It is never too early to start preparing for college entrance exams. The SAT and ACT Tests contain words the average student may or not know. Those words could be the difference between answering a question correctly and getting stuck!

In this activity, elementary/middle school and high school students have the opportunity to increase their vocabulary. A robust vocabulary improves all areas of communication, listening, speaking, reading and writing.

Submit your answers using the QR Code or website listed below. Only submit answers for your grade level. Two students (one middle school and one high school student) will have their name drawn for the weekly prize!

**TOP 5 REASONS WHY VOCABULARY MATTERS**

1. **It improves reading comprehension** - Research has shown that kids need to understand 98% of the words they read to understand what they are reading. Improving vocabulary skills will improve their understanding of novels and textbooks.

2. **It is important to language development** - Children who develop a rich vocabulary tend to be deeper thinkers, express themselves better and read more. Improving language and literacy skills early in life will help them be more successful academically and communicatively.

3. **Communicating ideas** - Successful communication or “saying what you mean” is dependent upon a good vocabulary base. Using the right words when talking, makes you a more effective communicator.

4. **Expressing yourself in writing** - Having a good vocabulary to draw from can help you write more effectively.

5. **Occupational success** - Success in the business place depends on your communication skills.

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**ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL QUESTIONS**

Select the best definition of the word that is **bolded and underlined in red**.

1. The forced bussing of students was not the **panacea** some thought it would be.
   A. An insurmountable difficulty
   B. A wave of the future
   C. A cure all
   D. A ridiculous position
   E. A controversial idea

2. The **surfeit** of heavy desserts to choose from made us groan after we had eaten such a large meal.
   A. A choice
   B. A lack
   C. An excess
   D. A duplication
   E. A balance

3. Achieving **verisimilitude** in dialogue is a challenge to all young novelists.
   A. Consistency
   B. Intensity
   C. Uniqueness
   D. A proper balance between elements
   E. The appearance of reality

4. He grew increasingly **irascible** as time went on.
   A. Bold
   B. Talkative
   C. Impudent
   D. Irritable
   E. Proud

5. What began as an **innocuous** practical joke ended up in tragedy.
   A. Stupid
   B. Well-intended
   C. Humorous
   D. Careless
   E. Harmless

**HIGH SCHOOL QUESTIONS**

Select the best definition of the word that is **bolded and underlined in red**.

1. They are engaged principally in educational and **eleemosynary** work, and the development in such institutions is considerable.
   A. Permissiveness
   B. Greed
   C. Charitable giving
   D. Socialism
   E. Control

2. My opinion is that a truly **aleatory** situation is never possible, because everything is based on cause and effect which is anything but random.
   A. Disastrous
   B. Unpredictable
   C. Of the people
   D. Disruptive
   E. Treasonous

3. You may call it **tergiversation**, but we pros call it diplomacy.
   A. A statement
   B. A story
   C. A change in opinion
   D. A declaration of policy
   E. A joke

4. The Haiku is restricted to three lines in a maximum syllabic pattern of 5-7-5, frequently divided by a **caesura**.
   A. An emphasis
   B. A break
   C. A play on words
   D. A rhyme
   E. A rhythm

5. A minority of U . S . states (approximately 20 as of 2009), permit **nuncupative** wills under certain circumstances.
   A. Competitive
   B. Mystical
   C. Pertaining to the land
   D. Oral
   E. Nomadic

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