

# ACT Vocabulary

Listed below are school-wide weekly vocabulary words. Please be sure that words are listed in a visible spot in your classroom and that you review the words with your scholars. School-wide vocabulary cognitive reflections will be administrated each Friday, or the last day of the week for scholars, during first mod. Professors will grade cognitive reflections and place in Professor Pearson's box by the end of the day. All data will be compiled and sent to professors so that scores can be used as part of the scholar's course grade. Scores will counted in each class.

## August 15-19, 2011

| WORDS    | PHONETIC PRONUNCIATION | PART of SPEECH | DEFINITION   |
|----------|------------------------|----------------|--|
| abridge  | uh-BRIDJ               | v.             | shorten  |
| antidote | AN-tih-dote            | n.             | something that relieves or prevents; a remedy that counteracts the effects of poison |
| candor   | KAN-dur                | n.             | honesty, sincerity   |
| cynical  | SIH-nic-kul            | adj.           | believing that all others are motivated y self-interest                              |
| gratify  | GRA-tuh-fie            | v.             | to please or indulge   |

## August 22-26, 2011

| WORDS      | PHONETIC PRONUNCIATION | PART of SPEECH | DEFINITION                       |
|------------|------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|
| accessible | ik-SEH-suh-bul         | adj.           | available; ready for use         |
| aspire     | Uh-SPIRE               | v.             | to work toward or to have a goal |
| autonomous | Aw-TAW-nuh-mus         | adj.           | independent                      |
| bolster    | BOLE-stur              | v.             | to support; to strengthen        |
| gratify    | GRA-tuh-fie            | v.             | to please or indulge             |

## August 29-September 2, 2011

| WORDS     | PHONETIC PRONUNCIATION | PART of SPEECH | DEFINITION  |
|-----------|------------------------|----------------|---|
| hamper    | HAM-pur                | v.             | to hinder; to prevent something from happening          |
| integrity | in-TEH-gruh-tee        | n.             | holding firmly to values, such as honesty; completeness |
| linger    | LING-gur               | v.             | to hang around; to stay                                 |
| mock      | MAHK                   | v.             | to make fun of; to imitate                              |
| proximity | prahk-SIH-muh-tee      | n.             | nearness in time, location, relation                    |

## September 5-9, 2011 (Review Week)

## September 12-16, 2011

| WORDS         | PHONETIC PRONUNCIATION | PART of SPEECH | DEFINITION                            |
|---------------|------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------------|
| hardy         | HAR-dee                | adj.           | healthy and strong; robust            |
| intrepid      | in-TREH-pud            | adj.           | fearless; brave                       |
| homogeneous   | hoe-muh-JEE-nee-us     | adj.           | of the same kind; alike; uniform      |
| heterogeneous | het-er-uh-JEE-nee-uh s | adj.           | different kind; unlike; incongruous   |
| lofty         | LAHF-tee               | adj.           | a very high; towering; grand or noble |

**September 19-23, 2011**

| <b>WORDS</b>       | <b>PHONETIC PRONUNCIATION</b> | <b>PART of SPEECH</b> | <b>DEFINITION</b>   |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|---|
| <b>nurture</b>     | NUR-chur                      | v.                    | to care for, to nourish   |
| <b>opportunist</b> | ah-pur-TOO-nist               | n.                    | a person who seeks self-gain, even at the expense of others, without regard to values or moral principles |
| <b>querulous</b>   | KWER-yuh-lus                  | adj.                  | whining; complaining  |
| <b>recount</b>     | rih-KOWNT                     | v.                    | to tell a story   |
| <b>rigor</b>       | RIH-gur                       | n.                    | harshness; severity; strict adherence to standards  |

**September 26-30, 2011 (Review Week)****October 3-7, 2011**

| <b>WORDS</b>      | <b>PHONETIC PRONUNCIATION</b> | <b>PART of SPEECH</b> | <b>DEFINITION</b>                             |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|---|
| <b>saturate</b>   | SA-chuh-rate                  | v.                    | to wet or soak completely; to totally fill up |
| <b>scrutinize</b> | SKROO-tuh-nize                | v.                    | to read or look at very closely and carefully |
| <b>tentative</b>  | TEN-tuh-tiv                   | adj.                  | hesitant; not definite                        |
| <b>uniformity</b> | yoo-nuh-FOR-muh-tee           | n.                    | sameness; regularity                          |
| <b>whimsical</b>  | HWIM-zih-kul                  | adj.                  | fanciful; changeable                          |

