

# Chapter 10 Word List

## Word List

**agitate** (*verb*) 1. to shake or stir; 2. to upset or excite emotionally

**bounteous** (*adjective*) 1. giving generously; 2. ample or plentiful

**comprise** (*verb*) 1. to include or contain; 2. to make up

**despondent** (*adjective*) 1. feeling sad or discouraged; 2. wanting to give up

**disassociate** (*verb*) to end contact with someone or something

**dominant** (*adjective*) 1. ruling or controlling; 2. foremost

**engaged** (*adjective*) 1. busy or occupied; 2. planning to be married

**fatigue** (*noun*) 1. weariness; 2. mental or physical exhaustion;  
(*verb*) to tire out

**fugitive** (*adjective*) running away or escaping;  
(*noun*) someone who is running away from the law

**hesitant** (*adjective*) 1. holding back; 2. not able to decide

**indifferent** (*adjective*) 1. having no interest in; 2. having no feeling or opinion of

**laborious** (*adjective*) requiring or involving hard work or effort

**monopoly** (*noun*) complete control of a business or service by one group

**optical** (*adjective*) of or having to do with eyes and eyesight

**portray** (*verb*) 1. to make a picture of; 2. to describe in words; 3. to act out onstage

**recluse** (*noun*) someone who lives apart from others;  
(*adjective*) apart from others; solitary

**sedate** (*adjective*) calm; settled; composed

**static** (*adjective*) 1. having no motion; 2. at rest;  
(*noun*) 1. atmospheric electricity;  
2. interference with radio or TV reception due to electrical disturbance; 3. strong opposition

**transact** (*verb*) to do, to carry out, or to perform business

**wane** (*verb*) to gradually decrease in size or amount;  
(*noun*) a gradual decrease or lessening

## Additional Words

### Challenge Words

**arbitrary** (*adjective*) 1. existing or occurring by chance; 2. based on one's own judgment, without restriction

**conspicuous** (*adjective*) attracting attention by being unusual

**envisage** (*verb*) to imagine or visualize

**lackadaisical** (*adjective*) showing little or no interest or energy

**optimum** (*noun*) something that is most favorable;  
(*adjective*) best or most favorable

### Word Study: Root Words

The Greek root *log* means "the study of" or "word."

**dialogue** (*noun*) a conversation; an exchange of ideas

**eulogy** (*noun*) an oral or a written tribute to a person who has died

**logistics** (*noun*) the planning and managing of an undertaking

**monologue** (*noun*) a long speech by one person

**technology** (*noun*) use of scientific knowledge to solve problems and control physical forces

**zoology** (*noun*) the study of animals