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INTRODUCTION

People who are planning to take Scholastic Aptitude Tests (SATs, PSATs), Graduate Record Exams (GREs), Miller Analogies Tests (MATs), and other standardized tests commonly study long lists of vocabulary words in preparation for the verbal portion of such tests. Although that is commendable, it is not economical. There are just too many words to study—and not enough time before a test to master all of them.

With that challenge in mind, we have carefully chosen 601 words that testmakers are fond of using. By concentrating on words at the level most commonly tested on the major exams, we have been able to produce a compact, manageable assortment of functional vocabulary words. Naturally, no one—not even the testmakers themselves—can predict precisely which words will turn up on a specific exam, but the words we've selected deal with topics and concepts considered vital for today's students. Mastering them will be a valuable step toward readiness for your upcoming exam.

This book was designed for the high school or college student who wants to be ready for an upcoming standardized test. It is also useful for the adult who is seeking self-improvement through independent study. This fourth edition contains expanded exercises, updated sample sentences, new illustrations, and a Vocabulary Roundup that features the new words in context in interesting articles.

Testmakers who thought they could stump you with *etiology*, *jejune*, *leitmotif*, and *baleful* will be in for a surprise when you get through with *601 Words You Need to Know to Pass Your Exam*.

NOTE: The answers to all exercises are at the back of the book.

PRONUNCIATION KEY*

a	asp, fat, parrot	ə	represents
ā	ape, date, play, break, fail	ā	in ago
ā	ah, car, father, cot	ē	in agent
e	elf, ten, berry	ī	in sanity
ē	even, meet, money, flea, grieve	ō	in comply
i	is, hit, mirror	ū	in focus
ī	ice, bite, high, sky	ər	perhaps
ō	open, tone, go, boat	ch	chin, catcher, arch, nature
ô	all, horn, law, war	sh	she, cushion, dash, machine
oo	ooze, tool, crew, rule	zh	azure, leisure, beige
oo	look, pull, moor, wolf	ŋ	ring, anger, drink
yoo	use, cute, few	H	German ich
yoo	cure, globule		
oi	oil, point, toy		
ou	out, crowd, plow		
u	up, cut, color, flood		

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