

# Chapter 12 Word List

## Word List

- acknowledge** (*verb*) 1. to recognize; 2. to admit; 3. to concede
- alibi** (*noun*) 1. a statement from an accused person claiming to be elsewhere when a crime was committed; 2. an excuse
- bore** (*noun*) a wearisome, dull person or thing;  
(*verb*) to make a hole by pushing, twisting, or digging
- commemorate** (*verb*) to honor the memory of someone or something
- debut** (*noun*) the first presentation of someone or something;  
(*verb*) to make a first appearance
- digestion** (*noun*) the process in which food is changed in the stomach and intestines so that the body can use it
- drought** (*noun*) 1. a period of dryness; 2. a long time without rain
- duration** (*noun*) the length of time in which something occurs
- erupt** (*verb*) to explode with great force
- gloat** (*verb*) to think with pleasure about something unfortunate that happened to someone else or good that happened to oneself
- hypocrite** (*noun*) a person who expresses feelings or beliefs that he or she really doesn't believe in
- irregular** (*adjective*) 1. not being or acting according to rule; 2. out of normal order; 3. uneven
- mental** (*adjective*) 1. of or by the mind; 2. having an illness of the mind
- oracle** (*noun*) a person through which a god is believed to speak

**prevention** (*noun*) 1. a keeping from happening; 2. a hindering

**reservoir** (*noun*) a place where water is stored for future use

**simmer** (*verb*) to keep the temperature just below the boiling point

**sturdy** (*adjective*) 1. strong; 2. well-built

**vast** (*adjective*) 1. extremely large; 2. immense

**wrangle** (*verb*) to quarrel in a noisy or an angry way

## Additional Words

### Challenge Words

**elongate** (*verb*) to make longer or extend the length of

**indispensable** (*adjective*) necessary or essential

**lubricate** (*verb*) 1. to make smooth; 2. to supply moisture

**pending** (*adjective*) not yet decided or determined

**unscathed** (*adjective*) not harmed or injured

### Word Study: Prefixes

The prefix *over-* means "beyond" or "too much."

**overcharge** (*verb*) to charge too much

**overcooked** (*adjective*) cooked too much

**overflow** (*verb*) to cover or flood

**overload** (*verb*) to load too heavily

**overpay** (*verb*) to pay too much

**oversleep** (*verb*) to sleep beyond the time for waking