

# Chapter 7 Word List

## Word List

- appreciate** (*verb*) 1. to value highly;  
2. to recognize the importance of;  
3. to enjoy
- boundary** (*noun*) 1. something, such as a line, that indicates a limit; 2. a border
- bramble** (*noun*) a shrub with slender, drooping branches covered with little prickly thorns
- dense** (*adjective*) 1. closely packed or crowded together; 2. thick
- desolate** (*adjective*) deserted or lonely
- employ** (*verb*) to give someone a paying job
- erosion** (*noun*) the process of wearing away little by little
- expanse** (*noun*) a large spread-out surface
- foliage** (*noun*) the leaves of growing plants
- improper** (*adjective*) 1. not suitable for the circumstances; 2. incorrect
- metropolitan** (*adjective*) of, in, or about a major city
- nestle** (*verb*) to settle snugly and comfortably
- pollen** (*noun*) fine fertilizing powder produced by flowers
- reap** (*verb*) 1. to cut, such as grain;  
2. to harvest
- rife** (*adjective*) 1. numerous; 2. well-supplied or filled; 3. happening frequently
- rural** (*adjective*) of the countryside
- sacrifice** (*verb*) to give up something of value for the sake of something else;  
(*noun*) something given up in this manner
- sanctuary** (*noun*) 1. a place of refuge or protection; 2. a holy place

**seclude** (*verb*) 1. to set apart; 2. to hide from view

**thicket** (*noun*) shrubs or small trees growing closely together

## Additional Words

### Challenge Words

**awry** (*adverb*) 1. twisted or turned awkwardly; 2. away from the expected direction; 3. wrong

**dexterous** (*adjective*) 1. having great skillfulness; 2. clever

**imperative** (*adjective*) necessary or unavoidable

**ostracize** (*verb*) to exile or exclude someone from a group on purpose

**sovereignty** (*noun*) supreme or independent power, usually political

### Word Study: Root Words

The Latin roots *pen* and *pens* mean “to hang” or “to weigh.”

**depend** (*verb*) to rely on or place trust in

**impending** (*adjective*) about to take place; threatening

**independent** (*adjective*) free from others; acting or thinking alone

**pendant** (*noun*) a hanging ornament, such as on a necklace

**pensive** (*adjective*) deep in thought

**suspension** (*noun*) a stopping or canceling