

# Tom Sawyer

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## Definitions



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1.	<b>adherent</b>	ad HEER unt	a follower of something such as a leader, party, philosophy, or profession
	Synonyms >>	disciple, follower, partisan	
		Antonym >>	dissenter
	He is an adherent of the Democratic party.		
2.	<b>alacrity</b>	uh LAK ruh tee	prompt and cheerful response
	Synonyms >>	celerity	
		Antonym >>	indolence
	I accepted his invitation to the prom with alacrity.		
3.	<b>allusion</b>	uh LOO shun	implied or indirect reference; hinting at
	Synonyms >>		
		Antonym >>	
	Her allusion to the literary figure made the point she wanted.		
4.	<b>animosity</b>	an uh MAH suh tee	harsh feelings, enmity, resentment, hatred
	Synonyms >>	animus, antagonism, antipathy, enmity, hostility, rancor	
		Antonym >>	love
	I have a lot of animosity for him, since he attempted to steal my girlfriend.		
5.	<b>appease</b>	uh PEES	to pacify, to be conciliatory in a manner that sacrifices principles
	Synonyms >>	conciliate, mollify, placate, propitiate	
		Antonym >>	to incense
	The woman tried to appease her husband when he became so angry.		
6.	<b>auspicious</b>	aw SPISH us	favorable
	Synonyms >>	propitious	
		Antonym >>	ill-omened
	Making an "A" on the first test was an auspicious way to begin the year.		
7.	<b>blanch</b>	BLANCH	to take the color out of, to bleach, to make white
	Synonyms >>		
		Antonym >>	to color
	It is popular to blanch new blue jeans before wearing them.		
8.	<b>boisterous</b>	BOY stir ous	rowdy, rough, and stormy
	Synonyms >>	blatant, clamorous, obstreperous, strident, vociferous	
		Antonym >>	serene
	The boisterous child was running through the store screaming and laughing.		
9.	<b>clamor</b>	KLAM ur	loud noise or shouting
	Synonyms >>		
		Antonym >>	quiet
	The clamor finally subsided when the children went to bed.		
10.	<b>clandestine</b>	klan DES tin	secret
	Synonyms >>	covert, furtive, stealthy, surreptitious, underhanded	
		Antonym >>	open; obvious
	The C.I.A. is involved in clandestine activities.		
11.	<b>conflagration</b>	kon fluh GRAY shun	a large fire
	Synonyms >>		
		Antonym >>	small flame
	Some believe that the earth will be destroyed by a large conflagration.		
	Derivatives >>	conflagrations, conflagrant, conflagrate, conflagrator, conflagratory	

