

High School List

ADVANCED WORDS

Abaciscus is a small abacus.

Abatjour is a device, as a skylight, for diverting light into buildings.

Abattoir is a slaughterhouse.

Abecedarian is a person who is learning the letters of the alphabet.

Abeyant means temporarily suspended.

Absorbefacient means causing absorption.

Acaulescent means either stem less or without a visible stem.

Accoucheur is a person who assists during childbirth.

Acquiesce means to comply or submit.

Aerogramme is a pre-stamped, lightweight paper that folds into its own envelope.

Affenpinscher is a breed of dog with wiry hair.

Afrikaans is an official language of South Africa.

Ageusia is the loss of the sense of taste.

Albescent means to become whitish.

Alette (ahleet) is a small wing of a building.

Amethyst is a purple quartz, used as a gem.

Amphitheater is an oval or round building with an open central area.

Ampullaceous means bottle-shaped.

Anathematize means to denounce or to curse.

Androgynous means being both male and female.

Ankh is an Egyptian cross used as a symbol of enduring life.

Anopheles is a malaria-causing mosquito.

Apartheid a rigid policy of segregation in South Africa.

Appaloosa is a hardy breed of riding horse.

Aqueous is of or pertaining to water, watery.

Armoire is a large wardrobe or movable cupboard.

Arrhythmia is any interruption in the heartbeat.

Ascetic is a person who practices self-denial for religious reasons.

Aurochs is a black European wild ox, extinct since 1627.

Autocephalous is a bishop subordinate to no superior authority.

Avuncular pertains to an uncle.

Azimuth is the angle of horizontal deviation of a bearing from a standard direction.

Babiche is a thong used in making snowshoes.

Bacchanal is a drunken revelry.

Bacciferous means bearing or producing berries.

Badinage is light, playful banter.

Bagatelle is something of little value.

Bagheera is a velvet used to make evening wear and wraps.

Bassarisk is a carnivorous mammal.

Bdellium is a resin obtained from plants (*dellium*).

Bellwether is someone who assumes leadership.

Beneficence is the doing of good.

Beriberi is a disease caused by a vitamin B1 deficiency.

Beryllium is a hard, light metallic element.

Bludgeon is a short, heavy club with one heavier end.

Boudoir is a woman's private sitting room.

Bouffant means puffed out, as in a teased hairdo.

Brooch is a clasp or ornament.

Bucolic is of or pertaining to shepherds.

Bumbershoot is a name for an umbrella.

Cacophony is a harsh discordance of sound.

Caique is a single masted sailing vessel (Mediterranean).

Carrefour (carrefour) is a crossroads, a road junction.

Cartouche a surface for receiving a painted decoration.

Casque is an open conical helmet with a nose guard (medieval).

Catafalque is a raised structure on which the body of a dead person lies.

Catarrh an inflammation of a mucous membrane.

Caterwaul is to utter long wailing cries, as a cat.

Cauterize is to burn for curative purposes.

Cayuse is an Indian pony.

Ceraceous is waxlike or waxy.

Chancre is the initial lesion of infectious diseases.

Chattel is a movable item of personal property.

Chlorofluorocarbon is a substance blamed for the hole in the ozone layer.

Cirrhosis is a disease of the liver.

Copacetic means fine, completely satisfactory.

Corporeity is materiality.

Cuirass (kwirass) is defensive armor for the torso.

Culottes are women's trousers, usually knee or calf-length.

Daguerreotype is an obsolete photographic process.

Demagoguery are methods or practices of a demagogue.

Demesne is possession of land as one's own.

Demitasse is a small cup for serving strong black coffee.

Desiccate is to dry thoroughly.

Diaphanous means very sheer and light.

Dilettante is a person who takes up an occupation as an amusement.

Dinghy is a small boat designed as a lifeboat.

Dormouse is a small rodent resembling a small squirrel.

Doubloon is a former gold coin of Spain.

Dysentery is an infectious disease.

Edelweiss is a small plant growing in the Alps.

Egregious is extraordinary in some bad way.

Emphysema is an irreversible disease of the lungs.

Ephemeral is lasting a very short time.

Epiphany is a Christian festival.

Equestrienne is a woman who rides horses.

Ersatz means serving as a substitute.

Escutcheon is a shield on which a coat of arms is depicted.

Euchre is a game of cards.

Eviscerate is to disembowel.

Exsiccate is to remove the moisture from.

Facetious means not to be taken seriously.

Fasciation is the act of bandaging.