**October 10-14, 2011**

| <b>WORDS</b>       | <b>PHONETIC PRONUNCIATION</b> | <b>PART of SPEECH</b> | <b>DEFINITION</b>                                 |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|---|
| <b>surpass</b>     | sur-PAS                       | v.                    | to be better than; to excel                       |
| <b>thrive</b>      | THRIVE                        | v.                    | to grow strong; to flourish                       |
| <b>tranquility</b> | tran-KWIH-luh-tee             | n.                    | peacefulness; calmness                            |
| <b>vilify</b>      | VIH-luh-fie                   | n.                    | to slander or defame someone's name or reputation |
| <b>vaporize</b>    | VAY-puh-rize                  | v.                    | to turn to vapor, foam, or mist                   |

**October 17-21, 2011**

| <b>WORDS</b>       | <b>PHONETIC PRONUNCIATION</b> | <b>PART of SPEECH</b> | <b>DEFINITION</b>                 |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>aggregate</b>   | A-grih-gut                    | n.                    | a sum total or mixture            |
| <b>debunk</b>      | dee-BUNGK                     | v.                    | to prove wrong or false           |
| <b>eclectic</b>    | eh-KLEK-tik                   | adj.                  | taken from many different sources |
| <b>glacial</b>     | GLAY-shul                     | adj.                  | very cold or very slow moving     |
| <b>insuperable</b> | in-SOO-pruh-bul               | adj.                  | Unable to be overcome             |

**October 24-28, 2011 (Review Week)**

**October 31-November 4, 2011**

| WORDS              | PHONETIC PRONUNCIATION | PART of SPEECH | DEFINITION                          |
|--------------------|------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>audacious</b>   | aw-DAY-shus            | adj.           | very old                            |
| <b>aviary</b>      | AY-vee-er-ee           | n.             | an enclosed space for birds         |
| <b>lithe</b>       | LITHE                  | adj.           | nimble and flexible; agile; supple  |
| <b>misanthrope</b> | MIH-sn-thrope          | n.             | someone who dislikes all people     |
| <b>pitfall</b>     | PIT-fawl               | n.             | an unseen danger, risk, or drawback |

**November 7-11, 2011**

| WORDS                | PHONETIC PRONUNCIATION | PART of SPEECH | DEFINITION   |
|----------------------|------------------------|----------------|--|
| <b>complementary</b> | kahm-pluh-MEN-tree     | adj.           | -serving to complete another   |
| <b>discrepancy</b>   | dis-KREH-pun-see       | n.             | a difference or inconsistency  |
| <b>excerpt</b>       | EK-surpt               | n.             | a portion of a text or musical piece that is taken, or extracted, from the whole |
| <b>raze</b>          | RAYZ                   | v.             | to tear down; to destroy   |
| <b>replete</b>       | rih-PLEET              | adj.           | filled-up; overflowing   |

**November 14-18, 2011**

| WORDS                | PHONETIC PRONUNCIATION | PART of SPEECH | DEFINITION   |
|----------------------|------------------------|----------------|--|
| <b>aplomb</b>        | uh-PLAHM               | n.             | social poise; composure; skill in challenging situations                               |
| <b>heretic</b>       | HEHR-uh-tik            | n.             | one who challenges societal and religious tradition                                    |
| <b>idiosyncratic</b> | in-dee-oh-sin-KRAH-tik | adj.           | of or relating to strange or odd behavioral habits that are peculiar to the individual |
| <b>respite</b>       | RES-put                | n.             | period of inactivity; a lull; a reprieve   |
| <b>spurious</b>      | SPYOOR-ee-us           | adj.           | false; counterfeit; lacking logic; specious  |