12.	<b>conjecture</b>	kun JEK chur	an inference or conclusion drawn or deduced by surmise or guesswork
	Synonyms >>	supposition, surmise, guess	Antonym >> verified statement
	The theory that the scientist offered was only a matter of conjecture.		
	Derivatives >>	conject, conjector, conjectural, conjecturally, conjectured, conjecturing, conjecturer	
13.	<b>contempt</b>	kun TEMPT	scorn, extreme dislike or disdain
	Synonyms >>	despicableness, pitiableness, scurviness	Antonym >> respect
	The man treated the gossiping woman with contempt; talking about other people was beneath his dignity.		
	Derivatives >>	contemptible, contemptuous	
14.	<b>derision</b>	deh REH zhun	scoffing at, mockery, ridicule
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> applause
	The boy received much derision for his plaid gym shorts.		
	Derivatives >>	derisive, derisiveness, derisively, derisory	
15.	<b>desolate</b>	DES uh lit	deserted, without inhabitants, barren
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> populous
	Some of the western states have large areas that are desolate.		
	Derivatives >>	desolately, desolateness, desolater, desolating, desolation	
16.	<b>despotic</b>	deh SPOT ik	ruling oppressively and absolutely; tyrannical
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> ruling democratically
	Americans do not like despotic behavior.		
	Derivatives >>	despotic, despotically, despotism, despotist, despotize, despot	
17.	<b>disconcerting</b>	dis kun SUR ting	upsetting, frustrating
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> refreshing; calming
	That he has not responded to the medicine is disconcerting.		
	Derivatives >>	disconcert, disconcerted, disconcertedness, disconcerting, disconcertingly, disconcertingness, disconcertment	
18.	<b>discord</b>	DIS kord	lack of agreement, tension, strife
	Synonyms >>	contention, dissension, variance	Antonym >> harmony; agreement
	There is a lot of discord in the nation over the issue of abortion.		
	Derivatives >>	discordance, discordancy, discordant, discordantly, discordantness	
19.	<b>disdain</b>	dis DANE	intense dislike; to treat with scorn or contempt, to reject as unworthy
	Synonyms >>	(to be) arrogant, haughty, high-handed, insolent, lordly,	Antonym >> favor, admiration; to love
	Never having had to do manual labor, he disdained the idea of becoming a cotton picker.		
	Derivatives >>	disdained, disdaining, disdain, disdainful, disdainfully, disdainfulness	
20.	<b>ecstasy</b>	EK stuh see	extreme happiness
	Synonyms >>	rapture, transport	Antonym >> wretchedness
	The music was so beautiful that it put the crowd into a state of ecstasy.		
	Derivatives >>	ecstatic, ecstatical, ecstatically	
21.	<b>edifying</b>	ED uh fie ing	instructing and improving spiritually or morally
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> heinous; nefarious
	Visiting the cathedral was an edifying experience.		
	Derivatives >>	edification, edificatory, edify, edifier, edifyingness	
22.	<b>effusion</b>	eh FYOO zhun	a pouring forth (usually overdone in writing or speech)
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> restraint; reserve
	The effusion of profane language in his speech offended many.		
	Derivatives >>	effuse, effusive, effusiveness, effusively	
23.	<b>ensconce</b>	en SKONS	to settle comfortably
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to uproot
	Before the game started, he ensconced himself in the easy chair.		
	Derivatives >>	ensconced, ensconcing	
24.	<b>evanescent</b>	ev uh NES unt	fleeting; impermanent
	Synonyms >>	ephemeral, fugitive, transient, transitory	Antonym >> permanent
	The evanescent sounds of applause are not what keeps the artist performing.		
	Derivatives >>	evanescence, evanesce, evanescently	
25.	<b>exalt ,&lt;&lt;exaltig</b>	ig ZALT	to glorify, to praise, to raise in rank
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to defame; to deprecate
	The woman was exalted for her successes in the field of science.		
	Derivatives >>	exalted, exalting, exalts, exaltation, exaltedly, exaltedness, exalter	

26.	<b>felicitous</b>	feh LIS eh tus	happy or delightful	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> sad; gloomy; morose
	Her marriage was a felicitous occasion.			
	Derivatives >>	felicitate, felicific, felicitation, felicitously, felicitousness, felicity		
27.	<b>fetter</b>	FET ur	to restrict by shackling or chaining	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> to liberate
	The convict was fettered to prevent his escape.			
	Derivatives >>	fettered, fettering		
28.	<b>foliage</b>	FOE lee ij	leaves of a plant, leafage	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>
	The trees will soon come alive with green foliage.			
	Derivatives >>	foliages, foliar, foliaceous		
29.	<b>forbearance</b>	fore BARE uns	patience, lenience	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> impatience
	Because he is so young, we must have forbearance in dealing with him.			
	Derivatives >>	forbear, forbearant, forbearer, forbearing, forbearingly, forbearingness, forbore		
30.	<b>formidable</b>	FORE meh duh bul	menacing, causing fear or awe	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> harmless; unimportant
	That retired boxer was a formidable opponent in his time.			
	Derivatives >>	formidability, formidableness, formidably		
31.	<b>frivolous</b>	FRIV uh lus	lacking in seriousness or importance	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> serious; sober
	A teacher should limit frivolous behavior in the classroom.			
	Derivatives >>	frivolity, frivolousness, frivolously		
32.	<b>furtive</b>	FUR tiv	secret in an underhanded way, stealthy	
	Synonyms >>	clandestine, covert, stealthy, surreptitious, underhanded		Antonym >> bold
	During the test, he made some furtive glances at other classmates' papers.			
	Derivatives >>	furtively, furtiveness		
33.	<b>gravity</b>	GRAV eh tee	seriousness, importance	
	Synonyms >>	earnestness, sedateness, sobriety, solemnity, staidness		Antonym >> unimportance
	The gravity of the situation was heightened by the death of the president .			
	Derivatives >>	grave, graver, gravely		
34.	<b>guile</b>	GILE	deceitfulness, duplicity	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> openness; candor
	The woman was the unfortunate victim of guile and deceit when she lost her money to that swindler.			
	Derivatives >>	guileful, guilefully, guilefulness, guileness, guilelessly, guilelessness, guilery		
35.	<b>hilarity</b>	heh LAR eh tee	boisterous merriment, mirth	
	Synonyms >>	glee, jollity		Antonym >> gloominess
	The party was marked by great hilarity.			
	Derivatives >>	hilarious, hilariously, hilariousness		
36.	<b>illustrious</b>	eh LUS tree us	notably outstanding, famous	
	Synonyms >>	celebrated, distinguished, eminent, noted, renowned		Antonym >> infamous
	I was impressed by the illustrious personage at the ball.			
	Derivatives >>	illustriously, illustriousness		
37.	<b>impudent</b>	IM pyuh dunt	disrespectful, characterized by improper bold behavior	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> respectful
	The student's impudent act of using profanity toward Mrs. Dove caused him to be expelled.			
	Derivatives >>	impudence, impudency, impudently, impudentness, impudicity		
38.	<b>incantation</b>	in kan TAY shun	a spell, written or recited formula of words designed for a particular effect	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>
	The purpose of the witch doctor's incantations was to scare evil spirits.			
	Derivatives >>	incant, incantational, incantatory		
39.	<b>infallible</b>	in FAL uh bul	incapable of error	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> erroneous; fallacious
	Since everyone makes mistakes, no human is infallible.			
	Derivatives >>	infallibilism, infallibilist, infallibility, infallibleness, infallibly		

