

Advanced Placement Vocabulary – Psychological Edition
Week 25 (Tuesday, Mar. 13, 2007)

1. **Anaclitic** – *Adj.* Of or related to the psychological dependence on others
2. **Angst** – *N.* A feeling of anxiety or apprehension often accompanied by depression
3. **Cataplexy** – *N.* A sudden loss of muscle tone and strength
4. **Catharsis** – *N.* Relieving tension by bringing up fears and repressed feelings
5. **Cathexis** – *N.* Concentration of emotional energy on an object or idea
6. **Dereistic** – *N.* Directed away from reality; not using normal logic
7. **Empathy** – *N.* Identification with another's situation, feelings, and motives
8. **Euphoria** – *N.* A feeling of great happiness or well-being, usually exaggerated
9. **Gestalt** – *N.* Pattern of elements so unified as a whole that its properties cannot be described merely as a sum of its parts
10. **Idiotropic** – *Adj.* Of or characterized by introspection; self-examination
11. **Libido** – *N.* A Freudian term for sexual urge or desire
12. **Ludic** – *Adj.* Of or relating to play or playfulness
13. **Misogynist** – *N.* One who hates women
14. **Narcissim** – *N.* An exceptional interest in and admiration for oneself
15. **Neurosis** – *N.* Any mental imbalance that causes distress but does not prevent rational thought
16. **Placebo** – *N.* Something of no basic corrective value that is used to appease or reassure another
17. **Sublimate** – *V.* To modify the natural expression in a socially acceptable manner.
18. **Subliminal** – *Adj.* Below the threshold of conscious perception
19. **Surgent** – *V.* Rising; swelling, as a flood
20. **Surrogate** – *N.* One that takes the place of another; a substitute
21. **Vicarious** – *Adj.* Occurring in an abnormal part of the body instead of the usual site involved in that function