***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 *‘He was dull during conversation’*. Leaving you to substitute *‘dull’* with *‘insipid’*. 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 Actions (verbs)** | |
| 1. Circumvent | find a way around (an obstacle) |
| 2. Prognosticate | Predict, foretell |
| 3. Mitigate | make (something bad) less severe |
| 4. Sever | divide by cutting or slicing |
| 5. Fetter | restrain with chains or manacles |
| 6. Laud | praise (a person or their achievements) highly |
| 7. Berate | scold or criticize (someone) angrily |
| 8. Covet | yearn to possess (something, especially something belonging to another) |
| 9. Rue | bitterly regret (something one has done or allowed to happen) and wish it undone |
| 10. Hanker | feel a strong desire for or to do something |

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| **Advanced Qualities (adjectives)** | |
| 1. Insipid | Uninteresting, dull |
| 2. Prosaic | Commonplace, unromantic |
| 3. Serpentine | Winding and twisting |
| 4. Abstruse | Difficult to understand |
| 5. Discernible | Visible |
| 6. Palpable | Tangible (can be felt) |
| 7. Vitriolic | Filled with bitter criticism |
| 8. Intemperate | A lack of self-control |
| 9. Seraphic | Angelic |
| 10. Incorrigible | Hopeless, incurable |

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| **Advanced Things (nouns)** | |
| 1. Patriarchy | a society where men hold the power |
| 2. Matriarchy | a society where women hold the power |
| 3. Temerity | excessive confidence or boldness |
| 4. Hoggery | greed |
| 5. Rigmarole | a lengthy and complicated procedure |
| 6. Peroration | the concluding part of a speech, typically intended to inspire enthusiasm |
| 7. Prodigal | a person who spends money in a recklessly extravagant way |
| 8. Enmity | hostility, active hatred |
| 9. Amity | friendly, understanding |
| 10. Veneration | great respect |