**Chapter 1 Word List**

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- **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

**Additional Words**

**Challenge Words**

- **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

**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

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