Fiefdom is the estate of a feudal lord.

Finagle is to cheat or swindle someone.

Fizgig is a firework that makes a hissing sound.

Flaccid means soft and limp.

Fluxion is an act of flowing.

Formaldehyde is a colorless, toxic gas.

Frankincense is an aromatic gum resin used as incense.

Fricassee is meat browned, stewed and served in its own sauce.

Frieze is a decorative band on an outside wall.

Fulsome means offensive to good taste.

Fusillade is a simultaneous discharge of firearms.

Gabardine is a firm, tightly woven fabric.

Gallimaufry is a hodgepodge, a jumble.

Garrote is a method of capital punishment.

Gesundheit is used to wish good health after a sneeze.

Gewgaw is a trinket or bauble. (gyoo' gaw)

Ghillie is a low-cut, tongueless shoe.

Glaucous means becoming a light bluish-green.

Glyph is a pictograph or hieroglyph.

Gneiss is a metamorphic rock.

Golliwogg is a grotesque person.

Grandiloquence is a speech that is lofty, often to being pompous.

Guillemot is a seabird of Northern waters.

Gyve is a shackle for the leg.

Habiliments is clothing.

Hackamore is a simple, looped bridle for a horse.

Halcyon means calm or peaceful.

Halophyte is a plant that thrives in saline soil.

Hartebeest is a large African antelope.

Hegemony is leadership or predominant influence by one nation.

Hematozoan is a parasitic protozoan that lives in the blood.

Hieroglyphic is the pictograph type of script used by Egypt.

Hirsute is hairy or shaggy.

Histrionic is of or pertaining to actors or acting.

Hoatzin is a blue-faced bird of the Amazon forests.

Hootenanny is a social gathering featuring folk singing.

Horripilation is also known as goose flesh or goose bumps.

Howdah is a seat placed on the back of an elephant.

Hoyden is another name for a tomboy.

Hydrangea is a plant with showy flower clusters.

Hydrofluoric is of or derived from hydrofluoric acid.

Hyperpyrexia is an abnormally high fever.

Hypotenuse is the side of a right triangle opposite the right angle.

Ichneumon (iknoomen) is also called the African mongoose.

Ichthyophagist is a person who subsists on fish.

Idiosyncrasy is a characteristic or habit peculiar to an individual, incident, or the like.

Impeccable is faultless or flawless.

Indubitable is something that can't be doubted.

Inexorable is unyielding or unalterable.

Ingurgitate is to swallow greedily.

Iniquitous is wicked, sinful.

Innuendo is an indirect intimation about a person or thing, usually of a derogatory nature.

Inscrutable is incapable of being investigated or analyzed.

Insomnolence is sleeplessness.

Intermezzo is a short musical entertainment, between the acts of a drama or opera.

Interregnum is the time between the close of reign and the beginning of the next.

Intransigent is refusing to agree or compromise.

Inveigle is to entice by flattery or artful talk.

Irascible is easily provoked to anger.

Jalousie is a window made of glass slats.

Jambalaya is a dish of Creole origin.

Jocose is given to joking or jesting.

Juvenescent is being youthful; young.

Kinkajou is an arboreal animal of Central and South America.

Klaxon is a loud, electric horn.

Lachrymal is of or pertaining to tears.

Languid is lacking in vigor or vitality.

Layette is an outfit of clothing or bedding for a newborn baby.

Legerdemain is sleight of hand or trickery.

Macaque is a monkey, characterized by cheek pouches and short tail.

Maelstrom is a large, powerful, or violent whirlpool.

Manatee is an aquatic mammal of coastal waters, with 2 front flippers and a broad, spoon-shaped tail.

Marionette is a puppet manipulated from above by strings.

Matriarch is the female head of a tribal or family line.

Mellifluous is sweetly or smoothly flowing.

Mendacious is telling lies, especially habitually.

Meringue is a topping for pies, pastry, etc.

Mesmerize is to hypnotize.

Metamorphose is to change the form or nature of, to transform.

Meticulous is taking extreme care about tiny details.

Mezzanine is the lowest balcony in a theater.

Mnemonic is assisting or intended to assist the memory.

Mocha is a choice variety of coffee.

Monocoque is a type of aircraft in which the shell carries most of the stresses.

Morass is a tract or low, soft, wet ground.

Munificent means one who is very generous.

Myrrh is an aromatic resinous exudation from certain plants.

Naphtha (naftha) is a colorless, volatile petroleum distillate.

