

Chapter 1 Word List

Word List

abstract (*adjective*) 1. difficult to understand;
2. apart from concrete, real things

cinema (*noun*) 1. movies or motion pictures;
2. a movie theater

colossal (*adjective*) enormous in size; huge;
vast

critical (*adjective*) tending to find fault or
judge harshly

feign (*verb*) 1. to pretend; 2. to give a false
appearance of

imaginative (*adjective*) having the power
to invent or call to mind new images,
pictures, or ideas

incapable (*adjective*) without ability

inspiration (*noun*) a person, place, or thing
that provokes thought or emotion or that
aids in creation

jeer (*verb*) 1. to speak or shout mockingly;
2. to tease or laugh at

lyrical (*adjective*) 1. expressing feelings in
strong, emotional words; 2. poetic

modest (*adjective*) 1. having a moderate
vision of one's own value; humble;
2. not extreme

option (*noun*) choice or the right to choose

preferable (*adjective*) more desirable

proposal (*noun*) 1. a suggested plan
or scheme; 2. the act of suggesting
something

racket (*noun*) 1. a piece of sports equipment
with a handle and a round or an oval
frame with tightly laced strings, used to
hit a ball; 2. a loud noise; 3. an illegal
business

reassure (*verb*) to return someone to
confidence

revoke (*verb*) 1. to withdraw; 2. to cancel

severe (*adjective*) 1. stern, harsh, or strict;
2. of an extreme, sharp, or violent nature

shrine (*noun*) 1. a place or container for
sacred relics; 2. a place dedicated to honor
someone who has died

suspense (*noun*) 1. the state of being anxious
as a result of uncertainty; 2. the state of
mental uncertainty; indecision

Additional Words

Challenge Words

consolidate (*verb*) to combine into one whole

frugal (*adjective*) tight with money or
resources

levity (*noun*) lack of seriousness

pseudonym (*noun*) a false name used by an
author; also known as a pen name

rational (*adjective*) 1. having reason or
understanding; 2. reasonable

Word Study: Prefixes

The prefixes *anti-* and *counter-* mean "against,
opposed to," or "contrary."

antibiotic (*noun*) a medicine used to fight
against infection

antidote (*noun*) a substance given to work
against poison

antifreeze (*noun*) a fluid used in an
automobile to work against freezing

counteract (*verb*) to do something against

counterbalance (*noun*) to say the opposite of

counterclockwise (*adjective*) rotating to the
left, or in the opposite direction of a
clock's hands