

Advanced Composition Word List
Week 11 (Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2005)

1. **Covenant** – *N.* A binding agreement
2. **Covetous** – *Adj.* Excessively and culpably desirous of the possessions of another
3. **Cower** – *V.* To cringe in fear
4. **Coy** – *Adj.* Tending to avoid people and social situations; reserved
5. **Cozen** – *V.* To mislead by means of a petty trick or fraud; deceive
6. **Crabbed** – *Adj.* Difficult to understand; complicated
7. **Credo** – *N.* A race or a religion
8. **Credulity** – *N.* A disposition to believe too readily
9. **Crestfallen** – *Adj.* Dispirited and depressed; dejected
10. **Criterion** – *N.* A standard, rule, or test on which a judgment or decision can be based
11. **Crone** – *N.* An ugly, withered old woman; a hag
12. **Crotchety** – *Adj.* Capriciously stubborn or eccentric; perverse
13. **Crux** – *N.* A puzzling or apparently insoluble problem
14. **Cryptic** – *Adj.* Having hidden meaning; mystifying
15. **Cull** – *V.* To pick out from others; select
16. **Cupidity** – *N.* Excessive desire, especially for wealth; covetousness or avarice
17. **Curmudgeon** – *N.* An ill-tempered person full of resentment and stubborn notions
18. **Cursive** – *Adj.* Having the successive letters joined together
19. **Cursory** – *Adj.* Performed with haste and scant attention to detail
20. **Cynosure** – *N.* Something that serves to guide
21. **Dais** – *N.* A raised platform, as in a lecture hall, for speakers or honored guests
22. **Dastard** – *N.* A sneaking, malicious coward
23. **Daub** – *V.* To cover or smear with a soft adhesive substance
24. **Deadpan** – *N.* A blank, expressionless face
25. **Dearth** – *N.* Shortage of food; famine
26. **Debase** – *V.* To lower in character, quality, or value; degrade
27. **Debauch** – *V.* To corrupt morally
28. **Debilitate** – *V.* To sap the strength or energy of; enervate
29. **Debonair** – *Adj.* Suave; urbane, also carefree and gay; jaunty
30. **Decant** – *V.* To pour [liquid] from one container into another