Title:
Vocabulary Unit - List 1

Instructional Objectives:
Students will be able to identify and define vocabulary words.

Description:
This unit consists of seven different vocabulary lists paired with different songs from popular culture in an attempt to help the students remember the words. The songs can easily be changed, but I have found that associating the songs with words allows the students an additional way to make meaning of the words. It's also great because many different songs can be paired with the words. Allowing students to go home and come up with a list of songs on their own is a great way for students to learn the words and make them meaningful to them. While I teach this particular unit with my freshmen, I have done it with my sophomores and juniors in the past as well. All words are SAT words.

Grade Levels:
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Content Area(s):
English

Directions/Procedure for Implementation:
Simply play the PowerPoint for Vocab. List 1 and allow students to write down the words along with their definitions.

Lesson Supplements (e.g., homework, extended learning activities, etc.):
I have no actual supplements other than having the students create their own sentences based on the words as well as having them come up with their own list of songs.

Assessment:
Some of the assessments have two different types, based on the level of difficulty you'd like to implement. You can also mix and match question types, based on your needs. For this list, refer to file "Vocab1Quiz_Matching" or "Vocab1Quiz_Story".

**Keywords:**
Vocabulary; SAT Words; Quiz
Vocabulary #1

I Gotta Feeling...that this year’s gonna be a good year!
20 BRAND NEW WORDS!

- Anachronistic
- Arid
- Assiduous
- Circuitous
- Deleterious
- Demagogue
- Emulate
- Ephemeral
- Fortuitous
- Hedonist
- Inevitable
- Intrepid
- Jubilation
- Mundane
- Rancorous
- Sagacity
- Surreptitious
- Tenacious
- Venerable
- Wary
ANACHRONISTIC (ADJ)

Out of date

“Bye Bye Bye” – N’Sync
ARID (ADJ)

Extremely dry
Lacking in interest and life

“Desert Rose” - Sting
ASSIDUOUS (ADJ)

Hard-working
Marked by careful unremitting attention

“She Works Hard for the Money” – Donna Summer

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CIRCUITOUS (ADJ)

Indirect, roundabout

“You Spin Me Round” – Dead or Alive
DELETERIOUS (ADJ)

Harmful or toxic
(in a subtle way)

“Toxic” – Britney Spears
DEMAGOGUE (n)

Rabble-rousing leader
A leader who makes false claims and untrue promises in order to gain power

“A Star is Born” – Muses of Hercules
EMULATE (v)

To follow an example
To imitate
To strive to equal or excel

“It’s Not Unusual” – Tom Jones
EPHEMERAL (ADJ)

Momentary
Fleeting

“Bombs over Baghdad” - Outkast
FORTUITOUS (adj)

Lucky
Fortunate

“If I Had a Million Dollars” – Barenaked Ladies
HEDONIST (n)

Pleasure seeker

“I Like It” – Enrique Iglesias f/ Pitbull
INEVITABLE (ADJ)

Unavoidable
Certain

“Don’t Let the Sun Go Down on Me” – Clay Aiken
INTREPID (ADJ)

Fearless

“Not Afraid” - Eminem
JUBILATION (n)

Joy
Exultation

“Happy Birthday” – Stevie Wonder
MUNDANE (ADJ)

Common
Ordinary

“Ordinary Day” – Vanessa Carlton
RANCOROUS (ADJ)

Hateful

“The Contender Theme” – Hans Zimmer
SAGACITY (N)

Wisdom

“I Can” - Nas
SURREPTITIOUS (ADJ)

Secretive
Stealthy

“Dirty Little Secret” – All-American Rejects
**TENACIOUS**(adj)

Persistent
Resolute

“My Heart Will Go On” – Celine Dion
VENERABLE (ADJ)

Respectable (due to age)

“Dancing Machine” – Jackson 5
WARY (adj)

Watchful
Alert

“Thriller” – Michael Jackson
Vocabulary Quiz #1
Good luck!

1. _____ Mundane A. out of date
2. _____ Demagogue B. pleasure Seeker
3. _____ Circuitous C. hard-working
4. _____ Tenacious D. unavoidable; certain
5. _____ Assiduous E. fearless
6. _____ Hedonist F. watchful; alert
7. _____ Surreptitious G. to imitate; to follow an example
8. _____ Intrepid H. extremely dry; lacking in life
9. _____ Anachronistic I. joy; exultation
10. _____ Deleterious J. persistent; resolute
11. _____ Inevitable K. rabble rousing leader; becoming a leader through false promises
12. _____ Wary L. momentary; fleeting
13. _____ Sagacity M. respectable (due to age)
14. _____ Ephemeral N. indirect; roundabout
15. _____ Emulate O. hateful
16. _____ Rancorous P. lucky; fortunate
17. _____ Arid Q. subtly harmful
18. _____ Venerable R. wisdom
19. _____ Jubilation S. common; ordinary
20. _____ Fortuitous T. secret; stealthy

Extra Credit: From the words above, fill in the blanks with the appropriate information!

1. Word: ___________________ Title: _____________________ Artist: _______________________
2. Word: ___________________ Title: _____________________ Artist: _______________________
3. Word: ___________________ Title: _____________________ Artist: _______________________
Story Time! Using the words above, fill in the blanks with the appropriate word. Keep in mind that tense may be changed in order to keep the story fluid. Note that not all words will be used in this story!

Once upon a time there was a(n) _________________________ hideaway that only a select group of people knew about. The hideaway was tucked away in an ________________ land, where it never rained. The leader of this village was said to be quite ________________, basically because he was old and thought he knew everything. But I digress. People would go to the hideaway to __________________ly work on a project that was already on its fifth year towards completion. Though the work might seem ________________, boring even, those who toiled away in the secret hideaway did so with complete ________________ (a reason for their happiness was because they knew they were going to be done with their project any day now). As the people whistled while they worked, they realized just how ________________ their situation was. In fact, no one could be luckier than any of them. What project could these people be working on? Well, inquiring minds just have to keep reading, because this story will __________________ly come to an end. So, to go back to the leader, who was full of ________________ (thus leading him to know the answer to all questions asked of him) – well, he was quite the ________________, making false promises left and right knowing that the thing that was being built would ultimately lead to humanity’s downfall. But that was not why he was elected! He was elected to build this great thing and built it he would do, because he was a ________________ old man, never willing to give up or give in. One reason this project was taking so long was because everytime someone asked the wise old man to explain what to do next, he would always give a ________________ answer. People would wonder aloud why he couldn’t just give a straight answer. No, no…that would be too easy. So on and on the toiling went for years. Now, one of the workers inside this hideaway was a ________________, always looking for the next great thrill. As he worked on this project, he stepped back and took a look at what would soon be the final product and he imagined himself __________________ing some of the greatest thrill-seekers of the time. This particular worker was quite ________________ in all of his actions: jumping from planes, bunji-jumping, scaling Everest…but this particular project would be the one that would be set apart from all others. “Finally!” was the collective
thought of all of the workers as the day of completion, five years in the making, had arrived. Once the leader was told that the project was done, all he could do was think to himself, “this is it. I never thought this day would come, but I guess it had to. If only everyone knew what was about to happen.” And so…the project was plugged in and…

TO BE CONTINUED!

(insert evil teacher laughter here)