

### The 200 SAT Words You Need to Know

#### And How to Learn Them Best

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### Vocabulary Builder Flashcards

Your mastery of vocabulary will be tested in the Reading section through Sentence Completion questions. If you don't know the definitions of the words, you'll be at a significant disadvantage in this section!

We've provided the following 200 words completely free for you to use. These words are the most commonly appearing words on the SAT. Read on for directions on how to print and use them.

#### Why Use These Words?

On each SAT, 30% of questions are Sentence Completion questions, accounting for up to 200 points of your Reading score.

If you take just 1 minutes to memorize each of these 200 words, that's just 3.5 hours of work.

You can improve by 50 points in just 3.5 hours of work!

#### **Directions to Print:**

These flashcards are designed for you to print on a doublesided printer, so that the word appears on one side and the definition appears on the back. For best results, make sure you choose the following settings:

- -Duplex
- -Scaling: None

#### How to Use these Flashcards

What does it mean for you to know the word? If you look at the word on a flashcard and can remember the definition, you'll know the basic meaning of the word.

The **wrong** way to study flashcards is to keep going from front to back, front to back. This is ineffective because you spend time on words you already know and not enough on words you have trouble with.

#### Here's how you can use your flashcards intelligently.

The strategy we recommend is to review the cards you have more problems with more often.

- Each day, start with a stack of 30 cards.
- Go through each card. Place the card into one of two stacks: Know it, or Struggled with it.
- For the Struggled with it stack, go through the entire stack once. Then, split it again, into a know it or struggled with it stacks.
- Repeat step 3 until you have no more Struggled with it stacks. You've now created a waterfall of stacks, where the stack at the end has the words that are hardest for you, and the stack at the beginning is easiest. Theoretically, you should know all the words now.
- Go back up the waterfall. Take the last stack, and

combine it with the next highest Know it stack. If you forgot any of the words in the stack, go through all of them again. If you remembered all the words in the stack, integrate the next highest Know it stack.

• When you've gone back to your first Know it stack and you have all the cards in one stack again, you should now know all the words very well.

Think of it like a series of waterfalls, where you keep filtering the cards by difficulty until you're left with the most difficult, hard to remember cards.

Now, go for it! Print out the rest of the pages using the settings we described, and master these common SAT vocab words!

### AND NOW WHAT?

Through this guide, you've learned how important SAT vocabulary is for your score, and how to best study vocab to make the words stick.

You might now be wondering how to best study for the SAT. If so, check out our free Ebook on that topic! **We** survey the advantages and disadvantages of different methods of test prep including self-study, classroom, and tutoring.

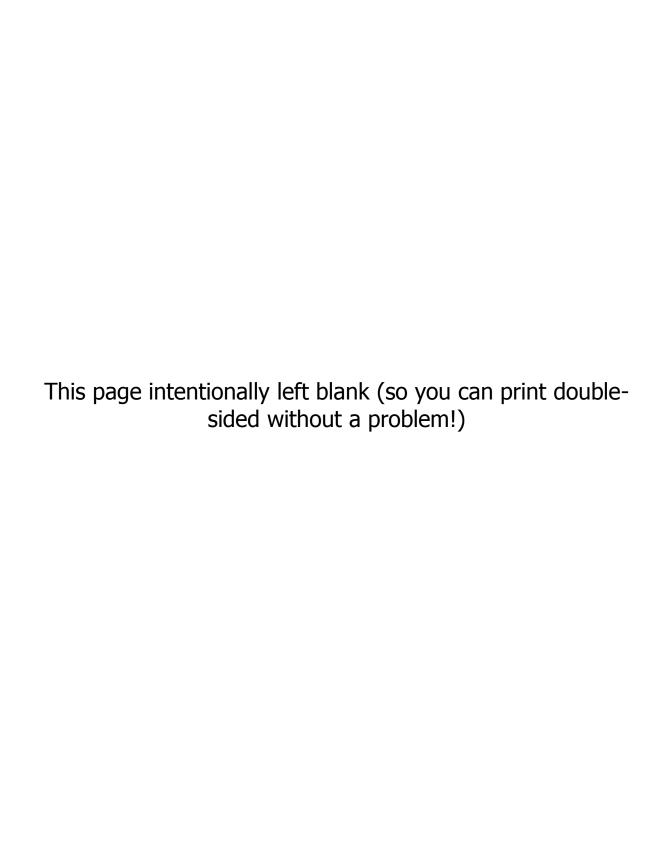
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or **call us** at **1(866) 811-5546**, where one of our Academic Advisers will walk you through the best options for you and your family.

