

Chapter 2 Word List

Group A

abbreviate (*verb*) to shorten

capital (*noun*) a city where a country or state's government is located;
(*adjective*) most important

decay (*verb*) to rot or spoil;
(*noun*) a decrease in power, strength, or beauty

emergency (*noun*) need for quick action;
(*adjective*) for a time of sudden need

financial (*adjective*) relating to or dealing with money

garment (*noun*) piece of clothing

innocent (*adjective*) 1. doing no wrong or evil; 2. free from guilt or blame

magnet (*noun*) a piece of metal that attracts iron

obedient (*adjective*) doing what one is told to do

whirl (*verb*) 1. to turn or swing in a circle; 2. to spin

Group B

canal (*noun*) human-made waterway

canyon (*noun*) deep valley

draft (*noun*) current of air;
(*verb*) to make a rough copy or sketch of

error (*noun*) mistake

evaporate (*verb*) to dry up or disappear

fertile (*adjective*) able to produce seeds, fruit, or young

journey (*noun*) 1. travel from one place to another; 2. a trip;
(*verb*) to travel

molar (*noun*) tooth used for grinding

recycle (*verb*) to process something so that it may be used again

snout (*noun*) part of an animal that contains the nose, mouth, and jaws

Additional Words

Challenge Words

preside (*verb*) to hold the place of authority

reimburse (*verb*) to pay back to someone

tarnish (*verb*) 1. to dull the luster of; 2. to bring disgrace on;
(*noun*) a dull coating, especially on silver

vagabond (*noun*) person who moves from place to place;
(*adjective*) wandering

wager (*verb*) to make a bet;
(*noun*) the act of betting

Word Study: Suffixes

The suffix -able means "able to be" or "full of."

agreeable (*adjective*) able to agree

comfortable (*adjective*) full of comfort

enjoyable (*adjective*) full of joy

reasonable (*adjective*) able to reason

valuable (*adjective*) full of value

washable (*adjective*) able to be washed