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SAT Words

1. vociferous-adj. clamorous; noisy ferous=to carry voc=to call

The crowd grew vociferous in its anger and threatened to take the law into its own hands.

Helen, **who was blind, deaf, and mute**, could only express her anger in a

vociferous manner because that is all she knew to do.

1. advocate-n. a person who speaks or writes in support or defense of a person, cause, etc. vocatus=to call ad=towards

Across the street, a smaller group of personal handgun advocates gathered to stage their own demonstration.

Annie**, who became Helen’s teacher**, also became Helen’s advocate towards

the family.

1. vocation-n. a particular occupation, business, or profession; calling vocatus=to call tion=forming nouns from verbs

Annie’s vocation **which was teaching Helen language**, became a very

challenging job.

1. avocation-n. calling; minor occupation vocat-to call

His hobby proved to be so fascinating and profitable that gradually he abandoned his regular occupation and concentrated on his avocation.

Annie, **who had never taught before**, thought Helen would become her

avocation but Helen soon became her primary occupation.

1. invocation-n. prayer for help; calling upon as a reference or support

vocat=to call in=against

The service of Morning Prayer opens with an invocation during which we ask

God to hear our prayers.

An invocation occurred at the beginning of the book during **which Annie**

**asked for Katie’s support and back up** throughout Annie’s journey with

Helen.

1. provocation-n. something that incites, instigates, angers or irritates

vocat=to call provoke=to see

Helen, **who** **physically fought with the family every day**, was a provocation

to the whole household.

1. callow-adj. youthful; immature; inexperienced calu=bald

As a freshman, Jack was sire he was a man of the world; as a sophomore, he made

fin of freshmen as callow youths. In both cases, his judgment showed just how

callow he was.

When Captain Keller first saw Annie, **who was only twenty years old**, he

thought of her as a callow young lady who did not have enough experience to

teach poor Helen.

1. puerile-adj. childish; immature

Throwing tantrums! You should have outgrown such puerile behavior years ago.

Helen, **who has grown up in a house of love and pity**, became less puerile as

the days went by.

1. abdicate-v. renounce dic=to say

When Edward VIII abdicated the British throne to marry the woman he loved, he

surprised the entire world.

Captain Keller, **who thought Annie was extraordinarily rude towards him**,

hoped she would renounce as teacher of his daughter Helen.

1. diction-n. speech dict=to say tion=forming of a noun

Helen, **who was blind, deaf, and therefore mute**, had extremely bad diction

when saying any word.

11. verdict-n. statement of jury ver=true dictum=to say

Captain Keller, **who was the leader of the house**, made a verdict that Annie

was on notice and needed to drop her attitude with him.

1. indicative-adj. suggestive; implying dict=to say, to tell in-against

A lack of appetite may be indicative of a major mental or physical disorder.

Jimmie, **whom Captain Keller did not get along with**, became extremely

indicative during the conversation of what to do with Helen.

1. indices-n. signs; indications dic=to say, to tell in=against

Many college admissions officers believe the SAT scores and high school grades are the best indices of a student’s potential to succeed in college.

Annie began to look for indices that Helen was learning letters **which Helen**

**quickly recognized and studied**.

1. didactic-adj. teaching; instructional didak=to teach, educate

Pope’s lengthy poem An Essay on Man is too didactic for my taste: I dislike it when poets turn preachy and moralize.

Katie, **who grew extremely close to Helen over the years**, thought it was not

didactic for Annie to take Helen out of the house to learn.