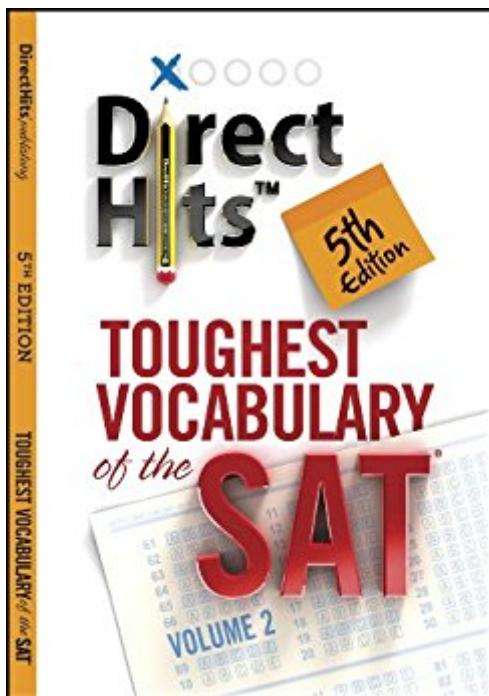


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Synopsis

Want a superior vocabulary? Let Direct Hits help. Words are our tools for learning and communicating. A proficient and robust vocabulary is critical to success in school, business, the professions, AND standardized tests such as the PSAT and SAT. But even the most dedicated students dread memorizing long lists of seemingly random words. Like its companion book Core Vocabulary, Direct Hits Toughest Vocabulary offers an approach that places the words in a context students can easily understand and remember. Direct Hits Toughest Vocabulary focuses on the level 4 and 5 words a student needs to score above a 650. The books include the following features:- 215 of the SAT's most challenging words (those that often appear in Level 4 and Level 5 questions), not a phonebook-size list of words that never appear on the SAT- Relevant, vivid, and memorable examples from popular movies, television, literature, music, historical events, and recent headlines- A Fast Review with quick definitions- A Final Review with critical reading and sentence completion questions just like the real SATThe book is organized as follows:- Chapters Seven and Eight present literary terms and key words from science and the social sciences- Chapter Nine examines words with multiple meanings and uses, which have appeared with greater regularity on recent tests- Chapters Ten and Eleven contain 131 level 5 words which were the answers to the most challenging sentence completion and Critical Reading questions on recent SATsThe book concludes with five critical reading and 30 sentence completion questions (and answers) to test mastery of the SAT words presented. Formatted as a 6" by 9" paperback book with 154 pages, teens are comfortable carry the Direct Hits Toughest Vocabulary book with them to study another word or two when time permits. Building on the success of previous editions, the authors of Direct Hits Toughest Vocabulary of the SAT - 5th Edition consulted secondary school teachers, tutors, parents, and students from around the world to ensure that these words and illustrations are right on target to further prepare you for success on the SAT. Together the Direct Hits Core Vocabulary and Toughest Vocabulary books prepare a student for SAT success!

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Customer Reviews

I received a review copy of the 5th edition, both volumes. As a tutor who has been using Direct Hits since the 1st edition and has also used 300 Essential Words, I offer the following comments. First, there are a lot of lists out there (I'm sure I've seen almost all of them), but the Direct Hits Family is the best. The list is based upon the actual SAT Test. The list is manageable. 1000 words, 3500 words, 5000 words?! Really? If you know that many words you need to work for Merriam-Webster. Time would be better spent reading. It is so well organized. The 5th edition shows welcome changes from the earlier editions. The explanations require less reading, sentences rather than passages. The Latin/Greek roots are interspersed throughout the books and connected with the relevant words. Direct Hits does a fantastic job in bringing up previous words in new lessons; this serves as functional review. There are less sentence completion review exercises than in the earlier versions, but if you know how to use the blog posts it more than makes up for it. Heck, if you're already in college but find the reading "soo hard" get both volumes and get educated son. It's not gonna get easier. In conclusion, I recommend Direct Hits for tutors, self-studying SAT students or anyone who wants to get a vocabulary foundation for college level. Remember, it is a start not a panacea, but it's probably the best start out there.

This is the first list of SAT vocab that I can say is actually useful to someone trying to get in the 700-800 range for the Critical Reading Portion of the SAT. I've seen many other lists (i.e. Princeton Review) and they usually are words that may be considered difficult to some, but are definitely common. I usually recognize every word. When I took the PSAT and SAT for the first time, there

were many words which I wouldn't have even known were words. This book has those words. A decent amount of words in this book are ones that I have never seen before. I even saw words that I remembered not knowing from when I took the sat. I got a 630 on my first CR with half of my points deducted from just sentence completion. This book will hopefully get me above a 700 on CR. I will report back.

As a junior, I needed to be prepared for AP tests especially in English Language and for the SAT. Direct Hits did not fail me. Thanks to their fun method of teaching vocab through relevant stories, it was a breeze learning the words. And these words aren't only relevant for the SAT (which I scored a 680 on Critical Reading on my first try). I've read other nonfiction books such as Into the Wild and I was delighted seeing vocab I've learned from this book. To anyone wanting to brush up their vocabulary for the SAT, AP test, or just anything in general, this book is a worthy purchase. By the way, I want to include that I first read the CORE VOCABULARY Direct Hits. Don't forget to buy that one too!

When my daughter was getting ready for the SAT her older brother and I had a blast taking two facing pages and adding our own notes to the entries. I'd prop it up by her lunch on the kitchen table and she read it while she ate breakfast. It was a fun few months and became a neat little joke/communication among us three. Memorizing word lists isn't a terribly efficient way to prep, I don't think, the best thing to do is read often from a young age, IMO. But this was a good use of time and we made it fun. FWIW she did better on the ACT which is less vocab-heavy.

Definitely better than flashcard options or memorizing definitions directly. My only issue is the excess of synonyms; it makes it hard to absorb any of the synonyms. Didn't make a huge impact on my SAT score, but a great option to review if vocabulary is your weakest option

I love the way this series (including volume 1) is organized. By putting related-definition words together, it makes it way easier to learn the words that the typical list-based approach, plus you learn the sometimes minute usage differences between similar words. This makes it a much easier read, too, in the first place, and a great help for SAT. Highly recommended!

Love the visual arrangement of words and sample sentences. But you have to look for more reference books to be fully equipped. Definitely recommended for those1 don't have much time till

the next sat2 just wants to the core lists of wordsReference: I was a vocab idiot and after this book, 18/19 for the sentence completion questions of the critical reading

The 2 volumes of this book simply changed the way of learning vocabulary. I simply love this approach. Its better than any other resource available.

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