



LE MORTE D'ARTHUR AND CANTERBURY TALES



Vocabulary

(Pretend that all of the "e's" in the pronunciation guides are upside-down.)



ABSOLUTION

- ❖ Absolution (ab`se lo—oshen)*n.* forgiveness
- ❖ *I confessed my sins and asked for absolution.*

ABTRUSEST

- ❖ Abstrusest (ab stro—os` est) *adj.* most difficult to understand
- ❖ *Because of the complex vocabulary the math teacher always used, many students found him the abstrusest of all the teachers.*

APPURTENANCE

- ❖ Appurtnance (e prt`n ens) *n.* thing that belongs to another
- ❖ *The computer and all of its appurtenances were sold at an auction.*



CLOISTER

- ❖ Cloister (klois 'ter) *n.* monastery
- ❖ *The monk lives in a quiet cloister.*

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COUNTENANCE

- ❖ Countenance (koun'te nens) *n.* appearance; facial features
- ❖ *Her countenance displayed emotions that her words could not.*



ENCUMBERED

- ❖ Encumbered (en kum'berd) *part.* Held back
- ❖ *The hikers were encumbered by heavy rains.*

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FRUGAL

❖ Frugal (fro—o`el) *adj.* thrifty

❖ *Unlike Gina, who spends her paycheck within a few days, Renee is frugal with her money.*



INDIGNATION

- ❖ Indignation (in di'na***shen) *n. anger or scorn*
- ❖ *The coach showed great indignation when she was charged with a technical foul and ejected from the playing area.*



INTER

❖ Inter (in tr') *vi.* Bury

❖ *At the family cemetery, Jed's grandfather was interred.*



LANYARD

- ❖ Lanyard (lan'yerd) *n. cord worn around neck*
- ❖ *Farley made the lanyard he wears around his neck at summer camp.*

MIRE

- ❖ Mire (m***r) *n. soggy ground; mud*
- ❖ *After heavy rain, the dirt road, once firm, turned into a track of impossible mire.*

OBEISANCE

- ❖ Obeisance (o***ba***sens) *n. authority; rule*
- ❖ *The newly crowned king showed he was under the obeisance of the church by bowing before the archbishop.*



PERSONABLE

❖ Personable (pr'sen e bel) *adj. having a pleasant appearance and personality*

❖ *Lila hit it off immediately with her personable new neighbor.*

POSTERN

- ❖ Postern (po***s'tern) *n. private rear entrance*
- ❖ *The servant was able to come and go through a secret postern behind the castle.*



PROVIDENCE

- ❖ Providence (prəv'ē dens) *n. benevolent guidance*
- ❖ “Your providence has helped us to avoid disaster,” the government minister said to the relief worker.

SCURRILITY

- ❖ Scurrility (ske ril'e te***) *n. coarseness or indecency of language*
- ❖ *Everyone in church was shocked when Tim stubbed his toe and used some scurrility in his speech.*

SPLAY

❖ Splay (spla***) *vt. Spread out*

❖ *Although the room was crowded, Frank splayed his legs across the sofa, refusing to let others have a seat.*

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USURP

- ❖ Usurp (yoo zrp') *vt.* Unlawfully seize a throne
- ❖ *After Cromwell usurped Charles I's throne, he had that king tried and beheaded.*

WAX

- ❖ Wax (waks) *vi.* *Grow gradually larger*
- ❖ *The crescent moon waxes daily until it becomes a full moon.*

WROTH

❖ Wroth (Roth) *adj. angry*

❖ *When the display of balloons broke loose and floated to the ceiling, the store manager was terribly wroth.*