

# Myriad Operations

## SAT Vocabulary Unit 7

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: espied



**espy** (v.) - to catch sight of, glimpse  
The regal eagle *espied* us from its high perch.

Notes

### Lyric: uncanny



**uncanny** (adj.) - of supernatural character or origin  
She didn't need a map with her *uncanny* sense of direction.

Notes

### Lyric: hailed



**hail** (v.) - to come from  
From their accents, it was obvious the tourists *hailed* from London.

Notes

### Lyric: terrestrial

**terrestrial** (adj.) - relating to the land  
Scientists have not yet discovered all the *terrestrial* species of our planet.

Notes

## Lyric: celestial



**celestial** (adj.) - relating to the sky or the heavens  
Lucy's interest in *celestial* bodies prompted her to study astronomy in college.

Notes

## Lyric: winsome

**winsome** (adj.) - charming, attractive  
Dion flashed a *winsome* smile.

Notes

## Lyric: presumptuous



**presumptuous** (adj.) - disrespectfully bold  
The *presumptuous* cadet was reprimanded by his drill sergeant.

Notes

## Lyric: brash



**brash** (adj.) - hasty or lacking in sensitivity  
The new art teacher made a student cry, and quickly learned he needed to soften his *brash* attitude.

Notes

## Lyric: brazen

**brazen** (adj.) - excessively bold, brash  
A *brazen* Kanye West embarrassed Taylor Swift at the awards ceremony.

Notes

**Lyric: audacious**



**audacious** (adj.) - excessively bold  
The *audacious* mountain climber braved Mount Everest.

Notes

**Lyric: brusque**



**brusque** (adj.) - short, abrupt, dismissive  
The coffee shop attendant is mean and *brusque*, but customers keep coming for the delicious pastries.

Notes

**Lyric: incisive**



**incisive** (adj.) - clear, sharp, direct  
The writing of F. Scott Fitzgerald lives on as an *incisive* commentary of the Jazz Age.

Notes

**Lyric: succinct**

**succinct** (adj.) - marked by compact precision  
Abe wrote a *succinct* review of the play for the school paper.

Notes

## Lyric: cursory



**cursory** (adj.) - brief to the point of being superficial  
The mechanic's inspection of the airplane was anything but *cursory*.

Notes

## Lyric: contusion



**contusion** (n.) - bruise, injury  
He got multiple *contusions* when he lost control of his bike on the steep hill.

Notes

## Lyric: laceration



**laceration** (n.) - a cut, tear  
The doctor stitched her patient's *laceration*.

Notes

## Lyric: acute



**acute** (adj.) - sharp, severe  
Sharks have an *acute* sense of smell.

Notes

## Lyric: callous

**callous** (adj.) - harsh, cold, unfeeling  
Simon Cowell is a *callous* judge of singing.

Notes

## Lyric: credulity



**credulity** (n.) - readiness to believe  
The *credulity* of the children had them terrified of the supposedly haunted castle.

Notes

## Lyric: myriad



**myriad** (adj.) - consisting of a very great number  
The artist painted with a *myriad* of colors.

Notes

## Lyric: pertinacious



**pertinacious** (adj.) - stubbornly persistent, holding to a belief or position  
The *pertinacious* CEO wouldn't budge on the matter of budget cuts.

Notes

## Lyric: metamorphosis



**metamorphosis** (n.) - a change of form, shape, substance  
Caterpillars undergo a *metamorphosis* to become butterflies.

Notes

## Lyric: refrain



**refrain** (v.) - to hold oneself back, forbear  
They had made a commitment to eat healthy, and therefore *refrained* from having dessert.

Notes

## Lyric: foster



**foster** (v.) - to stimulate, promote, encourage  
The gardener watered the plants to *foster* growth.

Notes

## Lyric: supplant



**supplant** (v.) - to displace and substitute for another  
During the Industrial Revolution, farm life was *supplanted* by urbanization.