Narcissism is excessive self-love; vanity.

Nascent is beginning to exist or develop.

Nebulous is hazy, vague or indistinct.

Nihilism is total rejection of established laws and institutions.

Nouveau is newly or recently created, developed, or come to prominence.

Obeisance is a bow or a curtsy.

Objurgate is to denounce vehemently; to upbraid sharply.

Obloquy is abusive language aimed at a person.

Obsequious showing servile deference; fawning on someone.

Obstreperous means unruly.

Occlude is to close, shut, or stop up.

Oleaginous means having the nature or qualities of oil.

Omniscience is infinite knowledge.

Onerous is burdensome or troublesome.

Opalesce is to exhibit a play of colors like that of the opal.

Opprobrious is outrageously disgraceful or shameful.

Ostracism is exclusion from social acceptance.

Oxymoron is a seemingly contradictory figure of speech, like cruel kindness.

Pachyderm is an elephant.

Paeon is a song of praise, joy or triumph.

Panacea is a remedy for all disease or ills.

Panache is a grand or flamboyant manner.

Panegyric is a lofty oration in praise of a person or thing.

Panoply is a wide-ranging and impressive array or display.

Papyrus is a tall, aquatic plant, native to the Nile valley.

Peccadillo is a very minor or slight sin or offense.

Peccary is a piglike hoofed animal of north and south America.

Peignoir is a woman's dressing gown.

Pendulous is hanging down loosely.

Penultimate the next to the last.

Perihelion is the point at which a planet is closest to the sun.

Pernicious means ruinous; injurious; hurtful.

Perquisite is a gratuity or tip.

Pharmaceutical pertains to pharmacy or pharmacists.

Phlegmatic is not easily excited to action.

Pirogue is an American boat, a dugout.

Pirouette is a whirling about on one foot or on the points of the toes, as in ballet dancing.

Plagiarize is to take ideas and works of another and pass it off as one's own.

Platypus is a small, egg-laying animal of Australia.

Plebeian is belonging or pertaining to the common people.

Plebiscite is a direct vote of the voters of a state in regard to some important public question.

Polychrome is being of many or various colors.

Propitious means favorable.

Psilosis means a falling out of the hair.

Psoriasis is a common skin disease.

Ptois is a drooping of the upper eyelid. (*toe-sis*)

Pulchritude is physical beauty; comeliness.

Pyrrhic is consisting of two short or unaccented syllables.

Quadriceps is a large muscle in front of the thigh.

Quadrille is a square dance for four couples.

Querulous means full of complaints.

Quiescent is being at rest; quiet; inactive.

Quinella is a type of bet on horse races.

Rapier is a small sword, used for thrusting.

Rappel is the way to move down a surface in mountaineering.

Rarefy is to make rare or rarer.

Raucous is harsh or strident.

Ravenous means extremely hungry.

Recalcitrant means resisting authority.

Redoubtable is that that is to be feared; formidable.

Regurgitate is to surge or rush back.

Reparable is capable of being repaired.

Repartee is a quick, witty reply.

Repugn is to oppose or refute. (*ree-pyoon'*)

Reveille is a signal to alert military personal to arise.

Rheumatism is a disorder of the extremities or back, characterized by stiffness.

Rhinoceros is a large African animal.

Ricochet is the motion of an object after deflecting from another object.

Riposte is a quick, sharp return in speech or action.

Rococo is a style of architecture and decoration.

Rogue is a dishonest person, a scoundrel.

Saboteur is a person who commits sabotage.

Saccharin is a sweetener.

Sacroiliac is the joint where the sacrum and ilium meet.

Sacrosanct is extremely sacred or inviolable.

Sagacious showing acute mental discernment, or being shrewd.

Saguaro is a tall, horizontally branched cactus.

Sanguinary means full of bloodshed, bloody.

Sarsaparilla is a soft drink made from the extract of a root.

Satiate is to supply something to excess.

Satyr is a mythological character, half human and half goat or horse.

Schiffli is a large, loomlike machine for working patterns in lace.

Scimitar is a curved, single-edged sword.

Scintillate is to emit sparks.

Scorpioid is resembling a scorpion.

Scrimshaw is a carved article, especially of whale ivory.

Scrivener is a scribe.

Scythe is an implement used to cut grass or grain by hand.

Sebaceous means fatty.

Seismicity is the frequency of earthquakes in a given area.

Seneschal is an officer having full charge of domestic arrangements.

Sentient means conscious.

