

# Chapter 4 Word List

## Word List

**amateur** (*noun*) a person who does something as a pastime, not as a profession;  
(*adjective*) of or by amateurs

**ascend** (*verb*) 1. to go or move upward; to rise; 2. to climb or ride

**blurt** (*verb*) to say suddenly or accidentally

**critic** (*noun*) a person who judges people or things according to certain standards

**foyer** (*noun*) 1. an entrance hall in a house or an apartment; 2. a lobby

**impersonate** (*verb*) 1. to pretend to be someone; 2. to imitate someone

**incite** (*verb*) 1. to urge on; 2. to put in motion

**indulge** (*verb*) 1. to yield to the whims of another; 2. to pamper

**jest** (*noun*) something said or done for amusement or laughter;  
(*verb*) to act or play in an amusing way; to joke

**mute** (*adjective*) 1. silent; 2. unable to speak;  
(*verb*) to muffle the sound of

**mystify** (*verb*) to confuse or perplex

**narrate** (*verb*) 1. to give an oral or a written account of; 2. to tell of events or experiences in speech or writing

**ordinance** (*noun*) 1. a command or an order; 2. a public regulation

**overrate** (*verb*) to consider or rate too highly

**pursue** (*verb*) 1. to follow or chase; 2. to try to get

**readily** (*adjective*) 1. quickly or without delay; 2. willingly; 3. easily

**ridicule** (*verb*) to make fun of

**scornful** (*adjective*) full of dislike and critical behavior

**tact** (*noun*) the ability to do or say something in a way that does not offend

**undaunted** (*adjective*) 1. not discouraged; 2. brave

## Additional Words

### Challenge Words

**ample** (*adjective*) 1. more than adequate; 2. generous

**curt** (*adjective*) 1. rudely short with words; 2. abrupt

**impart** (*verb*) 1. to express or communicate; 2. to give

**muster** (*verb*) 1. to call up; 2. to assemble or gather

**rue** (*verb*) to feel regret or sorrow about

### Word Study: Root Words

The Latin word *dict* means "to speak."

**benediction** (*noun*) a speaking of good wishes; the asking of a blessing, especially at the end of a religious service

**dictate** (*verb*) to say something aloud for the purpose of being recorded; to give orders

**diction** (*noun*) word choice in speaking or writing; quality of speech; enunciation

**dictionary** (*noun*) an alphabetically arranged book that defines the words of a language or of some special subject

**edict** (*noun*) a public order or command

**predict** (*verb*) to foretell or say what will happen in the future