

Chapter 2 Word List

Group A

abuse (*verb*) 1. to use improperly; 2. to treat cruelly or roughly;

(*noun*) 1. cruel or rough treatment; 2. a deceitful act

appeal (*noun*) an earnest request for help or sympathy;

(*verb*) 1. to ask for help; 2. to ask that a case be taken to a higher court in the judicial system

channel (*noun*) the deeper part of a river or stream;

(*verb*) to make a groove

compliment (*noun*) an admiring remark said about a person or thing

distract (*verb*) to draw one's attention to a different object or in many directions at once

guppy (*noun*) a tiny fish of tropical fresh water, sometimes found in aquariums

infantry (*noun*) soldiers trained, organized, and equipped to fight on foot

migration (*noun*) moving from one place to another

salvation (*noun*) 1. a saving; 2. preservation from destruction or failure

testimony (*noun*) 1. a solemn statement used for evidence or proof; 2. a solemn declaration

Group B

accommodate (*verb*) 1. to help out; 2. to give something wanted or needed

charge (*verb*) 1. to put electricity into; 2. to attack;

(*noun*) 1. a price; 2. an accusation

compassion (*noun*) pity; sympathy

earnest (*adjective*) 1. strong and intense in purpose; 2. eager and serious

infection (*noun*) disease in humans and animals caused by contact with germs

inherent (*adjective*) 1. involving a necessary characteristic of something; 2. belonging by nature

molecule (*noun*) the smallest particle of a substance that retains the chemical identity of the substance

perilous (*adjective*) dangerous

sanity (*noun*) soundness of mind or mental health

theory (*noun*) 1. an explanation based on observation and reasoning; 2. an opinion or idea

Additional Words

Challenge Words

endurance (*noun*) the ability to withstand hardship

envious (*adjective*) feeling dissatisfaction because of wanting what another has

furrow (*noun*) long, narrow groove, as cut in the earth by a plow;
(*verb*) to wrinkle

mingle (*verb*) 1. to bring or mix together; 2. to associate

modesty (*noun*) 1. not thinking highly of oneself or one's abilities; 2. being shy

Word Study: Homophones

Homophones sound the same, but their spellings and definitions are different.

ascent a rising or upward movement

assent an agreement

capital a large letter; the city that is the seat of government

capitol the building that houses a state legislature

hangar a building that houses airplanes

hanger a piece of shaped metal, wood, or plastic used for holding clothing