenly
	It is not nice to wish that someone go to the infernal regions.		
	Derivatives >>	infernally, inferno	
39.	intercede	in ter SEDE	to intervene and to act as a mediator
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to stand aside
	I will intercede on your behalf in your dispute with your boss if you believe it will do some good.		
	Derivatives >>	interceder, intercession, intercessional, intercessive, intercessor, intercessorial	

40.	irresolute	eh REZ uh loot	indecisive, unsure of how to proceed	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	sure; decisive; certain
	The confused child stood irresolute, waiting for some instruction.			
	Derivatives >>	irresolutely, irresoluteness, irresolution		
41.	latent	LATE unt	not visible, dormant	
	Synonyms >>	abeyant, quiescent	Antonym >>	obvious
	Sometimes a teacher can cause latent talents to emerge.			
	Derivatives >>	latency		
42.	loathe	LOETH	to detest	
	Synonyms >>	abhor, abominate	Antonym >>	to adore
	The fact that I loathe your brother does not mean that we cannot be friends.			
	Derivatives >>	loathful, loathing, loathingly, loathness, loathsome		
43.	loiter	LOI tur	to stand idly or to linger aimlessly	
	Synonyms >>	dally, dawdle, procrastinate	Antonym >>	to hasten
	The police did not want people to loiter around the scene of the shooting.			
	Derivatives >>	loitering, loiteringly		
44.	lustrous	LUS trus	shining or gleaming without sparkling	
	Synonyms >>	bright, brilliant, luminous, radiant	Antonym >>	dull
	That gem is valuable because of its lustrous glow.			
	Derivatives >>	lustrously, lustrousness		
45.	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		
46.	melancholy	MEL un kol ee	depression of spirits	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	happiness
	After Dad lost his job, he fell into a state of melancholy.			
	Derivatives >>	melancholia, melancholic, melancholiac, melancholically, melancholily, melancholiness, melancholious		
47.	menagerie	muh NAJ uh ree	a collection of live wild animals on exhibition, a varied mixture	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	
	Her collection of glass figurines was a beautiful menagerie.			
	Derivatives >>	menagerist, menageries		
48.	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		
49.	misanthrope	MIS un thrope	a hater of mankind	
	Synonyms >>	misanthropist	Antonym >>	philanthropist
	Hopefully, nuclear weapons will never fall into the hands of a misanthrope.			
	Derivatives >>	misanthropy, misanthropic, misanthropically, misanthropical, misanthropism, misanthropize		
50.	morose	muh ROSE	being sullen or gloomy	
	Synonyms >>	crabbed, glum, saturnine, sulky, surly	Antonym >>	cheerful
	He was very morose after his wife left him.			
	Derivatives >>	morosely, moroseness, morosity		
51.	munificent	myoo NIF eh sent	very generous	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	parsimonious; stingy
	The munificent gift to the school was appreciated by all of the students.			
	Derivatives >>	munificence, munificency, munificently, munificentness		
52.	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		
53.	odious	OH dee us	deserving hate or contempt	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	respectable
	Pornography is an odious business.			
	Derivatives >>	odiously, odiousness, odium		

