

Advanced Placement Vocabulary – Linguistic Edition
Week 17 (Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2007)

1. **Alliteration** – *N.* Use of the same consonant at the start of each stressed syllable in a single line of verse
2. **Anachronism** – *N.* One that is out of its proper or chronological order
3. **Anagram** – *N.* A word or phrase formed by reordering the letters of another word or phrase
4. **Aphasia** – *N.* Inability to use or understand language because of a brain lesion
5. **Assonance** – *N.* The repetition of similar vowels in the stressed syllables of successive words
6. **Cadence** – *N.* Balanced, rhythmic flow, as of poetry or oratory; meter
7. **Colloquial** – *Adj.* Relating to conversation; conversational
8. **Connote** – *V.* To suggest or imply in addition to literal meaning
9. **Dialect** – *N.* The usage or vocabulary that is characteristic of a specific group of people
10. **Elocution** – *N.* An expert manner of speaking involving control of voice and gesture
11. **Euphonic** – *N.* Agreeable sound, especially in the phonetic quality of words
12. **Evocative** – *Adj.* Tending or having the power to summon or call forth
13. **Expletive** – *N.* Profane or obscene expression usually of surprise or anger; swear
14. **Idiom** – *N.* A manner of speaking that is natural to native speakers of a language
15. **Intonation** – *N.* The act of singing in a monotonous tone; chanting
16. **Lexicon** – *N.* A language user's knowledge of words; vocabulary
17. **Locution** – *N.* A word or phrase that particular people use in particular situations
18. **Mnemonic** – *N.* A device, such as a formula or rhyme, used as an aid in remembering
19. **Parlance** – *N.* Idiom
20. **Pejorative** – *N.* A disparaging or belittling word or expression
21. **Peroration** – *N.* A flowery and highly rhetorical oration
22. **Phonetic** – *Adj.* Of or relating to speech sounds
23. **Pidgin** – *N.* An artificial language used for trade between speakers of different languages
24. **Polyglot** – *N.* A person who speaks more than one language; linguist
25. **Proem** – *N.* An introduction; a preface
26. **Rebus** – *N.* A representation of words in the form of pictures or symbols, often presented as a puzzle
27. **Rostrum** – *N.* A dais, pulpit, or other elevated platform for public speaking
28. **Semantic** – *Adj.* Of or relating to the study of meaning and changes of meaning
29. **Syntax** – *N.* The grammatical arrangement of words in sentences
30. **Transcribe** – *V.* To write something down from what was spoken