

Panther Fall 2017

Week 1

1. abandon-total lack of inhibition
2. aberration-deviation from what is correct or right
3. abet-to aid; act as an accomplice
4. abject-miserable, pitiful
5. abolitionist-one who opposes the practice of slavery
6. abridge- to condense, shorten
7. absolve- to forgive, free from blame
8. accessible- attainable, available; approachable
9. accessory- attachment, ornament; accomplice, partner
10. acme-highest point; summit
11. acute-perceptive; excruciating
12. adapt-to accommodate; adjust
13. adept-proficient; masterful; expert
14. adjacent-next to
15. advantageous-favorable, useful
16. aerie-nook or nest built high in the air
17. aerodynamic-relating to objects moving through the air
18. agenda-plan, schedule
19. agile-well coordinated, nimble
20. agitation-commotion, excitement; uneasiness

Week 2

1. alacrity-eagerness; zeal; speed

2. alias-assumed name
3. alliteration-repetition of the beginning sounds of words
4. altercation-noisy dispute
5. amend-to improve or correct flaws in
6. amphibian-creature equally at home in water or on land
7. ample-abundant, plentiful
8. amplify-increase, intensify
9. animate-energize; enliven
10. animation-enthusiasm, excitement
11. antagonist-foe, opponent, adversary
12. antecedent-coming before in place or time
13. appropriate-to take possession of
14. aquatic-belonging or living in water
15. arid-extremely dry or deathly boring
16. arrogant-feeling superior to other people; egotistical
17. arsenal-ammunition storehouse
18. artifact-historical relic, item made by human craft
19. artisan-craftsperson; expert
20. ashen askew aspire

Week 3

1. askew-crooked, tilted
2. aspire-to have great hopes; to aim at a goal
3. asymmetrical-not corresponding in shape, size, position, etc.
4. attain-to accomplish, gain
5. auditory-having to do with hearing

6. august-dignified, awe-inspiring, venerable
7. authoritarian-person who act like a dictator, tyrant, disciplinarian
8. aviary-large enclosure confining birds
9. balk-to refuse, shirk; prevent
10. ballad-folk song, narrative poem
11. balm-soothing ointment for pain or healing; salve
12. ban-to forbid, outlaw
13. barren-infertile; impotent; arid; unproductive
14. belittle-humiliate; tease; diminish in importance
15. bellow-to roar, shout
16. bias-prejudice, slant
17. bibliography-list of books
18. bliss-gaiety; happiness; enjoyment
19. boon-blessing; something to be thankful for
20. botanist-scientist who studies plants

Week 4

1. bountiful-plentiful
2. bovine-cow-like; relating to cows
3. bungle-botch; mismanage; spoil
4. burly-brawny, husky
5. bustle-commotion, energetic activity
6. butt-person or thing that is an object of ridicule
7. byway-back road
8. cadence-rhythmic flow of poetry; marching beat
9. callous-thick-skinned,

- insensitive
10. caricature-exaggerated portrait, cartoon
11. cast-copy, replica; to fling, to throw
12. caulk-to make watertight
13. cease-stop; end; halt
14. celebrity-fame, widespread acclaim
15. chaotic-extremely disorderly
16. choice-specially selected, preferred
17. chortle-to chuckle
18. circumference-boundary or distance around a circle or sphere
19. civil-polite; relating to citizens
20. civility-courtesy; politeness

Week 5

1. cleave-to split or separate or to stick to, cling, adhere
2. coddle-pamper; overindulge; baby; spoil
3. coerce-to compel by force or intimidation
4. coffer-strongbox, large chest for money
5. cohabit-to live together
6. coherent-intelligible, lucid, understandable
7. comeliness-physical grace and beauty
8. commend-to compliment, praise
9. commonplace-ordinary, found every day
10. communicable-transmittable
11. compile-collect data; accumulate; amass

12. compound-to combine, augment; complex, composed of several parts
13. logo- corporate symbol
14. confection-something sweet to eat
15. congruity-correspondence, harmony, agreement
16. consensus-unanimity, agreement of opinion or attitude
17. cosmetic-relating to beauty; affecting the surface of something
18. countenance-facial expression; look of approval or support
19. covet-to desire strongly something possessed by another
20. creed-statement of belief or principle

Week 6

1. crescendo-gradual increase in volume of sound
2. criteria-standard for judging, rule for testing
3. culprit-guilty person
4. curator-caretaker and overseer of an exhibition, esp. in a museum
5. cygnet-young swan
6. dainty-delicate, sweet
7. daub-blur; smear; spread
8. dawdle-procrastinate; loiter; idle;
9. deface-to mar the appearance of, vandalize
10. deform-to disfigure, distort
11. deft-skillful, dexterous
12. delegate-to give powers to another

