

SEPTEMBER**2016-2017**

WEEK #1	
Infraction Mon. 9/5 Labor Day	(Noun) An act that breaks a rule or law <i>Copying the work of others and pretending it is your own is a serious infraction.</i>
Visionary Tues. 9/6	(Noun) One having unusual foresight and imagination <i>Steve Jobs is considered a visionary of the computer industry. Apple products represent the cutting-edge of electronic devices.</i>
Insubordinate Wed. 9/7	(Adj.) Not obeying authority; refusing to follow orders <i>Using your cell phone during school hours is considered insubordinate.</i>
Martinet Thurs. 9/8	(Noun) A person who is very strict and demands obedience from others <i>Having a martinet for a boss is stressful.</i>
Fri. 9/9 Adulation	Excessive admiration or flattery <i>The soccer star enjoyed the adulation of her loyal and enthusiastic fans; she smiled and nodded in response to their prolonged applause and chanting of her name.</i>

WEEK #2	
Amenable Mon. 9/12	Cooperative <i>Our amenable friend agreed to eat at Taco Bell even though she preferred McDonald's.</i>
Assiduous Tues. 9/13	(Adj.) Hard-working, diligent, persevering <i>Kelly was as assiduous as a worker bee; she spent hours at the library working on her first quarter project.</i>
Reverent Wed. 9/14	(Adj.) Showing deep respect <i>All the students are reverent when Dr. Smith walks through the hallway. They smile politely and lower their voices.</i>
Ardent Thurs. 9/15	(Adj.) Impassioned; eagerly zealous support <i>Fans showed ardent support of their favorite team by clapping and cheering.</i>
Resourceful Fri. 9/16	(Adj.) Capable of dealing with situations <i>The resourceful student solved the problem in an imaginative and clever way.</i>

WEEK #3	
Fledgling Mon. 9/19	(Noun) An inexperienced person <i>Some seniors view freshmen as fledglings and go out of their way to help the ninth graders adjust to the high school.</i>
Reciprocity Tues. 9/20	(Noun) A mutual dependence, action, or influence <i>New York and New Jersey do not offer reciprocity when licensing electricians; you must pass the licensing test in both states.</i>
Novice Wed. 9/21	(Noun) A beginner or tyro <i>Mr. Frank is no novice on the dance floor. He has been studying salsa and bachata for years.</i>
Distinguish Thurs. 9/22	(Verb) To perceive a difference between <i>In English class we learn to distinguish between the function of a noun and a verb.</i>
Loquacious Fri. 9/23	(Adj.) Talkative <i>The loquacious student was chatting with her classmate and missed the teacher's directions for the homework.</i>

WEEK #4	
Nostalgic Mon. 9/26	(Adj.) Longing for the past <i>The stresses of studying for exams, filling out college applications, and writing essays left many seniors nostalgic for the days when recess was still a daily activity.</i>
Demographic Tues. 9/27	(Noun) A single vital or social statistic of a human population, as the number of births or deaths <i>A census is taken every ten years in order to track the changing demographics of a city or state. New York now has more people over the age of 60 than ever before.</i>
Deplete Wed. 9/28	(Verb) To drain or exhaust of something essential. <i>Overspending depleted Emma's savings account.</i>
Outmoded Thurs. 9/29	(Adj.) Out of fashion <i>Every spring I clear the outmoded clothing from my dresser and donate it to a local charity.</i>
Infinitesimal Fri. 9/30	(Adj.) Indefinitely or exceedingly small; minute <i>The amount of dirt on John's sneakers was infinitesimal yet he spent hours scrubbing the sneakers clean.</i>