We'd love to hear from you.

Finally, if you found this guide helpful, please share it with any other people who might benefit.

-The PrepScholar Team



abstemious	acquiesce
• PrepScholar.com	PrepScholar.com
acrimonious	admonish
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adroit/ deft/ dexterous	aesthetic
• PrepScholar.com	PrepScholar.com
affable/ amiable/ genial/ gregarious	aloof
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#### Answer: Answer: moderate in eating and to comply drinking PrepScholar.com • PrepScholar.com **Answer: Answer:** to earnestly caution great bitterness • PrepScholar.com • PrepScholar.com **Answer: Answer:** an appreciation of what is skillful beautiful or attractive PrepScholar.com • PrepScholar.com Answer: Answer: detached, reserved agreeable, friendly • PrepScholar.com PrepScholar.com

amalgam	ambiguous
• PrepScholar.com	PrepScholar.com
ambivalent	anachronism
• PrepScholar.com	PrepScholar.com
analogy	anguish
• PrepScholar.com	PrepScholar.com
anomaly/ atypical	antecedent/ forerunner
• PrepScholar.com	PrepScholar.com

#### Answer: Answer: a mixture, combination of unclear, not definitive different elements PrepScholar.com PrepScholar.com Answer: Answer: not in the proper time having mixed feelings period • PrepScholar.com • PrepScholar.com Answer: Answer: agonizing physical or a similarity or likeness mental pain PrepScholar.com PrepScholar.com Answer: Answer: a deviation from the norm a preceding event PrepScholar.com PrepScholar.com

antipathy/ animosity	antithesis/ antipodal
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archaic	ascetic
• PrepScholar.com	PrepScholar.com
audacious	auspicious
PrepScholar.com	PrepScholar.com
automaton	autonomous
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#### Answer: something that is the Answer: direct opposite of another strong dislike thing PrepScholar.com PrepScholar.com Answer: **Answer:** a person who leads a life out of date of self-denial • PrepScholar.com • PrepScholar.com Answer: Answer: very favorable very bold; daring • PrepScholar.com PrepScholar.com Answer: a person who acts in a Answer: independent mechanical fashion, a mindless follower

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bane	belie
• PrepScholar.com	PrepScholar.com
benefactor	beneficiary
• PrepScholar.com	PrepScholar.com
boon	boorish/ uncouth
• PrepScholar.com	PrepScholar.com
bowdlerize	bucolic/ rustic/ pastoral
• PrepScholar.com	PrepScholar.com

#### **Answer:** Answer: to give a false impression a source of harm PrepScholar.com • PrepScholar.com Answer: **Answer:** a person who receives a person who gives gifts benefits • PrepScholar.com • PrepScholar.com Answer: Answer: vulgar, crude a timely benefit • PrepScholar.com PrepScholar.com Answer: to remove or delete Answer: charmingly rural objectionable parts of a book • PrepScholar.com PrepScholar.com

bungler	callous
• PrepScholar.com	PrepScholar.com
capricious/ mercurial	charlatan
PrepScholar.com	PrepScholar.com
chimerical	circuitous
PrepScholar.com	PrepScholar.com
circumscribe	circumspect/ prudent
• PrepScholar.com	• PrepScholar.com

#### Answer: Answer: insensitive a clumsy or inept person • PrepScholar.com PrepScholar.com Answer: **Answer:** fickle, constant shifting a fake, a fraud, a cheat moods PrepScholar.com • PrepScholar.com Answer: Answer: circular and therefore a fantastic scheme, indirect unchecked imagination PrepScholar.com PrepScholar.com Answer: to narrowly restrict, to Answer: limit action, to draw a line cautious, careful around PrepScholar.com PrepScholar.com

circumvent	clairvoyant
• PrepScholar.com	• PrepScholar.com
clandestine/ surreptitious	confounded/ perplexed/ mystified
PrepScholar.com	PrepScholar.com
conjecture/ supposition	convoluted
PrepScholar.com	• PrepScholar.com
copious	covet
• PrepScholar.com	♠ PrepScholar.com

