

Chapter 6 Word List

Word List

approximate (*adjective*) nearly correct;
(*verb*) to come near to

bluff (*noun*) something said or done to mislead others with false confidence;
(*verb*) to fool or mislead by showing false confidence

capsize (*verb*) 1. to turn bottom side up;
2. to upset; 3. to overturn

confiscate (*verb*) to take or seize private property, usually as a penalty

eddy (*noun*) 1. a current of water or air moving in a motion different from the common flow, often in a circle; 2. a whirlwind or whirlpool

facile (*adjective*) done with little difficulty or effort; easy

helm (*noun*) 1. the steering gear of a ship;
2. a position of leadership

hydroplane (*noun*) a motorboat that skims the top of the water at high speeds;
(*verb*) 1. to drive a hydroplane; 2. to lose control in a vehicle by skimming along the surface of a wet road

inclement (*adjective*) 1. stormy; 2. harsh

inflate (*verb*) 1. to fill with air or gas; 2. to expand or swell unnaturally or by force

lagoon (*noun*) 1. a shallow body of water, separated from the sea by sandbars or coral reefs; 2. any small shallow body of water

obituary (*noun*) a written or published notice of someone's death

operate (*verb*) 1. to work effectively;
2. to perform surgery

phobia (*noun*) an abnormal fear of a thing or situation

predicament (*noun*) a difficult or bad situation

refer (*verb*) to direct attention to some source for help or information

squall (*noun*) a brief, sudden windstorm

surge (*noun*) 1. anything that moves in a violent, swelling manner; 2. a sudden powerful rush or burst;
(*verb*) 1. to move in a swelling way;
2. to rise and fall violently

treacherous (*adjective*) 1. not trustworthy;
2. dangerous

unfurl (*verb*) to spread out or unfold

Additional Words

Challenge Words

articulate (*adjective*) expressed clearly and effectively;
(*verb*) to speak distinctly and clearly

detriment (*noun*) injury, damage, or impairment

impediment (*noun*) a barrier, an obstacle, or an obstruction

ornate (*adjective*) very elaborate or excessive in design

simper (*verb*) to smile in a silly, artificial manner

Word Study: Prefixes

The prefixes *co-*, *col-*, *com-*, *con-*, and *cor-* are all forms of the prefix *com-*, which means "with" or "together."

coexist (*verb*) to exist together at the same time or in the same place

colleague (*noun*) a fellow member of the same profession

combine (*verb*) to bring together into a whole

combust (*verb*) to burn

compelling (*adjective*) forceful; very interesting or attractive

concoction (*noun*) something made by combining different ingredients; an invention