

Advanced Placement Vocabulary – Architectural Edition  
Week 6 (Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2006)

1. **Annulet** – *N.* A ringlike molding around the capital of a pillar
2. **Bastille** – *N.* A jail; usually for the French (*Freedom Jail?*)
3. **Bastion** – *N.* A stronghold into which people could go for shelter during a battle
4. **Bulwark** – *N.* A wall or embankment raised as a defensive fortification; a rampart
5. **Buttress** – *N.* A structure, usually brick or stone, built against a wall for support or reinforcement
6. **Cantilever** – *N.* A bracket or block supporting a balcony or cornice
7. **Concourse** – *N.* A wide hallway in a building where people can walk
8. **Cusp** – *N.* The point of intersection of two ornamental arcs or curves, such as the inner points of a trefoil
9. **Edifice** – *N.* A building, especially one of imposing appearance or size
10. **Facade** – *N.* The face or front of a building
11. **Fenestration** – *N.* The design and placement of windows in a building
12. **Hermitage** – *N.* A monastery or abbey to where one can retreat  
also, the home of a hermit
13. **Hovel** – *N.* One small, crude shelter used as a dwelling
14. **Imbricate** – *Adj.* Having regularly arranged, overlapping edges, like roof tiles
15. **Kiosk** – *N.* A small open gazebo or pavilion or booth or newsstand
16. **Mausoleum** – *N.* A large burial chamber, usually above ground (*can you say Taj Mahal?*)
17. **Mezzanine** – *N.* A partial story between two main stories of a building; the lowest balcony in a theatre
18. **Obelisk** – *N.* A tall, four-sided shaft of stone, usually tapered and monolithic, that rises to a pointed pyramidal top
19. **Oculus** – *N.* An eyelike opening or ornament, especially a round window or a dome
20. **Peristyle** – *N.* A court enclosed by columns
21. **Portal** – *N.* A doorway or entrance that is large and imposing (*a portal into the Matrix!!!*)
22. **Refectory** – *N.* A room where meals are served
23. **Rococo** – *N.* Fancy shmancy, yet graceful, asymmetric ornamentation in architecture, originating in 18<sup>th</sup> century France
24. **Rotunda** – *N.* A building that has a dome
25. **Vestibule** – *N.* A small entrance hall or passage between the outer door and the interior of a house or building
26. **Voussoir** – *N.* One of the wedge-shaped stones forming the curved parts of an arch or vaulted ceiling