

Advanced Composition Word List  
**Week 31** (*Thursday, May 18, 2006*)

1. **Nauseate** – *V.* To feel or cause to feel nausea.
2. **Nebulous** – *Adj.* Cloudy, misty, or hazy; vague
3. **Necromancy** – *N.* Black magic; sorcery
4. **Nefarious** – *Adj.* Infamous by way of being extremely wicked
5. **Nemesis** – *N.* A source of harm or ruin, also an opponent that cannot be overcome
6. **Neologism** – *N.* A new word, expression, or usage
7. **Neophyte** – *N.* A recent convert to a belief or religion
8. **Nether** – *Adj.* Located beneath or below; lower or under
9. **Nexus** – *N.* A means of connection; a link or tie, also the core or the center of
10. **Niggardly** – *Adj.* Meanly small; scanty or meager
11. **Nihilism** – *N.* The belief that destruction of existing political, religious, or social institutions is necessary for future improvement
12. **Nirvana** – *N.* An ideal condition of rest, harmony, stability, or joy; can be in reference to Hinduism or Buddhism
13. **Noisome** – *Adj.* Offensive to the point of arousing disgust; foul
14. **Nomenclature** – *N.* A system of names used in an art or science
15. **Nonchalance** – *N.* The trait of remaining calm and not caring; casual lack of concern
16. **Nonentity** – *N.* Nonexistence
17. **Nonplus** – *N.* A state of perplexity, confusion, or bewilderment
18. **Nostrum** – *N.* A medicine whose effectiveness is unproved and whose ingredients are usually secret
19. **Novice** – *N.* A person new to a field or activity; a beginner
20. **Noxious** – *Adj.* Harmful to living things and health; also to the mind and moral
21. **Nubile** – *Adj.* Young women ready for marriage; of a marriageable age or condition
22. **Numismatist** – *N.* One who studies or collects money, coins, and medals
23. **Nurture** – *V.* To help develop, to help grow; to bring up or to raise
24. **Oaf** – *N.* A person regarded as stupid or clumsy
25. **Obdurate** – *Adj.* Stubbornly persistent in wrongdoing
26. **Obfuscate** – *V.* To make or be in a state of perplexity, confusion, or bewilderment
27. **Obligatory** – *Adj.* Morally or legally constraining; binding; obligatory
28. **Obnoxious** – *Adj.* Very annoying or objectionable; offensive or odious
29. **Obsequious** – *Adj.* Full of or exhibiting servile compliance; fawning