

Chapter 8 Word List

Word List

- afflicted** (*adjective*) 1. suffering with;
2. troubled by
- bilk** (*verb*) 1. to cheat out of money;
2. to defraud; 3. to elude
- commend** (*verb*) 1. to praise; 2. to call attention to; 3. to recommend
- delicacy** (*noun*) 1. fragility; 2. softness;
3. something pleasing to the senses
- diminutive** (*adjective*) very small
- dissect** (*verb*) 1. to cut apart or separate;
2. to examine
- endeavor** (*noun*) a good try or attempt;
(*verb*) to try or strive
- famine** (*noun*) 1. a serious shortage of food;
2. starvation
- frail** (*adjective*) 1. not strong or hearty; weak;
2. easily broken
- hectic** (*adjective*) marked by feverish activity;
hasty
- inadequate** (*adjective*) 1. not enough;
insufficient; 2. not able
- kindle** (*verb*) 1. to start a fire; 2. to set in action; 3. to inspire
- minimum** (*noun*) the smallest amount possible;
(*adjective*) the least possible
- obsolete** (*adjective*) 1. no longer in use;
2. out-of-date
- plausible** (*adjective*) 1. likely; 2. acceptable;
3. apparently believable
- receptacle** (*noun*) something that holds or contains; a container
- scrutinize** (*verb*) 1. to watch carefully;
2. to examine

- stake** (*noun*) a sharpened wood or metal piece hammered into the ground as a marker or support;
(*verb*) 1. to indicate boundaries with a stake; 2. to assert a right or an ownership of something
- torrid** (*adjective*) 1. dried up by the sun's heat;
2. burning
- vestige** (*noun*) a mark or trace of something no longer present

Additional Words

Challenge Words

- bellicose** (*adjective*) eager to start wars or quarrels
- incorrigible** (*adjective*) unmanageable or unable to be improved
- matriarch** (*noun*) a female who dominates a family or group
- sagacious** (*adjective*) having good judgment or keen perception
- vilify** (*verb*) to make rude or vicious statements against

Word Study: Analogies

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

rich is to **poor** as **tall** is to **short**

teacher is to **student** as **doctor** is to **patient**

heat is to **summer** as **cold** is to **winter**