

Chapter 3 Word List

Word List

alternative (*noun*) one of two or more possibilities;
(*adjective*) giving or being a choice between two or more things

blithely (*adverb*) 1. with little care;
2. cheerfully

bungle (*verb*) to perform a task in a clumsy or an unskilled way

condemn (*verb*) 1. to express disapproval of;
2. to declare unsuitable for use

contend (*verb*) to compete in a contest or race

decoy (*noun*) 1. any means used to lead or tempt into danger; 2. lure;
(*verb*) 1. to lead by trickery; 2. to entice

establish (*verb*) 1. to set up and keep going;
2. to prove; 3. to cause to be recognized and accepted

indirect (*adjective*) 1. straying from a straight path; 2. roundabout

irate (*adjective*) very angry

leeway (*noun*) a degree of freedom to alter or vary something

nebulous (*adjective*) hazy; indistinct; vague

occurrence (*noun*) 1. something that takes place; 2. an event or a happening

opposition (*noun*) 1. resistance; 2. a person or group that acts as an obstacle

proportion (*noun*) 1. a relationship between parts of a whole; 2. the compared relation of things, numbers, or sizes; ratio;
(*verb*) to adjust in size; to make symmetrical

provoke (*verb*) 1. to make angry; 2. to stir into action

ransack (*verb*) 1. to plunder or rummage;
2. to search in a disorderly way for something to steal

reconcile (*verb*) 1. to become friendly again;
2. to bring into agreement

resolution (*noun*) 1. a decision; 2. an answer to a problem

sulk (*verb*) to be silent or distant in a sullen or angry way

vulgar (*adjective*) coarse, crude, or in poor taste

Additional Words

Challenge Words

amass (*verb*) to gather or come together

convey (*verb*) to express with words or gestures

hover (*verb*) to hang in the air

mediate (*verb*) to intervene for the purpose of bringing about an agreement between sides

revert (*verb*) to return or come back

Word Study: Homographs

A homograph is a word spelled the same as another word but having a different meaning and sometimes a different pronunciation. The following words are homographs.

bear (*verb*) to carry or support; to give birth to; to naturally produce

bear (*noun*) a large mammal with coarse, thick fur and a short tail

lead (*verb*) to go before or to show the way; to guide

lead (*noun*) a heavy, soft, bluish-gray metal

tear (*verb*) to pull apart or into pieces by force; to rip; to pull away by force

tear (*noun*) a drop of salty liquid that comes from the eye