

Chapter 8 Word List

Word List

- agenda** (*noun*) list or program of things to be done or considered
- ambassador** (*noun*) the highest ranking diplomatic official sent by one government or ruler to another
- beckon** (*verb*) to signal to a person by a movement of the head or hand
- coffer** (*noun*) 1. a strongbox for valuables; 2. treasury or funds of an organization
- contradictory** (*adjective*) in disagreement; inconsistent
- currency** (*noun*) the kind of money used by a particular country
- grievance** (*noun*) 1. a complaint; 2. a cause for protest
- grimace** (*noun*) a facial expression showing pain, sadness, or disgust
- mellow** (*adjective*) 1. soft and rich, such as light, sound, or color; 2. relaxed or free of tension
- negate** (*verb*) to make worthless or ineffective; 2. to deny the existence of
- opportunistic** (*adjective*) taking advantage of a chance or an opening
- penury** (*noun*) extreme poverty
- prelude** (*noun*) 1. anything that serves as an introduction; 2. something that leads up to
- premier** (*adjective*) first or most important; (*noun*) a prime minister
- privilege** (*noun*) special advantage or benefit; (*verb*) to grant a privilege
- prominent** (*adjective*) 1. obvious or easily seen; 2. sticking out from a surface or line; 3. well-known
- radical** (*adjective*) extreme; (*noun*) one who promotes extreme change

reciprocal (*adjective*) 1. given in return; 2. shared by both sides; mutual

republic (*noun*) a form of government in which citizens elect people to govern them

salutation (*noun*) a polite greeting

Additional Words

Challenge Words

barter (*verb*) to trade one item or service for another

divergent (*adjective*) 1. differing or varying; 2. going off in different directions

impunity (*noun*) freedom from punishment

perceptible (*adjective*) 1. capable of being recognized by the senses; 2. apparent

suffrage (*noun*) 1. the right to vote; 2. the act of casting a vote

Word Study: Suffixes

The suffix *-ity* means “the state, character, or condition of.”

adversity (*noun*) the condition of being opposed; great misfortune; hardship

continuity (*noun*) the state of being continuous; an uninterrupted flow

ferocity (*noun*) the state of extreme savagery and fierceness

humility (*noun*) the state of being humble, modest, or meek

originality (*noun*) the character or condition of being original or unique; the ability to act or think inventively

prosperity (*noun*) the state of being prosperous or wealthy