

Advanced Composition Word List
Week 29 (Tuesday, Apr 18, 2006)

1. **Mausoleum** – *N.* A large burial chamber, usually above ground
2. **Mawkish** – *Adj.* Sickening or insipid in taste
3. **Maxim** – *N.* A saying that is widely accepted on its own merits
4. **Mayhem** – *N.* Violent and needless disturbance
5. **Meddlesome** – *Adj.* Inclined to interfere
6. **Megalomania** – *N.* An obsession with grandiose or extravagant things or actions
7. **Mélange** – *N.* An assorted mixture of
8. **Mellifluous** – *Adj.* Flowing with sweetness or honey; pleasing to the ear
9. **Mendacious** – *Adj.* Lying; untruthful
10. **Mendicant** – *Adj.* Depending on alms for a living; practicing begging
11. **Mercurial** – *Adj.* Liable to sudden unpredictable change
12. **Meretricious** – *Adj.* Attracting attention in a vulgar way, such as prostitution
13. **Metamorphosis** – *N.* A transformation
14. **Metaphysical** – *Adj.* Based on speculative or abstract reasoning
15. **Mete** – *V.* To measure; to limit
16. **Miasma** – *N.* And unwholesome atmosphere
17. **Microcosm** – *N.* A miniature model of something
18. **Milieu** – *N.* An environment or a setting
19. **Militate** – *V.* To have force or influence
20. **Minaret** – *N.* A slender tower with balconies
21. **Minion** – *N.* A subordinate official, also a loved one; a darling
22. **Miniscule** – *Adj.* Very small
23. **Minutiae** – *N.* A small or trivial detail
24. **Mire** – *N.* An area of wet, soggy, muddy ground; a bog
25. **Misadventure** – *N.* An instance of misfortune; a mishap
26. **Misapprehension** – *V.* To apprehend incorrectly; misunderstand
27. **Miscegenation** – *N.* The reproduction by parents of different races
28. **Misconstrue** – *V.* To mistake the meaning of; misinterpret
29. **Miscreant** – *N.* An evildoer; a villain, also a person without morals
30. **Misnomer** – *N.* The application of a wrong name