

# Chapter 7 Word List

## Word List

**affect** (*verb*) 1. to make something change;  
2. to pretend

**benign** (*adjective*) gentle or harmless

**commencement** (*noun*) 1. a beginning;  
2. a ceremony for graduation

**dehydration** (*noun*) the removal or loss of  
water

**dimension** (*noun*) a measure of length, width,  
or height

**disposal** (*noun*) removal or getting rid of

**endear** (*verb*) to make dear or fond of

**falter** (*verb*) 1. to hesitate; 2. to lapse in  
confidence;  
(*noun*) 1. unsure action; 2. quavering  
sound

**forage** (*noun*) 1. food for animals; 2. a search  
for food or provisions;  
(*verb*) to search for food

**harness** (*noun*) the straps used on an animal  
to help it pull something;  
(*verb*) 1. to bring under control; 2. to  
utilize

**immortality** (*noun*) 1. living forever;  
2. lasting fame

**jollity** (*noun*) 1. a happy feeling;  
2. merriment

**mete** (*verb*) 1. to give out; 2. to distribute

**novelty** (*noun*) 1. something new, unusual,  
or original; 2. newness

**platoon** (*noun*) 1. division within a military  
company; 2. any group of people working  
together

**rebuttal** (*noun*) the offering of opposing  
evidence or arguments

**savory** (*adjective*) having a pleasant taste or  
smell;  
(*noun*) one of a group of herbs used for  
cooking

**squelch** (*verb*) 1. to stop; 2. to put down  
with a remark;  
(*noun*) a harsh reply

**torrent** (*noun*) 1. a raging flood; 2. any  
constant, strong flow

**vertical** (*adjective*) 1. lengthwise; 2. straight  
up and down or upright

## Additional Words

### Challenge Words

**berate** (*verb*) to scold in a harsh way

**divisive** (*adjective*) 1. disruptive; 2. causing  
disagreement or division

**lucrative** (*adjective*) producing wealth;  
profitable

**meticulous** (*adjective*) 1. very careful about  
details; 2. fussy

**pugnacious** (*adjective*) eager to fight;  
combative

### Word Study: Root Words

The Latin roots *spec* and *spect* mean “to look”  
or “to look at.”

**expect** (*verb*) 1. to look out for;  
2. to anticipate

**inspect** (*verb*) to look into or examine  
carefully

**prospect** (*noun*) 1. something that is awaited  
or expected; 2. a possibility; 3. a vision

**respect** (*verb*) to honor or treat with esteem

**spectacle** (*noun*) something held to public  
view

**spectator** (*noun*) someone who looks on or  
watches