Septuagenarian is between 70 and 80 years of age.

Sequacious means following with smooth or logical regularity.

Serendipity means good fortune or luck.

Solecism is a nonstandard or ungrammatical usage.

Soliloquy is a discourse by a person who is talking to himself.

Sorcerer is a person who practices black magic.

Sorghum is a cereal grass.

Squeegee is an implement edged with rubber to remove water from windows or floors.

Staid means of settled character, not flighty.

Stanchion is an upright bar as in a window or stall.

Stiletto is a short dagger with a thick blade.

Strychnine is a colorless, crystalline poison.

Sturgeon is a large fish, valued as a source of caviar.

Subcutaneous means lying under the skin, as tissue.

Suffrutescent is partially or slightly woody.

Surcease is to cease from some action; desist.

Surfeit means excess; an excessive amount.

Suzerain is a state exercising political control over a dependent state.

Svelte is gracefully slender; lithe.

Sycamore is a North American tree.

Sycophancy is self-seeking or servile flattery.

Syncopate is to place accents on beats in music normally not accented.

Tachymeter is an instrument to rapidly determine distances.

Tamarind is the pod of a large tropical tree.

Tamburitza is a mandolin-like instrument of southern Slavic regions.

Tanager is a songbird found in North America.

Tarantella is a rapid, whirling Italian dance.

Tarantula is a large, hairy spider.

Termagant is a violent or brawling woman.

Terrarium is a container for land animals.

Tertiary is of the third order.

Testatrix is a woman who makes a will.

Tetrabrach is a word of four short syllables.

Thalassic is of or pertaining to seas or oceans.

Therapeutics is the branch of medicine concerned with the remedial treatment of disease.

Thoracic is of or pertaining to the thorax.

Toque is a brimless and close-fitting hat for women.

Tortoise is a turtle, especially a land turtle.

Toucan is a large-billed, brightly colored bird.

Toupee is a man's wig.

Tourniquet is a device for arresting bleeding.

Traipse is to walk or go aimlessly or idly.

Travois is a transporting device pulled by an animal.

Treacle is contrived sentimentality.

Triskaidekaphobia is a fear of the number 13.

Troglodyte is a prehistoric cave dweller.

Troika is a team of 3 horses driven abreast.

Trousseau is clothing, linen, especially for a bride.

Truculent is fierce or savagely brutal.

Truncheon is a club carried by a police officer.

Ubiquitous means omnipresent or being everywhere at the same time.

Umlaut is a mark used over a vowel.

Unconscionable means unscrupulous or not guided by conscience.

Unrequited is not returned or reciprocated.

Unwonted not customary or usual or rare.

Vacillate meaning to waver in opinion.

Vacuous means empty.

Variscite is a secondary mineral.

Ventriloquism means throwing the voice.

Verisimilitude means the appearance of truth.

Vertiginous means whirling or spinning.

Vexillology means the study of flags.

Vicissitude means a change in the course of things.

Villein was an almost free person in the middle ages.

Virescent means turning green. (A green bee)

Viscera are the organs in the abdominal cavity.

Viscid means sticky.

Vociferous is crying out noisily.

Vorticity is a measure of the circulation of a fluid.

Whippoorwill is a nocturnal North American bird.

Widgeon is a common, freshwater duck.

Wildebeest is a gnu.

Wok is a pan used in cooking Chinese food.

Wraith is a visible spirit.

Xenophobe is a person who fears or hates foreigners.

Zephyr is a gentle breeze.

Zinciferous means yielding or containing zinc.

Zoanthropy (zoo) is a mental disorder in which one believes oneself to be an animal.

Zucchetto is a skullcap worn by Roman Catholic ecclesiastics.

Words for the High School BEE

Baccalaureate is a religious service held before commencement day.

Calisthenics are gymnastic exercises.

Diphthong is an unsegmented gliding speech sound

Extemporaneous is done without special preparation

Glockenspiel is a musical instrument.

Kaleidoscope is a continually shifting pattern or scene.

Nonpareil is having no equal.

Ophthalmology is the branch of medicine dealing with anatomy, functions and diseases of the eye.

Poinsettia is sometimes called the Christmas flower.

Reconnaissance is the act of reconnoitering.

Schizophrenia is a severe mental disorder.

Subpoena is the usual writ for the summoning of witnesses.

Tonsillectomy is the operation removing one or both tonsils.

Trichotomy means divided into three parts.

Vermicelli is a form of pasta.

Zucchini is a variety of summer squash.

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