

## Advanced vocabulary development

### Word list 13

Group 1		Notes
Alleviated	made less severe [ <i>alleviation (n); alleviate (v)</i> ]	.....
Apostrophe	1. punctuation mark; 2. appeal to someone not present (a figure of speech)	.....
Centurion	roman soldier (commander of a company of 100 soldiers)	.....
Emollient	softening ( <i>a</i> ); something which softens ( <i>n</i> )	.....
Fusillade	long burst of gunfire	.....
Inerrancy	infallibility; inability to make mistakes [ <i>inerrant (a)</i> ]	.....
Mince	1. chop into small pieces; 2. walk with tiny steps, 3. speak in an affected manner	.....
Palpate	medical term meaning to examine with the hands	.....
Platitude	unoriginal, obvious saying	.....
Quibble	1. ( <i>v</i> ) to argue about minor matters; to play on words when finding fault; 2. ( <i>n</i> ) a minor verbal point in an argument	.....

Group 2		Notes
Apprehension	slight fear; sense of something unfavorable	.....
Conniving	cunning; scheming [ <i>connive (v)</i> ]	.....
Derision	mockery [ <i>deride (v)</i> ]	.....
Epigram	short, witty saying	.....
Lassitude	lack of energy; weariness	.....
Pedantic	over-insistent on matters of book-learning [ <i>pedant (n)</i> ]	.....
Phenomenology	branch of science concerned with things as they are perceived; not directly derived from theory	.....
Precipitate	1. hurried ( <i>a</i> ); 2. insoluble product of a reaction in chemistry ( <i>n</i> ), 3. to instigate or speed up an action ( <i>v</i> )	.....
Renege	go back on promise or retract statement	.....
Apprehension	slight fear; sense of something unfavorable	.....

Group 3		Notes
Armada	fleet of ships	.....
Dawdler	slow person who falls behind others [ <i>dawdle (v)</i> ]	.....
Dross	something worthless; impurities left after refining	.....
Expiate	atone; make amends for	.....
Hack	1. chop roughly; 2. person who writes to earn money, 3. hired horse	.....
Prone	1. vulnerable to; 2. horizontal	.....
Propensity	tendency; inclination	.....
Scabbard	cover for a sword	.....
Skiff	small boat	.....
Umbrage	1. shadow; 2. offence; sense of injury	.....

Group 4		Notes
Dilettantism	dabbling esp. in the arts [ <i>dilettante (n)</i> = person who dabbles]	.....
Enervate	weaken	.....
Malevolent	having evil intentions [ <i>malevolence (n)</i> ]	.....
Neophyte	new convert; tyro	.....
Panegyric	speech praising someone; laudatory words	.....
Presage	forewarn of; indicate	.....
Serration	jagged edge	.....
Slight	1. minor ( <i>a</i> ); 2. perceived insult ( <i>v</i> ) and ( <i>n</i> )	.....
Tare	1. weed; 2. allowance made for container when weighing	.....
Unprepossessing	unattractive	.....

Group 5		Notes
Aberration	deviation from the normal	.....
Cant	insincere talk	.....
Disinter	dig up [opposite <i>inter</i> = bury]	.....
Façade	1. front elevation of building, 2. false appearance or demeanor	.....
Impeding	hindering [ <i>impede</i> (v); <i>impediment</i> (n)]	.....
Lacuna	gap; missing part [plural = <i>lacunae</i> ]	.....
Monolithic	united in purpose; forming a single unit	.....
Pied	multicolored	.....
Roster	list of names	.....
Seemly	appropriate (of behavior); decorous	.....

Group 6		Notes
Analogue	1. something similar; 2. output proportional to input (engineering)	.....
Coda	piece of music at the end of a musical work; finale; final part of document	.....
Commingle	mix	.....
Equivocal	ambiguous; open to interpretation [ <i>equivocate</i> (v), <i>equivocation</i> (n)]	.....
Fallible	capable of making mistakes [ <i>fallibility</i> (n)]	.....
Hallow	respect; worship	.....
Indigence	poverty	.....
Papyrus	material used for writing on before paper was invented	.....
Pique	1. annoyance (n); 2. to stimulate interest; to annoy (v)	.....
Sap	1. liquid inside plants (n); 2. to drain; to undermine (v); 3. a fool (n)	.....

Group 7		<u>Notes</u>
Arbitrator	mediator; person appointed to judge a dispute [ <i>arbitrate (v)</i> ]	.....
Descry	to see (esp. at a distance); catch sight of	.....
Facetious	not intended to be taken seriously	.....
Indecorous	unseemly; inappropriate (of behavior)	.....
Proliferate	grow and spread [ <i>proliferation (n)</i> ]	.....
Scotch (v)	to prevent; stop; disable	.....
Strut	1. supporting rod ( <i>n</i> ); 2. to walk in an arrogant manner; show off ( <i>v</i> )	.....
Toy (v)	to play with	.....
Usury	lending money at high interest rates	.....
Wag (n)	a witty person	.....

Group 8		<u>Notes</u>
Atavism	reappearance of ancestral traits; regression [ <i>atavistic (a)</i> ]	.....
Filibuster	delaying tactics	.....
Gambit	opening move; transaction	.....
Mitigation	making less severe [ <i>mitigate (v)</i> ]	.....
Obligate	compulsory	.....
Predilection	leaning; interest; talent	.....
Propitiate	appease; try to gain favor [ <i>propitiation (n)</i> ]	.....
Stanch	to stop	.....
Travesty	parody; ridiculous error	.....
Waft	drift smoothly ( <i>v</i> ); whiff; smell ( <i>n</i> )	.....

Group 9		Notes
Forage	search for food	.....
Lumber	1. walk in an ungainly way; 2. timber (wood)	.....
Muse	1. think; meditate (v); 2. a source of inspiration (n) [in mythology, a goddess who gives inspiration]	.....
Prescience	foreknowledge	.....
Prune	1. to trim; 2. a dried plum	.....
Ready	(used of wit) quick	.....
Resolve	firmness (n)	.....
Squalid	dirty and demeaning	.....
Sullied	made dirty or impure [opposite <i>unsullied</i> ; <i>sully</i> (v)]	.....
Veneration	worship; respect [ <i>venerable</i> (a), <i>venerate</i> (v)]	.....

Group 10		Notes
Demur	object; hesitate to accept	.....
Duplicity	cunning; deception; double dealing	.....
Exigency	urgent matter; pressing need	.....
Expostulate	offer strong objections; remonstrate	.....
Gossamer	delicate; filmy; like gauze	.....
Inefficacious	ineffective	.....
Pine	1. type of evergreen tree; 2. grieve	.....
Prudish	narrow-minded; excessively concerned with morals [ <i>prudery</i> (n), <i>prude</i> (n)]	.....
Quixotic	impractically idealistic	.....
Stipple	cover with dots of paint etc.	.....