

Poe-cabulary

“The Cask of Amontillado”

precluded (v.): made impossible in advance; prevented
impunity (n.): freedom from punishment or harm
retribution (n.): punishment
immolation (n.): destruction
connoisseurship (n.): expert knowledge
impose (v.): take advantage of (used with *upon*: impose upon)
recoiling (v. or adj.): moving backward, as in fear
endeavored (v.): tried; attempted
obstinate (adj.): stubborn
succession (n.): series
motley (n.): multicolored costume worn by a jester or clown
nitre (n.): salt deposits
fettered (v. or adj.): chained
flambeaux (n.) flaming pieces of wood; candlesticks
puncheons (n.) large wine casks

“The Raven”

lore (n.): legends, knowledge from the past
wrought (v.): cast, placed
surcease (adj.): without end, never stopping
entreaty (v.): requesting; asking for
implore (v.): beg for; plead
token (n.): sign; reminder; symbol
lattice (n.): window framework
days of yore (n.): times past; olden times
obeisance (n.): show of respect; bow
mien (n.): attitude; demeanor
bust of Pallas (n.): sculpture of the goddess of wisdom
ebony (adj.): black
beguiling (adj. or v.): charming; persuading by trickery
decorum (n.): propriety; sense of manners
countenance (n.): facial expression
craven (n.): coward
Plutonian (adj.): of or like Pluto, the god of the underworld
relevancy (n.): purpose; reason; meaning
placid (adj.): peaceful; serene
dirges (n.): funeral songs
melancholy (n.): sadness; depression
ominous (adj.): threatening evil; foreshadowing doom
censer (n.): incense holder
respite (n.): rest; relief
nepenthe (n.): a drug that causes one to forget
Tempter (n.): the devil
balm in Gilead (n.): relief from suffering
laden (adj.): burdened with; weighed down by
Aidenn (n.): Eden; paradise