

AP English Literature & Composition  
∞ **Master Vocabulary List** ∞

Study ten words per week to be quizzed on each Wednesday. Quizzes will be as follows: I will pronounce a word and you will spell it correctly, define it, and use it in a sentence with contextual clues that help define it further. I suggest you know the part of speech; if the word functions equally as two parts of speech (a noun and a verb, for example) know the meanings for each. When you write your sentences, you may use various forms of the word: adjective, adverb, or any verb tense, provided you use the form correctly. The quizzes are worth 20 points each. You may use this master list as your definition guide and to keep track of which words to study. You do not have to hand this list in. This list will be used both semesters; don't lose it!

Where do these words come from? This is a great question. They come from the works we read in class, but they also come from old AP tests, from the passages and the questions.

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1. allocation

2. ascetic

3. beguile

4. crass

5. defray

6. dint

7. enjoin

8. envoy

9. interloper

10.vicarious

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11.admonish

12.akimbo

13.lassitude

14.licentious

15.muse (noun and verb)

16.pecuniary

17.plight

18.presumptuous

19.subversive

20.vacuous

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21.avocation

22.capricious

23.disparity

24.efficacy

25.epistle

26.hospice

27.impetus

28.moribund

29.reticent

30.vacillate

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31.akin

32.corroborate

33.inexorable

34.insipid

35.nefarious

36.physiognomy

37.retinue

38.suppliant

39.tedium

40.torrid

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41.affront

42.blasé

43.cajole

44.choleric

45.encumber

46.feckless

47.impasse

48.indolent

49.lugubrious

50.ribald

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51.adulation

52.censure

53.dissemble

54.dissimulation

55.droll

56.expectorate

57.palpate

58.peremptory

59.pusillanimous

60.surfeit

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61.allay

62.capacious

63.diurnal

64.extricate

65.ignominious

66.mitigate

67.palpitate

68.phlegmatic

69.propitious

70.prostrate

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71.acquiesce

72.amity

73.arduous

74.gestalt

75.inundate

76.perjury

77.perspicuity

78.preposterous

79.trepidation

80.voluble

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81.admonish

82.aplomb

83.barrage

84.cognizant

85.collusion

86.hegemony

87.nebulous

88.paradigm

89.unctuous

90.urbane

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91.ambulatory

92.brazen

93.din

94.ennui

95.exonerate

96.inscrutable

97.prognosticate

98.schism

99.sedition

100.wizened

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101.austere

102.corpulent

103.derisive

104.effeminate

105.jocund

106.manifest

107.ostentatious

108.sanguine

109.strident

110.vehement

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111.elegiac

112.fecund

113.fortuitous

114.infirmity

115.malady

116.nuance

117.profligate

118.remonstrance

119.scintillate

120.vitiate

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121.analogous

122.brigand

123.emissary

124.felicity

125.incendiary

126.magnanimous

127.plight

128.repartee

129.ubiquitous

130.venerable

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131.countenance

132.deposition

133.discursive

134.disdain

135.epigram

136.feign

137.laconic

138.mien

139.veracity

140.wry

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141.confound

142.curate (noun and verb)

143.ethereal

144.gambol

145.mutability

146.nascent

147.nonplused

148.pedantic

149.quail (verb)

150.rhetorical

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151.fatuous

152.febrile

153.furtive

154.incredulous

155.interminable

156.obliquely

157.pernicious

158.sardonic

159.ultimatum

160.writhe

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161.astute

162.beseech

163.capitulate

164.deprecating

165.glean

166.obfuscate

167.pathos

168.primeval

169.salubrious

170.solicitous

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171.albeit

172.bereft

173.gratis

174.intercession

175.lineaments

176.presage

177.prodigal



178.prolixity

179.sinecure

180.visage

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181.accordant

182.accouterments

183.deportment

184.exposition

185.impugn

186.impute

187.parapet

188.pertinacity

189.temperance

190.viands

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191.brevity

192.copious

193.gout

194.habiliments

195.irksome

196.ponderous

197.scrupulous

198.sundry

199.timorous

200.transcendent

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201.amorous  
202.benign  
203.dissolute  
204.ebullient  
205.entourage  
206.extol  
207.languid  
208.meet (not in the rendezvous sense)  
209.resolute  
210.turgid

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211.chastening

212.corporeal

213.derive

214.dubious

215.equivocal

216.errant

217.goad

218.languor

219.resplendent

220.ruminate

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221.assail

222.beget

223.bellicose

224.delusion

225.discourse

226.garrison

227.recourse

228.tumultuous

229.vexation

230.vigilant

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231.auspicious

232. cavil

233.conducive

234.emulate

235. fungible

236.garrulous

237.imperious

238.morose

239.proprietary

240.zeal