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THIRTY DAYS TO A MORE POWERFUL VOCABULARY

A full explanation of the symbols used for pronunciation and accentuation is given in The Concise Oxford Dictionary of Current English (4th ed. 1958) to be found in Ambassador College Library. A resume of the rules covering most cases is given below:

PRONUNCIATION

Vowels: \bar{a} \bar{e} \bar{i} \bar{o} \bar{u} \bar{oo} (mate mete mite mote mute moot)
 \check{a} \check{e} \check{i} \check{o} \check{u} \check{oo} (rack reck rick rock ruck rook)
 $\bar{a}r$ $\bar{e}r$ $\bar{i}r$ $\bar{o}r$ $\bar{u}r$ (mare mere mire more mure)
ar er or (part pert port)
ah aw oi oor ow owr (bah bawl boil boor brow bower)

$\acute{e} = i$ ($\bar{n}\bar{a}k'\acute{e}d$, coll' $\acute{e}ge$)
ir ur = er (birth, burn)
 \bar{y} , \check{y} = \bar{i} , \check{i} (imply' \bar{y} , sunn' \check{y})
ae = \bar{e} (aegis)
ai = \bar{a} (pain)
air = $\bar{a}r$ (fair)
au = aw (maul)
ay = \bar{a} (say)
ea, ee = \bar{e} (mean, meet)
ear, eer = $\bar{e}r$ (fear, beer)
eu, ew = \bar{u} (feud, few)
ie = \bar{e} (thief)
ier = $\bar{e}r$ (pier)
oa = \bar{o} (boat)
ou = ow (bound)
oy = oi (coy)

Final e unmarked is mute ($\bar{s}\bar{a}ne$, but $\check{r}\acute{e}'c\check{i}\check{p}\acute{e}$)

CONSONANTS:

c is 'hard' and = k (cob, cry, talc), but
c before e,i,y, is 'soft' and = s (ice, icy, city)
dg = j (judgement)
g before e,i,y, is 'soft' and = j (age, gin, orgy)
ph = f (photo)
qu = kw (quit)
tch = ch (batch)
x = ks (fox)

TERMINATIONS: The following terminations have the values shown:

-age = -i̇j (garbage)
-ate = -iṫ or aṫ (mandate)
-ey = -i̇ (donkey)
-ous = -us (furious)
-sm = -zm (atheism, spasm)
-tion = -shon (salvation)
-ture = -cher as well as -tūr̄ especially in common words

Where words have been respelled the phonetic scheme adopted can be found in the dictionary.

ACCENT:

The main accent is shown by the mark ', usually placed at the end of the stressed syllable.

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abórt'ive	unsuccessful, premature
abstēm'ious	sparing in use of food and drink
ǎcrimōn'iously	bitingly
ǎcrophōb'ia	fear of heights
adōn'is	a very handsome man, beau
adroit'ly	skilfully
ǎgnōs'tic	one who doesn't know whether God exists
ǎgnōs'ticĭsm	lack of knowledge as to whether God exists
ǎgoraphōb'ia	fear of public places
ailurophob'ia (ilūrōfōb'ya)	fear of cats
ǎl'truĭsm (-rōō-)	regard for others
ǎl'truĭst (-rōō-)	one who has concern for others
ǎm'azon	masculine woman
ǎmbĭgū'itý	double meaning
ǎmbĭg'uous	obscure
ǎmbĭvēr'sion	balanced personality
ǎm'bĭvĕrt	person with balanced personality
ǎmnĕ'sia	forgetfulness, loss of memory
ǎmnĕs'iac	one who is forgetful
análo'gous	similar
análo'gý	similarity
ǎnimadvĕrt'	to criticize
ǎn'imal	living creature
ǎnimál'cūle	microscopic animal
ǎn'imāte	make alive
ǎnimōs'itý	enmity

anōm'alŷ	irregularity, oddity
ān'thropoid	man-like
ānthropōl'ogĭst	one who studies science of mankind
ānthropōl'ogŷ	science of mankind
ānticlīm'āx	let-down
āntĭpathēt'ic	opposed
āntĭp'athŷ	instinctive dislike
apōthēōs'is	deification
āquaphōb'ia	fear of water
ārchaeōl'ogĭst	one who studies antiquities
ascēt'ic	one who practices severe self-discipline
ascēt'icĭsm	practice of severe self-discipline
āstraphōb'ia	fear of lightning
āth'ēĭsm	godlessness, disbelief in God
āth'ēĭst	one who does not believe in God
aut'ograph (-ahf)	signature
bān'al	commonplace, trite
bēnēdic'tion	blessing
bēn'ēfāctor	patron
bēnēfĭ'ciarŷ (-sha-)	receiver of benefits
bēnēfĭt	advantage
bēnēv'olence	generosity
bēnēv'olentlŷ	generously
bête noire (bāt nwahr)	bugbear
bĭānn'ūal	twice a year
bĭcām'eral	two-chambered