54.	officious	uh FISH us	overly dutiful or obliging, insisting on providing a service not requested
	Synonyms >>	impertinent, intrusive, meddlesome, obtrusive	Antonym >> disinterested
	The boss is not pleased with that employee's officious conduct.		
	Derivatives >>	officiously, officiousness	
55.	ominous	OM uh nus	threatening
	Synonyms >>	fateful, portentous	Antonym >> harmless; non-threatening
	The ominous clouds were harbingers of the tornado.		
	Derivatives >>	ominously, ominousness	
56.	opaque	oh PAKE	not allowing the passage of light, not transparent; hard to understand
	Synonyms >>	dark	Antonym >> transparent
	I am going to place something opaque in the window so that no one will be able to see into this room.		
	Derivatives >>	opaquely, opaqueness, opaquer	
57.	opulence	OP yuh luns	wealth, affluence, abundance
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> meagerness, scarcity
	Until the recent decline in the price of oil, the Hunt name was synonymous with opulence.		
	Derivatives >>	opulent, opulently	
58.	palpable	PAL puh bul	tangible, perceptible, easily noticeable
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	I do not see how I overlooked such a palpable miscalculation.		
	Derivatives >>	palpability, palpably, palpableness	
59.	peal	PEEL	a loud ringing (usually of bells)
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The church bells pealed at noon to celebrate the wedding of Prince Charles and Lady Diana.		
	Derivatives >>	pealed, pealing	
60.	pedestrian	puh DES tree un	ordinary, unimaginative
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> extraordinary; unusual
	There will not be much progress as long as the school board maintains its pedestrian attitude.		
	Derivatives >>	pedestrianate, pedestrianize, pedestrianism	
61.	penitent	PEN eh tunt	showing or feeling regret for wrongdoing, repentant
	Synonyms >>	compunctual, contrite, remorseful	Antonym >> unrepentant
	He became penitent when he realized that his prank resulted in serious injury.		
	Derivatives >>	penitence, penitency, penitential	
62.	pillage	PILL ij	to rob or to take by force, to plunder (especially in a war situation)
	Synonyms >>	despoil, devastate, ravage, sack, waste	Antonym >>
	In World War II, the Germans pillaged the Russians, and then the Russians pillaged the Germans.		
	Derivatives >>	pillager, pillaged, pillaging	
63.	plaintive	PLANE tiv	mournful and expressing sorrow
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> joyful
	The dog moaned in a plaintive manner when her puppies were taken.		
	Derivatives >>	plaintively, plaintiveness	
64.	ponderous	PON dur us	very heavy, unwieldy from weight
	Synonyms >>	cumbersome, cumbrous	Antonym >> lightweight
	The ponderous furniture was hard to move, and thus became a burden.		
	Derivatives >>	ponderosity, ponderously, ponderousness	
65.	portly	PORT lee	heavy or rotund in a stately manner, stout
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> lean; slender; angular
	Winston Churchill was the portly prime minister of England during World War II.		
	Derivatives >>	portliness	
66.	precept	PREE sept	a rule guiding conduct or imposing a standard
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	A favorite precept by which many people live is "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."		
	Derivatives >>	preceptist, preceptive	
67.	prodigious	pruh DIJ us	extraordinary in bulk, quantity, or degree, great in size, enormous
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> puny; minuscule
	His prodigious appetite allowed him to eat the entire turkey.		
	Derivatives >>	prodigiously, prodigiousness	

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.	propriety	pruh PRY eh tee	correct conduct	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> indecorum
	Those who attend the club meetings should conduct themselves with propriety.			
	Derivatives >>	proprieties		
70.	prostration	pros TRAY shun	a stretching out due to lacking vitality and being completely overcome	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> vitality
	During late summer football practices, players sometimes suffer from heat prostration.			
	Derivatives >>	prostrate, prostrator, prostrating		
71.	protrusion	pro TROO zhun	something sticking out	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> indentation
	A large protrusion on his head was the result of being hit by the bat.			
	Derivatives >>	protusive, protusively, protusiveness		
72.	quake	KWAKE	to shake from shock or instability	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> to remain motionless
	I began to quake in my boots when he pulled a gun.			
	Derivatives >>	quaked, quaking		
73.	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		
74.	refuge	REF yooj	shelter or place of protection	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> dangerous place
	Reservations were supposed to be places of refuge for Indians.			
	Derivatives >>	refuges		
75.	replete	reh PLETE	filled to capacity, abundantly supplied	
	Synonyms >>	plenary		Antonym >> devoid
	The bar was replete with every possible kind of alcohol.			
	Derivatives >>	repleteness, repletion, repletive		
76.	repulse	reh PULSE	to repel or to rebuff (usually with rudeness)	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> to impress
	His offensive language repulsed the girl; it did not impress her.			
	Derivatives >>	repulsive, repulsion, repulsively, repulsiveness		
77.	revere	reh VERE	to honor, to regard with respect	
	Synonyms >>	adore, venerate, worship		Antonym >> to despise
	Nearly all Catholics revere the Pope.			
	Derivatives >>	reverence, reverent, reverentness, reverential, reverentiality, reverentially		
78.	savory	SAY vuh ree	appetizing	
	Synonyms >>	palatable, toothsome		Antonym >> unappetizing
	My mother is known for her savory meals.			
	Derivatives >>	savor, savored, savorer, savorily, savoriness, savoringly, savourous, savoursome		
79.	scale	SKALE	to climb up or over	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> to climb down
	Who was the first woman to scale Mt. Everest?			
	Derivatives >>	scaled, scaling		
80.	scanty	SKAN tee	less than or barely sufficient, meager	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> copious; abundant
	Because the details of the incident are so scanty, we are not able to make any firm conclusions at this time.			
	Derivatives >>	scantiness, scantily, scanty		
81.	seethe	SEETH	to boil, to be agitated	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> to be at peace
	The nation seethed with anger when the terrorists took the men as hostages.			
	Derivatives >>	seething, seethingly		

