

# Chapter 8 Word List

## Group A

- alarm** (*verb*) to make afraid or frighten;  
(*noun*) 1. sudden fear; 2. a signal that warns people
- buff** (*verb*) to polish or shine;  
(*noun*) soft, orange-yellow leather used for polishing
- common** (*adjective*) 1. general; 2. usual;  
3. having no special position; 4. belonging to all in a group
- frontier** (*noun*) 1. the last edge of developed country; 2. a border between countries
- incidental** (*adjective*) occurring by chance
- legend** (*noun*) 1. a story coming down from the past that may or may not be based on fact; 2. an explanatory list of symbols on a chart
- manacle** (*noun*) something used to bind or secure a wrist; a handcuff
- orbit** (*noun*) the circular path of an object around another object, usually in space
- reduce** (*verb*) 1. to make smaller; 2. to decrease
- vivid** (*adjective*) 1. having the appearance of freshness; 2. in colors, very strong

## Group B

- bureau** (*noun*) 1. a chest of drawers, sometimes with a mirror; 2. a division of a government department
- commotion** (*noun*) 1. a violent movement; 2. confusion; 3. disturbance
- deliberately** (*adverb*) 1. on purpose; 2. after careful and thorough consideration
- genuine** (*adjective*) 1. actual; 2. true; 3. sincere; 4. honest
- inconsiderate** (*adjective*) careless of others and their feelings; thoughtless
- magnificent** (*adjective*) grand; splendid; impressive

**parasite** (*noun*) a living thing that spends its life on or in another, which it usually injures

**reign** (*noun*) the period of power of a ruler; royal authority;  
(*verb*) to rule

**suppress** (*verb*) 1. to put an end to; 2. to hold back or in; 3. to stop with force

**survey** (*verb*) 1. to examine; 2. to inspect

## Additional Words

### Challenge Words

**brusque** (*adjective*) 1. abrupt; 2. blunt

**dexterity** (*noun*) skill and ease in using the hands, mind, or body

**incessant** (*adjective*) continuing without interruption

**peerless** (*adjective*) 1. without a match;  
2. without an equal

**pompous** (*adjective*) 1. arrogant; 2. acting too loudly

### Word Study: Root Words

The root *scribe* means "write."

**ascribe** (*verb*) to credit to; to attribute to

**describe** (*verb*) to tell or write about

**inscribe** (*verb*) to write a person's name on a list; to write a short message in a book

**prescribe** (*verb*) to write an order for medicine

**proscribe** (*verb*) to forbid

**subscribe** (*verb*) to sign an agreement for a product or service; to give approval to