**Expository Writing**

**Vocabulary List 8**

1. appreciable: (adj) significant; important enough to be noticed

*Many people do not realize that tea has an appreciable amount of caffeine.*

1. breadth: (noun) width (measurement); wide range (scope)

*His intimidating form filled the breadth of the doorway.*

*The breadth of knowledge the scientist possessed was impressive.*

1. copious: (adj) abundant in supply or quantity

*Because she took copious notes, she was able to easily complete her math homework.*

1. gargantuan: (adj) enormous

*It took five men to move the gargantuan dining room table into the house.*

1. innumerable: (adj) too many to be counted

*There are an innumerable amount of stars in the sky.*

1. inordinate: (adj) excessive; not within proper or reasonable limits

*With the snow storm, there was an inordinate number of flights delayed or cancelled at the airport.*

1. negligible: (adj) insignificant; unimportant

*The amount of heat coming through the vents is negligible; that’s why we are freezing!*

*Because the difference in price between the generic and brand name is so negligible, I will just purchase the brand product.*

1. paucity: (noun) scarcity; small or insufficient quantity

*Because of the paucity of our oil supply, we need to pursue alternative fuel sources.*

*As a result of the paucity of rain, the town lake is practically empty.*

1. pittance: (noun) a small allowance (as in money)

*The cashier was unable to pay her monthly bills the pittance her employer pays her.*

1. proliferate: (verb) to grow or multiply rapidly

*Once the weeds began to proliferate, John had more weeds than grass in his yard.*

*Health clubs that feature Cross Fit have begun to proliferate in most cities around the country.*