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# SAT Vocabulary: Abundance & Scarcity

30 focused words in Abundance & Scarcity

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# About this study guide

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This vocabulary guide was prepared and published by Test Ninjas as an independent study resource. It is designed to help students build the precise word knowledge needed for demanding academic reading and reasoning.

## How to use this guide

Study in short, repeated sessions. Read each definition, say the word aloud, and use the example to understand how the word functions in context. Return to unfamiliar words until you can explain them without looking at the definition.

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**001 available** *adjective*

## ABUNDANCE &amp; SCARCITY

ready for use or accessible

The product will be **available** in stores starting next month, giving the planners a clearer picture of which resources were **available** and which remained limited.

**MEMORY CUE:** An empty chair marked AVAILABLE is ready for someone to use.

**002 depleted** *verb*

## ABUNDANCE &amp; SCARCITY

used up or exhausted the supply of

Years of overfishing have **depleted** the ocean's fish populations, revealing the balance between what people needed and what they could actually obtain.

**MEMORY CUE:** A depleted battery shows zero bars because its supply has been used up.

**003 drained** *verb/adjective*

## ABUNDANCE &amp; SCARCITY

depleted of energy or resources; emptied of liquid

After the marathon, she felt completely **drained** of all energy, giving the planners a clearer picture of which resources were available and which remained limited.

**MEMORY CUE:** An empty cup and a zero-bar battery are both drained of their contents or energy.

**004 empty** *adjective*

## ABUNDANCE &amp; SCARCITY

containing nothing; without value or meaning

The **empty** room echoed with every footstep, helping the group judge whether the available supply could meet the expected demand.

**MEMORY CUE:** An empty box opens to reveal nothing inside and nothing of value.

**005 full** *adjective*

## ABUNDANCE &amp; SCARCITY

containing as much as possible; complete

The auditorium was **full** of enthusiastic supporters, helping the group judge whether the available supply could meet the expected demand.

**MEMORY CUE:** A full cup reaches the brim and cannot contain anything more.

**006 hoard** *verb*

## ABUNDANCE &amp; SCARCITY

to accumulate and store away a large quantity of something

Squirrels **hoard** nuts to prepare for the winter months, revealing the balance between what people needed and what they could actually obtain.

**MEMORY CUE:** A hoarder piles supplies into a locked room and refuses to release the large store.

**007 lacking** *adjective*

## ABUNDANCE &amp; SCARCITY

not having enough of something; deficient in

The proposal was **lacking** in specific details about implementation, helping the group judge whether the available supply could meet the expected demand.

**MEMORY CUE:** A container below the required line is lacking what it needs.

**008 paucity** *noun*

## ABUNDANCE &amp; SCARCITY

a scarcity or lack of something

The **paucity** of evidence made it difficult to prove the theory, revealing the balance between what people needed and what they could actually obtain.

**MEMORY CUE:** A nearly empty shelf containing only two items shows a paucity.

**009 profusion** *noun*

## ABUNDANCE &amp; SCARCITY

an abundance or large quantity of something

The garden displayed a **profusion** of colorful flowers, giving the planners a clearer picture of which resources were available and which remained limited.

**MEMORY CUE:** A profusion of flowers overflows every vase in abundant quantity.

**010 replenishes** *verb*

## ABUNDANCE &amp; SCARCITY

fills up again; restores to the former level or condition

Rain **replenishes** the water supply in the reservoir, giving the planners a clearer picture of which resources were available and which remained limited.

**MEMORY CUE:** A returning stream replenishes the tank by filling it back to its former level.

**011 saturated** *adjective*

## ABUNDANCE &amp; SCARCITY

thoroughly soaked; holding as much water or moisture as possible

The ground was **saturated** after days of heavy rain, giving the planners a clearer picture of which resources were available and which remained limited.

**MEMORY CUE:** A saturated sponge drips because it already holds all the water possible.

**012 copious** *adjective*

## ABUNDANCE &amp; SCARCITY

abundant in supply or quantity

She took **copious** notes during the lecture, revealing the balance between what people needed and what they could actually obtain.

**MEMORY CUE:** A copious supply overflows every available container.

013 **plethora** *noun*

## ABUNDANCE &amp; SCARCITY

an excessive amount of something

The store offered a **plethora** of options to choose from, revealing the balance between what people needed and what they could actually obtain.

**MEMORY CUE:** A plethora is such an excessive pile that it spills beyond what is useful.

014 **dearth** *noun*

## ABUNDANCE &amp; SCARCITY

a scarcity or lack of something

There was a **dearth** of qualified candidates for the position, helping the group judge whether the available supply could meet the expected demand.

