

Adventures of Carlito

SAT Vocabulary Unit 3

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: Fortify



fortify (v.) - to strengthen
There was no way to *fortify* the house of cards, so it toppled.

Notes

Lyric: dictate



dictate (v.) - to pronounce, command, prescribe
Darius took notes on what the teacher *dictated*.

Notes

Lyric: Diminutive



diminutive (adj.) - miniature, small
The *diminutive* bunny fit in the palm of a hand.

Notes

Lyric: goaded

goad (v.) - to urge, to provoke into action
The burning sun *goaded* Alia into using sunscreen.

Notes

Lyric: lachrymose



lachrymose (adj.) - tearful
The onions made for *lachrymose* cooking.

Notes

Lyric: obsequious



obsequious (adj.) - submissive
The *obsequious* waiter returned to the table every five minutes to make sure everything was OK.

Notes

Lyric: lauded

laud (v.) - to applaud or praise
The audience *lauded* the show when the performers bowed.

Notes

Lyric: sycophant



sycophant (n.) - a self-serving flatterer
Kara said she liked Shawn's song with the hope that it would help her get a job at his record store, but Shawn knew she was a *sycophant*.

Notes

Lyric: officious

officious (adj.) - offering unwanted help or service
The coach gave the player advice without being pushy or *officious*.

Notes

Lyric: abide



abide (v.) - to put up with, tolerate
Tanya did not *abide* the law when she let her wild puppy off his leash at the park.

Notes

Lyric: punctilious



punctilious (adj.) - eager to follow rules
Although his friends want to break into abandoned barn, Malik is a *punctilious* kid who never breaks rules.

Notes

Lyric: propriety



propriety (n.) - decency, state of being proper
The bride had no sense of *propriety* and was on the phone throughout her wedding.

Notes

Lyric: Ambling



amble (v.) - to stroll, walk
The friends leisurely *ambled* to class.

Notes

Lyric: scurrilous



scurrilous (adj.) - crude, vulgar
They made *scurrilous* remarks, calling the boys lying pigs.

Notes

Lyric: inimical

inimical (adj.) - hostile, threatening
The snake barred its *inimical* fangs.

Notes

Lyric: trekked



trek (v.) - to walk, travel by foot
They *trekked* up the mountain for nine hours, but still hadn't reached the top.

Notes

Lyric: malevolent



malevolent (adj.) - having intent to harm others
The *malevolent* pirate ship made a threatening approach.

Notes

Lyric: malicious



malicious (adj.) - malevolent, harmful
A *malicious* neighbor popped the soccer ball on the morning of the big game.

Notes

Lyric: truculent



truculent (adj.) - eager to fight, violent
The *truculent* bulls charged at one another.

Notes

Lyric: Pugnacious



pugnacious (adj.) - belligerent
Marco, the *pugnacious* twin, always fought with his brother.

Notes

Lyric: belligerent

belligerent (adj.) - contentious, ready to fight
Fighting roosters are notoriously *belligerent*.

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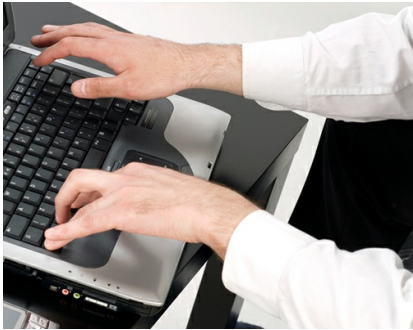
Lyric: accosted



accost (v.) - to approach or confront aggressively
Joan felt *accosted* by the door-to-door salesman, so she called to complain about his aggressive behavior.

Notes

Lyric: invectives



invective (n.) - a verbal attack
Chris has a bullying boss who emails him *invectives daily*.

Notes

Lyric: timorous



timorous (adj.) - fearful, timid
The *timorous* girl shied away from people she didn't know.

Notes

Lyric: circumspect



circumspect (adj.) - cautious
Ty made *circumspect* steps so as not to slip on the mopped floor.

Notes

Lyric: prudent



prudent (adj.) - cautious, careful
Indie did not make a *prudent* decision when she left the delicate plates where they could be knocked over.

Notes

Lyric: nefarious



nefarious (adj.) - horribly villainous
The pumpkins wore *nefarious* expressions.

Notes

Lyric: petulance



petulance (n.) - irritability, impoliteness
Her *petulance* was due to the early wake-up call.