#### Answer: Answer: a person who uses to avoid by artful intuition to see into the maneuvering future PrepScholar.com • PrepScholar.com Answer: **Answer:** secretive, not aboveboard, puzzled, confused covert • PrepScholar.com • PrepScholar.com Answer: Answer: an inference twisted, intricate • PrepScholar.com • PrepScholar.com Answer: Answer: abundant, a great amount to strongly desire; to crave PrepScholar.com PrepScholar.com

cryptic	curtail
• PrepScholar.com	PrepScholar.com
dearth/ paucity	debunk
• PrepScholar.com	PrepScholar.com
decry	deleterious
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demagogue	demise
• PrepScholar.com	PrepScholar.com

### Answer: to cut short or reduce

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Answer: mysterious, having a hidden meaning

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#### Answer: to put down by exposing false claims

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Answer: scarcity or shortage

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## Answer: harmful, injurious

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Answer: to express strong disapproval

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Answer: the final ending of something, the downfall

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Answer:
a speaker who appeals to
emotions, fear or
prejudices

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denounce	deride
• PrepScholar.com	PrepScholar.com
despondent/ forlorn	devoid
PrepScholar.com	PrepScholar.com
diatribe/ tirade	diffident
• PrepScholar.com	PrepScholar.com
digress	dilettante
• PrepScholar.com	PrepScholar.com

#### Answer: Answer: to put down with to speak against contemptuous jeering • PrepScholar.com PrepScholar.com Answer: Answer: completely lacking in feeling downcast, dejected something • PrepScholar.com • PrepScholar.com Answer: Answer: a bitter denunciation lacking self-confidence PrepScholar.com PrepScholar.com Answer: Answer: to depart from a subject an amateur or dabbler PrepScholar.com PrepScholar.com

diminutive	dirge
• PrepScholar.com	PrepScholar.com
dismissive	disparage
PrepScholar.com	PrepScholar.com
disparity	dispel
PrepScholar.com	PrepScholar.com
dissembler/ prevaricator	draconian
• PrepScholar.com	PrepScholar.com

#### Answer: **Answer:** a funeral hymn, mournful very small music PrepScholar.com PrepScholar.com **Answer: Answer:** belittle, slight to reject, disregard • PrepScholar.com • PrepScholar.com Answer: Answer: an inequality, an to drive away, scatter imbalance PrepScholar.com • PrepScholar.com Answer: Answer: very strict laws and rules a liar, deceiver PrepScholar.com PrepScholar.com

eccentric	elusive
• PrepScholar.com	• PrepScholar.com
enigmatic/ inscrutable	enumerate
• PrepScholar.com	• PrepScholar.com
equanimity	erroneous
• PrepScholar.com	PrepScholar.com
evocation	exemplary
• PrepScholar.com	PrepScholar.com

#### Answer: Answer: out of reach, difficult to an odd, unconventional catch person • PrepScholar.com • PrepScholar.com **Answer: Answer:** to list, to tick off mysterious; baffling • PrepScholar.com • PrepScholar.com Answer: Answer: filled with errors, wrongs calmness, composure PrepScholar.com PrepScholar.com **Answer:** Answer: an imaginative recreation outstanding • PrepScholar.com PrepScholar.com

exhort	exorbitant
• PrepScholar.com	PrepScholar.com
expunge/ excise/ expurgate	extricate
• PrepScholar.com	PrepScholar.com
fiasco/ debacle	fleeting/ ephemeral
• PrepScholar.com	PrepScholar.com
fortitude	fortuitous
• PrepScholar.com	PrepScholar.com

#### Answer: Answer: unreasonably expensive to strongly encourage PrepScholar.com PrepScholar.com **Answer: Answer:** to get out of a difficult delete, remove situation • PrepScholar.com • PrepScholar.com Answer: Answer: very brief, short lived a complete failure PrepScholar.com PrepScholar.com **Answer:** Answer: an accidental but strength of mind fortunate occurrence • PrepScholar.com PrepScholar.com

futile	galvanize
• PrepScholar.com	PrepScholar.com
gerrymander	halcyon
PrepScholar.com	PrepScholar.com
haughty	hedonist
• PrepScholar.com	PrepScholar.com
hypothetical	iconoclast
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# Answer: to electrify, stire into action