**MEMORY CUE:** A dearth leaves the supply shelf nearly bare.

015 **meager** *adjective*

## ABUNDANCE &amp; SCARCITY

lacking in quantity or quality

The **meager** salary barely covered basic expenses, revealing the balance between what people needed and what they could actually obtain.

**MEMORY CUE:** A meager meal contains only a few crumbs on a large plate.

016 **abundant** *adjective*

## ABUNDANCE &amp; SCARCITY

existing in large quantities; plentiful

The region has **abundant** natural resources, revealing the balance between what people needed and what they could actually obtain.

**MEMORY CUE:** An abundant harvest fills many baskets and still leaves more.

017 **sparse** *adjective*

## ABUNDANCE &amp; SCARCITY

thinly scattered or scanty

Vegetation was **sparse** in the desert region, helping the group judge whether the available supply could meet the expected demand.

**MEMORY CUE:** Sparse trees stand far apart with large empty spaces between them.

018 **profuse** *adjective*

## ABUNDANCE &amp; SCARCITY

produced or appearing in great quantities

She offered **profuse** apologies for her mistake, giving the planners a clearer picture of which resources were available and which remained limited.

**MEMORY CUE:** Profuse flowers pour from the garden in great quantities.

019 **ample** *adjective*

## ABUNDANCE &amp; SCARCITY

enough or more than enough; plentiful

There was **ample** time to complete the project, giving the planners a clearer picture of which resources were available and which remained limited.

**MEMORY CUE:** An ample supply rises comfortably above the line marked ENOUGH.

022 **barren** *adjective*

## ABUNDANCE &amp; SCARCITY

lacking vegetation or producing little

The **barren** landscape stretched for miles, revealing the balance between what people needed and what they could actually obtain.

**MEMORY CUE:** A barren field is dry, empty, and produces no crop.

020 **scant** *adjective*

## ABUNDANCE &amp; SCARCITY

barely sufficient; inadequate

She paid **scant** attention to the warning signs, helping the group judge whether the available supply could meet the expected demand.

**MEMORY CUE:** A scant supply barely touches the minimum line and may be inadequate.

023 **fertile** *adjective*

## ABUNDANCE &amp; SCARCITY

capable of producing abundantly

The **fertile** soil produced excellent crops, revealing the balance between what people needed and what they could actually obtain.

**MEMORY CUE:** Fertile soil sends up abundant plants from every seed.

021 **prolific** *adjective*

## ABUNDANCE &amp; SCARCITY

producing much fruit, offspring, or work

The **prolific** author published over fifty novels, helping the group judge whether the available supply could meet the expected demand.

**MEMORY CUE:** A prolific tree produces basket after basket of fruit.

024 **paltry** *adjective*

## ABUNDANCE &amp; SCARCITY

small or meager in amount

He was offered a **paltry** sum for his valuable collection, revealing the balance between what people needed and what they could actually obtain.

**MEMORY CUE:** A paltry payment is a few tiny coins when much more was expected.

025 **bountiful** *adjective*

## ABUNDANCE &amp; SCARCITY

large in quantity; abundant

The harvest was **bountiful** this year, revealing the balance between what people needed and what they could actually obtain.

**MEMORY CUE:** A bountiful table bends beneath a large, abundant harvest.

028 **deficient** *adjective*

## ABUNDANCE &amp; SCARCITY

lacking or inadequate in amount

The diet was **deficient** in essential vitamins, revealing the balance between what people needed and what they could actually obtain.

**MEMORY CUE:** A deficient amount falls visibly below the required fill line.

026 **scanty** *adjective*

## ABUNDANCE &amp; SCARCITY

insufficient in quantity or amount

The evidence was too **scanty** to prove guilt, helping the group judge whether the available supply could meet the expected demand.

**MEMORY CUE:** A scanty portion leaves most of the bowl empty.

029 **replete** *adjective*

## ABUNDANCE &amp; SCARCITY

filled or well-supplied with

The book is **replete** with fascinating anecdotes, revealing the balance between what people needed and what they could actually obtain.

**MEMORY CUE:** A replete shelf is filled edge to edge and well supplied.

027 **surfeit** *noun*

## ABUNDANCE &amp; SCARCITY

an excessive amount of something

There was a **surfeit** of information to process, helping the group judge whether the available supply could meet the expected demand.

**MEMORY CUE:** A surfeit is an excessive heap that continues after every need is satisfied.

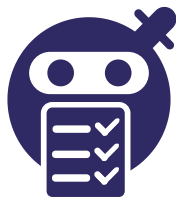
030 **deplete** *verb*

## ABUNDANCE &amp; SCARCITY

to use up or reduce greatly

Overfishing has **depleted** the ocean's fish stocks, helping the group judge whether the available supply could meet the expected demand.

**MEMORY CUE:** Deplete a battery by using its charge until the meter approaches zero.



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