

“The Cask of Amontillado” by Edgar Allan Poe p87-92
ELA Standards: R1.0, 1.1, 2.0, 3.0

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WORDS I NEED TO KNOW	DEFINITION	PICTURE TO HELP ME REMEMBER
1. CASK	a large container for storing liquid	
2. PIPE	a pipe is a wine barrel that holds 126 gallons	
3. AMONTILLADO	a kind of pale, dry sherry from Spain; a type of wine	
4. FETTERED	bound with chains or shackles; restrained	
5. CARNIVAL	a celebration involving costume parades, feasting, and festivities that takes place mainly in Roman Catholic regions during the weeks before Lent. Usually in January or early February	
6. CONNOISSEURSHIP	expert knowledge that qualifies one to pass judgment in a particular area	
7. MOTLEY	the multicolored costume of a court jester or clown	
8. PALAZZO	a mansion or palace	
9. MASONS	short for “Freemasons,” an organization of stonecutters and bricklayers that was formed in the Middle Ages. By the time of this story, the masons had become a social group with secret rituals and signs.	
10. CATACOMB	an underground cemetery with a series of narrow passageways and steep staircases; most lie just outside Rome, Italy.	

“The Cask of Amontillado” Vocab

1. Preclude - to make impossible, especially by taking action in advance
2. Impunity - freedom from penalty or harm
3. Immolation - death or destruction
4. Abscond - to go away suddenly and secretly
5. Repose - to lie dead or at rest
6. Termination - an end, limit, or edge
7. Subside - to decrease in amount or intensity; settle down
8. Aperture - an opening, such as a hole or a gap
9. Paradox - a statement or proposition that seems self-contradictory or absurd but in reality expresses a truth

NOTES on PARADOX:

A **PARADOX** is a statement or proposition that seems self-contradictory or absurd but in reality expresses a truth.

Examples:

- Your enemy's friend is your enemy.
- I am nobody.
- “What a pity that youth must be wasted on the young.” – George Bernard Shaw
- “I can resist anything but temptation.” – Oscar Wilde

Example in Literature:

In George Orwell's *Animal Farm*, one part of the cardinal rule is the statement, “All animals are equal, but some are more equal than others.” This statement seems to not make any sense. However, on closer examination, it gets clear that Orwell points out a political truth. The government in the novel claims that everyone is equal but it has never treated everyone equally. It is the concept of equality stated in this paradox that is opposite to the common belief of equality.

See if you can find a paradox in “The Cask of Amontillado”