OCTOBER

WEEK #5	
Precocious Mon. 10/3 Rosh Hashanah	(Adj.) Intellectually ahead of one's time <i>I could not believe the words coming out of the precocious child's mouth; his vocabulary was more like that of a teenager.</i>
Eclectic Tues. 10/4 Rosh Hashanah	(Adj.) Selecting or choosing from various sources <i>The second hand music store had an eclectic mix of recordings ranging from Mozart to 50 Cent to Radiohead.</i>
Jargon Wed. 10/5	(Noun) The vocabulary that pertains to a particular trade, profession, or group <i>The doctor used jargon such as "the second metatarsal phalanges" to describe my broken second toe.</i>
Pseudonym Thurs. 10/6	(Noun) A fictitious name <i>William Sydney Porter published under the pseudonym O. Henry.</i>
Esoteric Fri. 10/7	(Adj.) Understood only by a few <i>The subject matter of AP Statistics seemed esoteric at first, but because Ms. Katsman is such a great teacher, now everyone in class understands the material.</i>

WEEK #6	
Mon. 10/10 Columbus Day Allude	(Verb) To make indirect reference to <i>When giving excuses for coming in late, Mark alluded to problems at home.</i>
Banal Tues. 10/11	(Adj.) Lacking originality; insipid <i>Daytime television is banal; faking an illness to stay home from school to watch soap operas is a waste of time.</i>
Prosaic Wed. 10/12 Yom Kippur	(Adj.) Dull, unimaginative <i>Many critics found her art to be prosaic; few felt it was original and inspired.</i>
Mandate Thurs. 10/13	(Noun) A formal order, command, or authorization <i>A 20% approval rating from stockholders was a mandate; the CEO resigned.</i>
Negligible Fri. 10/14	(Adj.) So small, trifling, or unimportant that it may safely be neglected or disregarded <i>The difference in taste between Goya black beans and the store brand is negligible; I buy the brand on sale.</i>

WEEK #7	
Mon. 10/17 Virulent	(Adj.) Marked by a rapid and severe course <i>This year's flu virus is more virulent than it has been in the past. Several students have been out of school more than a week due to illness.</i>
Tues. 10/18 Deleterious	(Adj.) Harmful <i>Anabolic steroids have a proven deleterious effect on the nervous system, often causing inappropriate and uncontrollable mood swings.</i>
Wed. 10/19 Fester	(Verb) To rot <i>Supposedly if you watch too much "Kardashians" your brain begins to fester.</i>
Thurs. 10/20 Assailant	(Noun) One who attacks violently <i>None of the witnesses could identify the assailant who bludgeoned the mall cop.</i>
Fri. 10/21 Allegation	(Noun) A claim unsupported and seemingly unsupportable <i>As part of his campaign, the politician made vague allegations of misconduct about his competitor.</i>

WEEK #8	
Mon. 10/24 Salubrious	(Adj.) Health-giving <i>Oh, how Ms. Lopez wishes she had a personal chef to make salubrious meals for her every day!</i>
Tues. 10/25 Potent	(Adj.) Powerful, forceful <i>The potent stench of cheap cologne filled the air and made it difficult to breathe without choking.</i>
Wed. 10/26 Panacea	(Noun) A cure-all, a remedy for all disease <i>Some people say that laughter really is the greatest panacea known to man.</i>
Thurs. 10/27 Rejuvenate	(Verb) To make new again <i>Sally felt rejuvenated after her three-day spa vacation.</i>
Fri. 10/28 Benign	(Adj.) Of a gentle disposition <i>Although Mr. Spirelli's dog, Rocky the Boxer, is formidable-looking, he is a sweet and benign puppy.</i>

NOVEMBER

WEEK #9	
Mon. 10/31 Sublime	(Adj.) Very beautiful or good; causing strong feelings of admiration or wonder <i>The music produced by Mrs. Trenczer's Advanced Quartet is sublime.</i>
Tues. 11/1 Pinnacle	(Noun) A slender tower, a high pointed peak, the highest point of achievement, or the best or most important part of something <i>The soccer match reached its pinnacle of excitement in the final seconds of overtime when a rookie player scored the winning goal.</i>
Wed. 11/2 Lofty	(Adj.) elevated in character, noble, or status; also haughty <i>Mike had lofty goals of attending Harvard and becoming a doctor but he needed to improve his GPA to attain them.</i>
Thurs. 11/3 Zenith	(Noun) The highest point of development or achievement; also, the highest point reached by the sun or the moon <i>High noon is when the sun is at its zenith for that day.</i>

