

## SAT Word of the Day

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**moribund** [MÔR \_b\_nd] *adjective* Dying; declining.

**Ex.** The scientists looked helplessly at the *moribund* whale that was stranded on the beach, but they were unable to return it to the water.

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**motley** [M\_T l\_] *adjective* Of many different or clashing elements.

**Ex.** The *motley* outfit of the circus clown was not as remarkable as the bright red color of his nose and hair.

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**nascent** [N\_S \_nt] *adjective* Coming into existence; emerging.

**Ex.** Howard Hughes was a pioneer in the *nascent* aviation industry during the 1930's.

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**negligible** [N\_G l\_-j\_-b\_l] *adjective* Able to be neglected or disregarded; so small or insignificant as to be unimportant.

**Ex.** The *negligible* amount of rainfall last month did nothing to help relieve the drought.

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**nominal** [N\_M \_-n\_l] *adjective* In name only; relatively very small.

**Ex.** Although the executive was the *nominal* head of the business, his son was the one who really ran the company.

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**noxious** [N\_K sh\_s] *adjective* Harmful to health or morals; injurious or unwholesome.

**Ex.** The *noxious* fumes from the kerosene heater filled the room.

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**obdurate** [\_B dyoo-r\_t] *adjective* Hardhearted ; stubborn, obstinate.

**Ex.** His *obdurate* refusal to listen to my side of the story was not fair.

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**obeisance** [\_-B\_s\_ns *or* \_-B\_s\_ns] *noun* A gesture of respect, as a bow; homage; deference.

**Ex.** In *obeisance* to the local customs, female reporters in Afghanistan wear scarves over their heads.