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### Answer: doomed to failure

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# Answer: idyllically calm and tranquil

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Answer: to divide a district so as to give one side an advantage

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## Answer: seeker of pleasure

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Answer: proud or arrogant

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#### Answer: someone who attacks cherished ideas and institutions

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Answer: based on assumption, supposed

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impasse	impeccable
• PrepScholar.com	PrepScholar.com
impecunious	impetus
PrepScholar.com	PrepScholar.com
implacable	incoherent
PrepScholar.com	PrepScholar.com
incontrovertible	indifferent/ apathetic
• PrepScholar.com	PrepScholar.com

# Answer: faultless, perfect

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Answer: failure to reach an agreement

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#### Answer: a stimulus or encouragement

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Answer: poor, penniless, not affluent

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# Answer: lacking organization or lock

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Answer: not capable of being appeased

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## Answer: lack of interest or concern

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Answer: indisputable, beyond doubt

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indigenous/ endemic	indignant
• PrepScholar.com	PrepScholar.com
indulgent	inexorable
• PrepScholar.com	PrepScholar.com
innocuous	innovator
PrepScholar.com	• PrepScholar.com
innuendo	insurmountable
• PrepScholar.com	• PrepScholar.com

#### Answer: Answer: outrage at something that native to an area is unjust • PrepScholar.com PrepScholar.com **Answer: Answer:** relentless, unstoppable overly tolerant PrepScholar.com • PrepScholar.com Answer: Answer: a person who introduces harmless something new PrepScholar.com • PrepScholar.com **Answer:** Answer: an indirect reference to not being capable of something else overcome • PrepScholar.com • PrepScholar.com

intemperate	intrepid/ undaunted
• PrepScholar.com	PrepScholar.com
irreverent	itinerant
• PrepScholar.com	PrepScholar.com
jovial/ jocular	juggernaut
PrepScholar.com	PrepScholar.com
laconic	laud/ extol/ tout/ acclaim
PrepScholar.com	PrepScholar.com

### Answer: fearless, courageous

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Answer: lacking restraint, excessive

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Answer: mobile, not sedentary

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Answer: lacking proper respect, disrespectful

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Answer: an irresistible force

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Answer: good-humored, cheerful

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Answer: praise, applaud

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Answer: succinct, terse very concise, brief

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magnanimous	martinet
• PrepScholar.com	PrepScholar.com
maudlin	maverick
PrepScholar.com	PrepScholar.com
mellifluous	mentor
• PrepScholar.com	PrepScholar.com
misanthrope	mitigate/ mollify/ assuage/ alleviate
• PrepScholar.com	PrepScholar.com

# Answer: Answer: a strict disciplinarian generous and forgiving • PrepScholar.com PrepScholar.com **Answer:** Answer: an independent person excessively sentimental • PrepScholar.com • PrepScholar.com Answer: Answer: smooth and sweet flowing a teacher, a guide • PrepScholar.com PrepScholar.com Answer: Answer: a person who hates to ease, relieve, lessen humankind PrepScholar.com • PrepScholar.com

momentous	morose/ despondent
• PrepScholar.com	PrepScholar.com
nadir	naïve/ credulous
• PrepScholar.com	PrepScholar.com
nebulous	nefarious
• PrepScholar.com	PrepScholar.com
neophyte/ novice/ greenhorn	nonchalant
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# Answer: Answer: very depressed of great importance • PrepScholar.com PrepScholar.com **Answer: Answer:** unsophisticated the lowest point • PrepScholar.com • PrepScholar.com **Answer:** Answer: vague, lacking a fully extremely wicked, vile developed form PrepScholar.com • PrepScholar.com **Answer:** Answer: casual indifference a beginner PrepScholar.com • PrepScholar.com

nostalgia	obsolete
PrepScholar.com	PrepScholar.com
ominous	oracle
• PrepScholar.com	PrepScholar.com
ostracize	painstaking/ meticulous/ exacting
PrepScholar.com	PrepScholar.com
panache/ verve	pandemic
• PrepScholar.com	PrepScholar.com

