

The following words comprised the antonym sections of 45 SAT tests from 1977 to 1990. In all, there were 1125 antonym questions, resulting in 978 unique words. Words that appeared more than once are shown below with the number of appearances in parentheses. (The difficult-words-only list follows.)

abbreviate	amity (3)	billowing
abhor	anchor	bizarre (2)
abolish (2)	angular	bland
abridge	anomalous	blunder (2)
abrogate	anonymous	boisterous
abrupt	antediluvian (2)	bolt
abstemious (2)	antipathy	brawn
abstruse	antiquated	breadth (2)
abuse	apathy	brittle
abusiveness	apocryphal	broach
accent	append	bulge
accessible	apprehend	bungle (2)
accessory	arable (2)	buoyancy
accolade (3)	arcane	burgeon (2)
accord	archaic (2)	burnish
acerbic	artful	bustle
acquiesce (2)	articulate	buttress
acuity	ascendancy (2)	bypass
adamancy	ascetic	byway
adaptable	assiduous	cajole (2)
adherent	assuage (3)	calamity
adjacent	astronomical	callow
adorn	atheist	calm
adroit	atrophy (2)	capitulate
adulation (2)	atypical	capitulation
adulterate	audacity	capricious (4)
adversity	augment	carnal
advocacy	austere	carp
affable	authoritative	castigate
affinity	avarice	caustic
affirmation	avoid	celerity
aggregate	awesome	celestial
agitation	baleful	ensorious
air	balm	censure
alacrity	ban	ceremonious (2)
alert	bane	champion
allay	baneful	chaos
ally (2)	barbarism	chasten
amass (2)	befuddled	cherish (2)
amateur	beguile	cherubic
ambivalence	beleaguer (2)	chide
ambulatory (2)	belligerency	choice
ameliorate (2)	bemuse	circuitous
amenity	bilk	circumlocution

circumscribed  
circumspect  
civil (2)  
clamor  
clandestine  
clear-cut  
clemency (3)  
coagulate  
coalesce (2)  
coalescence  
coddle  
cognate  
cognizant  
cohere  
coherent  
coincide  
collaborate  
combustible  
commence  
commensurate  
commodious  
commotion  
communal  
compatibility  
complex  
compliance  
comprehensive  
compress  
compression  
conceit  
conclusive  
concord  
concur  
confidential  
confluence  
confound (2)  
congeal  
conglomerate  
consecrate  
consequential  
considerable  
consonance  
constrict (2)  
consume  
contaminate (2)  
contempt  
contend  
contentious

contest  
contrite  
contrition  
conventional  
converge (2)  
convex  
conviction  
convince  
convivial  
convoke  
copious (2)  
corpulent  
corroborate  
corrugated (2)  
corrupt (2)  
corruption  
cosmopolitan  
couple  
crass  
crave  
cringe  
crucial  
crude  
crumple  
culpable  
curb  
cursory  
daunt (2)  
dawdle  
dearth  
debase  
debilitate (2)  
decadent  
deceleration  
declivity  
decorousness  
decorum  
deference  
defunct  
defy  
degeneration  
degradation  
delicate  
demented  
demise  
demonstrative  
demoralize  
demote

demotion  
denounce  
dependent  
deplete (2)  
deplore  
depraved  
depravity  
derision  
desecrate  
desiccate  
desist  
desolate  
despondency  
destitution  
desultory  
detain  
deterioration  
determinate  
detestable  
detriment  
dexterous  
diehard  
diffuse  
dilation  
dilute  
diminution (2)  
disaffected  
disapprobation  
disapproval  
disarray  
disband  
disburse  
disclosure  
discrepancy  
discriminating  
discursive (2)  
disentangle (2)  
dishearten  
disinclination  
disinterested  
disinterment  
dislodge  
dismantle  
disparage (2)  
disparity  
dispassionate  
disputatious  
dispute (2)

