

Flux

SAT Vocabulary Unit 9

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: wax



wax (v.) - to increase gradually in size or degree
The wolves howled at the *waxing* moon.

Notes

Lyric: wane



wane (v.) - to decrease gradually in size or degree
The summer solstice is the longest day of the year and marks the start of the *waning* days at summer's end.

Notes

Lyric: fluctuate



fluctuate (v.) - to vary irregularly
The stock market *fluctuates* daily.

Notes

Lyric: flux



flux (n.) - a state of constant change or a flow

New York City experiences a *flux* in tourism during the holidays.

Notes

Lyric: Aberration



aberration (n.) - a deviation from the expected course

For the chef, such a tasteless meal was an *aberration*.

Notes

Lyric: albino

albino (n.) - a person or animal without pigmentation in their skin
We spotted an *albino* deer in the woods.

Notes

Lyric: aghast

aghast (adj.) - struck by amazement or terror
The community was *aghast* at the vicious crime.

Notes

Lyric: diminishing



diminish (v.) - to decrease or make smaller

We had so much dirty laundry that the detergent was quickly *diminishing*.

Notes

Lyric: augmenting



augment (v.) - to increase or make larger
The winning lotto ticket *augmented* the family fortune.

Notes

Lyric: static



static (adj.) - not moving, being at rest
The globe is hardly *static*, rotating at nearly 1000 miles per hour.

Notes

Lyric: steadfast



steadfast (adj.) - fixed or unchanging
Rosie the Riveter is a symbol of *steadfast* feminism.

Notes

Lyric: dynamic



dynamic (adj.) - characterized by continuous change or activity
Batman and Robin are the official *dynamic* duo.

Notes

Lyric: espy



espy (v.) - to catch sight of, glimpse
The car sped by so quickly, it was impossible to *espy* the driver.

Notes

Lyric: illusory



illusory (adj.) - deceptive, produced by an illusion
The *illusory* masked figure seemed to come from another time.

Notes

Lyric: precarious



precarious (adj.) - dangerously lacking in security or stability
The rocky path is particularly *precarious*.

Notes

Lyric: fickle



fickle (adj.) - characterized by changeableness, whimsical
Sia, a *fickle* eater, ordered pickles on her burger and then decided she didn't want them.

Notes

Lyric: capricious



capricious (adj.) - impulsive, unpredictable, subject to whim
Weather in New York is *capricious* in the spring and fall, hot one day and cold the next.

Notes

Lyric: lull



lull (n.) - a relatively calm interval, as in a storm
There was a brief *lull* in the dog's barking when its owner called it over.

Notes

Lyric: mercurial



mercurial (adj.) - quick and changeable in temperament
Deb's little sister is known to be *mercurial*, happy one minute and grumpy the next.

Notes

Lyric: protean



protean (adj.) - readily taking on various shapes or forms
They made shapes from the *protean* jelly.

Notes

Lyric: malleable



malleable (adj.) - easily shaped or formed
Metal is *malleable* when heated and easily outfitted into coins.

Notes

Lyric: gaped



gape (v.) - to open the mouth and stare stupidly
The turtle *gaped* at the delicious potato.

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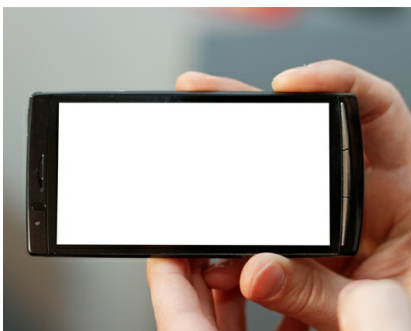
Lyric: rectify



rectify (v.) - to set right, correct
The cashier had to *rectify* the old register's mistakes.

Notes

Lyric: recalibrate



recalibrate (v.) - to readjust or make corrections to
The phone's touch screen needed to be *recalibrated* in order to properly function.

Notes

Lyric: Amend

amend (v.) - to change for the better, improve
The US Constitution was *amended* to allow women to vote.

Notes

Lyric: redress



redress (v.) - to set right or remedy
The ballplayer *redressed* his carelessness and paid for the broken window.

Notes

Lyric: vicissitudes



vicissitudes (n.) - the unexpected changes and shifts often encountered in one's life
The old man survived the *vicissitudes* of life.

Notes

Lyric: undulating



undulate (v.) - to move in a smooth wavelike motion
After Harry jumped in the pool, the water *undulated* for some time.

Notes

Lyric: bide



bide (v.) - to wait, or remain in a condition
They *bided* their time indoors until the storm passed.

Notes

Lyric: antechamber



antechamber (n.) - a waiting room
The patient waited in the *antechamber* until the doctor called him in.

Notes

Lyric: variance



variance (n.) - a difference between what is expected and what actually occurs
The accountant found a *variance* in her client's taxes.

Notes

Lyric: pittance



pittance (n.) - a very small amount
He gave the beggar a *pittance*.

Notes

Lyric: suffice



suffice (v.) - to meet needs
She didn't think a phone call would *suffice*, so she made thank-you notes for her party guests.

Notes

Lyric: Zeitgeist

zeitgeist (n.) - the spirit of the time
Jay McInerney's *Bright Lights, Big City* captured the *zeitgeist* of the 1980s.

Notes

Lyric: Mutability



mutability (n.) - capability of change
Certain politicians are known for their *mutability*.

Notes

Lyric: entity



entity (n.) - something that exists as a discrete unit
The company split into two new *entities* and moved to a new office building.

Notes

Lyric: surreptitiously



surreptitious (adj.) - done by stealthy means, clandestine
The cat crept *surreptitiously* towards its prey.

Notes

Lyric: physiognomy



physiognomy (n.) - the art of judging human character from facial features
It doesn't take careful *physiognomy* to detect that Vera is a happy person.

Notes

Lyric: misogyny



misogyny (n.) - hatred of women
Misogyny rallied many against women's suffrage.

Notes

Lyric: monogamy



monogamy (n.) - having only one spouse at a time
The couple committed to *monogamy*.

Notes

Lyric: polygamy



polygamy (n.) - having more than one spouse at a time
In some cultures, *polygamy* is readily accepted.

Notes

Lyric: uniform



uniform (adj.) - unvarying, conforming to one principle
The surface of the Earth, with its changing landforms, is not *uniform*.

Notes

Lyric: unilateral



unilateral (adj.) - having only one side
Kevin and Jayden's parents could not be *unilateral* fans as the brothers played on opposing basketball teams.

Notes

Lyric: unique



unique (adj.) - being the only one of its kind
She found a *unique* starfish at the beach.

Notes

Lyric: remiss



remiss (adj.) - negligent, exhibiting carelessness
The waitress, *remiss* in her duties, brought cold coffee to the cafe's devout customers.

Notes

Lyric: relish



relish (v.) - to take zestful pleasure in, enjoy the flavor of
I *relish* visiting the sea shore every year.

Notes

Lyric: savor



savor (v.) - to appreciate fully, enjoy
They *savored* the scent of warm apple pie.

Notes

Lyric: vacillate



vacillate (v.) - to sway from one side to another
Her *vacillating* brother took ages to decide what to wear.

Notes

Lyric: invariable



invariable (adj.) - not susceptible to change
He stuck to an *invariable* exercise routine.

Notes

Lyric: immutable



immutable (adj.) - not susceptible to change
Physics is an *immutable* science.

Notes

Lyric: dutiful



dutiful (adj.) - careful to fulfill obligations
Seeing-eye dogs are trained to be especially *dutiful*.

Notes