

SAT Vocabulary Words – Week 9
For the week of 2/1

philanthropic – (adj) humanitarian; benevolent

Philanthropic giving is most evident during the Christmas season.

reciprocate – (verb) to mutually take or give

Janie took me out to dinner, so I will reciprocate by taking her to the movies.

defunct – (adj) having ceased to exist or live

Since the warranty is defunct, it is going to cost hundreds of dollars to fix my car!

eradicate – (verb) to completely destroy; to put an end to

Although we may never completely eradicate every disease on earth, it's encouraging to see the progress that has been made through childhood vaccination programs.

World leaders should take on the mission to eradicate childhood hunger.

quell – (verb) to suppress; to calm

The old man drinks warm milk to quell his upset stomach.

During the riots, the police were called in to quell the crowd.

raze – (verb) to level to the ground; demolish

The environmentalists took a stand against the developer's plans to raze the rainforest to build a vacation resort.

The builder planned to raze the old buildings and put in a new supermarket.

snuff out – (verb) to crush by trampling; to forcefully silence

She tried to snuff out the rumors about her going on a date with John.

The hikers snuffed through the brush looking for the cabin.

supplant – (verb) to take the place of, often by force or scheming

After going on a shopping spree, Bill realized he had to get a job to supplant all the money he wasted.

The local businesses are afraid that the big stores like Wal-Mart and Target will supplant their small shops.

stymie – (verb) to hinder, to block (like an obstruction)

The forest fire was stymied by the monsoonal rains.

I would not say a word to stymie anything my child would wish to do.

abase – (verb) to lower in rank, position or esteem

The evil woman likes to abase little children because she has a miserable life.

I spoke up to defend the young woman when the bully tried to abase her in front of the class.