82.	sordid	SOR did	filthy, foul	
	Synonyms >>	abject, ignoble, mean		Antonym >> nice; harmless
	The sordid details of the brutal ax murder sickened the jurors.			
	Derivatives >>	sordidness, sordidly		
83.	supplication	sup luh KAY shun	begging, humbly asking for a favor	
	Synonyms >>	adjuration, beseechment, entreaty, imploration, importunity		Antonym >>
	I am going to see the Governor to make a supplication for a pardon for my brother.			
	Derivatives >>	supplicate, supplicatingly, supplicator, supplicatory		
84.	surplus	SUR plus	an amount that is more than what is needed	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> shortage
	The government purchases surplus wheat so that it is not thrown away.			
	Derivatives >>	surplusage		
85.	tacit	TAS it	understood, silent, not spoken, implicit	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> spoken; verbalized
	We have a tacit agreement that the goods are delivered only after payment is made.			
	Derivatives >>	tacitly, tacitness, taciturn		
86.	tarry	TARE ee	to delay in coming or going, to linger	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> to depart promptly
	Please do not tarry; I want you to be here on time.			
	Derivatives >>	tarriness, tarried, tarries		
87.	tart	TART	sharp or sour taste	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> sweet
	I like a tart mustard on my hot dog.			
	Derivatives >>	tartly, tartish		
88.	terrestrial	teh RES tree ul	of the earth or pertaining to the earth	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> heavenly
	Humans are terrestrial beings.			
	Derivatives >>	terrestrially, terrain		
89.	transparent	trans PARE unt	quality of being able to be seen through, clear	
	Synonyms >>	limpid, translucent		Antonym >> opaque
	Glass is a transparent substance.			
	Derivatives >>	transparently, transparentness, transparency		
90.	trifling	TRY fling	not significant, frivolous	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> important; significant
	Some think that watching MTV is a trifling experience.			
	Derivatives >>	trifle, trifled, trifling, trifles		
91.	trivia	TRIV ee uh	insignificant matters	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> important matters
	The English teacher is looking for substance, not trivia, in themes.			
	Derivatives >>	trivial, triviality, trivialization, trivialize, trivially		
92.	uproarious	up ROAR ee us	making great noise (not necessarily negative)	
	Synonyms >>	tumultuous		Antonym >> soft, quiet
	The Beatles usually played to uproarious crowds.			
	Derivatives >>	uproariously, uproariousness, uproar		
93.	venerate	VEN uh rate	to honor, to revere	
	Synonyms >>	adore, worship		Antonym >>
	Although I did not always agree with President Kennedy, I venerate his memory.			
	Derivatives >>	veneration, venerational, venerator, venerable, venerability		
94.	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		
95.	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 *A Christmas Carol* have been identified as words or derivatives of words that have appeared on past SAT tests. They are listed here in alphabetical order.

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| 1. abyss | 33. hideous | 65. portly |
| 2. adamant | 34. illustrious | 66. precept |
| 3. affable | 35. incessant | 67. prodigious |
| 4. avarice | 36. indignation | 68. profundity |
| 5. baleful | 37. infamous | 69. propriety |
| 6. beguile | 38. infernal | 70. prostration |
| 7. benevolence | 39. intercede | 71. protrusion |
| 8. boisterous | 40. irresolute | 72. quake |
| 9. cant | 41. latent | 73. reconcile |
| 10. caustic | 42. loathe | 74. refuge |
| 11. celestial | 43. loiter | 75. replete |
| 12. congeal | 44. lustrous | 76. repulse |
| 13. corroboration | 45. malady | 77. revere |
| 14. credulous | 46. melancholy | 78. savory |
| 15. deference | 47. menagerie | 79. scale |
| 16. deft | 48. mirth | 80. scanty |
| 17. demur | 49. misanthrope | 81. seethe |
| 18. desolate | 50. morose | 82. sordid |
| 19. despondency | 51. munificent | 83. supplication |
| 20. destitution | 52. obscure | 84. surplus |
| 21. diffuse | 53. odious | 85. tacit |
| 22. dirge | 54. officious | 86. tarry |
| 23. disdain | 55. ominous | 87. tart |
| 24. elicit | 56. opaque | 88. terrestrial |
| 25. entreaty | 57. opulence | 89. transparent |
| 26. execrable | 58. palpable | 90. trifling |
| 27. feint | 59. peal | 91. trivia |
| 28. ferocity | 60. pedestrian (adj.) | 92. uproarious |
| 29. flaunt | 61. penitent | 93. venerate |
| 30. furrow | 62. pillage | 94. wanton |
| 31. grate | 63. plaintive | 95. warranted |
| 32. gratis | 64. ponderous | |

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These words which appear in "A Christmas Carol" have been identified as words that have appeared on past SAT tests. They are listed here in order of appearance in the short story.