Notes

## Lyric: whet



**whet** (v.) - to make more keen, stimulate  
The noise outside *whet* the woman's curiosity.

Notes

## Lyric: akimbo

**akimbo** (adj.) - with hands on hips and elbows extending outward  
The sculpture stood proud and *akimbo*.

Notes

## Lyric: swarthy



**swarthy** (adj.) - of dark color or complexion  
Monica was *swarthy* after six months in the Caribbean sun.

Notes

## Lyric: ruddy



**ruddy** (adj.) - having a healthy, reddish color  
Her cheeks were as *ruddy* as a bowl of cherries.

Notes

Lyric: exorbitantly



**exorbitant** (adj.) - excessive  
The concert ticket prices were *exorbitant*.

Notes

Lyric: veneer



**veneer** (n.) - a superficial or deceptively attractive appearance, façade  
Brick *veneer* covered the flimsy wood.

Notes

Lyric: complicit



**complicit** (adj.) - being an accomplice in a wrongful act  
Bonnie and Clyde were *complicit* in their criminal activity.

Notes

Lyric: obdurate



**obdurate** (adj.) - unyielding to persuasion or moral influences  
Our *obdurate* neighbor refused to let us get our ball when it fell into his yard.

Notes



## Lyric: Cajoling



**cajole** (v.) - to urge, coax  
The kids *cajole* their mom into doing their laundry.

Notes

## Lyric: aggrandizing



**aggrandize** (v.) - to increase or make greater  
The library received donations to *aggrandize* its collection.

Notes

## Lyric: pulchritude



**pulchritude** (n.) - physical beauty  
Marilyn Monroe is famous for her *pulchritude*.

Notes

## Lyric: torrid



**torrid** (adj.) - giving off intense heat, passionate  
Few creatures can survive in the *torrid* desert.

Notes

Lyric: sated



**sate** (v.) - to satisfy (an appetite) fully  
The hefty breakfast *sated* their stomachs.

Notes

Lyric: satiated



**satiate** (v.) - to satisfy excessively  
The runner drank until her thirst was *satiated*.

Notes

Lyric: abort



**abort** (v.) - to give up on a half-finished project or effort  
The astronaut *aborted* his space mission.

Notes

Lyric: battery



**battery** (n.) - an assault or an array of similar things intended for use together  
The criminal was arrested for *battery*.

Notes

## Lyric: compliments



**compliment** (n.) - an expression of esteem or approval  
The young artist received many *compliments* for his paintings.

Notes

## Lyric: ethereal



**ethereal** (adj.) - heavenly, exceptionally delicate or refined  
The enchanted forest had an *ethereal* glow.

Notes

## Lyric: sagacious



**sagacious** (adj.) - shrewd, showing sound judgment  
A country's leader should always be *sagacious*.

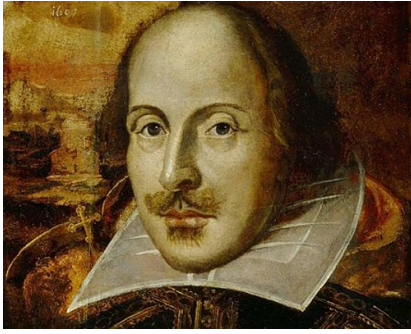
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## Lyric: aloof

**aloof** (adj.) - reserved, distant  
The *aloof* man walked alone.

Notes

## Lyric: bard



**bard** (n.) - a poet, often a singer as well  
William Shakespeare is arguably history's most renowned *bard*.

Notes

## Lyric: travesty

**travesty** (n.) - a grossly inferior imitation  
The world poverty threshold is a *travesty*.

Notes

## Lyric: tragedy



**tragedy** (n.) - a disastrous event, or a work of art in which the hero meets a terrible fate  
Hurricane Katrina was a *tragedy*.

Notes

## Lyric: parody



**parody** (n.) - a satirical imitation  
Saturday Night Live is a comedy show that often airs *parodies*.

Notes

Lyric: anomaly



**anomaly** (n.) - something that does not fit into the normal order  
Snow on a tropic beach would be quite an *anomaly*.

Notes

Lyric: ubiquitously



**ubiquitous** (adj.) - existing everywhere, widespread  
Cell phones have become practically *ubiquitous*.

Notes

Lyric: obsequiously



**obsequious** (adj.) - excessively compliant or submissive  
She served as an *obsequious* maid, waiting on the family hand and foot.

Notes

Lyric: submissively



**submissive** (adj.) - easily yielding to authority  
The young wolf cowered *submissively* after a fight with the alpha dog.

Notes