dissection  
dissociate  
dissolution  
dissolve  
dissonance (2)  
dissuade  
distant  
distension  
distinguished  
distribute  
dither  
diurnal  
divert  
divest  
doctrinaire  
document (2)  
dormant  
dour  
drastic  
drawback (2)  
drawl  
drench  
dross  
dubious  
duplicity  
durable  
ebullient  
eclectic  
ecstasy  
edible  
efface (3)  
effervesce  
effervescent  
effrontery  
egg on  
eligibility  
elongate  
elucidate (2)  
emaciated  
embed  
embellish  
embroil  
emerge  
emergence  
empathy  
encode  
encompass  
endemic

enfold  
engaging  
engender  
enhance (3)  
enigmatic  
ensconce  
enthraling  
enunciate  
eon  
ephemeral (3)  
epochal  
equanimity  
equilibrium (2)  
erratic  
erudition  
esoteric  
espouse  
esteem  
euphemism  
euphonious  
euphony  
evacuate (2)  
evanescent  
evaporate  
exacting  
exactness  
excess  
excise  
exclude  
exculpate  
execrable  
exemplary  
exertion  
exhume  
exigent  
exonerate  
exotic (2)  
expand  
expansive  
expedite  
expeditious  
expel  
expendable  
expenditures  
explicit (2)  
exposure  
expunge  
exquisite

extemporaneous  
extend  
extinguish (2)  
extol  
extradite  
extraneous  
extricate  
exuberance  
facilitate (2)  
fallow  
falter  
fanaticism  
farfetched  
fatigue  
feasible  
fecund  
feisty  
ferocity  
fertile (2)  
fetid  
fetter  
finesse  
firebrand  
fission  
fitful (2)  
flabby  
flagrant  
flamboyant  
flaunt  
fledgling  
flicker  
flourish (3)  
flower  
fluid  
fly-by-night  
focused  
foible  
foolproof  
foremost  
formality  
forswear  
fracture  
frank  
fraudulence  
fraudulent (2)  
fret  
frisky  
fruitful

fruitless  
fundamental  
furtive  
fuse  
fusion  
gall  
gambol  
gamely  
garble  
gargantuan  
garner (2)  
gaunt  
germinal  
ghastly  
giddy  
glacial  
gloss  
glossy  
glut  
gnarl  
gouge  
gracious  
grandiloquence  
grandiose (2)  
graphic  
grate  
gratifying  
gratis  
gratuitous  
gregarious  
grievous  
grisly  
gritty  
groundless  
guile (2)  
gusty  
hackneyed (2)  
hamper  
harbor (2)  
hardiness  
harmonious  
harmony  
headlong  
hearten  
hedonist  
heed  
hefty (2)  
heralded

hideous (2)  
high-handed  
hilarity (2)  
hindrance  
hostility  
humane (2)  
humid  
humility  
hyperbole  
hypocrisy  
hypocritical  
hypothesize  
ignite  
ignominy  
illustrious  
immaculate  
immunity  
impalpable  
impecunious  
impel  
import  
improve  
improvidence  
impugn  
impulsive  
inanimate  
incarcerate  
incentive  
inception (2)  
incessant  
incidental  
incisive  
inclusive  
incoherence  
incompatible  
inconsequential  
inconspicuous  
incorporeal  
indefatigable (2)  
indigenous  
inducement  
indulge  
industrious  
inebriated  
ineptness  
inert  
inertia  
inevitable

inextricable  
infidel  
inflate  
ingrained  
ingratitude  
inhospitable  
iniquity  
innate (2)  
innocuous (2)  
innumerable  
inopportune  
inquisitive  
insentient  
insipidness  
instigation  
insularity  
intensify  
intercede (2)  
interminable  
intractable  
intrepid  
intrinsic  
inundate  
invert  
inveterate  
iota  
irascible (2)  
ironhanded  
irrational  
irreparable  
irreproachable  
irritate  
issue  
jaded  
jaunty  
jeopardize (2)  
jettison (2)  
jollity  
junction  
kernel  
kindle (2)  
knotty  
lachrymose  
lackadaisical  
laconic  
languish  
lapse  
largess

