

The Country is Watching as Election 2000 Unfolds... But does Anyone Really Understand What the Pundits are Saying? Take this Quiz to See if You Get It!

New York, November 2000 – Across the nation, American's are flipping channels, logging on and tuning into the latest election news. Pundits and lawyers abound. But who understands what they're saying? Do you?? Take this quiz featuring Election 2000 buzzwords, selected from Kaplan Publishing's SAT Verbal Velocity and SAT& PSAT prep books to see how well you have mastered the lingo.

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Answers

aberration - something different from the usual
conjecture - speculation, prediction
judicious - sensible, showing good judgement
impugn - to call into question, attack verbally
scrutiny - careful observation
tumult -- state of confusion; agitation
maelstrom - whirlpool; turmoil; agitated state of mind
tortuous - having many twists and turns; highly complex
unimpeachable - beyond question
efficacious - effective, efficient
paradox - contradiction, incongruity, dilemma, puzzle
tarnished - corroded, discolored, discredited, disgraced
bastion - fortification, stronghold
equivocal - ambiguous, open to more than one interpretation
induce - to persuade, bring about

And now, can you write a paragraph about the election using these words?

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