

Piece of the Pie

SAT Vocabulary Unit 11

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: firmament



firmament (n.) - the sky, the heavens
The Big Dipper is visible in the dark *firmament*.

Notes

Lyric: trite



trite (adj.) - overused, hackneyed
A poet should aim to be original, not *trite*.

Notes

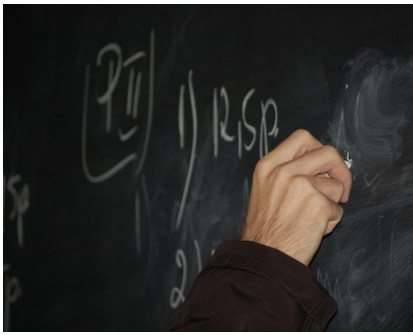
Lyric: cliché



cliché (n.) - a trite, overused expression
Some people think red roses are *cliché* on Valentine's Day.

Notes

Lyric: reiterate



reiterate (v.) - to repeat
The professor *reiterated* the key points of his lesson by writing them on the blackboard.

Notes

Lyric: permeates



permeate (v.) - to spread out, to pervade
The smell of baking *permeated* the house.

Notes

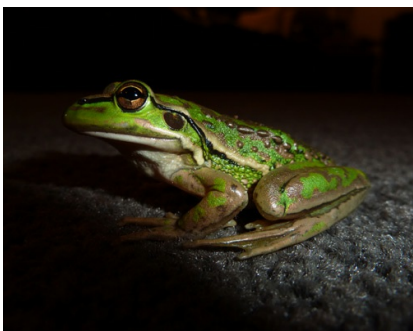
Lyric: pervasive



pervasive (adj.) - inclined to spread throughout
Technology has become increasingly *pervasive* throughout the last century.

Notes

Lyric: existential



existential (adj.) - relating to existence
Frogs are probably never bothered by the *existential* thoughts that sometimes bother humans.

Notes

Lyric: sedentary



sedentary (adj.) - sitting
The miners were *sedentary* during their lunch break.

Notes

Lyric: tranquil



tranquil (adj.) - calm, serene, peaceful
Yoga is ideally a *tranquil* practice.

Notes

Lyric: labyrinthine



labyrinthine (adj.) - intricate, maze-like
The *labyrinthine* hedge made for a pretty garden.

Notes

Lyric: boisterous



boisterous (adj.) - loud, energetic
Athletes appreciate their *boisterous* fans.

Notes

Lyric: manifold



manifold (adj.) - many
Disney World has *manifold* attractions.

Notes

Lyric: conduit



conduit (n.) - a pipe, passage, channel
Water flowed freely from the *conduits* into the purification chamber.

Notes

Lyric: vocation



vocation (n.) - one's work or professional calling
Jared always felt that his *vocation* was outdoor work.

Notes

Lyric: Vicariously



vicarious (adj.) - experienced through another's actions
The woman lived *vicariously* through the characters in the book she was reading.

Notes

Lyric: Familial



familial (adj.) - relating to family
He took care of his younger brother out of *familial* duty.

Notes

Lyric: aggregate



aggregate (v.) - to gather, amass
She *aggregated* a bouquet of flowers.

Notes

Lyric: exemplary



exemplary (adj.) - serving as an example
His football playing is *exemplary*.

Notes

Lyric: ambivalent



ambivalent (adj.) - having contradictory feelings
Raina was *ambivalent* about shopping because she liked new things but hated making decisions.

Notes

Lyric: vacillated



vacillate (v.) - to go back and forth, fluctuate
When he asked for her hand in marriage, she *vacillated* between yes and no.

Notes

Lyric: amorous



amorous (adj.) - relating to or showing love
The couple stood in an *amorous* embrace.

Notes

Lyric: amorphous



amorphous (adj.) - without shape or borders
The potter shaped the *amorphous* clay.

Notes

Lyric: nebulous



nebulous (adj.) - indistinct, hazy
The card reader made *nebulous* predictions.

Notes

Lyric: abort



abort (v.) - to give up unfinished
Too afraid to jump, he *aborted* his plan to skydive.

Notes

Lyric: placid



placid (adj.) - calm, tranquil
Lake *Placid* is appropriately named; it is a calm body of water.

Notes

Lyric: repose



repose (n.) - rest, sleep
We found our brother in a state of *repose* after the race.

Notes

Lyric: revel



revel (v.) - to enjoy
Everyone *reveled* in the parade.

Notes

Lyric: salutation



salutation (n.) - a greeting
A handshake is a common *salutation*.

Notes

Lyric: sordid

sordid (adj.) - dirty
The *sordid* thief made off with the diamonds.

Notes

Lyric: repulses



repulse (v.) - to cause disgust or distaste, or to drive back, repel
She is *repulsed* by all crawling insects.

Notes

Lyric: licentiously



licentious (adj.) - amoral, lawless, lewd
The Scarlet Letter's protagonist, Hester Prynne, is considered *licentious* by the townsfolk because she has an affair.

Notes

Lyric: judiciously



judicious (adj.) - of sound judgment
The Supreme Court is expected to handle matters most *judiciously*.

Notes

Lyric: stupefied



stupefy (v.) - to astound
She was *stupefied* at his proposal.

Notes

Lyric: pithy



pithy (adj.) - succinctly meaningful
Emily Dickinson is known for her *pithy*, to-the-point poetry.

Notes

Lyric: empathetic



empathetic (adj.) - feeling another's pain as one's own
Empathetic to the cause, Mary camped out with the other protesters in the town's center.

Notes

Lyric: sympathetic



sympathetic (adj.) - compassionate
The mild winter was *sympathetic* to the growing buds.

Notes

Lyric: sympathy



sympathy (n.) - an expression of pity for another, compassion
Sam felt such *sympathy* for the abandoned dog, she adopted him.

Notes

Lyric: empathy



empathy (n.) - the experience of another's feelings as one's own
A lioness feels no *empathy* for its prey; she just sees it as food.

Notes

Lyric: inundate



inundate (v.) - to flood
He is *inundated* with work.

Notes

Lyric: rife



rife (adj.) - full, replete
Rife with corruption, the workers constantly accepted bribes.

Notes

Lyric: strife



strife (n.) - conflict
The war tore apart families, causing much *strife*.

Notes