leniency	multifarious	parsimony (2)
lenient	mundane	paucity
levity	munificence	pejorative
liability	munificent (2)	penchant
licensed	musty	penury (3)
linear	mutability	perdition
linger	muted	perfunctory
link	myriad	peripheral (2)
listless (2)	nefarious (2)	periphery (2)
lithe (2)	nefariousness	perishable
loiter	neglect	perpetual
luminary	negotiable	perturbation
lunge	neologism (2)	philistine
luscious	noisome	pique
lush	noncombatant	pithy
lustrous	noxious (2)	placate
luxuriant	nullify	plastic
magnanimous	nurture	platitude
maladroit	nutritious	plausible
malice	obedient	polarization
malingering	oblique	ponderous
manipulatable	oblivion	pontificate
mannered	obscure	porous
marred	obscurity	postpone
massive	obsolete	potable
materialize	obstinate	potent (2)
meaningful	omission	precede
mellow	onlooker	precise
mercurial	opacity	precocious
merge	opaque	precursor
metaphorically	opportune	predetermined
mettle	optimum	predicament
migratory	opulence	predilection
mingle (2)	ordinary	preference
minuscule	ornate	premature (2)
mired (2)	oscillating	premeditated (2)
mirth	ostentatious	preposterous
miscarry	ouster	preserve
mishap	outpost	prestige
mitigate	outspoken	prevalent
mobile	palliate	primeval
moderate	palpable (2)	proclivity
monotony	paltry	procrastinate
monumental	pamper	procrastination
moratorium	panache	prodigal
morbidity	parasite	prodigious (3)
morose	parity	prodigy
motivate	parody	profane

profuse  
profusion (2)  
prohibit  
prolong  
propel  
propensity  
propound  
propriety  
prosaic  
prosperity  
prostration  
protect  
protrusion  
provincial  
puckered  
puerile  
pugnacity  
pulchritude  
pulverize  
puny  
purification  
quack  
quaint  
quake  
qualified  
querulous  
quiescence  
quiescent  
quiver  
quixotic  
rabid  
rail at  
rancor  
rant (2)  
rarefy  
ratify  
raze  
rebellion  
rebuff  
recalcitrant (2)  
recall (2)  
recant (2)  
recline  
recollect  
reconciliation  
recreation  
recuperate  
refuge

regimen  
reiterate  
rejoice  
rend  
repellent  
replete (2)  
reprehensible (2)  
repress  
reproof  
repudiate  
repugnant  
rescind (2)  
reserve (2)  
reside  
resist  
resolve  
resourceful  
resplendent  
restraint  
retention  
reticence  
retraction  
retreat  
retrograde  
revere  
rhapsodize  
ribald  
rife  
rigor  
robust  
rotund  
rouse  
rudimentary  
ruffianism (2)  
ruffle (2)  
ruminate  
rumpled  
rupture (2)  
ruthless  
saccharine (2)  
sage  
salubrious (2)  
sanctify  
sanction  
savant  
scale  
scanty (2)  
scintillating

scintillation  
scoff at  
scurry  
secondhand  
sectarian  
secular  
self-sufficient  
sequester  
serene  
serpentine  
serrated  
serviceable  
sever (2)  
shorthanded  
sincere  
sinuous  
slacken  
sleeper  
sluggard  
slump  
snippet  
somber (2)  
soothe  
sophomoric  
sparse  
spartan (2)  
specificity  
specify  
spiritual  
spurn (3)  
squabble  
squalid  
squalor  
squander (2)  
stagnant  
stasis  
stately  
steadfastness  
sterile  
stifle  
stimulate  
stoke  
stolid  
stridency  
stupefaction  
stupefy  
stymie (2)  
subliminal