Apex Fri. 11/4	(Noun) The highest point of development or achievement <i>Mr. Choi felt he had achieved the apex of his career as a golf coach when his team made county finals.</i>
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WEEK #10	
Nadir Mon. 11/7	(Noun) The lowest point <i>The friendship between Alice and Becca reached its nadir when Alice tried to steal Becca's boyfriend.</i>
Base Tues. 11/8 Election Day	(Noun/adj.) The lowest or bottom part of a foundation; also lacking higher values (Noun) <i>The base of the wooden post began to rot because of moisture in the soil around it.</i> (Adj.) <i>Only someone with base morals would steal from a church.</i>
Fissure Wed. 11/9	(Noun) A crack or opening <i>The earthquake left fissures in the foundation of the house.</i>
Depreciate Thurs. 11/10	(Verb) To lower in value <i>The US dollar's depreciation led to higher inflation and interest rates, which tremendously damaged the economy.</i>
Abyss Fri. 11/11 Veteran's Day	(Noun) A deep (seemingly) bottomless gulf <i>Mariana Trench, located in the Pacific Ocean, is the deepest abyss oceanographers have discovered. Its deepest point is about 6.85 miles into the Earth's surface.</i>

WEEK #11	
Prolific Mon. 11/14	(Adj.) Producing a lot of; fruitful <i>He was arguably the most prolific writer of his time, publishing more than 50 top-selling works before his retirement.</i>
Dogma Tues. 11/15	(Noun) A set of beliefs, doctrine, philosophy, or teachings <i>What is now considered dogma was once opinion of ordinary people that gained popularity.</i>
Immoderate Wed. 11/16	(Adj.) Excessive, lacking restraint <i>After receiving his first paycheck, Jose's shopping was immoderate. He spent \$600 on a stereo for his car, purchased three pairs of jeans, and bought a second iPhone.</i>
Superfluous Thurs. 11/17	(Adj.) Exceeding what is necessary <i>The manager asked his staff to clear their desks of superfluous papers to make room for the new computers.</i>
Exhort Fri. 11/18	(Verb) To try to influence someone by words or advice <i>The coach exhorted her players to be calm even though the referee made a wrong call.</i>

WEEK #12	
Parsimonious Mon. 11/21	(Adj.) Cheap, unwilling to spend money <i>Being frugal, or careful with money, is wise but being parsimonious, or stingy, implies that you are selfish.</i>
Modicum Tues. 11/22	(Noun) A small amount <i>Our band has achieved a modicum of success but we hope to book more gigs in bigger venues in the future.</i>

Avarice Wed. 11/23 Thanksgiving Break	(Noun) Excessive greed <i>Elaine wants to teach her children to be aware of avarice, so this holiday season they will be giving gifts to charity instead of receiving them.</i>
Dearth Thurs. 11/24 Thanksgiving Break	(Noun) A lack of; scarcity <i>Many countries in Africa suffer from a dearth of medical supplies and trained doctors.</i>
Austere Fri. 11/25 Thanksgiving Break	(Adj.) Extremely simple or plain <i>The walls were austere, so I decided to paint them in bright colors.</i>

DECEMBER

WEEK #13	
Empirical Mon. 11/28	(Adj.) Information from observation or experiments <i>Aristotle, around 330 BC, used empirical evidence of observing a ship on the horizon and concluded that the Earth is spherical.</i>
Formidable Tues. 11/29	(Adj.) Powerful or strong; difficult to deal with <i>AP Biology requires students to master a formidable amount of material.</i>
Abdicate Wed. 11/30	(Verb) To cast off (discard) or relinquish <i>When Edward I of England married an American, he was required to abdicate the throne.</i>
Truant Thurs. 12/1	(Noun) One who shirks duty, especially one who stays out of school without permission <i>Mr. Baxter assigned five days' detention to the truant student.</i>
Ameliorate Fri. 12/2	(Verb) to make something, such as a problem, better <i>The ice pack ameliorated the pain of shin splints.</i>

