

PSAT Vocabulary | Unit 1

- licentious** (lī sen' shəs) *adj.* morally unrestrained
Like St. Augustine, some people want to abandon their *licentious* lifestyles, but not immediately.
Syn: immoral; lewd *Ant: chaste; pure*
- numismatist** (nōō miz' mə tist) *n.* a coin collector
My father is a *numismatist* who has hundreds of coins from ancient Rome.
- paucity** (pō' si tē) *n.* a scarcity, lack
The *paucity* of jobs in the small town forced Jack to find work elsewhere.
Syn: insufficiency *Ant: abundance*
- fatalistic** (făt əl is' tik) *adj.* believing that all events in life are inevitable and determined by fate
Fatalistic thinkers believe that there is nothing they can do to change the course of their lives.
- obtrude** (əb trōōd') *v.* to force oneself into a situation uninvited
You were concentrating intently at the work on your desk, so I did not wish to *obtrude*.
Syn: impose; intrude *Ant: extricate*
- pensive** (pen' siv) *adj.* dreamily thoughtful
Jane was in a *pensive* mood after she finished reading the thought-provoking novel.
Syn: reflective; meditative *Ant: silly; frivolous*
- lackadaisical** (lak ə dā' zi kəl) *adj.* uninterested, listless
The *lackadaisical* student sat in the detention hall and stared out the window.
Syn: spiritless; apathetic; languid *Ant: enthusiastic; inspired*
- alienate** (ā' lē yə nāt) *v.* to turn away feelings or affections
Your sarcastic remarks might *alienate* your friends and family.
Syn: estrange; set against *Ant: endear; unite*
- elated** (i lā' tid) *adj.* in high spirits; exultantly proud and joyful
We were *elated* to learn that our team would move on to finals.
Syn: overjoyed *Ant: depressed*
- epigram** (ep' i gram) *n.* a witty saying expressing a single thought or observation
The author placed relevant *epigrams* at the beginning of each chapter.
Syn: aphorism; bon mot; quip