

Advanced Composition Word List  
**Week 2** (*Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2005*)  
--Anal Edition--

1. **Aesthetic** – *Adj.* Heightened sensitivity to beauty  
Conforming to accepted notions of good taste  
*N.* A philosophical theory to what is beautiful
2. **Affable** – *Adj.* Easy and pleasant to speak to  
Gentle and gracious
3. **Affinity** – *N.* A connection by marriage, adoption, between two organisms, or interests
4. **Agape** – *Adj.* With a mouth wide open, such as in awe  
*N.* Greek for love, could be as a religious meal or friendly meal
5. **Agglomeration** – *N.* A confused or jumbled mass  
The act of assembling into a mass
6. **Aggregate** – *N.* The whole amount
7. **Aghast** – *Adj.* Struck by Shock
8. **Agnostic** – *N.* One who doubts truth or religion  
*Adj.* Uncertain of all claims to knowledge
9. **Alacrity** – *N.* Eagerness or speed
10. **Alimentary** – *Adj.* Providing food
11. **Allegory** – *N.* A story, with abstract ideas or principles
12. **Alliteration** – *N.* Repeating of the same consonant sound of a line or verse
13. **Allude** – *V.* To make a disguised reference to
14. **Aloof** – *Adj.* Distant: physically or emotionally
15. **Altruistic** – *Adj.* showing unselfish concern for the welfare of others
16. **Amalgamate** – *N.* Increase by natural growth or addition
17. **Ambidextrous** – *V.* To bring or combine  
*Adj.* Joined together into a whole
18. **Ambrosia** – *N.* The food or drink of the gods (nectar and pollen)
19. **Ameliorate** – *V.* To make better or to get better
20. **Amicable** – *Adj.* Characterized by friendship and goodwill; friendly
21. **Amity** – *N.* Peaceful relations; friendship
22. **Amorphous** – *Adj.* Lacking definite form
23. **Amuck** – *Adj.* In a frenzy  
*Adv.* Wildly
24. **Analgesic** – *N.* A medicine used to relieve pain  
*Adj.* Capable of relieving pain
25. **Anathema** – *N.* A detested person  
A formal ban (dealing with a Church)  
A curse
26. **Ancillary** – *Adj.* Of secondary importance; not essential
27. **Animus** – *N.* A feeling of ill will creating active hostility; enmity
28. **Annotate** – *V.* To add notes or comment to a writing
29. **Anomaly** – *N.* Not normal or common  
A person who is unusual  
Position of a planet [astronomy ← (super anal)]