

Chapter 4 Word List

Word List

amateur (*noun*) a person who does something as a pastime, not as a profession;
(*adjective*) of or by amateurs

ascend (*verb*) 1. to go or move upward; to rise; 2. to climb or ride

blurt (*verb*) to say suddenly or accidentally

critic (*noun*) a person who judges people or things according to certain standards

foyer (*noun*) 1. an entrance hall in a house or an apartment; 2. a lobby

impersonate (*verb*) 1. to pretend to be someone; 2. to imitate someone

incite (*verb*) 1. to urge on; 2. to put in motion

indulge (*verb*) 1. to yield to the whims of another; 2. to pamper

jest (*noun*) something said or done for amusement or laughter;
(*verb*) to act or play in an amusing way; to joke

mute (*adjective*) 1. silent; 2. unable to speak;
(*verb*) to muffle the sound of

mystify (*verb*) to confuse or perplex

narrate (*verb*) 1. to give an oral or a written account of; 2. to tell of events or experiences in speech or writing

ordinance (*noun*) 1. a command or an order; 2. a public regulation

overrate (*verb*) to consider or rate too highly

pursue (*verb*) 1. to follow or chase; 2. to try to get

readily (*adjective*) 1. quickly or without delay; 2. willingly; 3. easily

ridicule (*verb*) to make fun of

scornful (*adjective*) full of dislike and critical behavior

tact (*noun*) the ability to do or say something in a way that does not offend

undaunted (*adjective*) 1. not discouraged; 2. brave

Additional Words

Challenge Words

ample (*adjective*) 1. more than adequate; 2. generous

curt (*adjective*) 1. rudely short with words; 2. abrupt

impart (*verb*) 1. to express or communicate; 2. to give

muster (*verb*) 1. to call up; 2. to assemble or gather

rue (*verb*) to feel regret or sorrow about

Word Study: Root Words

The Latin word *dict* means "to speak."

benediction (*noun*) a speaking of good wishes; the asking of a blessing, especially at the end of a religious service

dictate (*verb*) to say something aloud for the purpose of being recorded; to give orders

diction (*noun*) word choice in speaking or writing; quality of speech; enunciation

dictionary (*noun*) an alphabetically arranged book that defines the words of a language or of some special subject

edict (*noun*) a public order or command

predict (*verb*) to foretell or say what will happen in the future