

Advanced Composition Word List  
Week 14 (Tuesday, Dec 6, 2005)

1. **Dishearten** – *V.* To take away the enthusiasm of
2. **Disheveled** – *Adj.* In disarray
3. **Disinclination** – *N.* A certain degree of unwillingness
4. **Disingenuous** – *Adj.* Not straightforward or candid
5. **Disinter** – *V.* To dig up or remove from a grave or tomb
6. **Disinterested** – *Adj.* Unaffected by self-interest
7. **Disparage** – *V.* To express a negative opinion of
8. **Disparity** – *N.* The condition of being unequal
9. **Dispassionate** – *Adj.* Unaffected by strong emotion or prejudice
10. **Disputatious** – *Adj.* Inclined to argue
11. **Disquisition** – *N.* A formal disclosure of a subject
12. **Disseminate** – *V.* To spread or to scatter
13. **Dissipate** – *V.* To drive away, or to cause to separate and go in different directions
14. **Dissonance** – *N.* A conflict of people's opinions or actions or characters
15. **Distend** – *V.* To swell out or expand
16. **Distract** – *Adj.* Having the attention diverted especially because of anxiety
17. **Diurnal** – *Adj.* Relating to a day
18. **Divergent** – *Adj.* Tending to move apart in different directions
19. **Divest** – *V.* To strip an object from something else (often as clothing)
20. **Doctrinaire** – *N.* A stubborn person of arbitrary or arrogant opinions
21. **Doddering** – *Adj.* Feeble and senile
22. **Doggerel** – *N.* A comic verse of irregular measure
23. **Dolorous** – *Adj.* Showing sorrow
24. **Dolt** – *N.* A freaking idiot
25. **Dorsal** – *Adj.* Of or on the outer surface
26. **Dowdy** – *Adj.* Lacking style; old-fashioned
27. **Droll** – *N.* Amusingly odd or whimsically comical
28. **Drone** – *N.* A male bee; and idle person who uses others; a pilot less aircraft operated by remote control; also verb for a continuous low hum
29. **Dross** – *N.* Worthless material; crap
30. **Duplicity** – *N.* The quality or state of being twofold or double