**AP Vocabulary (Week 1, Quiz-September 9th)**

**1. adulation** -- (n) high praise

**2. aesthetic** -- (adj) pertaining to beauty or the arts

**3. amicable** -- (adj) friendly, agreeable

**4. anachronistic** -- (adj) out-of-date, not attributed to the correct historical period

**5. anecdote** -- (n) short, usually funny account of an event

**6. antagonist** -- (n) foe, opponent, adversary

**7. arid** -- (adj) extremely dry or deathly boring

**8. assiduous** -- (adj) persistent, hard-working

**9. benevolent** -- (adj) friendly and helpful

**10. camaraderie** -- (n) trust, sociability amongst friends

**11. censure** -- (v) to criticize harshly

**12. circuitous** -- (adj) indirect, taking the longest route

**13.clairvoyant** -- (adj) exceptionally insightful, able to foresee the future

**14. convergence** -- (n) the state of separate elements joining or coming together

**15. deleterious** -- (adj) harmful, destructive, detrimental

**16. demagogue** -- (n) leader, rabble-rouser, usually appealing to emotion or prejudice

**17. digression** -- (n) the act of turning aside, straying from the main point, esp. in a speech or argument

**18. diligent** -- (adj) careful and hard-working

**19. disdain** -- (v) to regard with scorn or contempt

**20. emulate** -- (v) to imitate, follow an example

**AP Vocabulary Week 2**

[**acerbic**](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/acerbic)

**sour or bitter in taste**

**For the uninitiated, Hopkins rose to fame as a villainous contestant on The Apprentice UK, where she drew attention for her acerbic, insulting comments.   
—**[**Time (Mar 5, 2015)**](http://www.people.com/article/kelly-clarkson-response-fat-shaming-tweets-katie-hopkins)

[**acrid**](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/acrid)

**strong and sharp, as a taste**

**But that was no moment for futile recrimination, and self-interest served to stay the acrid retort on the tip of his tongue.   
—**[**Douglas, Hudson**](http://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/39066)

[**admonish**](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/admonish)

**scold or reprimand; take to task**

**In their opening remarks, they admonished the jury to consider only evidence presented in the trial.   
—**[**New York Times (Jul 8, 2015)**](http://www.nytimes.com/2015/07/09/nyregion/mother-recalls-last-breath-of-slain-boy-1-as-trial-begins.html)

[**ambivalence**](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/ambivalence)

**mixed feelings or emotions**

**Their different responses to the unfolding economic drama underscore the strong ambivalence Americans feel about the Greek crisis.   
—**[**Washington Post (Jul 16, 2015)**](http://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/travel/is-your-trip-to-greece-in-jeopardy-maybe-or-maybe-not/2015/07/16/8a6b051c-272b-11e5-aae2-6c4f59b050aa_story.html)

[**apathetic**](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/apathetic)

**showing little or no emotion or animation**

**No, it's just something to encourage people to step out and stand up for themselves and not be apathetic.   
—**[**BBC (Aug 5, 2015)**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-33772293)

[**audacious**](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/audacious)

**disposed to venture or take risks**

**A maximum security prisoner is back behind bars in Australia after staging an audacious escape.   
—**[**BBC (Aug 18, 2015)**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-australia-33983559)

[**befuddled**](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/befuddled)

**perplexed by many conflicting situations or statements**

**He has often seemed befuddled and confused, along with wrong about just about everything.   
—**[**Salon (Jun 22, 2015)**](http://www.salon.com/2015/06/22/5_worst_right_wing_moments_of_the_weeks_fox_news_outslimes_itself_on_charleston/)

[**bellicose**](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/bellicose)

**having or showing a ready disposition to fight**

**Lewis is a magnetic and intimidating Henry VIII, accomplishing more with a harsh whisper than he does with a bellicose tantrum.   
—**[**Washington Post (Apr 3, 2015)**](http://www.washingtonpost.com/entertainment/tv/wolf-hall-a-somber-perfect-take-on-that-time-the-tudors-went-tabloid/2015/04/03/b78c64e8-d972-11e4-8103-fa84725dbf9d_story.html)

[**bombastic**](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/bombastic)

**ostentatiously lofty in style**

**It’s also not quite so over-the-top and bombastic as Ghosts, though it’s a far cry from what anyone might describe as realistic.   
—**[**Forbes (Nov 3, 2014)**](http://www.forbes.com/sites/erikkain/2014/11/03/call-of-duty-advanced-warfare-single-player-campaign-review/)