40.	<b>inundate</b>	IN un date	to flood, to overflow	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> to drain
		The television station was inundated with phone calls when the basketball game was interrupted.		
	Derivatives >>	inundable, inundant, inundation, inundator, inundatory		
41.	<b>inveterate</b>	in VET ur it	firmly established, habitual, deep-rooted	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> readily changeable
		Because he had been an inveterate workaholic, he had trouble adjusting his lifestyle when he retired.		
	Derivatives >>	inveterately, inveterateness		
42.	<b>jingoist</b>	JING go ist	an extreme patriot, usually calls for a belligerent foreign policy	
	Synonyms >>	chauvinist, nationalist		Antonym >> traitor
		The jingoist was in the streets, loudly urging the public toward aggression against the foreign power.		
	Derivatives >>	jingoism, jingoish, jingoistic, jingoistically		
43.	<b>jubilee</b>	JOO buh lee	a period of rejoicing	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> season of mourning
		The year of jubilee was a time of happiness and celebrating.		
	Derivatives >>	jubilation, jubilant, jubilantly, jubilarian, jubilate, jubilation, jubilize		
44.	<b>junction</b>	JUNGK chur	a point of joining	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> separation
		His new book emphasizes the importance of the junction of poetry and music into a new art form.		
	Derivatives >>	junctural, junctional		
45.	<b>labyrinthine</b>	lab uh RIN thin	like a maze, very convoluted and intricate	
	Synonyms >>	mazy		Antonym >>
		The senator vowed to unravel the labyrinthine welfare bureaucracy.		
	Derivatives >>	labyrinth, labyrinthal, labyrinthical, labyrinthian, labyrinthic, labyrinthically		
46.	<b>lugubrious</b>	loo GOO bree us	excessively mournful	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> rejoicing
		The woman shed lugubrious tears at the funeral of her husband and daughter.		
	Derivatives >>	lugubriosity, lugubriously, lugubriousness		
47.	<b>magnanimity</b>	mag nuh NIM eh tee	having a lofty, generous, and courageous spirit	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> greed; stinginess
		The magnanimity of the king endeared him to his subjects.		
	Derivatives >>	magnanimous, magnanimously, magnanimousness		
48.	<b>menagerie</b>	muh NAJ uh ree	a collection of live wild animals on exhibition, a varied mixture	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >>
		Her collection of glass figurines was a beautiful menagerie.		
	Derivatives >>	menagerist, menageries		
49.	<b>metaphorically</b>	met uh FOR ik lee	compared nonliterally	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> literally
		Metaphorically speaking, he is drowning in oil.		
	Derivatives >>	metaphor, metaphorical, metaphoricalness, metaphoricist, metaphoricize		
50.	<b>mirth</b>	MURTH	gladness and merriment usually accompanied by laughter	
	Synonyms >>	glee, hilarity, jollity		Antonym >> sadness
		The party was a source of mirth and gaiety.		
	Derivatives >>	mirthful, mirthfully, mirthfulness, mirthless, mirthlessly, mirthlessness		
51.	<b>mortify</b>	MORE tuh fie	to humiliate, to wound pride, to experience shame	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> to calm; to soothe
		It would simply mortify me to have someone say such shameful things about my family.		
	Derivatives >>	mortifyingly, mortifier, mortified, mortifiedly, mortification		
52.	<b>mutinous</b>	MYOOT un us	rebellious, unruly	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> agreeable; compatible
		The crew grew mutinous because they thought they might sail right off the edge of the earth.		
	Derivatives >>	mutiny, mutinously, mutinousness, mutinize, mutinies		
53.	<b>oblivion</b>	uh BLIV ee un	state of being forgotten	
	Synonyms >>			Antonym >> remembrance
		Until the singer's recent hit, his career had fallen into a state of oblivion.		
	Derivatives >>	oblivious, obliviously		