**November 21-25, 2011 (Review Week)****November 28-December 2, 2011**

| WORDS             | PHONETIC PRONUNCIATION | PART of SPEECH | DEFINITION   |
|-------------------|------------------------|----------------|--|
| <b>capricious</b> | kuh-PRIH-shus          | adj.           | changeable; fickle; volatile; mercurial                                    |
| <b>diffident</b>  | DIH-fuh-dunt           | adj.           | lacking confidence in oneself; inclined to be shy                          |
| <b>insurgent</b>  | in-SUR-junt            | n.             | a rebel; one who revolts against a government or political party; maverick |
| <b>mimetic</b>    | muh-MEH-tik            | adj.           | pertaining to imitation or mimicry, biological or otherwise                |
| <b>palpable</b>   | PAL-puh-bul            | adj.           | to be touched or felt; tangible; material                                  |

**December 5-9, 2011**

| WORDS              | PHONETIC PRONUNCIATION | PART of SPEECH | DEFINITION   |
|--------------------|------------------------|----------------|--|
| <b>axiom</b>       | AK-see-um              | n.             | social poise; composure; skill in challenging situations                     |
| <b>cavalier</b>    | ka-vuh-LEER            | adj.           | arrogant; showing a lack of respect toward someone or something              |
| <b>compunction</b> | kum-PUNG-shun          | n.             | a feeling of remorse for doing something wrong; regret; shame                |
| <b>dilettante</b>  | DIH-luh-tahnt          | n.             | one who dabbles in the arts and sciences but is an expert in neither         |
| <b>egalitarian</b> | ih-gal-ih-TAIR-ee-un   | adj.           | pertaining to equal political, social, and economical rights for all mankind |

**December 12-16, 2011**

| WORDS             | PHONETIC PRONUNCIATION | PART of SPEECH | DEFINITION  |
|-------------------|------------------------|----------------|---|
| <b>melancholy</b> | MEH-lun-kah-lee        | adj.           | a feeling of sadness and gloominess                                   |
| <b>pedantic</b>   | puh-DAN-tik            | adj.           | showy in one's learning; overly instructive                           |
| <b>portentous</b> | por-TEN-tus            | adj.           | very meaningful with regard to events to come; ominous; foreshadowing |
| <b>sardonic</b>   | sar-DAH-n-ik           | adj.           | scornful or bitter; sarcastic   |
| <b>variegated</b> | VAIR-ee-eh-gay-tud     | adj.           | having different patterns, colors, or appearance; dappled             |

**December 19-23, 2011 (Review Week)****January 2-6, 2012 (Review Week for First Semester)****January 9-13, 2012**

| WORDS               | PHONETIC PRONUNCIATION | PART of SPEECH | DEFINITION  |
|---------------------|------------------------|----------------|---|
| <b>animosity</b>    | a-nuh-MAH-suh-tee      | n.             | hatred; ill will  |
| <b>bellicose</b>    | BEH-lih-kose           | adj.           | of a quarrelsome nature; eager to fight; warlike; belligerent                               |
| <b>cantankerous</b> | kan-TANG-kuh-rus       | adj.           | bad-tempered or irritable; quarrelsome  |
| <b>polemical</b>    | puh-LEH-mih-kul        | adj.           | inclined to argue or debate; controversial  |
| <b>predator</b>     | PREH-duh-tur           | n.             | one who takes advantage of another, exploits or feeds on another: strong adversary or rival |

**January 16-20, 2012**

| WORDS                | PHONETIC PRONUNCIATION | PART of SPEECH | DEFINITION  |
|----------------------|------------------------|----------------|---|
| <b>altruistic</b>    | al-troo-ISS-tik        | adj.           | showing an unselfish concern for others                                 |
| <b>largess</b>       | lar-ZHEHS              | n.             | generous giving   |
| <b>magnanimous</b>   | mag-NA-nuh-mus         | adj.           | generous in overlooking insult injury by others; rising above pettiness |
| <b>philanthropic</b> | fih-lun-THRAH-pik      | adj.           | Showing a desire to help others y giving gifts; charitable; humane      |
| <b>prodigal</b>      | PRAH-dih-gul           | adj.           | Wasteful; lavish  |

