

Chapter 2 Word List

Word List

- absurd** (*adjective*) 1. ridiculous or unreasonable; 2. not true
- astound** (*verb*) 1. to fill with wonder; 2. to surprise
- calamity** (*noun*) 1. a disaster; 2. great distress or misfortune
- decelerate** (*verb*) to decrease the speed of
- dialect** (*noun*) a variation of pronunciation, grammar, or vocabulary by a group within a language or region
- dishonor** (*noun*) 1. loss of one's good name; 2. shame;
(*verb*) 1. to deprive of one's good name; 2. to shame; 3. to disgrace
- efficient** (*adjective*) operating well, without wasted time, energy, or material
- exert** (*verb*) 1. to put into action; 2. to exercise or use
- finite** (*adjective*) 1. having an end; 2. having bounds or limits; 3. measurable
- glutton** (*noun*) a person or an animal that eats too much
- hypothesis** (*noun*) an unproved theory, statement, or guess that is based on facts
- inundate** (*verb*) 1. to overwhelm; 2. to overflow
- luminous** (*adjective*) 1. giving light; 2. full of light; 3. bright
- niche** (*noun*) 1. a hollow space within a wall, rock, or hill; 2. a place or position well-suited to the person in it
- persuasive** (*adjective*) having the ability to convince
- prohibit** (*verb*) to forbid an action by rule or law

retort (*verb*) 1. to answer quickly; 2. to reply with a prompt argument;
(*noun*) a fast or witty response

snare (*noun*) 1. a trap, usually with a noose, for catching animals; 2. any trap;
(*verb*) to trap

synchronize (*verb*) 1. to make agree in time; 2. to match the rate of movement between two things

upheaval (*noun*) 1. the act of being thrown upward; 2. an uprising or a violent upset

Additional Words

Challenge Words

admonish (*verb*) to criticize or scold someone in a mild way

exacerbate (*verb*) 1. to make something worse than it is; 2. to aggravate

expedient (*adjective*) 1. useful for creating a desired result; 2. based on self-interest

superfluous (*adjective*) in excess of what is called for or necessary

versatile (*adjective*) 1. able to do a number of things right; 2. useful for many functions

Word Study: Analogies

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

chick is to **hen** as **kitten** is to **cat**

napkin is to **lap** as **tablecloth** is to **table**

cage is to **parakeet** as **aquarium** is to **fish**