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| 1. grating | 33. latent | 65. plaintive |
| 2. obscuring | 34. savor | 66. desolation |
| 3. palpable | 35. celestial | 67. mirth |
| 4. morose | 36. loath | 68. tarry |
| 5. impropriety | 37. terrestrial | 69. abyss |
| 6. veneration | 38. trifled | 70. profound |
| 7. ominous | 39. corroborated | 71. affability |
| 8. portly | 40. deftly | 72. indignantly |
| 9. destitute | 41. avarice | 73. credulity |
| 10. congealed | 42. sordid | 74. feint |
| 11. misanthrope | 43. pillaged | 75. execrable |
| 12. scant | 44. uproarious | 76. elicited |
| 13. tacitly | 45. boisterous | 77. menagerie |
| 14. beguiled | 46. scaling | 78. warranted |
| 15. melancholy | 47. prodigiously | 79. precepts |
| 16. ferocious | 48. disdain | 80. refuge |
| 17. irresolution | 49. seething | 81. hideous |
| 18. peal | 50. diffuse | 82. prostrate |
| 19. caustic | 51. furrows | 83. protruding |
| 20. transparent | 52. demurely | 84. trivial |
| 21. infernal | 53. entreating | 85. infamous |
| 22. ponderous | 54. gratis | 86. flaunting |
| 23. deference | 55. opulence | 87. revered |
| 24. incessant | 56. wanton | 88. reconciled |
| 25. benevolence | 57. tartness | 89. repleted |
| 26. quake | 58. officious | 90. intercedes |
| 27. dirge | 59. adamant | 91. repulsed |
| 28. opaque | 60. cant | 92. illustrious |
| 29. lustrous | 61. penitence | 93. loitered |
| 30. pedestrian | 62. surplus | 94. munificence |
| 31. supplication | 63. baleful | 95. malady |
| 32. despondent | 64. odious | |

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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. | abyss | a. | greed for wealth |
| _____ | 2. | adamant | b. | destructive, deadly |
| _____ | 3. | affable | c. | kindness, generosity, charity |
| _____ | 4. | avarice | d. | friendly, courteous, amiable |
| _____ | 5. | baleful | e. | deceive, mislead, persuade with charm |
| _____ | 6. | beguile | f. | inflexible, immovable, obstinate |
| _____ | 7. | benevolence | g. | rowdy, rough and stormy |
| _____ | 8. | boisterous | h. | sarcastically biting statement, acrid |
| _____ | 9. | cant | i. | bottomless hole, a vast expanse or depth |
| _____ | 10. | caustic | j. | secret jargon or slang |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|---------------|----|---|
| _____ | 11. | celestial | a. | hesitate, delay, object |
| _____ | 12. | congeal | b. | pertaining to the sky or heavens |
| _____ | 13. | corroboration | c. | deserted, without inhabitants |
| _____ | 14. | credulous | d. | to solidify or coagulate |
| _____ | 15. | deference | e. | depression, dejection |
| _____ | 16. | deft | f. | extremely poor, in extreme want |
| _____ | 17. | demur | g. | confirmation |
| _____ | 18. | desolate | h. | skillful, adroit |
| _____ | 19. | despondency | i. | believing on slight evidence, glib |
| _____ | 20. | destitution | j. | courteous going along with the wishes of others |

Exercise C

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|-------|-----|-----------|----|---|
| _____ | 21. | diffuse | a. | savagery |
| _____ | 22. | dirge | b. | a false appearance, a fake punch |
| _____ | 23. | disdain | c. | spread in all directions |
| _____ | 24. | elicit | d. | to show off, display ostentatiously |
| _____ | 25. | entreaty | e. | extremely bad, deserving of hate |
| _____ | 26. | execrable | f. | funeral hymn, lament |
| _____ | 27. | feint | g. | to make wrinkles or grooves |
| _____ | 28. | ferocity | h. | a plea, an earnest request |
| _____ | 29. | flaunt | i. | intense dislike, treat with scorn or contempt |
| _____ | 30. | furrow | j. | to bring out a response, to evoke |
| _____ | 31. | grate | k. | free |
| _____ | 32. | gratis | l. | to cause irritation |