**January 23-27, 2012**

| WORDS               | PHONETIC PRONUNCIATION | PART of SPEECH | DEFINITION  |
|---------------------|------------------------|----------------|---|
| <b>austere</b>      | aw-STEER               | adj.           | having great economy; showing self-control when it comes to foregoing luxuries and frills, stern in manner or appearance. |
| <b>avaricious</b>   | a-vuh-RIH-shus         | adj.           | greedy  |
| <b>mercenary</b>    | MUR-suh-nehr-ee        | adj.           | greedy for self-gain; thinking only of money-making   |
| <b>parsimonious</b> | par-suh-MOE-nee-us     | adj.           | overly thrifty or miserly   |
| <b>penurious</b>    | puh-NOOR-ee-us         | adj.           | stingy, relating to great poverty, destitution  |

## January 30- February 3, 2012 (Review Week)

### February 6-10, 2012

| WORDS                | PHONETIC PRONUNCIATION | PART of SPEECH | DEFINITION   |
|----------------------|------------------------|----------------|--|
| <b>adversity</b>     | ad-VUR-suh-tee         | n.             | great trouble or difficulty                                  |
| <b>conflagration</b> | kahn-fluh-GRAY-shun    | n.             | a huge fire, an inferno                                      |
| <b>confounding</b>   | kun-FOUN-ding          | adj.           | puzzling; baffling   |
| <b>cryptic</b>       | KRIP-tik               | adj.           | hidden; hard to understand; mysterious; obscure              |
| <b>debacle</b>       | dee-BAH-kul            | n.             | a failure or breakdown; a collapse that is often nonsensical |

### February 13-17, 2012

| WORDS             | PHONETIC PRONUNCIATION | PART of SPEECH | DEFINITION  |
|-------------------|------------------------|----------------|---|
| <b>labyrinth</b>  | LA-buh-rinth           | n.             | a maze from which it is very hard to extricate or free oneself. |
| <b>precarious</b> | prih-CARE-ee-us        | adj.           | dangerous or risky; uncertain                                   |
| <b>quandary</b>   | KWAN-duh-ree           | n.             | a dilemma; a confusing or puzzling situation.                   |
| <b>turbulence</b> | TUR-byoo-luns          | n.             | great unrest; turmoil or disorder                               |
| <b>virulent</b>   | VIHR-uh-lunt           | adj.           | extremely poisonous; deadly; full of spiteful hatred            |

### February 20-24, 2012

| WORDS              | PHONETIC PRONUNCIATION | PART of SPEECH | DEFINITION   |
|--------------------|------------------------|----------------|--|
| <b>approbation</b> | ap-ruh-BEY-shuhn       | n.             | approval   |
| <b>avert</b>       | uh-VURT                | v.             | turn away  |
| <b>divert</b>      | dih-VURT               | v.             | amuse; entertain                                     |
| <b>opprobrium</b>  | uh-PROH-bree-uhm       | n.             | shameful disgrace                                    |
| <b>viable</b>      | VIE-uh-bul             | adj.           | able to sustain life, practicality, or effectiveness |

### February 27-March 2, 2012

| WORDS         | PHONETIC PRONUNCIATION | PART of SPEECH | DEFINITION                       |
|---------------|------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>adept</b>  | AD-ept                 | n.             | very skilled; proficient; expert |
| <b>amity</b>  | AM-i-tee               | n.             | friendship; trust                |
| <b>bemoan</b> | bih-MOHN               | v.             | lament                           |
| <b>enmity</b> | EN-mi-tee              | n.             | hatred; bitter feeling           |
| <b>inept</b>  | in-EPT                 | adj.           | unskilled; incompetent           |

## March 5-9, 2012 (Review Week)

**March 19-23, 2012**

| WORDS      | PHONETIC PRONUNCIATION | PART of SPEECH | DEFINITION   |
|------------|------------------------|----------------|--|
| devious    | DEE-vee-us             | adj.           | dishonest or deceptive; tricky   |
| iniquitous | in-NIH-kwuh-tus        | adj.           | showing a lack of fairness; wicked, vicious                                  |
| odious     | OH-dee-us              | adj.           | loathsome; evil; revolting in a disgusting way                               |
| pernicious | puhr-NI-shus           | adj.           | very destructive or harmful, usually in an inconspicuous and relentless way. |
| rancorous  | RANG-kuh-rus           | adj.           | deeply hateful or spiteful; malicious  |

