

Chapter 14 Word List

Word List

- ambiguous** (*adjective*) 1. unclear;
2. uncertain; 3. having more than one meaning
- bulky** (*adjective*) 1. clumsy; 2. massive;
3. large
- conceal** (*verb*) to hide or keep out of sight
- defect** (*noun*) 1. a flaw; 2. weakness;
3. imperfection
- dignified** (*adjective*) 1. showing or expressing the quality of being worthy or honored;
2. having dignity; 3. noble; 4. serious
- elegance** (*noun*) 1. good taste; 2. distinction
- expedition** (*noun*) a journey undertaken for a specific purpose
- gnaw** (*verb*) 1. to eat or chew at; 2. to erode or wear away
- identity** (*noun*) 1. individuality; uniqueness;
2. what or who a person or thing is
- integrate** (*verb*) 1. to bring together; 2. to blend into a whole
- meteoric** (*adjective*) 1. of or like a mass of stone or metal that comes toward Earth from outer space; 2. happening fast or suddenly
- nautical** (*adjective*) having to do with sailors, ships, or navigation
- negligent** (*adjective*) indifferent; careless
- nullify** (*verb*) 1. to put an end to; 2. to make of no value; 3. to invalidate
- pacifist** (*adjective*) of or relating to the opposition of war or violence;
(*noun*) one who opposes war or violence
- profit** (*noun*) 1. the earnings from a business;
2. a gain; 3. benefit;
(*verb*) to create a gain from a business

retaliate (*verb*) to return or pay back a wrong, especially to get revenge

scenic (*adjective*) having an attractive or a pleasing landscape

swindle (*verb*) 1. to cheat; 2. to trick;
(*noun*) a fraud or cheating act

velocity (*noun*) 1. quickness; 2. rate of speed

Additional Words

Challenge Words

enchant (*verb*) to deeply attract or rouse to great admiration

inflict (*verb*) 1. to give by striking; 2. to cause to be endured

lax (*adjective*) 1. not tense; loose; relaxed;
2. careless; 3. not strict enough

quaint (*adjective*) unusual in an amusing or interesting way

stifle (*verb*) 1. to smother or suffocate; 2. to hold back

Word Study: Prefixes

The prefixes *il-*, *im-*, *in-*, and *ir-* are forms of the prefix *in-*, which means “not,” “in,” “into,” or “within.”

illegal (*adjective*) not legal

immeasurable (*adjective*) too vast to be measured

immigrant (*noun*) a person who comes into a country to settle

incomplete (*adjective*) not complete

independent (*adjective*) getting no help from others

irreversible (*adjective*) not able to be changed