

VOCAB LIST #1 / SAT PREP QUIZ #1

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Finish the sentence logically, considering the definition of the underlined word.

2. When his backpack strap broke because of the unfair weight of all of his new textbooks, T-Bone Rockefeller improvised by . . .

Use your understanding of Latin/Greek roots to determine the best definition for each word.

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- A. (adj) being joyful
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6. The candidates for Fair Queen were asked by the judges to ----- their plans to make the food stands at the Lampeter Fair healthier.

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- A. lucidity
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9. My cousin dropped out of college to pursue a career in ----- because an editor from *Seventeen* magazine told her that she was -----.
- A. modeling . . . photogenic
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10. Tired of his English homework, Collin decided to write a(n) ----- review of Mr. Marsh on RateMyTeacher.com in retaliation.
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SAT Prep (Vocab-in-Context):

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12. To avoid being -----, composer Stephen Sondheim strives for an element of surprise in his songs.
- A. informal
 - B. elaborate
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13. Because the pandas had already been weakened by disease and drought, a harsh winter would have had ----- consequences for them.
- A. preventive
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14. Just as glass windows offer buildings both light and insulation, certain atmospheric gases ----- incoming sunlight and ----- heat radiated from the ground, preventing warmth from escaping.
- A. deflect . . . transmit
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15. Though Ansley eagerly sought Hannah's -----, she subsequently chose not to listen to that advice.
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Bonus Questions:

Read each passage, and then select the best answer to the question that follows.

Passage #1

Children might be benefitting from some high-tech toys and gadgets, computers, and video games. Perhaps they are gaining useful skills, such as eye-hand coordination. But I disagree that time spent with these toys, supplemented with time spent in highly structured activities such as sports leagues, constitutes child-appropriate playtime. What happened to the days of exploration, of children creating games and amusements? What happened to children following their own inclinations and entertaining themselves? Children who are dragged from activity to activity, or mindlessly, immersed in electronic games, are missing out not only on some of the joys of childhood, but also on the opportunity to learn how to be self-reliant in the absence of pre-manufactured fun.

The author mentions sports leagues as an example of

- A. a way for children to get more exercise
- B. a child-appropriate activity
- C. a healthy but dull activity
- D. an activity that detracts from children's creativity
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Passage #2

While the Wright brothers are generally given credit for being the fathers of modern air travel, they owe a great debt to Otto Lilienthal, who wrote extensively about flight during the later part of the nineteenth century. He was the first to create a working glider – a carefully engineered set of wings that carried him from a high leap across a distance of about eighty feet. He also constructed several flying machines of increasing sophistication. His ideas directly influenced the Wright brothers, who first built gliders and, eventually, a machine that ran on gasoline engine power.

The passage suggests that the difference between Lilienthal's flying machines and the Wright brothers' was that

- A. the Wright brothers put a great deal of thought into their flying machines, whereas Lilienthal stumbled upon his by luck
- B. the Wright brothers' flying machine was successful, but Lilienthal's was not
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Retrospect (spect = to look): to look back

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