**SAT Vocabulary Words – Week 11**

bombastic (adj) – one who is full of oneself; given to pompous speech or writing

*Because he is a bit too bombastic for me, I will not be voting for that politician again!*

ebullience (noun) – intense enthusiasm

*On the day of her wedding, nothing could stop Sharon from displaying her ebullience.*

exorbitant (adj) – unreasonably high amount of something; exceeding all bounds of custom or fairness; exceeding what is right or proper

*The Waldorf Astoria charges an exorbitant rate of $35 for a cheeseburger – and that doesn’t include French fries!*

exuberant (adj) – full of unrestrained enthusiasm or joy

*The exuberant children danced around the Christmas tree.*

embellish (verb) – to decorate; to make more beautiful; to make something sound better than it is in reality

*After she finished making the cupcakes, she embellished them with sprinkles.*

*Because John has the tendency to embellish to truth, no one believed that he won the lottery.*

flagrant (adj) – deliberately shocking or noticeable

*After the hockey player committed a flagrant foul, he was removed from the game.*

*He has a flagrant disregard for speed limits, so he is constantly getting speeding tickets.*

gratuitous (adj) – given freely; unearned; unwarranted; unnecessary

*Despite coming in at third place, he indulged in some gratuitous self-glorification, to the dismay of all his friends.*

*Although the candidate felt that the interview had gone in his favor, he didn’t make the cut because the committee was so irritated by his gratuitous bragging.*

*Since her son had already served his hours of community service for the vandalism, Selena thought that the school’s additional punishment was gratuitous.*

lavish (adj) – produced with extravagance and abundance; luxurious

*The lavish buffet items include filet mignon, shrimp cocktails, and five types of European caviar.*

*Even though Amy had a good job, she still could not afford to take lavish trips like her wealthy girlfriends.*

*The billionaire owned twelve cars, several lavish homes, and two airplanes.*

lugubrious (adj) – mournful, dismal, gloomy especially in an exaggerated manner

*Surrounded by dark clouds, the isolated barn made the perfect inspiration for the poet’s lugubrious poem.*

*Just because I’m a bit down today doesn’t mean I’m in a lugubrious mood!*

opulent (adj) – display of great wealth; extravagant and rich

*The couple spent over eighty thousand dollars on opulent kitchen appliances.*

*Because the movie star made over ten million dollars a film, she was able to maintain an opulent lifestyle.*