

# Phobia

## SAT Vocabulary Unit 4

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: daunting



**daunting** (adj.) - intimidating  
Public speaking is a *daunting* task for many.

Notes

### Lyric: feral



**feral** (adj.) - savage, wild, untamed  
Lions are beautiful but *feral*/beasts.

Notes

### Lyric: abhor,



**abhor** (v.) - to hate, loathe  
Jess is an adamant environmentalist and *abhors* those who litter.

Notes

## Lyric: destitute



**destitute** (adj.) - impoverished  
Soup kitchens across the nation help *destitute* people.

Notes

## Lyric: abject



**abject** (adj.) - of the most miserable or contemptible kind  
The survivors of natural disasters sometimes end up in *abject* poverty.

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## Lyric: domicile

**domicile** (n.) - a residence, a home  
The university *domiciles* were small but comfortable.

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## Lyric: derelict



**derelict** (adj.) - run-down, abandoned  
Legend has it that the *derelict* cottage is haunted.

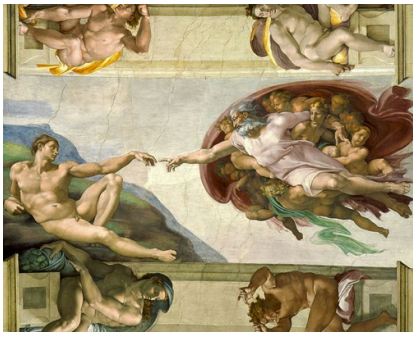
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## Lyric: defunct

**defunct** (adj.) - no longer used or existing  
It cost more to fix the phone than buy a new one because the warranty was *defunct*.

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## Lyric: requisition



**requisition** (n.) - a demand for goods, often by an authority  
In a formal *requisition*, Michelangelo was commissioned to paint the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel.

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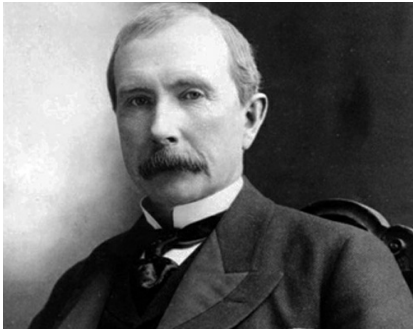
## Lyric: renovate



**renovate** (v.) - to restore, return to original state  
The workers labored round-the-clock to *renovate* the home.

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## Lyric: affluent



**affluent** (adj.) - rich, wealthy  
The *affluent* Rockefeller family made their fortune in the oil business.

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## Lyric: reprehensible



**reprehensible** (adj.) - deserving of criticism  
The *reprehensible* boy would steal candy from a baby.

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Lyric: razed,



**raze** (v.) - to demolish  
A wrecking ball was used to *raze* the old building.

Notes

Lyric: dilapidated



**dilapidated** (adj.) - in a state of disrepair  
The old car was *dilapidated*.

Notes

Lyric: exacerbated



**exacerbate** (v.) - to make more violent, intense  
The heavy rain *exacerbated* the flood problem.

Notes

Lyric: pacify



**pacify** (v.) - to sooth, ease  
The fans, angered by their favorite musician's late arrival, were *pacified* when he finally came on stage.

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## Lyric: allay



**allay** (v.) - to soothe, assuage  
A soft breeze would *allay* the summer heat.

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## Lyric: assuage



**assuage** (v.) - to ease, pacify  
After eating a chili pepper, Ricky *assuaged* the burn with a glass of water.

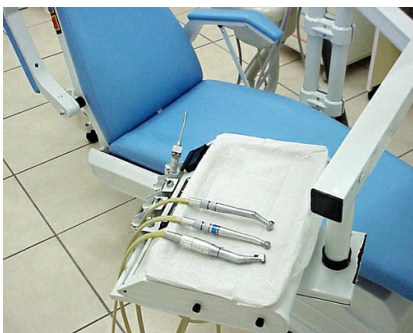
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## Lyric: anxiety

**anxiety** (n.) - uneasiness  
The dog clearly felt *anxiety* at the prospect of a visit to the vet.

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## Lyric: Sedate



**sedate** (v.) - to calm, soothe  
The dentist *sedated* his patient in order to fill a cavity.

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## Lyric: sobriety



**sobriety** (n.) - moderation from excess, or calm tranquility  
Brianna enjoyed healthy *sobriety* after a fast food binge.

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## Lyric: agoraphobic



**agoraphobia** (n.) - an abnormal fear of open or public places  
Scholars think the poet Emily Dickinson was *agoraphobic* because she rarely left her home and often refused to see visitors.

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## Lyric: Claustrophobic



**claustrophobia** (n.) - an abnormal fear of closed or crowded spaces  
Reggie is *claustrophobic* so he avoids elevators.

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## Lyric: diaphanous



**diaphanous** (adj.) - transparent, light, airy  
The *diaphanous* fog lifted as the sun rose.

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## Lyric: harrowing



**harrowing** (adj.) - agonizing, distressing  
Shauna is terrified of flying because she had a *harrowing* first-flight experience.

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## Lyric: strenuous



**strenuous** (adj.) - requiring tremendous strength or energy  
Athletes undergo *strenuous* training to prepare for competition.

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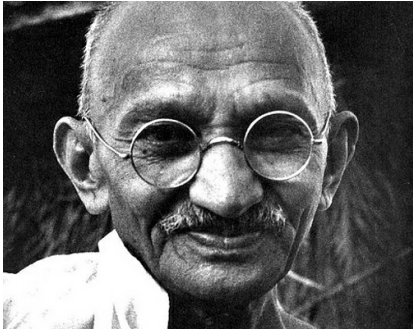
## Lyric: canvas



**canvas** (n.) - a piece of cloth on which an artist paints  
Johannes Vermeer was an oil painter who made his masterpieces on *canvas*.

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## Lyric: ascetics



**ascetic** (n.) - one who practices restraint as a means of self-discipline, usually religious  
Gandhi was a *vegetarian* ascetic.

Notes

## Lyric: quaint



**quaint** (adj.) - old-fashioned  
Amish groups are known for their choice to lead *quaint* lives.

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## Lyric: reeling



**reel** (v.) - to be thrown off balance or feel dizzy  
They're heads were *reeling* after riding the roller-coaster multiple times.

Notes

## Lyric: redoubtable

**redoubtable** (adj.) - formidable, commanding respect  
Serena Williams proves to be a *redoubtable* opponent in competitive tennis.

Notes

## Lyric: formidable

**formidable** (adj.) - arousing fear or alarm  
Nya studied consistently and mastered a *formidable* amount of SAT material.

Notes



Lyric: austere



**austere** (adj.) - very bare, bleak, simple  
Ernest Hemingway is celebrated for his *austere* writing style.

Notes

Lyric: taciturn



**taciturn** (adj.) - not inclined to talk  
The *taciturn* guitarist expressed himself through his music.

Notes

Lyric: enervates



**enervate** (v.) - to weaken, make weary  
The jogger was out-of-shape, so he knew that a long marathon would *enervate* him.

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Lyric: abscond



**abscond** (v.) - to sneak away and hide  
The rat *absconded* into a hole in the wall with a piece of cheese.

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## Lyric: desolate



**desolate** (adj.) - deserted, lifeless  
A lone camel made its way across the *desolate* desert.

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## Lyric: despondent



**despondent** (adj.) - discouraged, hopeless, depressed  
The pigeon sat atop the *despondent*-looking statue.

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## Lyric: forlorn



**forlorn** (adj.) - lonely, hopeless  
The pup gave its owner a mopey, *forlorn* look.

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