WEEK #14	
Magnanimous Mon. 12/5	(Adj.) Showing a generous and kind nature <i>For anyone feeling magnanimous this month, don't forget to support the Blythedale fundraiser and clothing drive!</i>
Ebullient Tues. 12/6	(Adj.) Lively and enthusiastic <i>Kevin was ebullient over the upcoming ski trip. He couldn't wait to hit the slopes with his bros and new board.</i>
Convivial Wed. 12/7	(Adj.) Sociable and friendly <i>My convivial grandmother never misses a party.</i>
Solicitous Thur. 12/8	(Adj.) Showing concern for someone's health and happiness <i>Carla becomes frustrated with her overly solicitous mother because Carla feels she is old enough to take care of herself.</i>
Affable Fri. 12/9	(Adj.) Friendly and easy-going <i>Mr. Franco is one of the most affable teachers at Sleepy Hollow. He is always cheerful and smiling.</i>

WEEK #15	
Disdainful Mon. 12/12	(Adj.) Demonstrating strong feelings of disapproval for something or someone you think does not deserve respect <i>Mrs. McChoi has no tolerance for disdainful remarks from students.</i>

Aloof Tues. 12/13	(Adj.) Emotionally distant and detached <i>When my crush walks by me in the hallway I try to act aloof but really my heart is pounding and cheeks are burning.</i>
Clemency Wed. 12/14	(Noun) Kind or merciful treatment of someone who could be given harsh punishment. <i>Past presidents have granted clemency to political allies who had committed white-collar crimes.</i>
Cogitate Thur. 12/15	(Verb) to think carefully and seriously about. <i>Because I didn't study enough, I cogitated about my chances of failing the final exam.</i>
Contentious Fri. 12/16	(Adj.) Likely or willing to argue <i>During our debate, students became contentious as they considered the pros and cons of the death penalty.</i>

WEEK #16

Articulate Mon. 12/19	(Verb) Able to express ideas clearly and effectively in speech or writing <i>To help students who were confused, Trayvon articulated his understanding of the story.</i>
Adroit Tues. 12/20	(Adj.) Skillful <i>The adroit Horseman point guard dribbled past the defense and drove to the basket for a layup.</i>
Ingenious Wed. 12/21	(Adj.) Clever <i>Steve Jobs is regarded as an ingenious inventor for his contributions to the technological world.</i>
Erudite Thurs. 12/22	(Adj.) Scholarly, having great knowledge <i>The most erudite seniors at Sleepy Hollow hope to attend Ivy League schools next fall.</i>
Astute Fri. 12/23 SD Day	(Adj.) Able to analyze carefully <i>The complicated reading comprehension questions on state exams require readers to be astute when considering their answers.</i>

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JANUARY

WEEK #17

Witless Mon. 1/2 Holiday Break	(Adj.) Very foolish <i>He committed a witless blunder when he agreed that the dress made her look fat.</i>
Verbose Tues. 1/3	(Adj.) Excessively wordy <i>Kelly, who understood the quadratic equation, realized that her professor's verbose explanation of it was causing more confusion than clarity.</i>
Discrepancy Wed. 1/4	(Noun) A difference between things that should be the same <i>Although they got the same grade, there was a discrepancy between Annie's and Jessica's answers to question 4.</i>
Obtuse Thurs. 1/5	(Adj.) Stupid or unintelligent; also, in mathematics, an angle measuring between 90° and 180° <i>I tried hinting that I wanted him to ask me out, but he was too obtuse to pick up on my flirting.</i>

