

Chapter 9 Word List

Word List

bicker (*verb*) 1. to quarrel about something unimportant; 2. to squabble

blunder (*noun*) a stupid mistake;
(*verb*) 1. to make a stupid mistake;
2. to move clumsily or stumble

bountiful (*adjective*) more than enough;
plentiful

coincidence (*noun*) the chance occurrence
of two things at the same time or place

designate (*verb*) 1. to point out or indicate;
2. to name

devour (*verb*) 1. to eat hungrily or greedily;
2. to consume

extol (*verb*) to praise lavishly

gravely (*adverb*) 1. seriously; 2. importantly

impostor (*noun*) someone who is pretending
to be another, in order to deceive

lure (*noun*) something that entices or attracts
with the promise of a reward;
(*verb*) to attract, entice, or tempt

meddlesome (*adjective*) inclined to intrude
in other people's affairs

nudge (*verb*) to give a gentle push to;
(*noun*) a gentle push

primitive (*adjective*) 1. early or first;
2. simple;
(*noun*) a primitive person or thing

prolong (*verb*) to lengthen in time

rampage (*noun*) violent action or behavior;
(*verb*) to move about violently

repel (*verb*) 1. to drive back; 2. to cause
disgust in; 3. to push away

repent (*verb*) 1. to feel sorry; 2. to make up
for past mistakes

righteous (*adjective*) doing what is right and
moral

rival (*noun*) one who competes with another

thrive (*verb*) to do well in one's surroundings

Additional Words

Challenge Words

bibliography (*noun*) 1. a list of books about a
particular topic; 2. a list of resources used
in the preparation of a work

emancipation (*noun*) the act of freeing

expedite (*verb*) to speed up the process or
progress of

incipient (*adjective*) beginning to exist or
become apparent

personify (*verb*) 1. to represent a nonhuman
thing as having human powers or
characteristics; 2. to typify or embody

Word Study: Analogies

Analogies show relationships between pairs
of words. Study the relationships between the
pairs of words below.

ink is to **pen** as **paint** is to **brush**

laugh is to **funny** as **weep** is to **sad**

dirt is to **brown** as **sky** is to **blue**