

Advanced Composition Word List
Week 21 (Tuesday, Feb 14, 2006)

1. **Gourmand** – *N.* A lover of good food
2. **Grandiloquent** – *N.* Pompous or bombastic speech or expression
3. **Gratis** – *Adj.* Costing nothing
4. **Gregarious** – *Adj.* Sociable
5. **Grimace** – *N.* A contorted facial expression
6. **Grovel** – *V.* Show submission or fear
7. **Guffaw** – *N.* A hearty, boisterous burst of laughter
8. **Guile** – *N.* Treacherous cunning
9. **Gustatory** – *Adj.* Of or relating to the sense of taste
10. **Hackneyed** – *Adj.* Over familiar through overuse; trite
11. **Halcyon** – *Adj.* Calm and peaceful, also a kingfisher bird
12. **Hamper** – *V.* To prevent the free movement, action, or progress of
13. **Haphazard** – *Adj.* Marked by great carelessness
14. **Hapless** – *Adj.* Luckless; unfortunate
15. **Harangue** – *N.* A long pompous speech, especially one delivered before a gathering
16. **Harbinger** – *V.* To signal the approach of; presage
17. **Harping** – *V.* To play a harp
18. **Harrow** – *N.* A cultivator that pulverizes or smoothes the soil
19. **Haughtiness** – *N.* Scornfully and condescendingly proud
20. **Hedonism** – *N.* The pursuit of pleasure as a matter of ethical principle
21. **Heinous** – *Adj.* Grossly wicked or reprehensible; abominable
22. **Herbivorous** – *Adj.* Feeding on plants; plant-eating
23. **Heretic** – *N.* A person who holds unorthodox opinions in any field
24. **Hermetically** – *Adj.* Completely sealed
25. **Hermitage** – *N.* A place where one can live in seclusion; a retreat
26. **Herpetologist** – *N.* A zoologist who studies reptiles and amphibians
27. **Heterodox** – *Adj.* Characterized by departure from accepted beliefs or standards
28. **Heterogeneous** – *Adj.* Completely different; incongruous
29. **Hew** – *V.* To make or shape as with an axe
30. **Heyday** – *N.* The period of greatest popularity, success, or power; prime