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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. | hideous | a. | anger as a result of something unjust |
| _____ | 2. | illustrious | b. | indecisive, unsure how to proceed |
| _____ | 3. | incessant | c. | having a reputation of the worst kind; disgraceful |
| _____ | 4. | indignation | d. | uninterrupted |
| _____ | 5. | infamous | e. | not visible, dormant |
| _____ | 6. | infernal | f. | relating to hell |
| _____ | 7. | intercede | g. | very ugly, offensive, shocking |
| _____ | 8. | irresolute | h. | detest |
| _____ | 9. | latent | i. | to intervene and act as a mediator |
| _____ | 10. | loathe | j. | notably outstanding, famous |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|-------------|----|--|
| _____ | 11. | loiter | a. | to stand idly or linger aimlessly |
| _____ | 12. | lustrous | b. | difficult to see, vague |
| _____ | 13. | malady | c. | gladness and merriment accompanied by laughter |
| _____ | 14. | melancholy | d. | a disease or unwholesome condition |
| _____ | 15. | menagerie | e. | very generous |
| _____ | 16. | mirth | f. | shining or gleaming without sparkling |
| _____ | 17. | misanthrope | g. | deserving hate or contempt; contemptible |
| _____ | 18. | odious | h. | a collection of animals on exhibit; a varied mixture |
| _____ | 19. | munificent | i. | a hater of mankind |
| _____ | 20. | obscure | j. | depression of spirits |

Exercise C

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|-------|-----|------------|----|--|
| _____ | 21. | morose | a. | a loud ringing -- usually bells |
| _____ | 22. | officious | b. | dark, will not allow the passage of light; not transparent |
| _____ | 23. | ominous | c. | being sullen or gloomy |
| _____ | 24. | opaque | d. | tangible, perceptible, easily noticeable |
| _____ | 25. | opulence | e. | threatening |
| _____ | 26. | palpable | f. | mournful and expressing sorrow |
| _____ | 27. | peal | g. | overly dutiful or obliging |
| _____ | 28. | pedestrian | h. | to rob or take by force, to plunder |
| _____ | 29. | penitent | i. | wealth, affluence, abundance |
| _____ | 30. | pillage | j. | showing or feeling regret for wrongdoing, repentant |
| _____ | 31. | plaintive | k. | ordinary, unimaginative |

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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

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|-------|-----|-------------|----|--|
| _____ | 1. | ponderous | a. | profound knowledge, intellectual depth |
| _____ | 2. | portly | b. | something sticking out |
| _____ | 3. | precept | c. | very heavy, unwieldy from weight |
| _____ | 4. | refuge | d. | state of being stretched out due to a lack of vitality |
| _____ | 5. | profundity | e. | correct conduct |
| _____ | 6. | propriety | f. | shelter or place of protection |
| _____ | 7. | prostration | g. | to shake from shock or instability |
| _____ | 8. | protrusion | h. | rotund in a stately manner, stout |
| _____ | 9. | quake | i. | reestablish friendship, to resolve a dispute |
| _____ | 10. | reconcile | j. | a rule guiding conduct or imposing a standard |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|--------------|----|---|
| _____ | 11. | prodigious | a. | appetizing |
| _____ | 12. | replete | b. | begging, humbly asking for a favor |
| _____ | 13. | repulse | c. | extraordinary in bulk or quantity; enormous |
| _____ | 14. | revere | d. | filthy, foul |
| _____ | 15. | savory | e. | to honor, to regard with respect |
| _____ | 16. | scale | f. | boiling, being agitated |
| _____ | 17. | scanty | g. | to repel or rebuff - usually with rudeness |
| _____ | 18. | seethe | h. | filled to capacity, abundantly supplied |
| _____ | 19. | sordid | i. | less than or barely sufficient, meager |
| _____ | 20. | supplication | j. | to climb up or over |

Exercise C

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|-------|-----|-------------|----|---|
| _____ | 21. | surplus | a. | making great noise |
| _____ | 22. | tacit | b. | to delay in coming or going, linger |
| _____ | 23. | tarry | c. | insignificant matters |
| _____ | 24. | tart | d. | understood; silent; not spoken; implicit |
| _____ | 25. | terrestrial | e. | to honor, revere |
| _____ | 26. | transparent | f. | of the earth or pertaining to the earth |
| _____ | 27. | trifling | g. | not significant, frivolous |
| _____ | 28. | trivia | h. | an amount more than what is needed |
| _____ | 29. | uproarious | i. | immoral, lewd |
| _____ | 30. | venerate | j. | justified |
| _____ | 31. | wanton | k. | quality of being able to see through something, clear |
| _____ | 32. | warranted | l. | sharp or sour taste |

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Vocabulary Test 1

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

Vocabulary Test 2

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

Vocabulary Test 3

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