

Chapter 1 Word List

Group A

- abandon** (*verb*) 1. to give up control of someone or something; 2. leave without intending to come back
- ambition** (*noun*) 1. a desire to achieve a goal; 2. a longing for a position of power
- century** (*noun*) a period of 100 years
- debris** (*noun*) 1. scattered fragments; 2. ruins; 3. garbage
- guarantee** (*noun*) 1. a promise to fulfill a condition; 2. something that makes certain
- ineffective** (*adjective*) 1. not producing the intended effect; 2. incapable
- mentality** (*noun*) 1. power of the mind; 2. way of thinking
- pneumonia** (*noun*) a serious lung disease that can cause lung inflammation, high fever, and difficult breathing
- respectful** (*adjective*) showing high regard or esteem
- temptation** (*noun*) 1. something one wants but perhaps shouldn't have; 2. something one strongly wishes to have

Group B

- annoy** (*verb*) to irritate or disturb
- combat** (*noun*) 1. a fight with weapons; 2. any fight or struggle
- complicate** (*verb*) 1. to make difficult; 2. to confuse
- furnish** (*verb*) 1. to supply or provide; 2. to provide furniture for a room, house, or office
- inexpensive** (*adjective*) cheap; low priced
- mercy** (*noun*) 1. showing more kindness than justice requires; 2. lenient, compassionate treatment; 3. something to be thankful for
- pod** (*noun*) a case, shell, or container in which plants form their seeds

routine (*noun*) a regular course of procedure; (*adjective*) ordinary

solace (*verb*) to console; (*noun*) relief of sadness

terrain (*noun*) 1. a piece of land; 2. a geographical area

Additional Words

Challenge Words

administer (*verb*) 1. to give out; 2. to manage the use of

camouflage (*noun*) a disguise of paint, nets, or foliage that makes something look like its surroundings; (*verb*) to give a false appearance

centennial (*adjective*) pertaining to a 100th anniversary; (*noun*) the 100th anniversary

combustible (*adjective*) capable of catching fire and burning easily

dismal (*adjective*) 1. disastrous; dreadful; 2. gloomy

Word Study: Suffixes

The suffixes *-er* and *-or* change an action verb into a noun that names a person who performs the action.

actor (*noun*) a person who assumes another identity and performs in that role

counselor (*noun*) a person who is trained to give advice

explorer (*noun*) a person who travels to investigate a new place

inventor (*noun*) a person who creates something new

manager (*noun*) a person who is in charge of a business or a group of people

writer (*noun*) a person who is the author of stories, poems, or articles