

Advanced Composition Word List
Week 32 (Thursday, May 25, 2006)

1. **Obstinate** – *Adj.* Stubbornly adhering to an attitude, opinion, or course of action
2. **Obstreperous** – *Adj.* Noisily and stubbornly defiant
3. **Obtrusive** – *Adj.* Thrusting out; protruding, also impudent and shameless
4. **Obtuse** – *Adj.* Lacking quickness of perception or intellect
5. **Ovate** – *Adj.* Shaped like an egg; oval
6. **Occident** – *N.* The countries to the West, originally Europe, now North and South America also; also, ‘accident’ spoken with a British accent, ha Imadul
7. **Oculist** – *N.* An optometrist
8. **Odium** – *N.* A state of disgrace resulting from hateful or detestable conduct
9. **Olfactory** – *Adj.* Of, relating to, or contributing to the sense of smell
10. **Omniscient** – *N.* One having total knowledge
11. **Omnivorous** – *Adj.* Eating both meats and vegetables, also taking all with the mind
12. **Onerous** – *Adj.* Troublesome or oppressive; burdensome
13. **Onomatopoeia** – *N.* Using words that imitate the sound they denote, “vroom”
14. **Onus** – *N.* A difficult or disagreeable responsibility or necessity; a burden or obligation
15. **Opprobrium** – *N.* Disgrace arising from exceedingly shameful conduct
16. **Optimum** – *Adj.* Most favorable or advantageous; best
17. **Opus** – *N.* A musical work that has been created
18. **Oracular** – *Adj.* Of, relating to, or being an oracle; prophetic
19. **Oratorio** – *N.* A musical composition for voices and orchestra based on a religious text
20. **Ordinance** – *N.* An authoritative rule
21. **Orient** – *N.* The Eastern countries, as in Asia, also to determine one’s position in reference to another’s
22. **Orifice** – *N.* An opening, especially to a cavity or passage of the body
23. **Ornate** – *Adj.* Flashy, showy, or florid in style or manner; flowery
24. **Ornithology** – *N.* The study of birds
25. **Orthography** – *N.* The aspect of language study concerned with letters and their sequences in words
26. **Ossify** – *V.* To change into bone; become bony
27. **Ostentatious** – *Adj.* Pretentious
28. **Oust** – *V.* To eject from a position or place; force out
29. **Overweening** – *Adj.* Presumptuously arrogant; overbearing
30. **Pachyderm** – *N.* Any of various large, thick-skinned, hoofed mammals such as the elephant, rhinoceros, or hippopotamus