

# Chapter 15 Word List

## Word List

**antithesis** (*noun*) the direct opposite

**burly** (*adjective*) 1. large in bodily size;  
2. strongly built; 3. stout

**crucial** (*adjective*) vitally important or essential

**devote** (*verb*) 1. to apply entirely to one's activity; 2. to set aside for some purpose

**disentangle** (*verb*) to free from entanglement or complication

**economic** (*adjective*) having to do with the management and behavior of goods, services, and money

**ethnic** (*adjective*) of a particular religious, racial, national, or cultural group

**fidelity** (*noun*) 1. loyalty; 2. faithfulness to obligations

**garish** (*adjective*) having excessively bright colors or decorations, gaudy

**hurdle** (*noun*) 1. a barrier used in foot races;  
2. a problem that must be overcome;  
(*verb*) 1. to jump over a barrier; 2. to overcome a problem

**intervene** (*verb*) 1. to come between; to interfere; 2. to happen between two points of time

**literacy** (*noun*) the ability to read and write

**naïve** (*adjective*) 1. showing great simplicity;  
2. without much knowledge of the world

**perimeter** (*noun*) 1. the edge around a space;  
2. the length of the edge around a space

**presumptuous** (*adjective*) inappropriately bold or confident

**reminisce** (*verb*) to remember or talk about past events

**siphon** (*noun*) a curved pipe or tube used to move a liquid from one container to another;  
(*verb*) to take out by using a siphon

**sustain** (*verb*) 1. to keep; to prolong; 2. to provide for

**ultimate** (*adjective*) 1. final; 2. of the greatest size or importance;  
(*noun*) 1. the final point; 2. the greatest point

**zeal** (*noun*) eager attention or enthusiasm for a cause or goal

## Additional Words

### Challenge Words

**abhor** (*verb*) to feel great hatred or disgust for

**discernible** (*adjective*) able to be seen or perceived

**effrontery** (*noun*) audacity; boldness

**finagle** (*verb*) to get something by being tricky or clever

**precipice** (*noun*) a very steep cliff or overhanging place

### Word Study: Analogies

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

**backpack** is to **student** as **briefcase** is to **lawyer**

**biology** is to **doctor** as **math** is to **accountant**

**lion** is to **Africa** as **panda** is to **Asia**