Words in context: high-frequency vocabulary, set 9

This node drills high-frequency SAT vocabulary using the words-in-context method...



Lesson `rw.vocab.V9`

The idea

This node drills high-frequency SAT vocabulary using the words-in-context method: read the meaning the sentence builds, predict the intended word, then choose the option that matches it exactly. Wrong choices are imprecise, use a different sense, carry the wrong connotation, or contradict the context.

What precise meaning does the sentence build for the blank? Look for a contrast, a restatement, an example, or a tone.

Predict a word from context BEFORE reading the options, then test each for precise meaning, correct sense, matching connotation, and consistency.

Watch every step

The company reported a ___ increase in profits this quarter, far beyond what analysts had predicted.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word?

A. sudden ✗ *imprecise/loosely-related word*

B. substantial

C. questionable ✗ *wrong-sense word*

D. slight ✗ *contradicts-context word*

Why **B** — "substantial." Choose the option that matches the prediction most exactly.

Now a harder one

The old mill wheel turned in ___ motion, driven by a stream that never once ran dry in over a century of records.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word?

- **A.** perpetual
- **B.** rapid ✗ *imprecise/loosely-related word*
- **C.** noisy ✗ *wrong-sense word*
- **D.** occasional ✗ *contradicts-context word*

Why **A** — "perpetual." Choose the option that matches the prediction most exactly.

The method, in one line

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Predict a word from context BEFORE reading the options, then test each for precise meaning, correct sense, matching connotation, and consistency.

Is it precise, not just close? Right sense? Right connotation? Consistent with the context?

Watch out: two traps to dodge

⚠ imprecise/loosely-related word

Selects a word in the right general area but not the precise meaning the sentence builds.

⚠ wrong-sense word

Selects a word whose alternate sense does not match the meaning the context requires.

Name the trap before you pick — most wrong answers are one of these two.

Try it, then watch the walk-through

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