

Vocabulary List #1

Abasement- A lowering in rank, prestige, or esteem; humiliation

Abettor- One who approves, encourages, aids, and supports (an action or a plan of action); urge and help on.

Abeyance- The condition of being temporarily set aside; suspension: held the plan in abeyance.

Abjure- To renounce under oath; forswear; break a promise.

Ablution- A washing or cleansing of the body, especially as part of a religious rite.

Aborigine- A member of the indigenous or earliest known population of a region; a native.

Abortive- Failing to accomplish an intended objective; fruitless: an abortive attempt to conclude the negotiations.

Abstinence- The act or practice of refraining from indulging an appetite, as for food.

Abstruse- Difficult to understand; recondite; profound.

Acclivity- An upward slope, as of a hill.

Accouter- To outfit and equip, as for military duty.

Accretion- Growth or increase in size by gradual external addition, fusion, or inclusion; enlargement.

Accrue- To come to one as a gain, addition, or increment: interest accruing in my savings account.

Acidulous- Slightly sour in taste or in manner.

Acme- The highest point, as of achievement or development: reached the acme of her career.

Acrid- Unpleasantly sharp, pungent, or bitter to the taste or smell.

Adipose- Of, relating to, or composed of animal fat; fatty.

Adventitious- Not inherent but added extrinsically; accidental, by chance, random.

Affluence- A plentiful supply of material goods; wealth.

Allegory- The representation of abstract ideas or principles by characters, figures, or events in narrative, dramatic, or pictorial form; a story that teaches a lesson or moral.