**SAT Vocab. List 1**

**abhor:** (v.) to hate very much, to detest utterly

**abominate:** (v.) to dislike strongly, to regard with intense aversion or loathing

**abridge:** (v.) to shorten; to condense; to diminish; to curtail

**abstruse:** (adj.) hard to understand

**abut:** (v.) to border upon: to adjoin

**abyss:** (n.) bottomless pit; a yawning gulf; a profound depth or void

**accolade:** (n.) an award, an honor; approval, praise

**adjunct:** (n.) something connected or added to another in a

subordinate position; an assistant

**affidavit:** (n.) a sworn written statement

**affinity:** (n.) a natural attraction; kinship; similarity

**aftermath:** (n.) events following some occurrence; a consequence

of

**aggrandize:** (v.) to increase in size; enlarge, to cause to appear

greater in power, influence

**ajar:** (adj.) partially open

**alienate:** (v.) to make hostile; to cause to feel unwelcome or estranged

**alleviate:** (v.) to make less severe; to relieve, to lesson

**allure:** (v./n.) to entice with something desirable; tempt; power of attraction

**aloof:** (adj.) distant, reserved in manner; uninvolved

**also-ran:** (n.) one who is defeated in a race, election, or other

competition; loser

**altercation:** (n.) a heated quarrel

**alternative:** (n.) the choice between two mutually exclusive

possibilities, a situation presenting such a choice