SAT Word List for 2/23-2/27/15

**Ameliorate** (v.) – to improve or make better

Thankfully, the medicine the doctor prescribed helped to **ameliorate** the stomach pain.

**Complacent** (adj.) – satisfied with how things are and not wanting to change them

The students had become **complacent** with receiving low scores on tests and needed to start challenging themselves to do better.

**Disdain** (n.) – strong dislike or disapproval

He had immense **disdain** for people who put others down to make themselves look better.

**Forlorn** (adj.) – lonely, abandoned, hopeless

After his girlfriend left him he was **forlorn** and depressed, but he had great friends to help him get past this heartache.

**Mandate** (n.) – an authoritative command

When the **mandate** was made official the employees weren’t happy to have to arrive 30 minutes earlier each day, but they knew they had to abide by this.