

Advanced Composition Word List
Week 28 (Tuesday, Apr 4, 2006)

1. **Lucre** – *N.* Money or profits
2. **Lugubrious** – *Adj.* Excessively mournful
3. **Luminary** – *N.* A person who is an inspiration to others
4. **Luminous** – *Adj.* Emitting light
5. **Lurid** – *Adj.* Causing shock or horror; gruesome
6. **Lustrous** – *Adj.* Having a sheen or glow
7. **Macabre** – *Adj.* Suggesting the horror of death and decay; gruesome
8. **Madrigal** – *N.* A song for two or three unaccompanied voices
9. **Maelstrom** – *N.* A violent or turbulent situation
10. **Magniloquent** – *Adj.* Lofty and extravagant in speech; grandiloquent
11. **Magnitude** – *N.* The property of relative size or extent
12. **Maladroit** – *N.* An un-skillful person
13. **Malapropism** – *N.* the unintentional misuse of a word by confusion with one that sounds similar
14. **Malediction** – *N.* The calling down of a curse that invokes evil
15. **Malefactor** – *N.* One that has committed a crime; a criminal
16. **Malign** – *V.* To speak unfavorably about
17. **Malingerer** – *V.* To fake sickness in order to avoid duty or work
18. **Malleable** – *Adj.* Capable of being shaped or formed, as by hammering or pressure
19. **Malodorous** – *Adj.* Having a bad odor; foul
20. **Manacle** – *N.* Something that confines or restrains
21. **Mangy** – *Adj.* Rundown and filthy; squalid
22. **Manifest** – *Adj.* Clearly apparent to the sight or understanding; obvious
23. **Manifold** – *N.* One of several copies; a multiple of
24. **Manumit** – *V.* To free from slavery or bondage; emancipate
25. **Marsupial** – *N.* Mammals of which the female have a pouch in which she carries her young
26. **Martinet** – *N.* One who demands absolute adherence to forms and rules
27. **Masticate** – *V.* To grind and knead, or to chew [food]
28. **Matricide** – *N.* One who kills one's mother
29. **Matrix** – *N.* A rectangular array of elements set out by rows and columns
30. **Maudlin** – *Adj.* Sentimental