54.	<b>obtrude</b>	ub TROOD	to thrust out, to thrust forward
	Synonyms >>	intrude	Antonym >> to hold in; to recoil
	It is often rude to obtrude one's opinions upon another when no invitation for them has been given.		
	Derivatives >>	obtrusive, obtruder, obtrusion, obtrusively, obtrusiveness	
55.	<b>odious</b>	OH dee us	deserving hate or contempt
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> respectable
	Pornography is an odious business.		
	Derivatives >>	odiously, odiousness, odium	
56.	<b>ominous</b>	OM uh nus	threatening
	Synonyms >>	fateful, portentous	Antonym >> harmless; non-threatening
	The ominous clouds were harbingers of the tornado.		
	Derivatives >>	ominously, ominousness	
57.	<b>omniscience</b>	om NISH uns	state of being all-knowing
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	Only God has omniscience, although my husband thinks he has it.		
	Derivatives >>	omniscient, omniscency, omnisciently	
58.	<b>opulence</b>	OP yuh luns	wealth, affluence, abundance
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> meagerness, scarcity
	Until the recent decline in the price of oil, the Hunt name was synonymous with opulence.		
	Derivatives >>	opulent, opulently	
59.	<b>ostentatious</b>	os ten TAY shus	showy, pretentious
	Synonyms >>	pompous	Antonym >> modest
	The ostentatious socialite wore her mink fur coat even during the warmest days of August.		
	Derivatives >>	ostentation, ostentate, ostentatiously, ostentatiousness, ostentative	
60.	<b>palpable</b>	PAL puh bul	tangible, perceptible, easily noticeable
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	I do not see how I overlooked such a palpable miscalculation.		
	Derivatives >>	palpability, palpably, palpableness	
61.	<b>perennial</b>	puh REN ee ul	lasting for many years
	Synonyms >>	constant, incessant, perpetual, unremitting	Antonym >> annual
	The Dallas Cowboys were often a perennial favorite to win the Super Bowl.		
	Derivatives >>	perennially	
62.	<b>plausible</b>	PLAH zuh bul	seemingly acceptable, believable, or possible
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> unbelievable
	We need someone to develop a plausible solution to this problem.		
	Derivatives >>	plausibleness, plausibly, plausibility	
63.	<b>ponderous</b>	PON dur us	very heavy, unwieldy from weight
	Synonyms >>	cumbersome, cumbrous	Antonym >> lightweight
	The ponderous furniture was hard to move, and thus became a burden.		
	Derivatives >>	ponderosity, ponderously, ponderousness	
64.	<b>portent</b>	PORE tent	a sign or forewarning
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The stock market crash was a portent of the coming of a depression.		
	Derivatives >>	portentive, portentous, portentously, portentousness	
65.	<b>precarious</b>	pre KARE ee us	dangerous, risky, not a secure situation
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> safe
	It seems that a tightrope walker is often in a precarious situation.		
	Derivatives >>	precariously, precariousness	
66.	<b>precipice</b>	PRES uh pis	a very steep cliff or mass of rock, the brink of something dangerous
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> cavern
	Some mountain climbers enjoy climbing a steep precipice.		
	Derivatives >>	precipices	
67.	<b>prevalent</b>	PREV uh lunt	generally or widely accepted, current, or practiced
	Synonyms >>	prevailing, victorious, dominant	Antonym >> limited, uncommon
	The state of lethargy is a prevalent problem in education.		
	Derivatives >>	prevalence, prevalently	

