SAT Word List for 12/1-12/5/14

**Ambiguity** (n.) – doubtfulness or uncertainty

 Once she read through her notes, any ambiguity she had about the science topics was relieved.

**Capricious** (adj.) – subject to whim, fickle, variable

 His capricious tendencies made it difficult for him to focus on the plan for achieving his academic goals.

**Nostalgic** (adj.) – a sentimental yearning for the past

 My grandmother is always nostalgic this time of year; she loves telling us stories of past family gatherings.

**Pretentious** (adj.) – exaggerated, showy, pompous

 When he tried to explain the concept to his group, he ended up using every advanced vocabulary word he could think of and was more pretentious than helpful.

**Respite** (n.) – a break, rest

 She was looking forward to a respite after such a busy and challenging semester at college. A week at home with her family was just what she needed.