Taciturn Fri. 1/6	(Adj.) Inclined to silence; dour, stern and silent in expression and manner <i>His taciturn manner during the party embarrassed his girlfriend.</i>
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WEEK #18	
Finesse Mon. 1/9	(Noun) Skill with the way someone deals with a problem or situation <i>Jimmy combed his hair with finesse, carefully placing each strand in a position that produced the perfect mullet.</i>
Cliché Tues. 1/10	(Noun) Overused expression or idea <i>Tara rolls her eyes every time her mother uses the cliché “that’s the way the cookie crumbles.”</i>
Charlatan Wed. 1/11	(Noun) A con-artist or a fraud <i>Police arrested the charlatan on three accounts of fraud.</i>
Rapport Thurs. 1/12	(Noun) A friendly relationship <i>We elected Sam Student Government president because he has a good rapport with both teachers and students.</i>
Metacognition Fri. 1/13 SD Day	(Noun) Awareness of one’s own learning <i>When students develop the habit of metacognition, they retain what they learn.</i>

WEEK #19	
Bonanza Mon. 1/16 MLK Holiday	(Noun) A source of great sudden wealth <i>The new train station brought more people into town and created a bonanza for local stores.</i>
Embargo Tues. 1/17	(Verb) To prevent trade or commerce <i>Maybe one day the US embargo of Cuba will end, but for now, trade with the island is illegal.</i>
Aficionado Wed. 1/18	(Noun) A devoted fan or enthusiast <i>Libby is a huge Aventura aficionado; she has posters all over her room and has seen them five times in concert.</i>
Armada Thurs. 1/19	(Noun) An armed fleet <i>When I accidentally set our stove on fire, an armada of firemen and police officers showed up at my house.</i>
Assertion Fri. 1/20	(Noun) A declaration or claim <i>In his General Relativity theory, Einstein made the assertion that gravity affects light.</i>

WEEK #20	
Dilettante Mon. 1/23 Exams all week	(Noun) A person with an amateur interest in the arts <i>Ms. Dreher refers to her art students as “dilettantes.”</i>
Vendetta Tues. 1/24	(Noun) A long-running feud <i>Pepsi and Coke continue to try to destroy the other’s reputation in the long-standing vendetta between the two beverage companies.</i>
Virtuoso Wed. 1/25	(Noun) A person who is skilled in a particular field <i>Mrs. Persad is a virtuoso of music.</i>
Gusto Thurs. 1/26	(Adj.) Full of energy <i>Eating lunch gave me the gusto I needed for our long ride during Mountain Biking.</i>

Cameo Fri. 1/27	(Noun) A brief appearance <i>Cameo appearances from several famous actors helped propel the movie's popularity.</i>
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FEBRUARY

WEEK #21	
Altruistic Mon. 1/30	(Adj.) Thinking of others before oneself <i>Feeling altruistic, the teenager gave his allowance money to charity rather than spending it on new jeans.</i>
Entrenched Tues. 1/31	(Verb) to place someone in a position that cannot be easily changed <i>My father entrenched in our minds the belief that hard work pays off.</i>
Provisions Wed. 2/1	(Noun) A supply of food and other things that are needed; preparations <i>I carry my school provisions in one large backpack.</i>
Philanthropy Thurs. 2/2	(Noun) Generosity to others or society as a whole <i>Thanks to the philanthropy of several local businesses, the school was finally able to replace the broken laptops with iPads.</i>
Homage Fri. 2/3	(Noun) Admiration or devotion <i>Each year the Nobel Prize committee pays homage to individuals and groups who better the world.</i>

WEEK #22	
Belittle Mon. 2/6	(Verb) To regard or portray as less impressive or important than appearances indicate; to depreciate or disparage <i>The varsity team tried to belittle the junior varsity's accomplishments but really they were just jealous of the 15-0 record.</i>
Abomination Tues. 2/7	(Noun) something that causes disgust or hatred <i>As a pacifist, she felt an abomination for those who sell guns.</i>
Abhor Wed. 2/8	(Verb) To hate or detest completely <i>I absolutely abhor mayonnaise; it is disgusting and makes me gag!</i>
Synthesize Thurs. 2/9	(Verb) to combine things in order to make something new <i>He synthesized beliefs for and against immigration reform to form his own opinion.</i>
Animosity Fri. 2/10	(Noun) A feeling of strong dislike, ill-will or enmity that tends to display itself in action <i>The fighting between servants of the Capulet and the Montague families demonstrates the animosity the two families have for each other.</i>