bī'cěps	muscle
bīcūs'pǐd	tooth with two points
bī'cycle	two-wheeled vehicle
bīěnn'ial	recurring every two years
bīfōc'al	double-lensed
bīg'amý	having two mates at same time
bīlāt'eral	between two parties
bīmon'thly (-mū-)	twice a month
bīnōc'ūlars	field glasses
bīōl'ogý	study of life
bīp'éd	two-footed (animal)
bīs'cuit (-kít)	thin cake
bīsěct	divide into two
bīv'álve	oyster
brāggadō'cio (-shīō-)	empty boasting
brōk'er	agent
cadāv'eros	corpse-like
cāl'cūlātéd	computed
cāp'tain (-tīn)	chief
carte blanche (kārt blahsh)	full powers, free hand
cāth'olīc	universal
ceraunophō'bia	fear of thunder
chauv'inīsm (shō-)	extreme patriotism
chauv'inīst (shō-)	extreme patriot
chauv'inīstīc (shō-)	extremely patriotic
chincān'ery (sh-)	trickery

chimé'rical (kī-)	unreal
chirog'raphy (kīr-)	handwriting
chirōp'odist (kīr-)	foot doctor
cīr'cé	temptress
cīrcumspéc'tly	cautiously
clairvoy'ant	prophet
claustrophob'ia	fear of closed spaces
cliché (klēsh'ā)	worn-out phrase
compān'ion (-yon)	friend
complāc'ent	confident, self-satisfied
compūn'ction	pricking of conscience, scruple
conçōm'itantly	accompanying
connoisseur (kōnasēr')	expert
consérv'ative	disliking change
cōquette' (-kēt)	flirt
coup de grāce (kōō de grahs)	final stroke
crāss	gross
cūrs'ory	hurried
cȳ'cle	complete series
cȳnophōb'ia	fear of dogs
défeat'ist	quitter
dēm'agōgue	selfish politician
dépōrt'	carry away
děp'récāte	disapprove
dérmatōl'ogist	skin doctor
děsign' (-zīn)	plan

děs'ultory̋	flitting from one thing to another
de trop (de trō')	not wanted
dī'alogue (-ōg)	discourse by two
dīc'taphōne	small tape-recorder
dīctāte'	lay down the law
dīc'tion	speech
dīdāc'tīcally̋	after the manner of a teacher
dīff'idence	lack of confidence, shyness
dīff'ident	lacking in confidence, shy
dīlētān'té	dabbler in the fine arts
dīpsomān'īa	craving for alcoholic drink
dīpsomān'īac	habitual drunkard
dīspā'ragīngly̋	discreditingly
dō'cīle	easily managed
dōgmāt'īc	authoritative
dōm'ināte	rule over
double entendre (dōobl ahntahn'dr)	double meaning
drām'atīze	make more vivid
ěffervēs'cent	bubbling over
ěffervēs'cence	liveliness, exhilaration
ěffēte'	worn out
ěgocēn'tric	self-centered
ěgocēn'trism	self-centredness
ěg'ōīsm	extreme selfishness
ěg'ōīst	one who is self-centered
ělēc'tra-cōm'plēx	love of father coupled with hatred of mother

elite (ĕlĕt')	the best
ĕmbrĕyŏl'ogist	one who studies embryos
ĕmbrĕyŏl'ogĕ	the study of the unborn foetus
ĕm'ulāte	imitate
ĕn'ervāted	deprived of physical and nervous energy
ĕn'ervātion	state of physical exhaustion
ennui (ŏn'wĕ)	lethargy, boredom
en rapport (ahn rapŏrr')	in touch with
ĕntomŏl'ogĭst	one who studies insects
ĕntomŏl'ogĕ	study of insects
ĕpĭcūre'an	devoted to pleasure (especially to food)
ĕpĭcūre'anĭsm	devotion to pleasure
ĕp'igrām	short, witty poem
ĕquanĭm'ĭtĕ	composure
ĕ'rudĭte (-roŏ-)	learned
ĕsotĕ'rĭc	secret, for the initiated few
esprit de corps (ĕsprĕ' de kŏr)	team-spirit
ĕs'thĕte or aes'thĕte	one who appreciates the beautiful
ĕsthĕt'ic	appreciating the beautiful
ĕthnŏl'ŏgĭst	one who studies the races of mankind
ĕthnŏl'ogĕ	study of races
ĕtĕmŏl'ogĭst	one who studies word-derivation
ĕtĕmŏl'ogĕ	science of derivation of words
eul'ogĕ	speech in praise of a person
euph'emĭsm	substitution of mild expression for harsh one
exhibĭtionĭsm (ĕksĭbĭsh'on-)	tendency to excessive display
exhibĭtionĭst	one who shows off