68.	<b>prodigy</b>	PROD eh jee	one with exceptional talents or powers; an extraordinary accomplishment
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> ordinary occurrence
	Mozart was considered a child prodigy since he had great musical talents at a very early age.		
	Derivatives >>	prodigies	
69.	<b>ravenous</b>	RAV uh nus	urgently eager for food; craving satisfaction or gratification
	Synonyms >>	voracious, gluttonous, rapacious	Antonym >> sated; satisfied; full
	The boy had a ravenous appetite and ate everything on the table.		
	Derivatives >>	ravenously, ravenousness	
70.	<b>reconcile</b>	REK un sile	to reestablish friendship, to resolve a dispute
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to alienate
	The family will never be the same until Mom and Grandma reconcile their differences.		
	Derivatives >>	reconcilability, reconcilable, reconcilableness, reconcilably, reconcileness, reconciliation, reconcile	
71.	<b>relish</b>	REL ish	to take great pleasure or delight in
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to detest
	I relish the thought of graduating from high school and getting out on my own.		
	Derivatives >>	relishable, relished, relishing	
72.	<b>revere</b>	reh VERE	to honor, to regard with respect
	Synonyms >>	adore, venerate, worship	Antonym >> to despise
	Nearly all Catholics revere the Pope.		
	Derivatives >>	reverence, reverent, reverentness, reverential, reverentiality, reverentially	
73.	<b>sinuous</b>	SIN yoo us	bending in and out in a serpentine or wavy form
	Synonyms >>	winding, intricate, complex	Antonym >> straight
	The land was covered with a sinuous system of canals and irrigation ditches.		
	Derivatives >>	sinuosity, sinuously, sinuousness	
74.	<b>soliloquy</b>	suh LIL uh kwee	a speech or dramatic monologue made to oneself to reveal thoughts
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> conversation; dialogue
	Hamlet's soliloquy in the graveyard is a popular piece to memorize.		
	Derivatives >>	soliloquist, soliloquize, soliloquizer, soliloquizingly	
75.	<b>stealthy</b>	STEL the	acting in a secret and sneaky way--this is a negative term
	Synonyms >>	clandestine, covert, furtive, surreptitious, underhanded	Antonym >> open; indiscreet
	The secret organization moves by stealth to gather information on its enemies.		
	Derivatives >>	stealthyful, stealthfully, stealthily, stealthiness, stealth	
76.	<b>sublime</b>	suh BLIME	exalted, noble, uplifting
	Synonyms >>	resplendent, superb	Antonym >>
	The romantic dinner, which included delicious food, soft music, and a beautiful setting, was simply sublime.		
	Derivatives >>	sublimely, sublimeness, sublimer	
77.	<b>subterranean</b>	sub tuh RAY nee un	below ground
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> above ground
	The subterranean tunnel connected the two buildings.		
	Derivatives >>	subterraneous, subterraneanly	
78.	<b>sumptuous</b>	SUMP choo us	lavish, luxurious
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> paltry
	I like to go to my mother's house on Thanksgiving Day because we always have a sumptuous feast.		
	Derivatives >>	sumptuously, sumptuosity, sumptuousness	
79.	<b>supplication</b>	sup luh KAY shun	begging, humbly asking for a favor
	Synonyms >>	adjuration, beseechment, entreaty, imploration, importunity	Antonym >>
	I am going to see the Governor to make a supplication for a pardon for my brother.		
	Derivatives >>	supplicate, supplicatingly, supplicator, supplicatory	
80.	<b>tempestuous</b>	tem PES choo us	turbulent, stormy
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> calm
	The mayoral candidates had a tempestuous debate in which they exchanged many personal accusations.		
	Derivatives >>	tempestuously, tempestuousness, tempest	
81.	<b>transparent</b>	trans PARE unt	quality of being able to be seen through, clear
	Synonyms >>	limpid, translucent	Antonym >> opaque
	Glass is a transparent substance.		
	Derivatives >>	transparently, transparentness, transparency	

