

Advanced Composition Word List
Week 5 (Thursday, Oct. 6, 2005)

1. **Baroque** – *Adj.* A having elaborate symmetrical ornamentation
2. **Bastion** – *N.* A group that defends [something/someone else]
3. **Bate** – *V.* To take away, also to restrain
4. **Beatitude** – *N.* Supreme happiness
5. **Bedizen** – *V.* To decorate tastelessly
6. **Befuddle** – *V.* To confuse, sometimes by alcohol
7. **Beguile** – *V.* To influence by slyness, also to attract
8. **Beholden** – *Adj.* Under a moral obligation to someone
9. **Behoove** – *V.* To be appropriate or necessary
10. **Beleaguer** – *V.* To harass or annoy
11. **Bellicose** – *Adj.* Having or showing a ready disposition to fight
12. **Bemused** – *Adj.* Deeply absorbed in thought
13. **Benediction** – *N.* A prayer or blessing; synonym to benison (15)
14. **Beneficent** – *Adj.* Doing or producing good
15. **Benison** – *N.* A spoken blessing; synonym to benediction (13)
16. **Bequeath** – *V.* Leave or give by will after one's death
17. **Bereavement** – *N.* State of sorrow due to a death; mourning
18. **Bereft** – *V.* Suffering from one sided love (*i.e., you loving someone, but they do not love back*)
19. **Berserk** – *Adj.* In a murderous frenzy
20. **Besmirch** – *V.* To stain, or to make dirty
21. **Betroth** – *V.* Give to in marriage; engage
22. **Bevy** – *N.* A group of birds, also for a group of young women
23. **Bicameral** – *Adj.* Composed of two legislative bodies
24. **Bilious** – *Adj.* Relating to or containing bile
25. **Bilk** – *V.* To cheat, or to escape
26. **Billowing** – *Adj.* Moving in waves or becoming inflated
27. **Bivouac** – *N.* Temporary living quarters
V. To live in a tent
28. **Blandishment** – *N.* Flattery intended to persuade
29. **Blasé** – *Adj.* Nonchalantly unconcerned
30. **Blithe** – *Adj.* Carefree and lighthearted
31. **Bludgeon** – *N.* A club used as a weapon
V. To be hit by a heavy club