ex'piāte	pay penalty for sins
ēxpōrt'	to send goods out of country
ēxtrover'sion	outgoingness
ēx'trovért	one who is outgoing
fā'cēt	one of many sides
facil'itāte	make easy
fāct	event
fāc'tor	agent
fāc'tory	workshop
fāctōt'um	Jack-of-all-trades
fāc'tual	truthful
fāt'alism	belief that everything is predetermined
fāt'alist	a person who believes that all things are predestined
faux pas (fō pah)	embarrassing mistake
fēt'ish	object of worship
fiās'cō	a complete failure
flāg'rant	glaring
fōrte	strong point
frūstrāte'	thwart
frūstrā'tion	defeat
fūtilitār'ian	one who believes all life is in vain
gēol'ogist	one who studies geology
gēol'ogý	study of the earth's crust
gēstic'ulāte	use expressive motions of body
glibly	easily, smoothly (in a conceited manner)
gourmet (goorm'ā)	connoisseur of fine food

grāph'íc	vividly descriptive
grāph'īte	writing material
grégār'íous	fond of company
grégār'íousness	love of company
gūll'ible	credulous, easily deceived
gŷnēcōl'ogíst (g-, j-)	one who specializes in diseases common to women
hŷpochōn'driā (-k-)	morbid anxiety about health
hŷpochōn'driāc	one having hypochondria
īcōnoclās'tíc	attacking traditions and conventions
īdīosŷnc'rasŷ	peculiarity, eccentricity
īmbro'gliō (-ōlyō)	complicated situation, predicament
īmmōrt'alīze	make live forever
īm'pāsse (-ahs)	dead end
īmpōrt'	bring into country
īmpōrtūne'	persistently beg
īmpūn'itŷ	exemption from punishment
īmpūte'	ascribe (fault)
īnadvērt'entlŷ	unintentionally
īnāne'	empty, pointless
īnān'imate	not living
īncōng'ruous (-kōnggrōo-)	out of place
īndefāt'igable	tireless
īndict (-īt)	accuse
īnhīb'itēd	reserved
īnhīb'it'ion	reservedness
īnsāt'iable	unable to be satisfied

in'sēct	small invertibrate animal
insig'nīa	badge (of office)
insignif'icant	unimportant
insōm'nīa	sleeplessness
insōm'nīac	sleepless person
intēlligēnt'sīa	elite class
intermitt'ent	proceeding at intervals
introvēr'sion	interest directed inwards
int'rovērt	one whose interest is in the self
īrās'cīblŷ	angrily
jīng'oīsm	demonstrative belligerent foreign policy
jīng'oīst	one who favours jingoism
jud'as (jōo-)	betrayor
klēptomān'īa	uncontrollable desire to steal
klēptomān'īac	one given to kleptomania
lēthārg'īc	indifferent
lēth'argŷ	morbid stupor, apathetic state
lib'eral	open-minded
lib'eralīsm	favouring change
lieutēnt'ant (lēft-)	officer, deputy
loquā'cious	talkative
maca'bre (-ahbr)	suggesting death
māchiavēll'ian (-kī-)	politically cunning
māgnān'īmous	of large or noble spirit
māg'nāte	a man of power
māgnif'icence	splendour
māg'nifŷ	enlarge

māgnil'ouqent	flowery, lofty in expression
māg'nītūde	greatness
māg'num	large bottle of wine
māg'num ōp'us	a great work
mālédic'tion	curse
maling'er (-ngg-)	to feign illness
mānīc-dēprē'ssion (-shn)	alternating moods of high excitement and depression
mānīc-dēprē'ssive	one who has manic-depression
mānūfāc'ture	produce articles on a large scale
mārtinēt'	a stickler for discipline
maud'lin	effusively sentimental
mēgalomān'ia	delusions of grandeur
mēgalomān'iac	one who has megalomania
mēlanchōl'ia (-k)	a fixed condition of despondency
mēlanchōl'iac	one who has melancholia
mīs'anthrōpe	one who hates mankind
mīsanthrōp'ic	hating mankind
mīsān'thrōpīst	same as misanthrope
mīsān'thropy	hatred of mankind
mīscēgēnā'tion	mixed marriage between races
mīsōg'amy	hatred of marriage
mīsōg'yñist (-j-) (-g-)	one who hates women
mīsōg'yñy	hatred of women
mōn'archy (-k-)	government by one ruler
mōn'astery	a dwelling place for monks
monk (mū)	one who lives in a monastery
mōn'ocle	an eyeglass