WEEK #23	
Acumen Mon. 2/213	(Noun) Keen insight or shrewdness <i>The new CEO showed business acumen and his company became a leader in the Fortune 500.</i>
Lustrous Tues. 2/14	(Adj.) Outstandingly glowing; radiant in character or reputation <i>The lustrous full moon cast a beautiful light over the Hudson.</i>
Charisma Wed. 2/15	(Noun) Great personal charm <i>Although a skilled player, the captain lacked charisma and the team refused to follow his directions.</i>

Exquisite Thurs. 2/16	(Adj.) Extremely beautiful and delicate <i>The colorful bouquet of exotic flowers I received for my birthday was exquisite.</i>
Gratuitous Fri. 2/17	(Adj.) Given or obtained without charge or payment; free, unnecessary <i>Mr. Cobb complained about the gratuitous violence that ruined an otherwise touching movie.</i>

NO VOCABULARY WINTER BREAK: FEBRUARY 20-24

MARCH

WEEK #24	
Asinine Mon. 2/27	(Adj.) Extremely stupid or foolish <i>"That was one of the most asinine statements I have ever heard," Mr. Giordano chuckled at his seniors, "and in my years here, I have heard a lot!"</i>
Negligent Tues. 2/28	(Adj.) Lazily careless <i>Jim was negligent about his personal hygiene and consequently contracted scabies.</i>
Aspire Wed. 3/1	(Verb) To want to have or achieve something <i>The talented violinist aspired to be named first chair among the orchestra's violinist.</i>
Uncouth Thurs. 3/2	(Adj.) Lacking good manners <i>The uncouth child had clearly never been taught simple manners such as saying "please" and "thank you."</i>
Pathogenic Fri. 3/3	(Adj.) Capable of producing disease <i>Although rats were blamed for the Bubonic Plague, they weren't pathogenic.</i>

WEEK #25	
Prototype Mon. 3/6	(Noun) A first model of something from which other forms are copied or developed. <i>Henry Ford created the prototype of the mass-market automobile.</i>
Indefatigable Tues. 3/7	(Adj.) Unable to tire or exhaust <i>The new mother tried everything to lull her son to sleep, but the toddler seemed indefatigable.</i>
Indolent Wed. 3/8	(Adj.) Lazy <i>Marcia is athletic and motivated to do well in school; her brother, Henry, on the other hand, is indolent.</i>
Logistics Thur. 3/9	(Noun) The planning, implementation, and coordination of the details of a business or other operation <i>In 1944, the D-Day invasion to liberate France was a massive operation that required months of planning and detailed logistics to make sure every soldier knew his role.</i>
Lethargic Fri. 3/10	(Adj.) Lacking energy, tired <i>Eating too much sugar causes one to crash into a lethargic state after initially experiencing a rush of energy.</i>

WEEK #26	
Rehabilitate Mon. 3/13	(Verb) To restore to good health <i>After it was operated on, my grandmother rehabilitated her knee at Phelps Hospital.</i>

Prophylactic Tues. 3/14	(Adj.) Designed to prevent disease <i>Ironically, the prophylactic use of antibiotics is now leaving some vulnerable to disease.</i>
Malignant Wed. 3/15	(Adj.) Tending to grow and spread in an uncontrolled way <i>The pathologist's report said the tumor was malignant. Unfortunately, the patient had only one year to live.</i>
Vigorous Thur. 3/16	(Adj.) Strong, healthy, full of energy <i>His speech was met with vigorous applause.</i>
Sedentary Fri. 3/17	(Adj.) Characterized by much sitting <i>Health studies show that a person with a sedentary job such as an office worker is more likely to suffer from disease than a person whose job requires more movement.</i>

