

Advanced Composition Word List  
Week 3 (*Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2005*)

1. **Antediluvian** – *N.* Extremely old, as in person or time
2. **Anthropomorphic** – *Adj.* human-like characteristics towards animals or dead things
3. **Antipathy** – *N.* A feeling of intense dislike
4. **Antithesis** – *N.* The exact opposite of
5. **Aperture** – *N.* An opening, sometimes referred to an object that controls the amount of light admitted (in cameras)
6. **Aphasia** – *N.* The inability to comprehend language due to brain damage
7. **Apiary** – *N.* A shed containing a lot of beehives
8. **Aplomb** – *N.* confident
9. **Apocryphal** – *Adj.* Of questionable authenticity
10. **Apogee** – *N.* The final climactic stage, the apex, often referred to the moon's orbit
11. **Apostate** – *N.* One who has abandoned their religion, friend, political party, etc
12. **Apothegm** – *N.* A short meaningful saying, often witty
13. **Appall** – *V.* To fill with dismay
14. **Apposite** – *Adj.* Strikingly relevant
15. **Appropos** – *Adj.* Of an appropriate nature
16. **Aquiline** – *Adj.* Of or relating to an eagle
17. **Arcane** – *Adj.* Known or understood by only a few, secretive
18. **Archipelago** – *N.* A group of many islands
19. **Arduous** – *Adj.* Demanding great effort or labor
20. **Argot** – *N.* A kind of language used among certain people; lingo
21. **Arraign** – *V.* To cause or accuse, by law
22. **Artifice** – *N.* A deceptive maneuver, often by trickery
23. **Ascetic** – *N.* Practices self-denial
24. **Ascribe** – *V.* To attribute credit to [another]
25. **Aseptic** – *Adj.* Using methods to rid of pathogenic microorganisms; sterile
26. **Askance** – *Adj.* With suspicion or disapproval
27. **Asperity** – *N.* Something hard to endure
28. **Assiduous** – *Adj.* Marked by care and persistent effort; vigilance
29. **Assuage** – *V.* To make something less intense; relieve
30. **Astigmatism** – *N.* Impaired eyesight, marked by the eye not having the ability to focus correctly