

Advanced Composition Word List
Week 7 (Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2005)

1. **Canto** – *N.* The highest part (in melody) of music, or the major part of a long poem
2. **Canvass** – *N.* The setting for a narrative, fictional, or dramatic account, or a piece of fabric for painting.
V. To get the opinions of [people]
3. **Capacious** – *Adj.* Large in capacity
4. **Capitulate** – *V.* To surrender under agreed conditions
5. **Captious** – *Adj.* Tending to find and call attention to faults
6. **Carat** – *N.* Unit of measurement for gold, it equals 200mg
7. **Caricature** – *N.* A representation of a person that is exaggerated for comic effect
8. **Carousal** – *N.* A merry drinking party
9. **Carping** – *N.* Unjustified criticism [over insignificant details]
10. **Carrion** – *N.* Dead and decaying flesh
11. **Carte Blanche** – *N.* Complete freedom or authority to act
12. **Cartographer** – *N.* A dude who makes maps
13. **Castigate** – *V.* To inflict severe punishment on
14. **Cataclysm** – *N.* A sudden change, often used in reference to the Earth
15. **Cataract** – *N.* Natural lens of the eye; also a large waterfall
16. **Catechism** – *N.* A book/manual giving basic instructions on a subject or belief
17. **Catharsis** – *N.* Releasing of emotional tensions
18. **Caucus** – *N.* A closed political meeting
19. **Cauterize** – *V.* To burn, sear, or freeze, often used with human tissue or feelings
20. **Cavil** – *V.* To raise trivial objections
21. **Celerity** – *N.* A rate that is rapid
22. **Censorious** – *Adj.* Harshly critical; expressing censure (see 23)
23. **Censure** – *N.* Harsh criticism or disapproval
24. **Centripetal** – *Adj.* Tending to unify [towards the center]
25. **Cessation** – *N.* A stopping; coming to an end
26. **Cession** – *N.* The act of surrendering
27. **Chaff** – *N.* Material consisting of seed coverings
V. Be silly or tease one another; banter
28. **Chaffing** – *N.* The use of banter
29. **Chagrin** – *N.* Strong feelings of embarrassment
30. **Chalice** – *N.* A bowl shaped drinking vessel; a goblet