**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 proactive 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 collect 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
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. ignoramus-moron; fool; dimwit
19. immense-enormous, huge
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

**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 die to laziness or fear
16. signify-dene, 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