

Chapter 4 Word List

Group A

acquaint (*verb*) 1. to make known; 2. to inform; 3. to familiarize

atmosphere (*noun*) 1. the mass of air that surrounds the earth; 2. a surrounding influence

clarify (*verb*) 1. to make clear or easy to understand; 2. to explain

conscience (*noun*) the sense within you that tells you when you are doing right or wrong

encounter (*verb*) 1. to meet by chance; 2. to be faced with;
(*noun*) 1. an unexpected meeting; 2. a meeting of enemies

homogenize (*verb*) to blend different elements so they are evenly mixed

nimble (*adjective*) 1. moving with agility; 2. active and sure-footed; 3. quick

progress (*noun*) 1. movement toward a goal; 2. an advance; growth;
(*verb*) 1. to move forward; 2. to proceed

scheme (*noun*) 1. a plan of action; 2. a plot

triumphant (*adjective*) 1. victorious; 2. winning; 3. rejoicing for success at victory

Group B

acquire (*verb*) 1. to gain possession of something; 2. to get

annual (*adjective*) done or performed once a year;
(*noun*) a plant that survives for one year or one season

classic (*adjective*) 1. of high value or quality; 2. excellent; 3. traditional
(*noun*) a work of great excellence

consist (*verb*) to be made up of

exceptional (*adjective*) 1. unusual; 2. varying from the norm

injection (*noun*) the act or process of forcing liquid through a hollow needle

nuisance (*noun*) a thing or person that is annoying or disagreeable

prompt (*adjective*) on time;
(*verb*) to move to action

security (*noun*) 1. freedom from danger; 2. a feeling of being safe

uncivilized (*adjective*) 1. savage; 2. remote from settled areas

Additional Words

Challenge Words

devout (*adjective*) 1. earnest; 2. serious; 3. devoted to religion

dwindle (*verb*) 1. to become less; 2. to shrink

exempt (*verb*) to release from a duty or rule;
(*adjective*) free or released from a duty or rule

impenetrable (*adjective*) incapable of being pierced, entered, or passed

recur (*verb*) 1. to be repeated; 2. to come up again for consideration

Word Study: Irregular Plurals

Plural words that do not end in *s* or *es* are called irregular plurals.

bacteria microscopic living things
Singular: bacterium

brothers-in-law the brothers of a spouse or the husbands of sisters
Singular: brother-in-law

crises turning points
Singular: crisis

oxen animals that are a kind of cattle
Singular: ox

teeth white, bonelike growths found in the mouth and used for chewing
Singular: tooth

women adult females of the human species
Singular: woman