

# Chapter 15 Word List

## Word List

- analyze** (*verb*) 1. to divide something into parts; 2. to examine thoroughly and in detail
- bulletin** (*noun*) a brief statement of information or news
- confidential** (*adjective*) 1. relayed as a secret; 2. private
- delegate** (*noun*) 1. a person with the authority to act for others; 2. a representative  
(*verb*) to choose a person as a representative
- dignity** (*noun*) the condition of being worthy, honored, and respected
- element** (*noun*) 1. one of more than one hundred basic substances from which all things are made; 2. a simple part
- extraordinary** (*adjective*) 1. unusual; 2. remarkable; 3. uncommon
- gradual** (*adjective*) 1. happening in small degrees or steps; 2. little by little
- ignite** (*verb*) 1. to set on fire; 2. to begin to burn
- ingenious** (*adjective*) 1. inventive; 2. clever
- joyful** (*adjective*) 1. good-humored; 2. full of fun; 3. merry
- miniature** (*adjective*) created or made on a very tiny scale
- neutral** (*adjective*) 1. not taking either side in a dispute; 2. uninvolved
- parcel** (*noun*) a wrapped package
- puncture** (*noun*) a hole that is created by something pointed or sharp;  
(*verb*) to create a hole with something pointed or sharp
- retreat** (*verb*) 1. to go or move back; 2. to withdraw from something;  
(*noun*) the act of moving back or withdrawing

- slander** (*verb*) to talk falsely or incorrectly about someone;  
(*noun*) a false or incorrect statement meant to harm another person's reputation
- technical** (*adjective*) having to do with a mechanical or scientific subject
- tendency** (*noun*) a habit of acting or thinking a certain way
- verge** (*noun*) 1. the point that something happens or begins; 2. the brink

## Additional Words

### Challenge Words

- lame** (*adjective*) physically disabled or weak
- malady** (*noun*) a disease or disorder
- malignant** (*adjective*) tending to produce death, destruction, or deterioration
- unique** (*adjective*) 1. being the only one; 2. unusual
- vengeance** (*noun*) punishment in retaliation for an offense

### Word Study: Root Words

The Latin root *capere* means "take." A root often changes its form, and *cap*, *cept*, and *ceipt* are forms of *capere*.

- accept** (*verb*) to willingly take or receive
- capacity** (*noun*) the largest amount that can be held
- capture** (*verb*) to take by force
- receipt** (*noun*) a written statement that something has been received
- receive** (*verb*) to take into one's possession
- reception** (*noun*) a gathering to receive and welcome people