82.	<b>trifling</b>	TRY fling	not significant, frivolous
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> important; significant
	Some think that watching MTV is a trifling experience.		
	Derivatives >>	trifle, trifled, trifling, trifles	
83.	<b>venerate</b>	VEN uh rate	to honor, to revere
	Synonyms >>	adore, worship	Antonym >>
	Although I did not always agree with President Kennedy, I venerate his memory.		
	Derivatives >>	veneration, venerational, venerator, venerable, venerability	
84.	<b>vexation</b>	vek SAY shun	discomfort or distress
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> pleasantry
	The young children were a source of vexation to their nervous, neurotic mother.		
	Derivatives >>	vex, vexatious, vexedly, vexedness, vexingly	
85.	<b>voluptuous</b>	vuh LUP choo us	pleasurable to the senses, sensuous
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> plain; homely
	Bob Hope always took voluptuous women with him when he entertained soldiers overseas.		
	Derivatives >>	voluptuosity, voluptuousness, voluptuate, voluptuously	
86.	<b>wistful</b>	WIST ful	having unfulfilled longing or yearning
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> fulfilled; realistic
	It is a wistful dream for her to think that she can go to Hollywood and become a star.		
	Derivatives >>	wistfulness, wistfully	
87.	<b>zephyr</b>	ZEF ur	a gentle breeze, the west wind
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> tornado
	The girl's long hair gently rose and fell at the hand of the zephyr.		
	Derivatives >>	zephyrs, zephyrous	



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11. conflagration
12. conjecture
13. contempt
14. derision
15. desolate
16. despotic
17. disconcerting
18. discord
19. disdain
20. ecstasy
21. edifying
22. effusion
23. ensconce
24. evanescent
25. exalt
26. felicitous
27. fetter
28. foliage
29. forbearance
30. formidable
31. frivolous
32. furtive
33. gravity
34. guile
35. hilarity
36. illustrious
37. impudent
38. incantation
39. infallible
40. inundate
41. inveterate
42. jingoist
43. jubilee
44. juncture
45. labyrinthine
46. lugubrious
47. magnanimity
48. menagerie
49. metaphorically
50. mirth
51. mortify
52. mutinous
53. oblivion
54. obtrude
55. odious
56. ominous
57. omniscience
58. opulence
59. ostentatious
60. palpable
61. perennial
62. plausible
63. ponderous
64. portent
65. precarious
66. precipice
67. prevalent
68. prodigy
69. ravenous
70. reconcile
71. relish
72. revere
73. sinuous
74. soliloquy
75. stealthy
76. sublime
77. subterranean
78. sumptuous
79. supplication
80. tempestuous
81. transparent
82. trifling
83. venerate
84. vexation
85. voluptuous
86. wistful
87. zephyr

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These words which appear in *Tom Sawyer* have been identified as words or derivatives of words that have appeared on past SAT tests. They are listed here in the order in which they appear in the novel.

1. transparent
2. derision
3. ponderously
4. alacrity
5. evanescent
6. ecstasies
7. felicity
8. discordant
9. allusions
10. vexation
11. disconcerted
12. exaltation
13. prodigy
14. guileful
15. venerable
16. relish
17. despotisms
18. supplication
19. mirth
20. fetters
21. odious
22. mortified
23. adherent
24. disdain
25. perennial
26. furtive
27. animosity
28. portentous
29. juncture
30. jubilant
31. ostentation
32. zephyr
33. frivolity
34. illustrious
35. appease
36. infallible
37. incantation
38. ensconced
39. sublimity
40. stealthily
41. lugubrious
42. jingoes
43. impudence
44. blanched
45. plausible
46. formidable
47. inveterate
48. metaphorically
49. clandestinely
50. foliage
51. obtrude
52. conflagration
53. ravenous
54. sumptuously
55. hilarity
56. soliloquized
57. reverent
58. menagerie
59. reconciliation
60. gravity
61. wistfully
62. prevalent
63. opulent
64. edification
65. voluptuous
66. boisterous
67. tempestuous
68. forbearance
69. contemptuous
70. omniscient
71. desolation
72. palpable
73. auspicious
74. labyrinth
75. ominous
76. precarious
77. sinuous
78. subterranean
79. oblivion
80. precipice
81. clamorous
82. effusive
83. magnanimous
84. conjectured
85. mutinous
86. trifle
87. inundation

