Spelling list: 300 Challenging words #1

A great way for top students to improve their vocabularies.

abject He was an **abject** failure.

aberration He claimed the test result was an **aberration** .

abjure MPs were urged to **abjure** their former allegience.

abnegation People are capable of **abnegation** and unselfishness.

abrogate They put forward a proposal to **abrogate** temporarily the right to strike.

abscond You must not **abscond** with the money.

Miss Savidge was suprised that her student had used such an abstruse

word.

abstruse

accede Elizabeth I acceded to the throne in 1558.

accost Reporters **accost** celebrities in the street.

accretion The **accretion** of sediments in coastal mangroves is concerning.

acumen She hides a shrewd business **acumen** .

adamant He is **adamant** that he is not going to resign.

admonish She admonished me for appearing at breakfast unshaven.

adumbrate Hobhouse had already adumbrated the idea of a welfare state.

adverse She was being **adverse**.

advocate My teacher was my **advocate** for the scholarship position.

A person who owns a multimillion dollar company and lives in a mansion is

an example of an affluent person.

aggrandize He hoped to **aggrandize** himself by dying a hero's death.

affluent

alacrity He accepted the invitation with **alacrity** .

alias I have a secret alias.