**10.** [**caustic**](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/caustic)

**harsh or corrosive in tone**

**Saint-Saëns was on speaking terms with practically all of them, even if his prickly temperament and caustic wit tended to discourage close friendships.   
—**[**New York Times (Jul 20, 2012)**](http://feeds.nytimes.com/click.phdo?i=79c763cec38f13cdc64dd35767491433)

[**choleric**](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/choleric)

**characterized by anger**

**He returned more choleric than before, calling those he met rebels and traitors, in his mad fury.   
—**[**Drake, Samuel Adams**](http://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/38941)

[**churlish**](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/churlish)

**having a bad disposition; surly**

**Of course, it’s churlish to speak sourly of a guiltless, newborn child.   
—**[**Time (Jul 24, 2013)**](http://ideas.time.com/2013/07/23/the-argument-against-royal-families/)

[**conciliatory**](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/conciliatory)

**making or willing to make concessions**

**In theory a more conciliatory leader might offer some hope for compromise and peace.   
—**[**Economist (Sep 3, 2015)**](http://www.economist.com/news/middle-east-and-africa/21663254-nigeria-has-surprisingly-little-idea-what-it-fighting-against-shadow-army)

[**contentious**](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/contentious)

**showing an inclination to disagree**

**At this moment, the respectful, cordial tenor of the meeting took a noticeably different and more contentious tone.**

**9.[deference](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/deference)**

**courteous regard for people's feelings**

**"I have waited in deference while others expressed their feelings, beliefs, confusions and even conclusions - absent the full story."   
—**[**Reuters (Jun 15, 2015)**](http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/06/16/us-usa-washington-naacp-idUSKBN0OV28420150616)

[**dejected**](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/dejected)

**affected or marked by low spirits**

**He has rarely looked so dejected, so beaten, so incapable of the rousing return for which many golfing fans long.   
—**[**The Guardian (Jun 18, 2015)**](http://www.theguardian.com/sport/2015/jun/19/us-open-day-one-tiger-woods)

[**demure**](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/demure)

**affectedly shy especially in a playful or provocative way**

**Yes, it was see-through - and there was latex! - but it was oddly demure, covered up, with just a hint of suggestion.   
—**[**New York Times (Nov 21, 2012)**](http://tmagazine.blogs.nytimes.com/2012/11/21/sheer-luck/)

[**derisive**](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/derisive)

**expressing contempt or ridicule**

**In the darkness, the players spent Saturday morning as punching bags for the coaches’ derisive comments.   
—**[**Friday Night Lights: A Town, A Team, And A Dream**](http://www.amazon.com/dp/0306809907?tag=vocabularyc00-20)

[**didactic**](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/didactic)

**instructive, especially excessively**

**The Newsroom is a didactic show, by which I mean, when it presents an argument, it hints pretty clearly which side it believes is right.   
—**[**Time (Dec 7, 2014)**](http://time.com/3620882/listen-here-internet-girl-the-newsroom-rapesplains-it-all/)

[**diffident**](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/diffident)

**showing modest reserve**

**His manner is diffident and reserved, but the music-making is intense, full of character and rendered on the highest technical level.   
— Washington Post (Mar 30, 2015)**

**AP Vocabulary Weeks 3 and 4**

**[alacrity](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/alacrity)**

**liveliness and eagerness**

[**amenable**](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/amenable)

**disposed or willing to comply**

[**amorphous**](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/amorphous)

**having no definite form or distinct shape**

[**anathema**](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/anathema)

**a formal ecclesiastical curse accompanied by excommunication**

**organisms**

[**antithesis**](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/antithesis)

**exact opposite**

[**apocryphal**](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/apocryphal)

**being of questionable authenticity**

[**approbation**](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/approbation)

**official approval**

[**arbitrary**](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/arbitrary)

**based on or subject to individual discretion or preference**

[**arboreal**](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/arboreal)

**of or relating to or formed by trees**

[**arcane**](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/arcane)

**requiring secret or mysterious knowledge**

[**archetypal**](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/archetypal)

**of an original type after which other things are patterned**

[**arrogate**](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/arrogate)

**seize and take control without authority**

[**ascetic**](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/ascetic)

**someone who practices self denial as a spiritual discipline**

[**aspersion**](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/aspersion)

**a disparaging remark**

[**beguile**](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/beguile)

**influence by slyness**

[**bereft**](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/bereft)

**sorrowful through loss or deprivation**

[**bilk**](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/bilk)

**cheat somebody out of what is due, especially money**

[**capitulate**](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/capitulate)

**surrender under agreed conditions**

[**carouse**](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/carouse)

**engage in boisterous, drunken merrymaking**

[**caucus**](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/caucus)

**meet to select a candidate or promote a policy**