**SAT Vocabulary Words – 5**

*Note : For most of the words, I have provided a synonym. I have include a longer définition to give you the context in which the word is used.*

idiosyncrasy : (noun) a characteristic, habit, mannerism, that is peculiar to an individual or group (unusual behavior ; peculiarity)

insular : (adj) suggestive of an isolated life on an island ; provincial ; OR: narrow-minded

orthodox : (adj) adhering to the accepted or traditional and established faith, especially in

religion (traditional, conservative)

potentate : (noun) one who has the power and position to rule over others (monarch, ruler)

castigate : (verb) to criticize or reprimand severely

censure : (noun) an official reprimand (condemnation)

denounce : (verb) to publicly declare to be wrong or evil (to discredit)

reclusive : (adj) seeking or preferring seclusion or isolation (solitary)

relinquish : (verb) to give up something (as in power, control, possession) – often to another

renounce : (verb) to refuse to obey or recognize any further – usually by formal announcement (to reject, abandon)