WEEK #27

Cacophony Mon. 3/20 SD Day	(Noun) Unpleasant or loud sounds <i>The cacophony in the lunchroom created too much noise to hold a quiet conversation with friends.</i>
Cadence Tues. 3/21	(Noun) Regular beat or rhythm <i>The crew team rowed in smooth cadence.</i>
Euphonic Wed. 3/22	(Noun) Harmonious or pleasing in sound <i>Scholars and fans of poetry consider it euphonic due to its lyrical and rhythmic nature.</i>
Dissonance Thurs. 3/23	(Noun) Harsh mixture of sounds; also, inconsistency between one's actions and one's beliefs <i>The inexperienced orchestra members produced more dissonance than harmony.</i>
Acoustic Fri. 3/24	(Adj.) Related to sound <i>The acoustics in our auditorium allow what is said or played on stage to be heard in the back row without much amplification.</i>

WEEK #28

Connoisseur Mon. 3/27	(Noun) An expert <i>Ms. Berry is a cat connoisseur; she knows everything about felines!</i>
Aesthetic Tues. 3/28	(Adj.) Having to do with art or beauty <i>To some observers, modern American buildings have little aesthetic appeal when compared to the classical architecture of Europe.</i>
Opaque Wed. 3/29	(Adj.) Not letting light through; not transparent, difficult to understand or explain <i>The opaque curtains in my room block out all the sun.</i>
Variegated Thurs. 3/30	(Adj.) Multi-color or varied in color; full of variety <i>I prefer the variegated leaves of autumn to the greens of spring.</i>
Avant-garde Fri. 3/31	(Noun) A group of people who develop new and surprising ideas in art or literature <i>The avant-garde art collection at the MOMA was both shocking and fascinating.</i>

APRIL

WEEK #29	
Elated Mon. 4/3	(Adj.) Extremely happy <i>Annmarie was elated by the surprise party in honor of her promotion.</i>
Inception Tues. 4/4	(Noun) The time at which something begins <i>Teachers assist their students at every stage of research from inception to completion.</i>
Ecstatic Wed. 4/5	(Adj.) Filled with overwhelming joy <i>The class of 2018 was ecstatic; they could not wait for Junior Dinner!</i>
Nascent Thurs. 4/6	(Adj.) Recently formed or developed <i>The former football player is now focusing on his nascent singing career.</i>
Hinder Fri. 4/7	(Verb) to make a task slow or difficult <i>An old operating system hinders research on a computer.</i>

WEEK #30	
Philistine Mon. 4/10 Spring Recess	(Noun) A person who dislikes art and culture <i>Their crude language and sloppy clothing made them seem philistine.</i>
Onerous Tues. 4/11	(Adj.) Difficult and unpleasant to do or deal with <i>Guidance counselors have the onerous job of notifying students of failure.</i>
Disconsolate Wed. 4/12 Spring Recess	(Adj.) Cheerless, dejected <i>When Tania's dog was run over by a car, she was disconsolate. Nothing we said or did cheered her up.</i>
Tribulation Thurs. 4/13 Spring Recess	(Noun) Suffering, unhappiness, or pain <i>The tribulation of Mets fans yet again begins. Will the team ever win another World Series?</i>
Melancholy Fri. 4/14 Spring Recess	(Noun) Depressed or sad for a long period of time <i>Those who experience melancholy during the winter usually become happy again once the warm spring sun begins to shine.</i>

APRIL

WEEK #31	
Suffrage Mon. 4/17	(Noun) The right to vote (NOT TO BE CONFUSED with suffering) <i>Even in the 21st century, some nations do not permit women's suffrage.</i>
Regime Tues. 4/18	(Noun) A system of government or rule <i>North Korea is one of the five communist regimes that currently exist in the world.</i>
Provincial Weds. 4/19	(Noun) A person who lacks urban polish or refinement; a person with restricted interest or outlook <i>Jim, although he had never traveled more than 10 miles from his home, did not suffer from a provincial outlook because he read national newspapers, listened to a variety of radio stations, and surfed the Internet to keep abreast of the modern world.</i>
Oppression Thurs. 4/20	(Noun) To exercise power in a cruel manner <i>Organizations such as the Peace Corps and Amnesty International are made up of everyday citizens whose goals are to fight oppression of the world's weak and poor.</i>
Heresy Fri. 4/21	(Noun) An opinion opposing established belief; doctrine rejected as false by religious authority

