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
abhorr
abolish (2)
abridge
abrogate
abrupt
abstemious (2)
abstruse
abuse
abusiveness
accent
accessible
accessory
accolade (3)
accord
acercbic
acquiesce (2)
acuity
adamancy
adaptable
adherent
adjacent
adorn
adroit
adulation (2)
adulate
adversity
advocacy
affable
affinity
affirmation
aggregate
agitation
air
alacrity
alert
allay
ally (2)
amass (2)
amateur
ambivalence
ambulatory (2)
ameliorate (2)
amenity
amity (3)
anchor
angular
anomalous
anonymous
antediluvian (2)
antipathy
antiquated
apathy
apocryphal
append
apprehend
arable (2)
arcan
archaic (2)
artful
articulate
ascendancy (2)
ascetic
assiduous
assuage (3)
astronomical
atheist
atrophy (2)
atypical
audacity
augment
auster
authoritative
avarice
avoid
awesome
baleful
balm
ban
bane
baneful
barbarism
befuddled
beguile
beleaguer (2)
belligerency
bemuse
bilk
billowing
bizarre (2)
bland
blunder (2)
boisterous
bolt
brawn
breath (2)
brittle
broach
bulge
bungle (2)
buoyancy
burnish
bustle
bustress
bypass
byway
cajole (2)
calamity
callow
calm
capitulate
capitulation
capricious (4)
carnal
carp
castigate
caucistic
celerity
celestial
censorious
censure
ceremonious (2)
champion
chaos
chasten
cherish (2)
cherubic
chide
choice
circuitous
circumlocution
fruitless  fundamental  furtive  fuse  fusion  gall  gambol  gamely  garble  gargantuan  garner  gaunt  germinal  ghastly  giddy  glacial  gloss  glossy  glut  gnarl  gouge  gracious  grandiloquence  grandiose  graphic  grate  gratifying  gratis  gratuitous  gregarious  grievous  grisly  gritty  groundless  guile  gusty  hackneyed  hamper  harbor  hardness  harmonious  harmony  headlong  hearten  hedonist  heed  hefty  heralded  hideous  high-handed  hilarity  hindrance  hostility  humane  humid  humility  hyperbole  hypocrisy  hypocritical  hypothesize  ignite  ignominy  illusrious  immaculate  immunity  impalpable  impetuous  impel  import  improve  improvidence  impugn  impulsive  inanimate  incarcerate  incentive  inception  incessant  incidental  incisive  inclusive  incoherence  incompatible  inconsequential  inconspicuous  incorporeal  indefatigable  indigenous  inducement  indulge  industrious  inebriated  ineptness  inert  inertia  inevitable  inextricable  infidel  inflate  ingrain  ingratitude  inhospitable  iniquity  innate  innocuous  innumerable  inopportune  inquisitive  insentient  insipidness  instigation  insipidity  intensify  intercede  interminable  intractable  intrepid  intrinsic  inundate  invert  inveterate  iota  irascible  ironhanded  irrational  irreparable  irreplaceable  irritate  issue  jaded  jaunty  jeopardize  jettison  jollity  juncture  kernel  kindle  knotty  lachrymose  lackadaisical  laconic  languish  lapse  largess
leniency  lenient  levity  liability  licensed  linear  linger  link  listless (2)  lithe (2)  loiter  luminary  lunge  luscious  lush  lustrous  luxuriant  magnanimous  maladroit  malice  malinger  manipulatable  mannered  marred  massive  materialize  meaningful  mellow  mercurial  merge  metaphorically  mettle  migratory  mingle (2)  minuscule  mired (2)  mirth  miscarry  mishap  mitigate  mobile  moderate  monotony  monumental  moratorium  morbidity  morose  motivate  multifarious  mundane  munificence  munificent (2)  musty  mutability  muted  myriad  nefarious (2)  nefariousness  neglect  negotiable  neologism (2)  noisome  noncombatant  noxious (2)  nullify  nurture  nutritious  obedient  oblique  oblivion  obscure  obscurity  obsolete  obdurate  obstinate  omission  onlooker  opacity  opaque  opportune  optimum  opulence  ordinary  ornate  oscillating  ostentatious  ouster  outpost  outspoken  palliate  palpable (2)  paltry  pamper  panache  parasite  parity  parody  parsimony (2)  paucity  pejorative  penchant  penury (3)  perdition  perfunctory  peripheral (2)  periphery (2)  perishable  perpetual  perturbation  philistine  pique  pithy  placate  plastic  platitude  plausible  polarization  ponderous  pontificate  porous  postpone  potable  potent (2)  precede  precise  precocious  precursor  predetermined  predicament  predilection  preference  premature (2)  premeditated (2)  preposterous  preserve  prestige  prevalent  primeval  proclivity  procrastinate  procrastination  prodigal  prodigious (3)  prodigy  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
raff
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
santan
savant
scale
scanty (2)
scintillating
scintillation
scoff at
scurry
secondhand
sectarian
secular
self-sufficient
sequester
serene
serpentine
serrated
serviceable
sever (2)
shorthand
sincere
sinuous
slacken
sleeper
sluggard
slump
snippet
sober (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
stupification
stupify
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
temperate		
tempestuous
tenacious
tenacity
tensile (2)
tenuous
tepid
terminate
tense
theatrical		
tinge
topple
torpar
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
veto (2)
vexation
viable (3)
vibrancy
vibrant
vigilant
vigor
vilification (2)
virtuoso
virulence
virulent
vivid
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 caution culpable
adulation (2) capitate cursive
adversity capitulate daunt (2)
affable capitation deearth
availability capricious (4) difficult
alacrity carnivorous decorousness
alay carp decorum
eamass (2) castigate defunct
amassible caustic demise
ambivalence celerity deplore
ameliorate (2) censorious depraved
amenity censure depravity
amity (3) chasten derision
anomalous chide desecrate
antediluvian (2) circuitous desiccate
apocryphal circumlocution desist
append circumspect deplor
append celerity deference
amenable (2) censorious defunct
amenable censure demise
amenable chasten deplore
clement (3) censure deplor
ambulatory (2) tênui desecrate
clementine (3) tenue desist
ambulatory coalesce desistence
amenable circumlocution disaffected
clementine circumcision disaffection
clementome (2) commodious disapprobation
clementum commodious discursive (2)
cardinal coherant disinterested
cardinal (2) cohomin disinterment
cardinals coheir disinterested
carnal coheir disinterment
carnal (2) circumlocution disparage (2)
carnal (2) commodious disparity
carnal commodious dispassionate
carnal commodious disputatious
carnal commodious dispute
carnal commodious dissolution
carnal commodious dissonance (2)
carnal commodious distension
dither
diurnal
divert
divest
doctriane
dross
duplicity
ebullient
eclectic
effrondery
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
illiterary
impalpable
impecunious
import
improvisement
impugn
incarcerate
inception (2)
incisive
inclusive
inconsequential
incorporeal
indefatigable
indigenous
inducement
inebriated
ineptness
inextricable
infidel
ingrained
iniquity
innate (2)
innocuous (2)
insentient
insipidity
instigation
insularity
interminable
intractable
intrepid
intrinsic
inundate
inveterate
irascible (2)
irreproachable
jaded
jaunty
jettison (2)
kern
lachrymose
laconic
languish
largess
levity
lithe (2)
luminary
magnanimous
maladroit
malingering
mannered
mercurial
mettle
mired (2)
mirth
mitigate
moratorium
multifarious
mundane
munificence
munificent (2)
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