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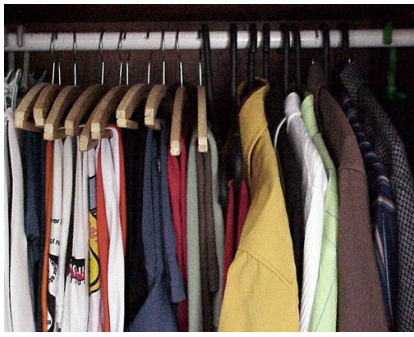
Lyric: repudiate



repudiate (v.) - to reject, turn down
Mari *repudiated* the corporate job offer and decided to become a baker.

Notes

Lyric: acceded



accede (v.) - to agree
He *acceded* to his mother's request and hung his clothes neatly.

Notes

Lyric: accommodating



accommodating (adj.) - obliging, helpful
The *accommodating* driver waited for the commuters who were running to catch the bus.

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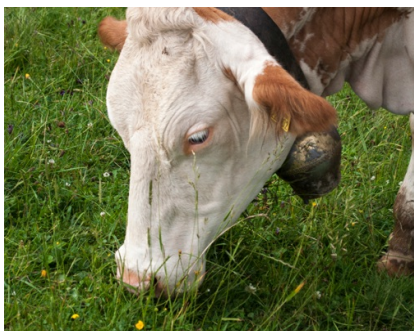
Lyric: poised



poised (adj.) - balanced, readied
He held his pencil, *poised* to take notes.

Notes

Lyric: masticating



masticate (v.) - to chew
The cow steadily *masticated* its grass food.

Notes

Lyric: spurious



spurious (adj.) - false but intended to seem believable or possible
The painting, originally believed to be a *spurious* copy, proved to be an authentic van Gogh.

Notes

Lyric: abate



abate (v.) - to lessen, to reduce in severity
Once the storm had *abated*, it turned into a beautiful day.

Notes

Lyric: abased



abase (v.) - to lower, demean, degrade
The CEO *abased* himself in front of his colleagues when he was unaware of the crisis at his own power plant.

Notes

Lyric: Lacerations



laceration (n.) - a cut, a rip
Beware, broken glass can cause serious *lacerations*.

Notes

Lyric: altercation



altercation (n.) - an argument, dispute
The goalie got into an *altercation* with the referee over a call in the game.

Notes

Lyric: mediate



mediate (v.) - to intervene, to arbitrate, to sort out
With their mother to *mediate*, the kittens stopped fighting.

Notes

Lyric: arbitrator



arbitrator (n.) - one who settles controversy between two sides
The dispute was settled with an *arbitrator*, rather than a court case.

Notes

Lyric: restitution



restitution (n.) - compensation, reimbursement
The insurance gave the homeowners *restitution* for the flood damages.

Notes

Lyric: retaliation



retaliation (n.) - revenge, punishment
The American Revolution began with the *retaliation* of the colonies against unfair British rule.

Notes

Lyric: retribution



retribution (n.) - vengeance, revenge, payback
After last year's embarrassing loss, the team knew they had to win the championship for *retribution* and glory.

Notes

Lyric: umbrage



umbrage (n.) - anger, offense, resentment
Good teachers help their students, rather than take *umbrage*, when they do not understand a lesson.

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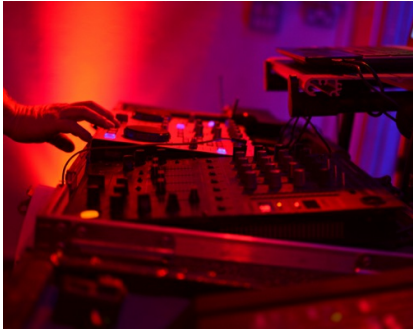
Lyric: upbraided



upbraid (v.) - to criticize, scold, reproach
His wife *upbraided* him for the mess in the garage.

Notes

Lyric: berated



berate (v.) - to scold severely
Lisa's parents *berated* her for going to the dance without permission.

Notes

Lyric: atone



atone (v.) - to apologize, make amends
Markus *atoned* for his mistake by cooking a lovely breakfast.

Notes

Lyric: benevolent

benevolent (adj.) - kind, good, caring
Devon has a *benevolent* heart and always gives to charity.

Notes

Lyric: bereft



bereft (adj.) - without, devoid of
She was *bereft* of speech when she realized she had a winning lotto ticket.

Notes

Lyric: conceded

concede (v.) - to give in, to accept
While it seemed no one would vote for him, the politician refused to *concede* the election.

Notes