	<i>Excommunication is often the punishment for speaking or publishing heresy.</i>
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WEEK #32	
Enumerate Mon. 4/24	(Verb) To mention one by one <i>It would be impossible to enumerate each top or pair of jeans of mine that have found their way into my sister's closet over the years.</i>
Amass Tues. 4/25	(Verb) To collect, pile-up, gather <i>By the time she was 40, she had amassed a fortune.</i>
Extrapolate Wed. 4/26	(Verb) To estimate or conclude based on current evidence <i>Since my Cheese Doodles are gone, I am going to extrapolate from your orange-stained hands and face, that you ate them.</i>
Refute Thurs. 4/27	(Verb) To disprove <i>The defense lawyer cleverly refuted the evidence put forth by the prosecuting attorney at the Mock Trial tournament.</i>
Sequential Fri. 4/28	(Adj.) Following a logical order <i>Before we could play the game, we had to put the cards in sequential order to ensure all 52 were there.</i>

MAY

WEEK #33	
Specious Mon. 5/1	(Adj.) Falsely appearing to be fair, just, or right <i>He justified plagiarizing the paper with specious reasoning.</i>
Rhetoric Tues. 5/2	(Noun) Writing and speaking effectively and persuasively <i>My guidance counselor suggested I take a course in rhetoric to help me with my college application essay.</i>
Resolution Wed. 5/3	(Noun) An answer or solution to something <i>UN negotiators are working tirelessly for a swift resolution of the crisis.</i>
Denote Thurs. 5/4	(Verb) To indicate or mark <i>The student was so embarrassed after walking into the wrong bathroom. She must have missed the sign on the door denoting it as the boys' room.</i>
Conjecture Fri. 5/5	(Noun) An opinion or idea formed without proof or sufficient evidence <i>Without an MRI, the doctor could only offer a conjecture about the extent of her injuries.</i>

WEEK #34	
Opulent Mon. 5/8 APs all week	(Adj.) Very comfortable and expensive <i>The opulent décor of the hotel made our prom even more special.</i>
Aggregate Tues. 5/9	(Adj.) Formed by adding together two or more amounts <i>The university receives more than half its aggregate income from the successful basketball team.</i>
Augment Wed. 5/10	(Verb) To increase the size or amount of something, in order to improve or complete it <i>A letter or recommendation from my employer augmented my college</i>

	<i>application.</i>
Aspire Thurs. 5/11	(Verb) To seek to obtain or accomplish a particular goal. <i>If you aspire to be successful, you need to remain open to continuous learning.</i>
Ambiguity Fri. 5/12	(Noun) something that does not have a clear meaning <i>After dating on and off for a year, Angelica yearned to resolve the ambiguity of her relationship with Jem.</i>

WEEK #35	
Archaic Mon. 5/15	(Adj.) Old and no longer useful; of ancient times <i>The school needed to update its archaic computer system.</i>
Inscription Tues. 5/16	(Noun) Words that are written on or cut into a surface <i>The ring had an inscription that read "Iluv4evr."</i>
Inferred Wed. 5/17	(Verb) Derived by reasoning <i>He inferred that she was not interested in a relationship from what she said in her text messages.</i>
Homogeneous Thurs. 5/18	(Adj.) Made up of similar parts <i>Many cities and countries in the world have become less homogenous in the past few decades as a result of cultural diffusion and globalization.</i>
Prognosis Fri. 5/19	(Noun) A forecasting of probable outcomes <i>Because she responded so well to the new medication, the prognosis was for a full recovery.</i>