

Chapter 1 Word List

Word List

- abduct** (*verb*) to carry off by force
- aspiration** (*noun*) a hope of achievement
- burnish** (*verb*) 1. to polish by rubbing;
2. to make glossy and smooth
- curiosity** (*noun*) a desire to learn or know about something
- diagnosis** (*noun*) 1. an act of identifying a certain illness; 2. a conclusion reached about something
- disharmony** (*noun*) 1. lack of agreement or harmony; 2. discord
- effect** (*noun*) 1. a result; 2. outcome caused by something;
(*verb*) to bring about or cause to happen
- excursion** (*noun*) 1. a short journey;
2. a pleasure trip
- finicky** (*adjective*) 1. difficult to please;
2. very fussy; 3. fastidious
- gaunt** (*adjective*) 1. thin and bony; 2. angular
- hygiene** (*noun*) the science of personal health and disease prevention
- intolerable** (*adjective*) 1. unbearable;
2. beyond what is acceptable
- lithe** (*adjective*) able to bend easily
- nibble** (*verb*) to eat or chew in small, quick bites;
(*noun*) a small bite
- persist** (*verb*) 1. to refuse to stop;
2. to continue firmly in an action or a thought
- prevalent** (*adjective*) widely or commonly found
- renounce** (*verb*) 1. to give up a title, a responsibility, or an activity; 2. to reject

skeptical (*adjective*) 1. doubting;
2. questioning; 3. not quickly or easily believing

swelter (*verb*) to be affected by high heat

unintelligible (*adjective*) not able to be understood

Additional Words

Challenge Words

dogmatic (*adjective*) 1. opinionated;
2. arrogant

feckless (*adjective*) 1. ineffective;
2. irresponsible; 3. careless

ramification (*noun*) 1. the result or outcome of an act; 2. a consequence

rancid (*adjective*) 1. having an awful odor or taste; 2. offensive

stagnant (*adjective*) 1. stale; 2. not advancing or developing

Word Study: Suffixes

The suffixes *-ion*, *-ation*, and *-tion* mean “the act or condition of.”

connection (*noun*) the condition of being connected

hibernation (*noun*) the act of hibernating

illumination (*noun*) the condition of being illuminated or lit

observation (*noun*) the act of observing

rotation (*noun*) the act of rotating, or turning around

satisfaction (*noun*) the condition of being satisfied