

# Chapter 4 Word List

## Group A

**acquaint** (*verb*) 1. to make known; 2. to inform; 3. to familiarize

**atmosphere** (*noun*) 1. the mass of air that surrounds the earth; 2. a surrounding influence

**clarify** (*verb*) 1. to make clear or easy to understand; 2. to explain

**conscience** (*noun*) the sense within you that tells you when you are doing right or wrong

**encounter** (*verb*) 1. to meet by chance; 2. to be faced with;  
(*noun*) 1. an unexpected meeting; 2. a meeting of enemies

**homogenize** (*verb*) to blend different elements so they are evenly mixed

**nimble** (*adjective*) 1. moving with agility; 2. active and sure-footed; 3. quick

**progress** (*noun*) 1. movement toward a goal; 2. an advance; growth;  
(*verb*) 1. to move forward; 2. to proceed

**scheme** (*noun*) 1. a plan of action; 2. a plot

**triumphant** (*adjective*) 1. victorious; 2. winning; 3. rejoicing for success at victory

## Group B

**acquire** (*verb*) 1. to gain possession of something; 2. to get

**annual** (*adjective*) done or performed once a year;  
(*noun*) a plant that survives for one year or one season

**classic** (*adjective*) 1. of high value or quality; 2. excellent; 3. traditional  
(*noun*) a work of great excellence

**consist** (*verb*) to be made up of

**exceptional** (*adjective*) 1. unusual; 2. varying from the norm

**injection** (*noun*) the act or process of forcing liquid through a hollow needle

**nuisance** (*noun*) a thing or person that is annoying or disagreeable

**prompt** (*adjective*) on time;  
(*verb*) to move to action

**security** (*noun*) 1. freedom from danger; 2. a feeling of being safe

**uncivilized** (*adjective*) 1. savage; 2. remote from settled areas

## Additional Words

### Challenge Words

**devout** (*adjective*) 1. earnest; 2. serious; 3. devoted to religion

**dwindle** (*verb*) 1. to become less; 2. to shrink

**exempt** (*verb*) to release from a duty or rule;  
(*adjective*) free or released from a duty or rule

**impenetrable** (*adjective*) incapable of being pierced, entered, or passed

**recur** (*verb*) 1. to be repeated; 2. to come up again for consideration

### Word Study: Irregular Plurals

Plural words that do not end in *s* or *es* are called irregular plurals.

**bacteria** microscopic living things  
*Singular: bacterium*

**brothers-in-law** the brothers of a spouse or the husbands of sisters  
*Singular: brother-in-law*

**crises** turning points  
*Singular: crisis*

**oxen** animals that are a kind of cattle  
*Singular: ox*

**teeth** white, bonelike growths found in the mouth and used for chewing  
*Singular: tooth*

**women** adult females of the human species  
*Singular: woman*