

Chapter 3 Word List

Word List

- accessory** (*noun*) 1. an extra element or feature; 2. one who helps in a crime
- avenge** (*verb*) 1. to return some wrongdoing; 2. to take revenge
- catastrophe** (*noun*) a great, sudden disaster
- decompose** (*verb*) 1. to break down into parts; 2. to decay
- dilapidated** (*adjective*) 1. in a state of ruin or disrepair; 2. falling to pieces
- dismay** (*verb*) 1. to fill with fear; 2. to discourage or trouble;
(*noun*) 1. fear at danger or trouble; 2. troubled state of mind
- elapse** (*verb*) 1. to pass by; 2. to slip away, usually with regard to time
- exhaust** (*verb*) 1. to use up; 2. to drain; 3. to let out air or fumes;
(*noun*) fumes or gases from an engine
- flinch** (*verb*) 1. to show pain, fear, or surprise with a sudden movement; 2. to draw away
- gorge** (*noun*) a deep, narrow passage with steep, rocky walls;
(*verb*) to stuff with something
- hysteria** (*noun*) uncontrollable fear or emotion
- irascible** (*adjective*) 1. quick to anger; 2. hot-tempered
- lyrics** (*noun*) the words of a song
- nominee** (*noun*) 1. a person who is nominated; 2. a person who is chosen as a political candidate
- petition** (*noun*) 1. a written request for a certain action; 2. a strong request;
(*verb*) 1. to make a request; 2. to seek

- quirk** (*noun*) 1. an odd behavior or mannerism; 2. accident
- ruckus** (*noun*) 1. a noisy commotion or disturbance; 2. an uproar
- sopping** (*adjective*) soaking wet or drenched
- taint** (*noun*) 1. to stain the honor of; 2. to dirty
- upkeep** (*noun*) the act of keeping something in proper condition

Additional Words

Challenge Words

- anomaly** (*noun*) 1. something that is hard to classify; 2. something different
- lucid** (*adjective*) 1. having full understanding; 2. clear
- misconstrue** (*verb*) 1. to think of in an incorrect way; 2. to misunderstand
- mundane** (*adjective*) everyday, ordinary, or commonplace
- reprieve** (*verb*) to delay or temporarily relieve

Word Study: Root Words

The Latin roots *ag* and *act* mean "to do" or "to drive."

- action** (*noun*) the state of doing something
- active** (*noun*) tending to action; busy
- agenda** (*noun*) a list of things to be done
- agent** (*noun*) someone who does something
- agile** (*adjective*) able to do or move easily and quickly
- enact** (*verb*) to cause to be done