

The Cask of Amontillado

-By Edgar Allan Poe

Vocabulary

Why should I be fascinated with words?

Grammar secures fluency. This is a fact. A person might have an accent when they speak. However, if they use correct *grammar*, then they have achieved *fluency*.

Vocabulary is something else. It is the difference between speaking, and speaking *eloquently*. It is the difference between reading a book, and reading a *fantastic* book.

She stole the last piece of pie.

Vs.

She absconded with her culinary plundering.



Carnival

an annual festival, typically during the week before Lent in Roman Catholic countries, involving processions, music, dancing, and the use of masquerade.



Palazzo

a palatial building, typically found in Italy.



Vintage

the year or place in which wine, especially wine of high quality, was produced.



Accosted

approach and address (someone) boldly or aggressively.



Bargain

an agreement between two or more people or groups as to what each will do for the other.



Impose

force (an unwelcome decision or ruling) on someone.



Connoisseur

an expert judge in matters of taste.



Explicit

stated clearly and in detail, leaving no room for confusion or doubt.



Abscond

to depart in sudden and secret manner, especially to avoid capture and legal prosecution.



Repose

a state of rest, sleep, or tranquility.



Subside

become less intense, violent, or severe.



Termination

the act of ending something or the end of something.



Preclude

prevent from happening;
make impossible.



Impunity

exemption from
punishment or freedom
from the injurious
consequences of an
action.



Immolation

to kill yourself or
someone else, or
to destroy something,
usually by burning, in
a formal ceremony.

