

Chapter 12 Word List

Word List

barometer (*noun*) an instrument for measuring the pressure of air

biology (*noun*) the study of living things

clone (*noun*) 1. a cell or living thing artificially reproduced from another organism with identical genes; 2. a person or thing that is identical to another; (*verb*) to make a clone

cylinder (*noun*) a solid or hollow object with the shape of a tube

evidence (*noun*) 1. facts or proof; 2. anything that proves or makes clear

extinguish (*verb*) 1. to stop from burning; to put out; 2. to cause to end

fume (*noun*) 1. smoke, vapor, or gas; 2. an angry mood; (*verb*) 1. to emit smoke or gas; 2. to show anger

immerse (*verb*) to cover completely in a liquid

incision (*noun*) 1. the act of cutting or carving; 2. a cut

muffle (*verb*) 1. to wrap in a cloth for protection, warmth, or secrecy; 2. deaden or silence a sound

nucleus (*noun*) the central part of a cell or atom; core

probe (*noun*) an object used to investigate; (*verb*) to explore

productivity (*noun*) 1. rate of manufacturing or creating; 2. effort

realist (*noun*) one who sees what is true or actual

refine (*verb*) to purify

resistance (*noun*) the act of fighting against or opposing

revolutionize (*verb*) to make major change in

rivet (*noun*) a metal bolt or pin used to hold metal plates or other pieces together; (*verb*) 1. to install a metal bolt or pin; 2. to hold one's attention

rupture (*verb*) to break open or burst; (*noun*) the act of breaking or bursting

specimen (*noun*) 1. one part of a group; 2. a sample

Additional Words

Challenge Words

circumvent (*verb*) to strategically get around an object or a situation

eventual (*adjective*) 1. taking place at some later time; 2. ultimately resulting

intrigue (*verb*) to arouse interest or curiosity

pivotal (*adjective*) extremely important or crucial

unison (*noun*) harmonious agreement or accord

Word Study: Suffixes

The suffix *-ize* means "to become or cause to become" or "to act in a certain way."

authorize (*verb*) to approve or permit; to give authority to

hypnotize (*verb*) to put into a trance

mechanize (*verb*) to equip with machinery

recognize (*verb*) to identify or know something

tantalize (*verb*) to tease by showing something desirable while keeping it just out of reach

terrorize (*verb*) to fill with terror; to cause to become terrified