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# Competitive Exams: Word List: Vocabulary S

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## **Word List: S**

- sagacious-having sound judgment; perceptive, wise; like a sage
- salacious: Obscene
- salient: Prominent, protruding, conspicuous, highly relevant
- salubrious: Healthful
- salutary: Remedial, wholesome, causing improvement
- sanctimony: Self-righteousness, hypocritical, with false piety
- sanction: Approval (by authority) ; penalty
- sanguine: Cheerful, confident, optimistic
- sanity: Health of mind; soundness of judgement
- sap: Weaken
- sate: Satisfy
- satiate: Satisfy fully
- saturnine: Gloomy, dark, sullen, morose
- savant: Person of great learning
- savor: Taste, flavor smth
- sawdust: Tiny bits of wood
- scabbard-sheath for the blade
- scent: Smell (esp pleasant)
- scribble: Write hastily
- scurvy: Mean, contemptible
- seal: Piece of wax, lead, etc stamped on the document

- secular: Material (not spiritual) ; living outside monasteries
- sedulous: Persevering
- seminal: Like a seed; constituting a source, originative
- sententious: Short and pithy, full of maxims/proverbs
- sequence: Succession, connected line of
- serrated: Having a toothed edge
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- servile: Like a slave, lacking independence
- severance: Severing
- shaft: Arrow or spear, smth long and narrow
- shallow: Little depth; not earnest
- shard piece of broken earthenware
- sheath: Cover for the blade of a weapon or a tool
- shove: Push
- shrewd: Astute; showing sound judgement
- shrill: Sharp, piercing
- shun: Keep away from; avoid
- shunt: Send from one track to another; lay aside; evade discussion
- sidestep: Step to one side
- sinuous: Winding, undulating, serpentine
- skiff: Small boat
- skit: Short piece of humorous writing
- slack: Sluggish; dull; not tight
- slake: To assuage, to satisfy, allay
- slate: King of blue-grey stone; propose; criticize
- sluggard: Lazy, slow-moving person
- soar: Rise, fly high
- sober: Self-controlled
- sobriety: Quality or condition of being sober

- sodden: Soaked, saturated
- soggy: Heavy with water
- solvent-of the power of forming a solution
- somatic: Of the body
- soot: Black powder in smoke
- sophisticated: Complex, subtle, refined
- sophistry: Fallacious reasoning, faulty logic
- sophomoric: Self-assured though immature, affected, bombastic, overblown
- sordid: Wretched, comfortless, contemptible
- spear: Weapon with a metal point on a long shaft
- specious: Illogical, of questionable truth or merit
- splenetic: Bad-tempered, irritable
- splice: Join (two ends)
- sponge: Porous rubber for washing; live at once expense
- spurious: False, counterfeit
- spurn: Have nothing to do; reject or refuse
- squalid: Foul, filthy
- squander: Spend wastefully
- stanch: To stop the flow of a fluid
- steeply: Rising or falling sharply
- stentorian: Extremely loud and powerful
- stickler: Person who insists on importance of smth
- stigma: Mark of shame or disgrace
- stigmatize-describe smb scornfully
- sting: Smth sharp
- stingy: Spending, using unwillingly
- stint: To be thrifty, to set limits
- stipulate: State or put forward as a necessary condition
- stolid: Showing no emotion; impassive

- strands: Smth twisted together into a rope, line of development
- stray: Wander, lose one's way
- streak: Long, thin; move very fast
- striated: Striped, grooved, or banded
- stride: Walk with long steps
- strut: a supporting bar
- stygian: Hence, dark, gloomy
- stymie: To hinder, obstruct, or block
- subdue: Overcome, bring under control
- sublime: Extreme; astounding
- submerge: Put under water, liquid, sink out of sight
- suborn: Induce by bribery or smth to commit perjury
- subpoena: Written order requiring a person to appear in a low court
- subsume: Include under a rule
- succor: Assistance, relief in time of distress
- suffice: Be enough
- sullied: To be stained or discredited
- summarily: Briefly; without delay
- sumptuous: Magnificent
- sundry: Various, miscellaneous, separate
- supercilious: Disdainful; characterized by haughty scorn
- superfluous: More than is needed or wanted
- superimpose-put smth on the top
- supersede: Take the place of
- supine: Lying on the back; slow to act, passive
- suppliant: Asking humbly, beseeching
- supplicate: Make a humble petition to
- suppress: Prevent from being known; put an end to
- surfeit: Satisfy, feed to fulness or to excess

- susceptibility: Sensitiveness
- sustain: Keep from falling; maintain; suffer; give a decision
- sycophant: Person who flatter to the rich and powerful
- sagacious: Able to discern and distinguish with wise perception.
- salacious: Having strong sexual desires.
- salient: Standing out prominently.
- salubrious: Healthful; promoting health.
- salutary: Beneficial.
- sanction: To approve authoritatively.
- sanguine: Cheerfully confident; optimistic.
- sardonic: Scornfully or bitterly sarcastic. Satiated: To satisfy fully the appetite or desire of. Satyr: A very lascivious person. Savor: To perceive by taste or smell.
- scabbard: The sheath of a sword or similar bladed weapon. Scintilla: The faintest ray. Scribble: Hasty, careless writing. Sedulous: Persevering in effort or endeavor.
- sequence: The order in which a number or persons, things, or events follow one another in space or time. Severance: Separation.
- shrewd: Characterized by skill at understanding and profiting by circumstances.
- sinecure: Any position having emoluments with few or no duties.
- sinuous: Curving in and out:
- skiff: Usually, a small light boat propelled by oars.
- sluggard: A person habitually lazy or idle.
- solace: Comfort in grief, trouble, or calamity.
- solvent: Having sufficient funds to pay all debts.
- somniferous: Tending to produce sleep.
- somnolent: Sleepy.
- sonorous: Resonant.
- sophistry: Reasoning sound in appearance only, especially when designedly deceptive. Soporific: Causing sleep; also, something that causes sleep. Sordid: Filthy, morally degraded specious: Plausible. Spurious: Not genuine.
- squalid: Having a dirty, mean, poverty-stricken appearance. Stanch: To stop the flowing of; to check.

- stigma: A mark of infamy or token of disgrace attaching to a person as the result of evil-doing. Stingy: Cheap, unwilling to spend money. Succinct: Concise. Sumptuous: Rich and costly.
- supercilious: Exhibiting haughty and careless contempt. Superfluous: Being more than is needed.
- supernumerary: Superfluous. Supersede: To displace. Supine: Lying on the back. Supplicate: To beg.
- suppress: To prevent from being disclosed or punished.
- surcharge: An additional amount charged.
- surfeit: To feed to fullness or to satiety.
- susceptibility: A specific capability of feeling or emotion.
- sycophant: A servile flatterer, especially of those in authority or influence.
- synopsis: A syllabus or summary.
- synopsis: Summary or outline

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