

The SCOPE 100

Wow Them With Words

By the end of the school year, you'll learn 100 vocabulary words from the SAT and ACT tests. Save this page in the front of your notebook, and look for these words in your *Scope* magazines. Check the words off when they're used in *Scope*, and use them in your own writing and in everyday conversation as often as you can.

adhere *v* follow

admonish *v* criticize, rebuke

adverse *adj* unfavorable, undesirable

agility *n* nimbleness

amalgam *n* mixture, combination

anarchic *adj* chaotic, lawless

antagonize *v* provoke

arrogant *adj* excessively proud

astound *v* amaze, astonish

astute *adj* shrewd, perceptive

attune *v* regulate, adjust

atypical *adj* irregular, abnormal

benefactor *n* patron, supporter

bequest *n* inheritance

blithe *adj* carefree, happy

bombastic *adj* overblown, pompous

candid *adj* frank, honest

capricious *adj* fickle, flighty

circumscribe *v* limit, restrict

cohesive *adj* unified

colloquial *adj* conversational

compile *v* assemble, amass

conceited *adj* self-important

conciliatory *adj* peacemaking, pacifying

consensus *n* agreement

confidant *n* friend

connoisseur *n* expert, specialist

constituent *n* citizen, voter

contempt *n* scorn, dislike

conviction *n* firm belief

cordial *adj* friendly, pleasant

cosmopolitan *adj* sophisticated

credible *adj* likely, believable

cultivate *v* nurture, develop

curative *adj* restorative, healing

debilitate *v* weaken, incapacitate

decrepit *adj* feeble, weak, old

delude *v* mislead, deceive

dense *adj* thick, crowded

discredit *v* disgrace, dishonor

dismantle *v* disassemble, take apart

duplicitous *adj* disloyal, double-dealing

durable *adj* long-lasting, strong

eccentric *adj* odd, strange

edify *v* educate, enlighten

elicit *v* obtain, draw out

embellish *v* decorate, adorn

enact *v* pass, endorse, carry out

entrench *v* establish, embed

evade *v* dodge

expropriate *v* seize, claim

flippant *adj* offhand, glib

formulate *v* plan, word, devise

foster *v* encourage, further, advance

frenetic *adj* frantic, hectic

furtive *adj* secretive, sly

galvanize *v* jolt, spur to action

grave *adj* weighty, serious

harness *v* utilize, channel

imminent *adj* impending, looming

imperceptible *adj* undetectable

impetuous *adj* headstrong, reckless

impulsive *adj* spontaneous, hasty

inapt *adj* improper, inappropriate

inclination *n* tendency, whim

industrious *adj* busy, hardworking

insinuate *v* imply

intricacy *n* complexity

intrinsic *adj* basic, fundamental, inherent

jocular *adj* playful, funny

lament *v* grieve, mourn, regret

mendacious *adj* dishonest, untruthful

moratorium *n* temporary ban, suspension

nuance *n* variation, tone, shading

ordeal *n* severe or difficult experience

onerous *adj* burdensome, strenuous

persevere *v* keep trying in spite of opposition or discouragement

petulant *adj* grouchy, irritable, rude

phenomenon *n* sensation, occurrence

predecessor *n* forerunner, ancestor

pretentious *adj* showy, pompous

prodigious *adj* enormous, exceptional

pungent *adj* strong, overpowering

quiescent *adj* idle, dormant

redundant *adj* repetitive

refute *v* disprove

reiterate *v* repeat, say again

reparation *n* amends, compensation

resound *v* echo, thunder

surreptitious *adj* sneaky, secret

tenet *n* principle, view, rule

torrent *n* flood, violent flow

triumphant *adj* victorious

unsolicited *adj* unrequested, unwanted

unstinting *adj* generously given

usurp *v* seize, take over

venerable *adj* esteemed, respected

veracity *n* truthfulness, accuracy

voracious *adj* avid, ravenous, hungry

weary *adj* tired, lackluster, exhausted