monŏg'amý	marriage to one person at a time
mŏn'ogrām	two or more letters arranged to make a single unit
mŏn'ograph (-ahf)	a treatise on one subject
mŏn'ologue (-ŏg)	a speech by one person
mŏnomān'ia	mental derangement restricted to one idea
mŏnomān'iaċ	one who suffers from monomania
mŏn'oplāne	an aeroplane with one pair of wings
monŏp'olý	exclusive control of any one thing
mŏnosýll'able	a word of one syllable
mŏn'othēism	belief in one god
mŏn'otōne	an unvarying tone
monŏt'onous	uttered in a monotone
mŏr'ibŭnd	near death, passing out of existence
mŭlct	to fine; to cheat
nēb'ūlous	vague
nŏn-sēq'uítur	an illogical conclusion or inference
nŏstāl'gia	homesickness
nŏstāl'gic	full of nostalgia
nŭmĭs'matĭst (-z-)	coin-collector
nýctophŏb'ia	fear of darkness
nýmphomān'ia	uncontrollable sexual desire in a female
obsēq'uiŏus	falsely servile, fawning
ŏbstétrĭ'cian (-ĭshn)	one who practises obstetrics
ŏbstét'rics	science of midwifery
ŏchlŏc'racy (-kl-)	mob rule
ŏc'ūlĭst	eye-surgeon

Oed'ipus-cōm'plēx (ēd-)	the feeling of hatred towards one's father and love for one's mother
ōm'īnously	forebodingly
ōmni'scient (-shyent)	all-knowing
ophīdiōphōb'ia	fear of snakes
ōphthālmōl'ogist	eye-surgeon
opīn'ionātēd	stubborn in clinging to one's own opinion; obstinate
ōptī'cian (-shn)	one who sells spectacles
ōptōm'etrīst	one who examines eyes
ōrnīthōl'ogist	bird-watcher
ōrnīthōl'ogy	study of birds
ōrthodōn'tia (-shia)	straightening of teeth
ōrthodōn'tīst	one who rectifies bad "bites"
ōs'tēopāth	one who manipulates bones
ōstēōp'athy	the curing of ailments by bone manipulation
ōs'tracīze	to banish from society
pānacē'a	cure-all
pān'der	to appeal to the lower instincts
pāranoi'a	persecution complex
pāranoi'āc	one suffering from paranoia
pār'ēxcellence (ē'kselahns)	surpassingly good
pār'īah (or pā-)	outcast
pārsīmōn'ious	stingy
pār'v'enu (-ōō)	a social upstart
pāt'ronīze	treat condescendingly
pēccadīll'ō	small sin

pěd'ál	a lever pressed by the foot
pěd'ant	one who makes a show of learning
pědiátríc'ian	a specialist in child-treatment
pědiát'rícs	treatment of children
pēn'alīze	inflict a penalty upon
pěn'ūrý	abject poverty
pě'rěmptory̆ (or perěmp'--)	decisive
perfūnc'tory̆	mechanical, superficial
pěrs'iflage (-ahzh)	banter, ridicule
phīlān'thropy̆	love of mankind; benevolence
phīlāt'elíst	stamp-collector
phīl'ístīne	a materially-minded uncultured person
phīlōl'ogíst	one who studies language
phīlōl'ogy̆	study of language
phlēgmāt'ic (flēg--)	sluggish; not easily moved, calm
plā'giarīze	to steal from writings or ideas of another
plāin'tively̆	sorrowfully
plēbei'an (-bēan)	vulgar; common
podī'atríst	one who treats foot ailments
pōd'ium	a stand
poign'ant (poinant)	keen; piercingly effective
pōlyg'amý	having more than one mate
pōl'yglōt	one who knows many languages
pōl'ygon	figure having more than four sides
pōl'ythēism	belief in more than one god
pōm'pous	showy, ostentatious

