

# Chapter 5 Word List

## Group A

- batch** (*noun*) a quantity of something made at one time
- desirable** (*adjective*) 1. worth wanting or doing; 2. worth having; 3. pleasing
- flexible** (*adjective*) bendable; not stiff
- forecast** (*verb*) to predict or tell beforehand
- gauge** (*verb*) 1. to measure precisely; 2. to estimate;  
(*noun*) an instrument for measuring or testing
- gland** (*noun*) a body organ that makes and gives out some substance
- paralyze** (*verb*) 1. to make helpless or unable to move; 2. to stun
- plateau** (*noun*) a large area of level, high ground
- vapor** (*noun*) 1. any moisture in the air that can be seen; 2. steam, mist, or fog
- whine** (*verb*) to complain in a childish and annoying way;  
(*noun*) a long, high-pitched sound

## Group B

- bacteria** (*noun*) tiny living things that can be seen only through a microscope
- banquet** (*noun*) 1. a big, formal meal; 2. a feast
- defrost** (*verb*) 1. to remove ice or frost from; 2. to thaw
- dispute** (*verb*) 1. to argue or discuss; 2. to debate;  
(*noun*) a quarrel
- dungeon** (*noun*) a dark, underground prison cell

- easel** (*noun*) a stand for displaying or holding a picture
- foreign** (*adjective*) of, from, or typical of another part of the world
- foundation** (*noun*) the base on which something stands
- museum** (*noun*) a building in which a collection of objects is kept and displayed
- operation** (*noun*) the way something works

## Additional Words

### Challenge Words

- economical** (*adjective*) avoiding waste; efficient; saving
- fathom** (*noun*) a unit of length equal to six feet, used to measure the depth of water
- morose** (*adjective*) gloomy; sullen; glum
- perjure** (*verb*) to cause the voluntary violation of an oath; to swear falsely
- refuge** (*noun*) shelter or protection from danger or difficulty

### Word Study: Suffixes

The suffix *-ward* means “in the direction of.”

- skyward** (*adverb*) toward the sky
- backward** (*adverb*) toward the back
- homeward** (*adverb*) toward home
- upward** (*adverb*) toward higher place
- downward** (*adverb*) toward a lower place
- westward** (*adverb*) toward the west