13. demean-to degrade, humiliate, humble
14. depict-to describe, represent
15. deplete-to use up, exhaust
16. desist-discontinue or stop; cease; renounce
17. desolate-alone; without hope or comfort; forsaken
18. dialect-regional style of speaking
19. dichotomy-division into two parts
20. diffuse-widely spread out

Week 7

1. dilate-to enlarge, swell, extend
2. disarray-clutter, disorder
3. disband-disperse; dissipate; scatter; dispel
4. discern-to perceive something obscure
5. discontent-unhappy; displeased; miserable
6. distend-bloat, bulge; swell, stretch
7. distrust-disbelief and suspicion
8. docile-tame, willing to be taught
9. donor-benefactor, contributor
10. dormant-at rest, inactive, in suspended animation
11. draft-to plan, outline; to recruit, conscript
12. dulcet-pleasant sounding, soothing to the ear
13. dupe-to deceive, trick; fool, pawn
14. duplicity-cunning; fraud; trickery; deception
15. durability-strength, sturdiness
16. duration-period of time that something lasts

17. duress-threat of force or intimidation; imprisonment
18. editorialize-to express an opinion on an issue
19. elation-exhilaration, joy
20. emanate-radiate; flow from; emit

Week 8

1. emancipate-to set free, liberate
2. emcee-master of ceremonies
3. emend-to correct a text
4. encore-additional performance, often demanded by an audience
5. endurance-ability to withstand hardships
6. entreat-to plead, beg
7. enunciate-to pronounce clearly
8. equestrian-one who rides on horseback
9. equine-relating to horses
10. etymology-origin and history of a word; study of words
11. evade-to avoid, dodge
12. evict-to put out or force out
13. exasperation-irritation
14. excerpt-selection from a book or play
15. exotic-foreign; romantic, excitingly strange
16. expansive-sweeping, comprehensive; tending to expand
17. expire-to come to an end; die; breathe out
18. extinction-end of living thing or species
19. extremity-outermost or farthest part
20. fathom-measure; discover; perceive

Week 9

1. fault-break in a rock formation; mistake or error
2. fawn-to flatter excessively, seek the favor of
3. faze-to bother, upset, or disconcert
4. feasible-possible, capable of being done
5. fell-to chop down, cut down
6. fetter-restrain; restrict; curb
7. finicky-fussy, difficult to please
8. flammable-combustible, being easily burned
9. flaunt-to show off
10. fledgling-young or inexperienced person; young bird
11. foil-to defeat; frustrate
12. forgo-to go without, refrain from
13. forlorn-dreary, deserted; unhappy; hopeless, despairing
14. foundation-groundwork, support; institution established by donation to aid a certain cause
15. frond-leaf
16. fume-gas; vapor; harmful or irritating smoke
17. gavel-mallet used for commanding attention
18. genre-type, class, category
19. giddy-scatterbrained; silly; frivolous
20. global-involving the entire world; relating to a whole

19. ignoramus-moron; fool; dimwit
20. immense-enormous, huge

Week 10

1. grasp-to perceive and understand; to hold securely
2. grimace-facial expression showing pain or disgust
3. grimy-dirty, filthy
4. grisly-frightening; ghastly; gory; hideous
5. guzzle-gulp; swill; consume to excess
6. habitat-dwelling place
7. hardy-stalwart; robust; sturdy
8. hasten-to hurry, to speed up
9. hectic-hasty, hurried, confused
10. heterogeneous-composed of unlike, different, diverse parts
11. hew-to cut with an ax
12. holocaust-widespread destruction, usually by fire
13. homogeneous-composed of identical parts
14. homonym-word identical in pronunciation and spelling but different in meaning
15. honor-to praise, glorify, pay tribute to
16. humane-merciful, kindly
17. hymn-religious song, usually of praise or thanks
18. hypothesis-assumption subject to proof

Week 11

1. immune-exempt; protected from harm or disease; unresponsive to
2. impair-to damage, injure
3. impulse-sudden tendency, inclination
4. impulsive-spontaneous, unpredictable
5. inconceivable-impossible, unthinkable
6. indenture-contract binding a person to work for another
7. industry-business a person to work for another
8. infantile-business or trade; diligence, energy
9. infer-to conclude, deduce
10. initiate-to begin, introduce; to enlist, induct
11. inject-to force into; to introduce into conversation
12. innumerable-too many to be counted
13. inoffensive-harmless, innocent
14. instigate-to incite, urge, agitate
15. integrity-decency, honesty; wholeness
16. intermittent-starting and stopping
17. intersect-to divide by passing through or across