pōrt'able	able to be carried
pōrt'er	one who carries luggage
pot-pourri (pōpoōrē')	a medley, mixture
prēdict'	forecast
prēsūmp'tuōūs	arrogant
procrās'tināte	put off till a future time
prōf'ligate	abandoned to vice, licentious
psychōl'ogist (sīk- or psīk-)	one who studies the mind
psychōl'ogý	study of mind and behaviour
pū'erīle	childish
pūctīl'ious (-lyus)	strict in observance of details
pūsillān'īmous	cowardly
pýromān'ia	mania for setting things on fire
pýromān'iaċ	one who suffers from pyromania
pýrophōb'ia	fear of fire
quadrīlāt'eral (-ōd-)	having four sides
qua'druped (-ōdroō-)	a four-footed animal
quē'rulous (-rōo-)	complaining
qui vive (kēvēv')	alert
quīxōt'ic	idealistic but impractical
quīxōt'icīsm	behaviour of one who is quixotic
rātionalize (-sho-)	to explain away
rēcrīmīnā'tion	retort; accusation
rēcūp'erāte	get better
rēdūn'dancy	superfluity
rēpercū'ssion	reaction
rēpōrt'er	one who carries news back

rūs'ticāte	spend time in the country
sadīs'tīc	getting pleasure out of hurting others
sārdōn'ic	bitterly scornful
sā'tiāted (-shī-)	glutted
satī'etŷ	surfeit
sāt'urnīne (-ter-)	sullen
sāturnin'itŷ	state of gloominess
savoir faire (sāv'wār fār')	know-how
schīz'ophrēne (sk-)	person with split personality
schīzophrēn'ia (sk-)	the disease of split personality
schīzophrē'nic (sk-)	having a split personality
scin'tillāte (sī-)	sparkle
scū'rrilous	offensive, vulgar
sēc'tion	part cut off from something
sig'nal	sign conveying information
sig'nature	one's written name
sig'nify	indicate
sīmīle	comparison
sōmnām'būlīsm	sleep-walking
sōmnām'būlīst	sleep-walker
sōporī'fīc	tending to produce sleep
spē'cious (-shus)	deceptively plausible
stō'ic	one who manifests indifference to pleasure or pain
stō'icīsm	belief of a stoic
suave (swāv)	smooth, urbane
sūb'limāte	to raise to a higher level
sūb rōs'a (-z-)	privately

subvērs'ive	act of overthrowing
sūpercīl'ious	haughtily proud
sūpercīl'iousnēss	state of being supercilious
sūrp'lus	excess
sūrrēpti'tious (-ishus)	done by stealth
sŷc'ophant	a flatterer
tāc'iturn (tās-)	not given to conversation; silent
tēl'écāst (-ah-)	television broadcast
tēl'ēgraph (-ahf)	message sent by electrical means
thēōc'racŷ	state where God is sovereign
thēōl'ogŷ	science of religion, study of God
trī'cŷcle	three-wheeled cycle
trīlāt'eral	having three sides
trīlīng'ual (-nggw-)	applying to three languages
trīl'ogŷ	three works forming a complete group
trī-mo'nthly (mūn-)	every three months
trīn'itŷ	group of three (usually referring to deity)
trī'o (-ēē -īō)	a group of three performers, a composition for three
trī'ple	threefold
trīp'lēts	three of a kind
trīp'ōd	object on three legs
trīskaidēkaphōb'ia	fear of number thirteen
trūc'ulence	fierceness
trūc'ulent	fierce
trūmp	a winning card
tŷr'ō	beginner
ūbiq'uitous	omnipresent

ūnān'ímous	of one mind
ūnc'tūoŭs	oily
ūn'ícōrn	fabulous animal with one horn
ūn'ifōrm	unvarying
ūn'ifŷ	to make one
ūn'ion (-yon)	the state of being united
ūnique' (-ēk)	only one of its kind
ūn'ison	concord
ūnīte'	to make one
uxōr'íous	excessively fond of one's wife
vainglōr'íous	boastful
vāp'íd	insipid
vē'gētāte	to lead a passive existence
vīcār'íous	acting as substitute
vīcār'íously	at second hand
vīndīc'tīve	revengeful
vīndīc'tīveness	revengefulness
vīrāg'ō	abusive woman
vīrtūō'sō	skilled artist
vīt'rīōlīc	caustic
vōcīf'erously	in a loud-mouthed manner
volit'ion	will
vōl'untary	having free will
vōlunteer'	one who offers his services
vūlgār'ian	a rich unrefined person
wa'nton (wō-)	licentious
Wēlt'schmerz (velt shmerts)	world-pain, pessimism