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SAT Vocabulary Unit 10

Learn more about this topic! Each section gives more detail on one of the lyrics from the song. Read each section, and then respond by answering the question or taking notes on key ideas.

Lyric: salient



salient (adj.) - significant, conspicuous
She got an 'A' on her paper because she successfully discussed all the *salient* topic points.

Notes

Lyric: sybarite



sybarite (n.) - someone devoted to pleasure and luxury, a voluptuary
The French queen, Marie Antoinette, was scorned by rebels as a *sybarite*.

Notes

Lyric: voluptuary



voluptuary (n.) - someone devoted to sensory pleasure and luxury, a sybarite
The Roaring Twenties are remembered as a *voluptuary* decade.

Notes

Lyric: hedonists

hedonist (n.) - one whose primary pursuit is pleasure

The *hedonist* spent all his money on fast cars, fancy dinners and lavish vacations.

Notes

Lyric: immaculate



immaculate (adj.) - impeccably clean, spotless, pure

The carpet was *immaculate* compared to the old stuffed dog.

Notes

Lyric: deluge



deluge (n.) - a great flood or something that overwhelms like a flood

They traveled through town by row boat after the *deluge*.

Notes

Lyric: inclination



inclination (n.) - a tendency, propensity

Chandra loves all music, but her *inclination* is towards the piano.

Notes

Lyric: propensity



propensity (n.) - an inclination, preference
A *propensity* for junk food can lead to poor health.

Notes

Lyric: tantamount



tantamount (adj.) - equivalent in value or significance
To an avid environmentalist, cutting down trees is *tantamount* to ecological destruction.

Notes

Lyric: incredulous



incredulous (adj.) - skeptical, disbelieving
Her eyes widened *incredulously* at the shocking news.

Notes

Lyric: novel



novel (adj.) - strikingly new, unusual, or different
Practically everyone has a cell phone, but they were once *novel* devices.

Notes

Lyric: deleterious



deleterious (adj.) - harmful
Poison is *deleterious* to living things.

Notes

Lyric: frenetic



frenetic (adj.) - frenzied, hectic, frantic
She kept an appointment book to avoid having a *frenetic* work day.

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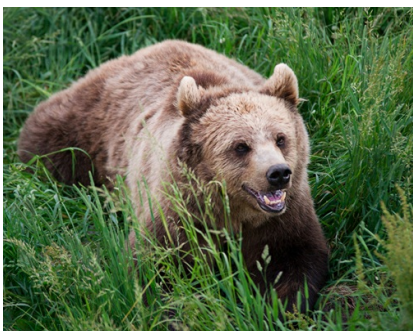
Lyric: grotto



grotto (n.) - a small cave or cavern
The family visited the Blue *Grotto* while on vacation.

Notes

Lyric: irascible



irascible (adj.) - easily angered
Bears can be unpredictably *irascible*.

Notes

Lyric: malaise



malaise (n.) - a vague feeling of discomfort
The doctor tried to diagnose the root of Wythe's *malaise*.

Notes

Lyric: modicum



modicum (n.) - a small amount of something
One needs more than a *modicum* of skill to play a good game of chess.

Notes

Lyric: neonate



neonate (n.) - a newborn infant
The mother cradled her *neonate*.

Notes

Lyric: olfactory



olfactory (adj.) - relating to the sense of smell
Without *olfactory* nerves, you cannot smell the sweet flowers.

Notes

Lyric: fortitude



fortitude (n.) - strength, bravery
Spartan warriors were famous for their *fortitude*.

Notes

Lyric: ominous



ominous (adj.) - foreboding or foreshadowing evil, portentous
Dark, *ominous* clouds rolled in.

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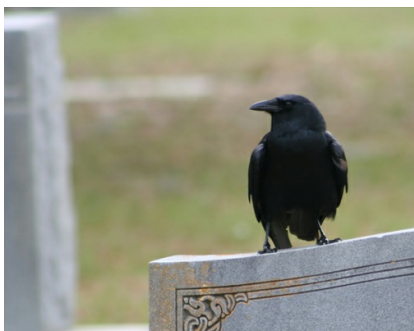
Lyric: portentous



portentous (adj.) - foreboding or foreshadowing evil, ominous
The scene is spooky and *portentous*.

Notes

Lyric: presage



presage (n.) - an omen
Some consider crows to be dark *presages*.

Notes

Lyric: premonition



premonition (n.) - a presentiment of the future
She had a distinct *premonition* that the fortune teller was a con artist.