18. intramural-within an institution, such as school
19. iota-very tiny amount
20. issue-discharge; emerge; emanate

Week 12

1. jangling-clashing, jarring; harshly unpleasant (in sound)
2. jargon-nonsensical talk; specialized language
3. keen-having a sharp edge; intellectually sharp, perceptive
4. kernel-innermost, essential part; seed grain, often in a shell
5. keynote-note or tone on which a musical key is founded; main idea of a speech, program, etc.
6. kindle-to set fire to ignite; excite or inspire
7. knoll-hillock; mound
8. knotty-snarled; tangled
9. kudos-credit or praise for an achievement; glory
10. lap-to drink using the tongue; to wash against
11. larceny-theft of property
12. larynx-organ containing vocal cords
13. laxity-carelessness; indifference
14. leery-suspicious
15. legible-readable
16. legislate-to decree, mandate, make laws

17. lenient-easygoing, permissive
18. lexicon-dictionary, list of words
19. linger-loiter; remain; hesitate
20. literate-able to read and write; well-read and educated

Week 13

1. loiter-to stand around idly
2. low-to make a sound like a cow, moo
3. lumber-to move slowly and awkwardly
4. lunar-relating to the moon
5. malice-animosity, spite, hatred
6. mandatory-necessary, required
7. maritime-relating to the sea or sailing
8. martial-warlike, pertaining to the military
9. medieval-relating to the Middle Ages (about A.D. 500-1500)
10. melody-pleasing musical harmony; related musical tunes
11. meridian-circle passing through two poles of the earth
12. metaphor-figure of speech comparing two different things
13. metronome-time-keeping device used in music
14. microbe-microorganism
15. minimal-smallest in amount, least possible
16. miserliness-extreme stinginess
17. misnomer-an incorrect name or designation

18. mock-to deride, ridicule
19. molt-to shed hair, skin, or an outer layer periodically
20. moot-debatable; purely academic, deprived of practical significance

Week 14

1. needle-provoke
2. nettle-to irritate
3. niche-recess in a wall; best position for something
4. ouster-expulsion, ejection
5. parole-conditional release of a prisoner
6. peer-contemporary, equal, match
7. pending-not yet decided, awaiting decision
8. pert-lively and bold
9. pious-dedicated, devout, extremely religious
10. pithy-substantial; profound; brief, concise
11. plait-to braid
12. pliant-pliable; yielding
13. pluck-to pull strings on a musical instrument
14. plucky-to pull strings on a musical instrument
15. ply-to use diligently; to engage; to join together
16. poach-to steal game or fish; cook in boiling liquid
17. podium-platform or lectern for orchestra conductors or speakers
18. polar-relating to a geographic pole; exhibiting contrast
19. polarize-to tend towards opposite extremes
20. pore- to study closely or meditatively

Week 15

1. portly-stout, dignifies
2. prose-ordinary language used in everyday speech
3. pry-to intrude into; force open
4. psychic-perceptive of nonmaterial, spiritual forces
5. pudgy-chubby, overweight
6. quack-faker; one who falsely claims to have medical skills
7. qualify-to provide with needed skills; modify, limit
8. quibble-argue or bicker
9. quicken- to hasten, arouse, excite
10. rabid-berserk; diseased; sick
11. rally-to assemble; recover; recuperate
12. ramble-meander; roam
13. rant-to harangue, rave, forcefully scold
14. rarefy-make thin; purify; make less dense
15. rash-careless, hasty, reckless
16. ratify-to approve formally, confirm
17. ration-to supply, restrict consumption of; portion, share
18. ravine-deep, narrow gorge
19. raze-demolish; level; topple
20. recruit-to draft, enlist; to seek to enroll

Week 16

1. remote-distant, isolated
2. rend-rip; tear; splinter

3. repeal-to revoke or formally withdraw (often a law)
4. repent-to regret a past action
5. retain-to hold, keep possession of
6. retard-to slow, hold back
7. revoke-to annul, cancel, call back
8. rhythm-regular pattern or variation of sounds and stresses
9. riddle-to make many holes in; permeate
10. root-to dig with a snout (like a pig)
11. rustic-rural
12. scanty-meager; scarce
13. scoff-mock; ridicule
14. score-notation for a musical composition
15. shirk-to avoid a task due to laziness or fear
16. signify-denote, indicate; symbolize
17. skulk-to move in a stealthy or cautious manner; sneak
18. slight-to treat as unimportant; sneak
19. sloth-sluggishness, laziness
20. smelt-to melt metal in order to refine