

### Vocabulary List #3

- Aquiline- Of, relating to, or having the characteristics of an eagle beak; hooked or curved hooked.  
**straight**
- Archaic- Of, relating to, or characteristic of a much earlier, often more primitive period, especially one that develops into a classical stage of civilization: an archaic bronze statuette; Archaic Greece, language  
**current, cutting edge, fresh, modern, new, young**
- Ardor- Fiery intensity of feeling, passion.  
**apathy, coldness, coolness, indifference**
- Artifice- An artful or crafty expedient; a stratagem, trickery, deception.  
**artlessness, honesty, naivete, sincerity, truthfulness**
- Artisan- A skilled manual worker; a craftsman.  
**apprentice, unskilled worker**
- Ascertain- To discover with certainty, as through examination or experimentation.  
**disregard, ignore, miss, overlook, pass by, pass over**
- Asperity- Roughness or harshness, as of surface, sound, or climate: the asperity of northern winters.  
Severity; rigor, mood or temperment  
**amenity, good cheer, mildness, softness**
- Assuage- To make (something burdensome or painful) less intense or severe: assuage her grief.  
**aggravate, exacerbate, intensify, upset**
- Asteroid- Any of numerous small celestial bodies that revolve around the sun, with orbits lying chiefly between Mars and Jupiter and characteristic diameters between a few and several hundred kilometers.  
**planet**
- Astute- Having or showing shrewdness and discernment, especially with respect to one's own concerns, keen, sharp, clever.  
**dumb, idiotic, naive, obtuse, retarded, slow, stupid, unintelligent**
- Atrocity- Appalling or atrocious condition, quality, or behavior; monstrosity, cruelty, wickedness  
**good deed, kindness**
- Atypical- Not conforming to type; unusual or irregular.  
**normal, ordinary, representative, standard, typical, usual**
- Audacity- Fearless daring; intrepidity.  
**circumspection, cowardice, fear, spinelessness**
- Auxiliary- Giving assistance or support; helping.  
**main, primary**
- Avarice- Immoderate desire for wealth; cupidity, greed  
**benevolence, charity, generosity, philanthropy**
- Awry- In a position that is turned or twisted toward one side; askew.  
**aligned, even, on course, right, straight**
- Baleful- Portending evil; ominous; sinister  
**benevolent, benign, favorable, harmless, innocuous**
- Balmy- Having the quality or fragrance of balm; soothing.  
**blustery, cool, inclement, stormy, wintery**
- Banal- Drearily commonplace and often predictable; trite: "Blunt language cannot hide a banal conception" (James Wolcott).  
**deep, fresh, new, original, provocative, rich**
- Baneful- Causing harm, ruin, or death; harmful.  
**advantageous, beneficent, beneficial, helpful**