Notes

Lyric: volition



volition (n.) - a conscious choice or decision
Darren had gone to a faraway university of his own *volition*

Notes

Lyric: predestination



predestination (n.) - the concept of destiny or fate
The businessman believed in *predestination* and thought his presidency was meant to be.

Notes

Lyric: prestidigitation



prestidigitation (n.) - a sleight of hand
Harry Houdini's *prestidigitation* is legendary.

Notes

Lyric: tenuous



tenuous (adj.) - having little substance or strength
The rope seems *tenuous*, but the climber is well supported.

Notes

Lyric: obfuscating



obfuscate (v.) - to render incomprehensible
The road sign is somewhat *obfuscating*.

Notes

Lyric: purport



purport (v.) - to present an intention that is often false
The lawyer *purported* that he had spent hours on the briefing, when in truth he barely glanced at it.

Notes

Lyric: feigning



feign (v.) - to fake or pretend to
He *feigned* a fever by holding the thermometer over a hot light bulb.

Notes

Lyric: vim



vim (n.) - vitality and energy, vigor
The young dog is full of constant *vim*.

Notes

Lyric: vigor



vigor (n.) - vitality and energy, vim
A sugar rush was the cause of their *vigor*.

Notes

Lyric: veracious



veracious (adj.) - honest, truthful
The investigator did not need to count on *veracious* witnesses when he found solid evidence.

Notes

Lyric: erroneous



erroneous (adj.) - mistaken, incorrect
Her fortune cookie was *erroneous*, she did not come into wealth.

Notes

Lyric: fallacious



fallacious (adj.) - incorrect, misleading
The girls told *fallacious* stories.

Notes

Lyric: histrionics



histrionic (adj.) - excessively dramatic or emotional
The satiric actor is famous for his *histrionics*.

Notes

Lyric: melodramatic



melodramatic (adj.) - exaggeratedly emotional or sentimental; histrionic
Mimes are inclined to be *melodramatic* as they cannot speak.

Notes

Lyric: fabulist



fabulist (n.) - a teller of fables; a liar
His writing was once respected, but now he is considered a petty *fabulist*.

Notes

Lyric: convalescence



convalescence (n.) - the gradual return to health after illness
Her paper cut did not warrant such a lengthy period of *convalescence*.

Notes

Lyric: dearth



dearth (n.) - a lack, scarcity
A *dearth* in rainfall resulted in dried up crops.

Notes

Lyric: rife



rife (adj.) - abundant
Poorly managed wildfires can run *rife* for weeks.

Notes

Lyric: luminescence



luminescence (n.) - light from non-thermal sources
As a child, he was afraid of the dark, but his night light provided the perfect *luminescence*.

Notes

Lyric: lithe



lithe (adj.) - graceful, flexible, supple
The *lithe* snake slithered forward.

Notes

Lyric: limber



limber (adj.) - bending or flexing readily, pliable
The dancer trained to become *limber*.

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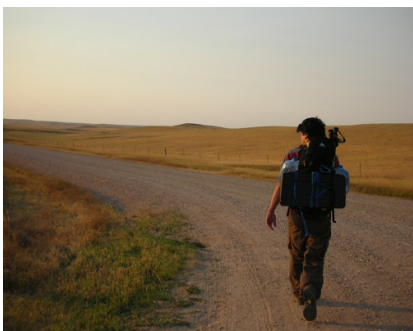
Lyric: pique



pique (v.) - to provoke or to cause indignation
Nick's new speaker system was top notch, but his loud music caused the neighbors to feel *pique*.

Notes

Lyric: peregrinate



peregrinate (v.) - to travel from place to place on foot
He packed up and *peregrinated* across the country, one day at a time.

Notes

Lyric: innate



innate (adj.) - inborn, native, inherent
Mozart, with an *innate* musical ability, began composing at age five.

Notes

Lyric: penchant



penchant (n.) - a tendency, partiality, preference
She had a *penchant* for cereal in the morning.

Notes

Lyric: rustic



rustic (adj.) - relating to country life
They live in a *rustic* part of town near the old barn.

Notes

Lyric: morose



morose (adj.) - gloomy or sullen
The gorilla was *morose* because all the other gorillas ignored him.

Notes

Lyric: mollified

Notes



mollify (v.) - to soften in temper
Wayne knew that only a teddy bear
would *mollify* his younger sister.