***These lists are intended to expand your vocabulary, offering you far more ambitious words to use in the place of everyday ones. The column on the left contains the more sophisticated word, whilst the one on the right is its more common synonym.***

Within your main English lessons, your teacher will do ‘mini’ testers to ensure you are ‘taking in’ these new words. These are almost like spelling tests, for example your teacher may say *‘The teacher was feeling irritated and gave them all lines*. Leaving you to substitute *‘irritated’* with *‘peevish’*. Your learning of vocabulary includes a repeat cycle to engage longer term memory.

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| Week 1 | *Advanced Qualities 1-5* | Week 7 | ***Repeat*** *Advanced Qualities 1-5* |
| Week 2 | *Advanced Things 1-5* | Week 8 | ***Repeat*** *Advanced Qualities 6-10* |
| Week 3 | *Advanced Actions 1-5* | Week 9 | ***Repeat*** *Advanced Things 1-5* |
| Week 4 | *Advanced Qualities 6-10* | Week 10 | ***Repeat*** *Advanced Things 6-10* |
| Week 5 | *Advanced Things 6-10* | Week 11 | ***Repeat*** *Advanced Actions 1-5* |
| Week 6 | *Advanced Actions 6-10* | Week 12 | ***Repeat*** *Advanced Actions 6-10* |

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| **Advanced Qualities (adjectives)** |
| 1. Peevish  | Irritable or irritated in manner  |
| 2. Impertinent  | not showing proper respect; rude |
| 3. Elliptical  | Curved, the shape of a squashed circle  |
| 4. Sacrosanct | regarded as too important or valuable to be interfered with |
| 5. Sporadic  | occurring at irregular intervals or only in a few places; scattered |
| 6. Menial  | not requiring much skill, low grade |
| 7. Suave | charming, confident, elegant  |
| 8. Stringent  | strict, precise |
| 9. Azoic | having no trace of life |
| 10. Truculent  | eager or quick to argue or fight |

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| **Advanced Things (nouns)** |
| 1. Behemoth | a huge or monstrous creature / something enormous |
| 2. Minion  | a follower or underling of a powerful person |
| 3. Hierarchy  | a system in which society is ranked according to status or authority |
| 4. Taboo  | something that is banned or restricted by social or religious rules |
| 5. Talisman | an object that is thought to have magic powers and to bring good luck |
| 6. Vortex | a whirling mass of fluid or air, especially a whirlpool or whirlwind |
| 7. Juncture | a place where things join / a particular point |
| 8. Legacy  | something left or handed down |
| 9. Retribution  | punishment inflicted on someone as vengeance for a wrong or criminal act |
| 10. Jargon | special words or expressions used by a group that are difficult for others to understand |

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| **Advanced Actions (verbs)** |
| 1. Besiege | to surround and harass |
| 2. Import  | to indicate or signify |
| 3. Swindle | to use deception to con someone |
| 4. Garnish  | to decorate or embellish |
| 5. Goad | to provoke or annoy (someone) to get an action or reaction |
| 6. Rectify  | to put right; correct |
| 7. Ingratiate  | to bring oneself into favour with someone by flattering or trying to please them |
| 8. Gratify  | to give (someone) satisfaction |
| 9. Heckle  | to interrupt someone with aggressive comments or abuse |
| 10. Plunder  | to steal goods from (a place or person), typically using force |