submissive  
subordinate  
subside  
subterranean  
subtle (2)  
succulent  
suffrage  
summary (2)  
summon (2)  
sumptuous (2)  
superb  
supercilious  
suppress  
surfeit  
surge  
surplus  
surreptitious  
surreptitiously  
survival  
swell  
sweltering  
symmetry (2)  
synthetic  
table  
tantamount  
taper  
tapering  
tawdry  
teeming  
temperate  
tempestuous  
tenacious  
tenacity  
tensile (2)  
tenuous  
tepid  
terminate  
terse  
theatrical  
tinge  
topple  
torpor  
tough  
tractable  
transience  
transient  
trepidation  
trifling

trigger  
trivia  
truncate  
turbulence (2)  
turgid  
unaccountable  
uncommon  
unconditional  
uncork  
undermine (2)  
underplay  
understate (2)  
undulating  
unexpurgated  
unflappable  
unkempt  
unleash (2)  
unnerve (2)  
unremitting  
unstable  
unsung  
unwary  
unwieldy  
unwitting  
upbraid  
upshot  
urbane  
utter  
vague  
valid (2)  
vaporize  
veneration  
vent  
venturesome  
verbose  
verdant  
verify  
verity  
versatile  
vertical  
vestigial  
veto (2)  
vexation  
viable (3)  
vibrancy  
vibrant  
vigilant  
vigor

vilification (2)  
virtuoso  
virulence  
virulent  
vivid  
voluble  
voluminous  
vouchsafe  
vulgarity  
wan  
warp  
warrant  
warranted  
wary  
watery  
waver  
whet  
whim  
wilt  
winsome  
wispy  
withhold  
withstand  
witticism  
woe  
wooden  
workaday  
zany (2)  
zeal  
zenith

The following 464 words, taken from the above list, appeared in the questions in the last half of each antonym section. These questions were generally answered correctly by fewer than 50% of students taking the tests, making these words the difficult ones.

abrogate	bilk	contrite
abstemious (2)	billowing	contrition
accessory	broach	converge
accolade (3)	bungle	convoke
acerbic	burgeon (2)	copious (2)
acquiesce (2)	burnish	corpulent
adamancy	buttress	corroborate
adroit	cajole (2)	culpable
adulation (2)	callow	cursorial
adversity	capitulate	daunt (2)
affable	capitulation	dearth
affinity	capricious (4)	debase
alacrity	carnal	debilitate (2)
allay	carp	decadent
amass (2)	castigate	declivity
ambivalence	caustic	decorousness
ambulatory (2)	celerity	decorum
ameliorate (2)	ensorious	deference
amenity	censure	defunct
amity (3)	chasten	demise
anomalous	chide	deplore
antediluvian (2)	circuitous	depraved
apocryphal	circumlocution	depravity
append	circumspect	derision
arable (2)	clandestine	desecrate
arcane	clemency (3)	desiccate
artful	coalesce	desist
ascendancy (2)	coalescence	despondency
ascetic	coddle	desultory
assiduous	cognate	dilation
assuage (3)	cognizant	diminution (2)
atrophy (2)	cohere	disaffected
audacity	commensurate	disapprobation
augment	commodious	discursive (2)
austere	concord	disinterested
authoritative	confluence	disinterment
avarice	confound	disparage (2)
baleful	congeal	disparity
balm	consecrate	dispassionate
bane	consequential	disputatious
baneful	consonance	dispute
beguile	constrict	dissolution
beleaguer (2)	contend	dissonance (2)
bemuse	contentious	distension



dither  
diurnal  
divert  
divest  
doctrinaire  
dross  
duplicity  
ebullient  
eclectic  
efface (3)  
effervesce  
effervescent  
effrontery  
elucidate (2)  
emaciated  
embellish  
embroil  
empathy  
endemic  
engaging  
engender  
enhance  
enigmatic  
ensconce  
ephemeral (3)  
epochal  
equanimity  
erudition  
esoteric  
espouse  
euphemism  
euphonious  
euphony  
evanescent  
exacting  
excise  
exculpate  
execrable  
exemplary  
exhume  
exigent  
exonerate  
expedite  
expeditious  
expunge  
extemporaneous  
extol  
extradite