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## Vocabulary Test 1

**Directions:** Match the word in the left column with the correct definition in the right column.

### Exercise A

- |           |             |    |  |
|-----------|-------------|----|--|
| _____ 1.  | adherent    | a. | harsh feelings, enmity, resentment, hatred               |
| _____ 2.  | alacrity    | b. | loud noise or shouting                                   |
| _____ 3.  | allusion    | c. | secret   |
| _____ 4.  | animosity   | d. | implied or indirect reference, hinting at                |
| _____ 5.  | appease     | e. | rowdy, rough and stormy                                  |
| _____ 6.  | auspicious  | f. | to pacify, being conciliatory and sacrificing principles |
| _____ 7.  | blanch      | g. | to take the color out of, bleach, make white             |
| _____ 8.  | boisterous  | h. | a follower of something such as a leader                 |
| _____ 9.  | clamor      | i. | favorable  |
| _____ 10. | clandestine | j. | prompt and cheerful response                             |

### Exercise B

- |           |               |    |  |
|-----------|---------------|----|--|
| _____ 11. | conflagration | a. | deserted, without inhabitants                      |
| _____ 12. | conjecture    | b. | large fire   |
| _____ 13. | contempt      | c. | ruling oppressively and absolutely                 |
| _____ 14. | derision      | d. | to dislike intensely, treat with scorn or contempt |
| _____ 15. | desolate      | e. | lack of agreement, tension, strife                 |
| _____ 16. | despotic      | f. | an inference or conclusion drawn from guesswork    |
| _____ 17. | disconcerting | g. | upsetting, frustrating                             |
| _____ 18. | discord       | h. | extreme happiness                                  |
| _____ 19. | disdain       | i. | scorn, extreme dislike or disdain                  |
| _____ 20. | ecstasy       | j. | scoffing at, mockery, ridicule                     |

### Exercise C

- |           |             |    |  |
|-----------|-------------|----|--|
| _____ 21. | edifying    | a. | to restrict by shackling or chaining                   |
| _____ 22. | effusion    | b. | happy or delightful                                    |
| _____ 23. | ensconce    | c. | cluster of leaves                                      |
| _____ 24. | evanescent  | d. | patience, lenience                                     |
| _____ 25. | exalt       | e. | instructing and improving spiritually or morally       |
| _____ 26. | felicitous  | f. | to glorify, praise, raise in rank                      |
| _____ 27. | fetter      | g. | a pouring forth, usually overdone in writing or speech |
| _____ 28. | foliage     | h. | fleeting   |
| _____ 29. | forbearance | i. | to settle comfortably                                  |

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## Vocabulary Test 2

**Directions:** Match the word in the left column with the correct definition in the right column.

### Exercise A

- |       |     |             |    |  |
|-------|-----|-------------|----|--|
| _____ | 1.  | formidable  | a. | deceitfulness, duplicity                               |
| _____ | 2.  | frivolous   | b. | disrespectful, characterized by improper bold behavior |
| _____ | 3.  | furtive     | c. | seriousness, importance                                |
| _____ | 4.  | gravity     | d. | a spell of written or recited words                    |
| _____ | 5.  | guile       | e. | secret in an underhanded way, stealthy                 |
| _____ | 6.  | hilarity    | f. | notably outstanding, famous                            |
| _____ | 7.  | illustrious | g. | menacing, causing fear or awe                          |
| _____ | 8.  | impudent    | h. | incapable of error                                     |
| _____ | 9.  | incantation | i. | boisterous merriment, mirth                            |
| _____ | 10. | infallible  | j. | lacking in seriousness or importance                   |

### Exercise B

- |       |     |                |    |   |
|-------|-----|----------------|----|---|
| _____ | 11. | inundate       | a. | a point of joining                                  |
| _____ | 12. | inveterate     | b. | a collection of live wild animals; a varied mixture |
| _____ | 13. | jingoiist      | c. | to flood, overflow                                  |
| _____ | 14. | jubilee        | d. | having a lofty, generous and courageous spirit      |
| _____ | 15. | junction       | e. | a period of rejoicing                               |
| _____ | 16. | labyrinthine   | f. | excessively mournful                                |
| _____ | 17. | lugubrious     | g. | firmly established, habitual, deep-rooted           |
| _____ | 18. | magnanimity    | h. | compared nonliterally                               |
| _____ | 19. | menagerie      | i. | like a maze, very convoluted and intricate          |
| _____ | 20. | metaphorically | j. | an extreme patriot or nationalist                   |

