

Advanced Composition Word List  
Week 12 (Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2005)

1. **Deciduous** – *Adj.* Shedding foliage at the end of the growing season [in plants]
2. **Declivity** – *N.* A downward slope or bend
3. **Décolleté** – *Adj.* Having a low cut at the neckline
4. **Decorous** – *Adj.* Characterized by having dignity and good taste
5. **Decrepitude** – *N.* A state of deterioration due to old age or long use
6. **Deducible** – *Adj.* Capable of being deduced
7. **Deference** – *N.* Courteous respect
8. **Defoliate** – *V.* To strip the leaves or branches [in plants]
9. **Defray** – *V.* Bear the expenses of
10. **Deify** – *V.* To consider as a god or god-like
11. **Deign** – *V.* To do something that one considers to be below one's dignity
12. **Delectable** – *Adj.* Scrumtrilescent (*or tasty for you SNL inept*)
13. **Deleterious** – *Adj.* Harmful to living things
14. **Delineate** – *V.* To draw or trace the outline of
15. **Delude** – *V.* To be false to; be dishonest with
16. **Delusive** – *Adj.* Tending to delude
17. **Demagogue** – *N.* Orators who appeal to the passions and prejudices of his audience
18. **Demean** – *V.* To humble oneself
19. **Demented** – *Adj.* Mentally ill; insane
20. **Demoniac** – *N.* Someone who acts as if possessed by a demon
21. **Demotic** – *Adj.* Of or relating to the common people
22. **Demure** – *Adj.* Affectedly modest or shy
23. **Denounce** – *V.* To speak out against
24. **Deplore** – *V.* To express sorrow or disapproval of/over
25. **Depose** – *V.* To force to leave [office]
26. **Deprecate** – *V.* To express strong disapproval of
27. **Depredation** – *N.* A predatory attack; a raid; pillaging
28. **Deride** – *V.* To ridicule
29. **Derivative** – *Adj.* Copied or adapted from others