extraneous  
extricate  
fallow  
fanaticism  
fecund  
fetid  
fetter  
fitful (2)  
flagrant  
flaunt  
fledgling  
foible  
forswear  
furtive  
gall  
gambol  
gamely  
garner (2)  
gaunt  
germinal  
glacial  
glut  
grandiloquence  
graphic  
grate  
gratis  
gratuitous  
gregarious  
grievous  
guile (2)  
hackneyed (2)  
hedonist  
high-handed  
hyperbole  
hypocritical  
ignominy  
illustrious  
impalpable  
impecunious  
import  
improvidence  
impugn  
incarcerate  
inception (2)  
incisive  
inclusive  
inconsequential  
incorporeal

indefatigable  
indigenous  
inducement  
inebriated  
ineptness  
inextricable  
infidel  
ingrained  
iniquity  
innate (2)  
innocuous (2)  
insentient  
insipidness  
instigation  
insularity  
interminable  
intractable  
intrepid  
intrinsic  
inundate  
inveterate  
irascible (2)  
irreproachable  
jaded  
jaunty  
jettison (2)  
kernel  
lachrymose  
laconic  
languish  
largess  
levity  
lithe (2)  
luminary  
magnanimous  
maladroit  
maligner  
mannered  
mercurial  
mettle  
mired (2)  
mirth  
mitigate  
moratorium  
multifarious  
mundane  
munificence  
munificent (2)

mutability  
myriad  
nefarious (2)  
nefariousness  
neologism (2)  
noisome  
noxious (2)  
oblique  
oblivion  
opacity  
opulence  
ornate  
oscillating  
ostentatious  
ouster  
palliate  
palpable (2)  
panache  
parity  
parody  
parsimony (2)  
paucity  
pejorative  
penchant  
penury (3)  
perdition  
perfunctory  
peripheral (2)  
periphery  
philistine  
pique  
pithy  
placate  
platitude  
plausible  
polarization  
ponderous  
pontificate  
potable  
precocious  
precursor  
predilection  
premature  
prestige  
prevalent  
proclivity  
prodigal  
prodigious (3)

prodigy  
profusion (2)  
propensity  
propound  
propriety  
prosaic  
prostration  
provincial  
puerile  
pugnacity  
pulchritude  
quaint  
qualified  
querulous  
quiescence  
quiescent  
quixotic  
rail at  
rancor  
rant  
rarefy  
raze  
rebuff  
recalcitrant (2)  
recant (2)  
refuge  
regimen  
reiterate  
rejoice  
rend  
replete (2)  
reprehensible (2)  
repudiate  
rescind (2)  
reserve  
resplendent  
retention  
reticence  
revere  
rhapsodize  
ribald  
rife  
rotund  
rudimentary  
ruminate  
saccharine (2)  
sage  
salubrious (2)

sanctify  
sanction  
savant  
scanty (2)  
scintillating  
scintillation  
sectarian  
secular  
sequester  
sinuous  
sleeper  
sluggard  
snippet  
somber  
sophomoric  
spartan (2)  
spurn (3)  
squalid  
squalor  
squander  
stasis  
steadfastness  
stoke  
stolid  
stridency  
stupefaction  
stupefy  
stymie (2)  
subliminal  
submissive  
subordinate  
subtle  
suffrage  
sumptuous (2)  
supercilious  
surfeit  
surreptitious  
surreptitiously  
table  
tantamount  
tawdry  
tenacious  
tenacity  
tensile (2)  
tenuous  
tepid  
terse  
tinge

torpor  
tractable  
transience  
transient  
trepidation  
trifling  
trigger  
truncate  
turgid  
unconditional  
understate  
undulating  
unexpurgated  
unflappable  
unremitting

unwieldy  
unwitting  
upbraid  
upshot  
urbane  
utter  
valid  
veneration  
verbose  
verdant  
verity  
vestigial  
vexation  
viable (3)  
vigilant

vilification (2)  
virulence  
virulent  
voluble  
voluminous  
vouchsafe  
wan  
warrant  
wary  
whet  
winsome  
witticism  
wooden  
workaday