### Exercise C

- |       |     |             |    |  |
|-------|-----|-------------|----|--|
| _____ | 21. | mirth       | a. | rebellious, unruly                             |
| _____ | 22. | mortify     | b. | deserving of hate or contempt                  |
| _____ | 23. | mutinous    | c. | state of being forgotten                       |
| _____ | 24. | oblivion    | d. | threatening                                    |
| _____ | 25. | obtrude     | e. | to humiliate, wound pride, experience shame    |
| _____ | 26. | odious      | f. | state of being all-knowing                     |
| _____ | 27. | ominous     | g. | to thrust out, to thrust forward               |
| _____ | 28. | omniscience | h. | wealth, affluence, abundance                   |
| _____ | 29. | opulence    | i. | gladness and merriment accompanied by laughter |

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## Vocabulary Test 3

**Directions:** Match the word in the left column with the correct definition in the right column.

### Exercise A

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. ostentatious
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. palpable
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. perennial
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. plausible
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. ponderous
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. portent
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. precarious
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. precipice
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. prevalent
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. prodigy

- a. seemingly acceptable, believable or possible
- b. showy, pretentious
- c. a person with exceptional talents or powers
- d. very heavy, unwieldy from weight
- e. a very steep cliff ; the brink of something dangerous
- f. tangible, perceptible, easily noticeable
- g. generally or widely accepted, current or practiced
- h. dangerous, risky, not a secure situation
- i. lasting for many years
- j. a sign or forewarning

### Exercise B

- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. ravenous
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. reconcile
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. relish
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. revere
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. sinuous
- \_\_\_\_\_ 16. soliloquy
- \_\_\_\_\_ 17. stealthy
- \_\_\_\_\_ 18. sublime
- \_\_\_\_\_ 19. subterranean
- \_\_\_\_\_ 20. sumptuous

- a. bending in and out in a serpentine form; complex
- b. below ground
- c. to reestablish friendship; to resolve a dispute
- d. exalted, noble, uplifting
- e. to honor, to regard with respect
- f. acting in a secret and sneaky way
- g. urgently eager for food; craving for satisfaction
- h. lavish, luxurious
- i. talking to oneself; a dramatic monologue
- j. to take great pleasure or delight in

### Exercise C

- \_\_\_\_\_ 21. supplication
- \_\_\_\_\_ 22. tempestuous
- \_\_\_\_\_ 23. transparent
- \_\_\_\_\_ 24. trifling
- \_\_\_\_\_ 25. venerate
- \_\_\_\_\_ 26. vexation
- \_\_\_\_\_ 27. voluptuous
- \_\_\_\_\_ 28. wistful
- \_\_\_\_\_ 29. zephyr

- a. quality of being able to see through something clear
- b. to honor, revere
- c. having unfulfilled longing or yearning
- d. begging, humbly asking for a favor
- e. a gentle breeze, the west wind
- f. pleasurable to the senses, sensuous
- g. not significant, frivolous
- h. discomfort or distress
- i. turbulent, stormy

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## Test 1

1. h      2. j      3. d      4. a      5. f      6. i      7. g  
8. e      9. b      10. c      11. b      12. f      13. i      14. j  
15. a      16. c      17. g      18. e      19. d      20. h      21. e  
22. g      23. i      24. h      25. f      26. b      27. a      28. c  
29. d

## Test 2

1. g      2. j      3. e      4. c      5. a      6. i      7. f  
8. b      9. d      10. h      11. c      12. g      13. j      14. e  
15. a      16. i      17. f      18. d      19. b      20. h      21. i  
22. e      23. a      24. c      25. g      26. b      27. d      28. f  
29. h

## Test 3

1. b      2. f      3. i      4. a      5. d      6. j      7. h  
8. e      9. g      10. c      11. g      12. c      13. j      14. e  
15. a      16. i      17. f      18. d      19. b      20. h      21. d  
22. i      23. a      24. g      25. b      26. h      27. f      28. c  
29. e