

## SAT List 13

1. **esoteric adj.** understood by only a select few.
  - Dr. Thorpe's scholarship was so *esoteric* that it attracted little attention.
  - I avoid books with *esoteric* themes, but enjoy those which are realistic and easy to comprehend.
  - The disc jockey's patter had become so *esoteric* that it led to a dearth of listeners.
2. **eulogy n.** high praise for a deceased person.
  - When Reverend Foster delivered the *eulogy*, he embellished it with a few apocryphal stories.
  - The distraught family members were comforted greatly by the moving *eulogy*.
  - The young student was very honored when he was asked to deliver the *eulogy* for his favorite professor.
3. **euphemism n.** use of an indirect expression in place of one that is harsh.
  - Since I didn't want to hurt Debby's feelings, I searched for an appropriate *euphemism*.
  - Ted has an aversion to *euphemism*, preferring to speak directly and not pull his punches.
  - Referring to the elevator operator as a transportation controller is a *euphemism* that we consider to be ridiculous.
4. **evanescent adj.** gradually disappearing; fleeting.
  - Max's unconcern was apparent as he showed only an *evanescent* interest in the new project.
  - The *evanescent* student protest ebbed as soon as the cafeteria food improves.
  - Unfortunately, Holly's good resolutions were frequently *evanescent*.
5. **exacerbate v.** to make a situation worse; to irritate.
  - One way to *exacerbate* their feelings of anger is to trivialize the quarrel.
  - Millicent's seemingly innocent proposal may actually *exacerbate* the problem.
  - If you want to *exacerbate* your upset stomach, try the spicy chili.
6. **exemplary adj.** serving as a model.
  - Matthew Alexander's statue was *enhanced* by the report of his exemplary conduct in nursery school.
  - A chestful of medals were presented to General MacArthur following his *exemplary* performance in combat.
  - We pay Marjorie well because she's an *exemplary* babysitter.
7. **expedient adj.** useful; advantageous; based on self-interest.
  - Henry's decisions are never *expedient* ones because he is genuinely altruistic.
  - Hiring a part-time secretary was an *expedient* move which paid off.
  - We formed a car pool ten years ago as an *evanescent expedient*, but it's still operational.
8. **expedite v.** to make easy and quick to speed up.
  - In order to *expedite* matters we hired three additional workers.
  - By purchasing a postage meter, Harvey was able to *expedite* the shipment of our mail.
  - When my mother is preparing our favorite dishes, we like to come into the kitchen to help *expedite* the meal.
9. **expunge v.** to erase; to removing completely.
  - Miss Porter promised to *expunge* the bad conduct notation from Danielle's report card if she improved conspicuously.
  - The jurors were directed to *expunge* the derogatory remarks from their memory.
  - For twelve years, Sergeant Phillips petitioned the army to *expunge* the court martial from his record.
10. **extol v.** to praise highly.
  - It's my intention to *extol* Bonnie's successful fund-raising efforts at our next club meeting.
  - In his eulogy, Marc Antony said that he came to bury Caesar, not to *extol* him.
  - You may wish to *extol* Adrienne for her human relations skills in order to counteract the diatribe launched against her.



### SPOTLIGHT ON

**euphemism** When a butcher refers to himself as a "meat coordinator," we say he is using a euphemism, or mild or indirect expression. The Greek origin of this word means "to speak with fair words."

**expedite** *Ex* means "out and *pedan* is the Latin word for "foot." When you remove your foot from an entanglement, you help to expedite matters.

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# Lesson 13

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## Matching

	A		B
1.	esoteric	a)	Less offensive term
2.	eulogy	b)	To aggravate a situation
3.	euphemism	c)	Advantageous
4.	evanescent	d)	Vanishing
5.	exacerbate	e)	Blot out
6.	exemplary	f)	Worth imitating
7.	expedient	g)	Speed up
8.	expedite	h)	Understood only by a select few
9.	expunge	i)	Commend
10.	extol	j)	Peruse carefully
		k)	High praise for a deceased person

## Fill in the blank

- In an \_\_\_\_\_ move, two dozen machinists were laid off at our factory.
- It would be well, the therapist felt, if Marvin could \_\_\_\_\_ the incident from his memory
- Since Alvin knew that they were going to \_\_\_\_\_ him to the heavens, he stayed away from the ceremony.
- A plain cook, Molly had no time for \_\_\_\_\_ recipes.
- Andy Warhol, speaking of the \_\_\_\_\_ quality of fame, said that each of us was entitled to only fifteen lifetime minutes in the spotlight.
- When we thought that the argument had been resolved, along came Smith to \_\_\_\_\_ it.
- The minister discarded his prepared \_\_\_\_\_ and spoke off-the-cuff.
- My teacher said it was an \_\_\_\_\_ job of typing but a poor sample of creative writing.
- You can \_\_\_\_\_ things by filling out the application before your interview.
- Referring to the undertaker as a "bereavement counselor" was a classical \_\_\_\_\_.

## True or False

Based upon the way the new words are used, identify the following sentences as T (True) or F (False).

- \_\_\_ The drilling in the street exacerbated my nervous condition.
- \_\_\_ Courtney's eulogy was so moving that he was asked to deliver two more funeral orations within the same month.
- \_\_\_ Muttering some esoteric mumbo-jumbo, the fortune teller pretended to be in touch with the spirit world.
- \_\_\_ I find it hard sometimes to say the word "died" and am more comfortable with the euphemism "passed away."
- \_\_\_ We used a black lettering pen to expunge the words so that everyone could see them.