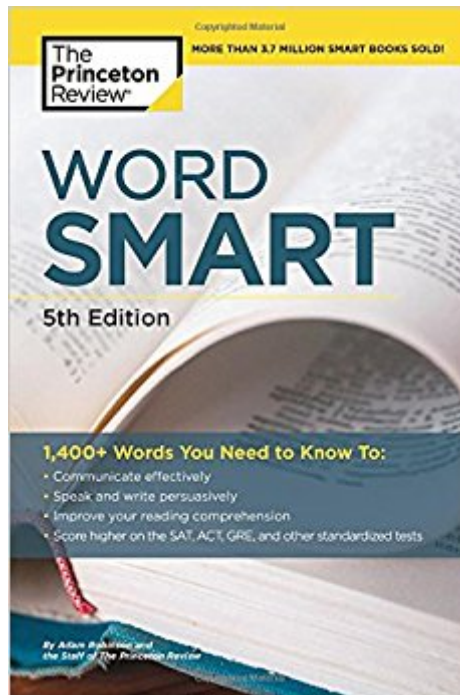




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- Common usage errors
- The most frequently tested words on standardized tests
- Foreign phrases and abbreviations
- Terms you need to know to understand finance, science, and the arts

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This was something that I used for the SAT and while also be something that I am going to take with me to college. There are so many words that could have been better utilized but I have always been stuck with the basic word choices. This book would definitely help me build up my vocabulary more and help me score better grades!

On average, I run across 2-5 words per novel I read that expand my vocabulary. This was a quick and easy way to add about 5x that many words to my vocabulary, as well as elaborating on words that I already knew (or thought I knew) adding more clarity to them. I would like to have seen words like crestfallen or genitors in the word section of the book, but you can't have everything you want. It was designed to provide a limited subset of the English language vocabulary, focussing on commonly misused or unused words that people should consider using more often.

The book had a useful Chapter One that gave a detailed example using the word "cheap." It showed how to use a thesaurus to find additional synonyms. It then used a dictionary to define the shades of meanings of the selected synonyms and then described the denotations and connotations of the words to determine which best fit the example. By the time this exercise was completed we had covered about 24 possible words that could be used for "cheap" and learned the shades of meanings very well for those words. I then assumed that this methodology would be used for all 1000 or so words that the book intended to cover but I was disappointed. Chapter Two (The Words), which is the bulk of the book, then proceeded to list each of the words in an alphabetic order, with a short definition of each and an example or two using each word. Every 11 or so words a Quick Quiz was given of the words just covered. Unfortunately, the answers given for each quiz bore little relationship to what the answers should be. To make matter worse, the formatting of the 86 Quick Quizzes didn't present well on the Kindle (nor on my PC using a Kindle app) and the answers were formatted differently so it made checking your answers difficult, which didn't matter much because as stated earlier the answers were usually incorrect. If one wants an alphabetic listing (with definitions and examples) of the 1000 or so words likely to appear on a SAT then the book might

have some value; for me it rated one star.

Though I knew a lot of the words in this book already its a great resource for making college papers look spiffy and more well thought out.

The book is good for getting you to understand a lot of new words

This book is awesome! Helped me a lot when I was studying for the GRE. It is like a dictionary but much more helpful, because they would have sample sentences that involve the word itself. I was able to apply this when I studied. I recommend this to anyone who wants to improve their vocabulary. I also found words that were also used for SAT.

This book does what it says it will do! It's very easy to learn the words and even better to feel comfortable using them in real life:) highly recommend if you are wanting to improve your vocabulary.

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