**March 26-30, 2012**

| WORDS     | PHONETIC PRONUNCIATION | PART of SPEECH | DEFINITION  |
|-----------|------------------------|----------------|---|
| berate    | bih-RATE               | v.             | to rebuke or scold in a harsh tone.                             |
| carp      | KARP                   | v.             | to find fault; to be critical                                   |
| deprecate | DE-prih-kayt           | v.             | to show mild disapproval  |
| deride    | dih-RIDE               | v.             | to ridicule or make fun of; to scoff at                         |
| impugn    | im-PYOON               | v.             | to oppose or attack someone or something as false or refutable. |

**April 2-6, 2012**

| WORDS      | PHONETIC PRONUNCIATION | PART of SPEECH | DEFINITION   |
|------------|------------------------|----------------|--|
| apathetic  | a-puh-THEH-tik         | adj.           | indifferent; showing no caring, interest, or concern; lacking emotion          |
| impassive  | im-PA-siv              | adj.           | lacking emotion or drive   |
| nonchalant | nahn-chuh-LAHNT        | adj.           | casual and indifferent; not showing any great concern or worry about anything. |
| phlegmatic | fleg-MA-tik            | adj.           | hard to get excited or emotional; calm; slow-moving                            |
| remote     | rih-MOTE               | adj.           | Emotionally distant disinterested; aloof; uninvolved; distant, far away        |

**April 9-13, 2012 (Review Week)****April 16-20, 2012**

| WORDS            | PHONETIC PRONUNCIATION | PART of SPEECH | DEFINITION                        |
|------------------|------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>indolent</b>  | IN-duh-lunt            | adj.           | lazy; not wanting to do any work. |
| <b>languor</b>   | LANG-gur               | n.             | a weak or lifeless feeling        |
| <b>lethargic</b> | luh-THAR-jik           | adj.           | having little or no energy        |
| <b>soporific</b> | sah-puh-RI-fik         | adj.           | sleep-inducing; sleepy            |
| <b>stagnant</b>  | STAG-nunt              | adj.           | lacking movement or energy        |

**April 23-27, 2012**

| <b>WORDS</b>       | <b>PHONETIC PRONUNCIATION</b> | <b>PART of SPEECH</b> | <b>DEFINITION</b>   |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|---|
| <b>compliant</b>   | kum-PLY-unt                   | adj.                  | yielding, submissive  |
| <b>obsequious</b>  | ub-SEE-kwee-us                | adj.                  | obeying or performing a service for someone in an overly attentive manner |
| <b>servile</b>     | SUR-vul                       | adj.                  | slave-like; very humble and submissive                                    |
| <b>subordinate</b> | suh-BOR-duh-nit               | adj.                  | inferior; lower in rank or status   |
| <b>toady</b>       | TOE-dee                       | n.                    | a flatterer; a sycophant  |

**April 30-May 4, 2012**

| <b>WORDS</b>        | <b>PHONETIC PRONUNCIATION</b> | <b>PART of SPEECH</b> | <b>DEFINITION</b>                          |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| <b>avid</b>         | A-vud                         | adj.                  | showing enthusiasm; ardent                 |
| <b>effervescent</b> | eh-fur-VEH-snt                | adj.                  | lively; full of uplifted spirit; vivacious |
| <b>exuberant</b>    | ig-ZOO-buh-runt               | adj.                  | overflowing with vitality and good spirits |
| <b>fervent</b>      | FUR-vunt                      | adj.                  | filled with passion or intensity           |
| <b>zealous</b>      | ZEH-lus                       | adj.                  | filled with enthusiasm                     |

**May 7-11, 2012**

| <b>WORDS</b>    | <b>PHONETIC PRONUNCIATION</b> | <b>PART of SPEECH</b> | <b>DEFINITION</b>   |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|---|
| <b>adamant</b>  | A-duh-munt                    | adj.                  | unwilling to bend; unyielding   |
| <b>dogmatic</b> | dog-MA-tik                    | adj.                  | strongly opinionated: rigid, dictatorial                                    |
| <b>obdurate</b> | AHB-duh-rut                   | adj.                  | resistance to persuasion or softening; stubbornly persistent in wrongdoing. |
| <b>resolve</b>  | rih-ZALV                      | n.                    | firmness, determination   |
| <b>willful</b>  | WIL-ful                       | adj.                  | stubborn  |

**May 14-18, 2012: Review Week**