

# Chapter 3 Word List

## Word List

- accelerate** (*verb*) to increase speed
- captivity** (*noun*) the condition of being held against one's will
- conserve** (*verb*) 1. to preserve; 2. to keep from being used up
- despair** (*noun*) 1. hopelessness; 2. discouragement;  
(*verb*) to lose all faith or hope
- disguise** (*noun*) a mask or cover-up;  
(*verb*) to mask or conceal one's appearance so as to look like someone else
- enamel** (*noun*) a surface or outer covering that has a smooth, glossy appearance;  
(*verb*) to cover or decorate with a smooth, glossy covering
- exotic** (*adjective*) 1. strange; 2. foreign; 3. unknown
- figurative** (*adjective*) using words or phrases to mean something different than their usual meaning
- gruesome** (*adjective*) 1. hideous; 2. causing terror or fear
- implement** (*noun*) a tool, an instrument, or a utensil
- keen** (*adjective*) quick; sharp; enthusiastic
- mismanage** (*verb*) to control or handle poorly
- notation** (*noun*) a brief written record
- perishable** (*adjective*) 1. capable of decaying; 2. biodegradable; 3. decomposable
- procedure** (*noun*) 1. plan; 2. a way of doing something
- quench** (*verb*) 1. to satisfy; 2. to put out or extinguish
- savage** (*adjective*) 1. fierce; 2. wild; 3. cruel

**sneer** (*noun*) a look or words that express scorn;  
(*verb*) 1. to show scorn by looks or words; 2. to taunt

**terminal** (*noun*) 1. the end; 2. end part; 3. a freight or passenger train station;  
(*adjective*) 1. fatal; 2. deadly

**vocation** (*noun*) a person's occupation or business

## Additional Words

### Challenge Words

**amiss** (*adjective*) 1. not in the right order; 2. out of place

**dissuade** (*verb*) to advise against something

**futile** (*adjective*) 1. not producing; 2. vain; 3. useless

**meager** (*adjective*) deficient in quality or strength

**prudent** (*adjective*) marked by great wisdom or good judgment

### Word Study: Homophones

Homophones are words that have the same pronunciation, but different meanings.

**chili** (*noun*) a hot-tasting pod of red pepper

**chilly** (*adjective*) unpleasantly cool

**canvas** (*noun*) firmly woven cloth usually of cotton or linen

**canvass** (*verb*) 1. to examine in detail; 2. to go to an area to try and get votes for a candidate

**overseas** (*adverb*) across the sea

**oversees** (*verb*) supervises