#### Answer: Answer: a sentimental longing for no longer in use the past •)PrepScholar.com PrepScholar.com **Answer:** a person who is a source Answer: of wise counsel and threatening and menacing prophetic advice • PrepScholar.com • PrepScholar.com Answer: Answer: to deliberately exclude highly detailed from a group PrepScholar.com PrepScholar.com Answer: Answer: widespread epidemic dash and flamboyance PrepScholar.com PrepScholar.com

pandemonium	paradox
• PrepScholar.com	PrepScholar.com
partisan	penchant/ predilection
PrepScholar.com	PrepScholar.com
placid/ serene	plausible
PrepScholar.com	PrepScholar.com
poignant	polarize/ divisive
• PrepScholar.com	PrepScholar.com

# Answer: a seeming contradiction that expresses a truth

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Answer: a wild uproar, tumult

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Answer: a preference for something; inclination

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Answer:
a person with biased
beliefs

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Answer: believable

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Answer: very clam, quiet

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Answer: to break into opposing factions

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Answer: touching, heartrending

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pompous	pragmatic
• PrepScholar.com	PrepScholar.com
prattle	presumptuous
PrepScholar.com	PrepScholar.com
prodigious	prodigy
• PrepScholar.com	PrepScholar.com
prognosticator	proponent/ advocate
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#### Answer: Answer: pretentious, filled with practical, sensible excessive self-importance •)PrepScholar.com • PrepScholar.com Answer: Answer: overbearing; to babble incessantly impertinently bold • PrepScholar.com • PrepScholar.com Answer: Answer: a young genius enormous, massive • PrepScholar.com PrepScholar.com Answer: a person who makes Answer: a champion of a cause predictions based upon data PrepScholar.com PrepScholar.com

prototype	provocative
PrepScholar.com	PrepScholar.com
prudent	pundit
• PrepScholar.com	PrepScholar.com
quixotic	raconteur
PrepScholar.com	PrepScholar.com
reaffirm	rebuff
• PrepScholar.com	PrepScholar.com

### Answer: Answer: an original model provokes controversy PrepScholar.com PrepScholar.com Answer: **Answer:** a professional careful, cautious commentator • PrepScholar.com • PrepScholar.com Answer: Answer: a person who excels in foolishly impractical telling anecdotes PrepScholar.com PrepScholar.com Answer: Answer: to repel or drive back, to to assert again reject PrepScholar.com PrepScholar.com

recalcitrant/ obdurate	recluse
• PrepScholar.com	PrepScholar.com
redundant	rejuvenate
PrepScholar.com	PrepScholar.com
relinquish	renegade
• PrepScholar.com	PrepScholar.com
renovate	reproach/ censure
• PrepScholar.com	• PrepScholar.com

## Answer: Answer: a person who leads a very stubborn, defiant secluded solitary life • PrepScholar.com PrepScholar.com Answer: Answer: doing or saying something to make young again again and again • PrepScholar.com • PrepScholar.com Answer: Answer: a disloyal person to give something back PrepScholar.com PrepScholar.com Answer: Answer: to scold, rebuke to make new again PrepScholar.com PrepScholar.com

reprobate	repudiate/ recant/ renounce
• PrepScholar.com	PrepScholar.com
resilient	resurgent
PrepScholar.com	PrepScholar.com
reticent	rhetorician
• PrepScholar.com	PrepScholar.com
sarcastic/ sardonic	serendipity
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# Answer: to take back, disavow

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#### Answer: a morally unprincipled person

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Answer: to rise again, surge back

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Answer: to bounce back

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Answer: an eloquent writer or speaker

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Answer: to hold back one's thoughts and feelings

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Answer: an accidental but fortunate discovery

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Answer: derisive mocking comments

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skeptic	sophistry
• PrepScholar.com	PrepScholar.com
Spartan/ austere	stoic
PrepScholar.com	PrepScholar.com
superficial	sycophant/ obsequious
• PrepScholar.com	PrepScholar.com
tenacious	thwart/ stymie
• PrepScholar.com	PrepScholar.com

#### Answer: Answer: a deliberately misleading a doubter argument PrepScholar.com PrepScholar.com Answer: **Answer:** a person who is impassive plain,simple and emotionless • PrepScholar.com • PrepScholar.com Answer: Answer: a person who behaves in a shallow, lacking depth servile manner, a toady PrepScholar.com PrepScholar.com Answer: Answer: showing great to stop; frustrate determination PrepScholar.com • PrepScholar.com

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