VOCABULARY GUIDE WEEK 16 - ADVANCED

Vocabulary:

1. **ameliorate** (v) to make an unpleasant situation better; to improve
2. **belligerent** (adj) having a strong tendency to argue and fight
3. **confound** (v) to mix up (in your own mind); or, to confuse someone else
4. **digress** (v) to move away from the main topic when writing or speaking; to go off on a tangent
5. **esoteric** (adj) known to, or understood by, a limited group of people
6. **fickle** (adj) lacking loyalty; unpredictably changeable; erratic
7. **gregarious** (adj) sociable; extroverted; enjoying companionship
8. **incompatible** (adj) incapable of existing together in peace
9. **juncture** (n) point in time, especially a crucial one; joint or connection
10. **minute** (adj) very small in size
11. **parity** (n) equality or equivalence; balance among a group of rivals
12. **qualify** (v) to limit the meaning of a previous statement; to modify
13. **sectarian** (adj) limited to beliefs of a small group, such as a religious sect; narrow in scope
14. **temper** (v) bring into balance; moderate
15. **valedictory** (n) a farewell speech

Homophones:

1. bask (warm feeling)	Basque (country)
2. council (legislative body)	counsel (advise)
3. mantel (over fireplace)	mantle (cloak)

Easily Confused Words:

1. any way (adj, n) – in whatever manner

   anyway (adv) – regardless

2. deposition (n) – a formal written document

   disposition (n) - temperament

3. fiscal (adj) – relating to finance

   physical (adj) – relating to the body

4. picture (n) – drawing or photograph

   pitcher (n) – container for liquid; baseball player