

Terms Used in SAT Reading Questions

1. [abstract](#) not representing or imitating external reality
2. [accompanying](#) following as a consequence
3. [allude](#) make a more or less disguised reference to
4. [analysis](#) an investigation of the component parts of a whole
5. [appeal](#) earnest or urgent request
6. [assumption](#) a statement that is held to be true
7. [characterize](#) describe or portray the qualities or peculiarities of
8. [contradict](#) be in opposition to
9. [contrast](#) put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
10. [counterargument](#) an opinion offered in opposition to another position
11. [determine](#) find out or learn with certainty, as by making an inquiry
12. [evidence](#) an indication that makes something apparent
13. [explicit](#) precisely and clearly expressed or readily observable
14. [generalization](#) a general statement obtained by concluding based on information from specific cases
15. [hypothetical](#) based primarily on surmise rather than adequate evidence
16. [illustrate](#) clarify by giving an example of
17. [implicit](#) implied though not directly expressed
18. [imply](#) express or state indirectly
19. [indicate](#) give evidence of
20. [infer](#) conclude by reasoning
21. [interpret](#) make sense of; assign a meaning to
22. [mimic](#) imitate, especially for satirical effect
23. [motive](#) the reason that arouses action toward a desired goal
24. [opposition](#) resistance or dissent, expressed in action or argument
25. [portray](#) depict in words
26. [predict](#) tell in advance
27. [primarily](#) for the most part
28. [refute](#) overthrow by argument, evidence, or proof
29. [rhetorical](#) relating to using language effectively
30. [stance](#) a rationalized mental attitude
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32. [substantiate](#) establish or strengthen as with new evidence or facts
33. [supplementary](#) functioning in a supporting capacity
34. [symbolic](#) serving as a visible sign for something abstract
35. [synthesize](#) to combine into a coherent whole
36. [tend](#) have a disposition to do or be something; be inclined
37. [tone](#) a quality that reveals the attitudes of the author
38. [underscore](#) give extra weight to
39. [validate](#) give evidence for
40. [vary](#) be subject to change
41. [yield](#) give or supply