

Chapter 15 Word List

Word List

avidly (*adverb*) with enthusiasm

breed (*verb*) 1. to reproduce offspring; 2. to cause plants or animals to reproduce and to raise their offspring

courier (*noun*) a messenger

disregard (*verb*) 1. to pay little or no attention to; 2. to take no notice of;
(*noun*) lack of attentiveness; neglect

gallop (*noun*) 1. the fastest gait of a horse; 2. a rapid pace;
(*verb*) 1. to cause (a horse or other animal) to gallop; 2. to run by leaping; 3. to move at a rapid pace

gesture (*noun*) 1. a motion of the limbs to express or emphasize thought; 2. an action intended to have an effect or be taken as a sign;
(*verb*) to make a gesture

haunch (*noun*) the hip, buttock, and upper thigh in humans and animals

immature (*adjective*) 1. not fully grown or developed; 2. childlike manner

inheritor (*noun*) a person who gains possessions as stated in a will

naughty (*adjective*) 1. disobedient; 2. badly behaved

quiver (*verb*) to shake or tremble;
(*noun*) a case for arrows

regard (*verb*) 1. to observe; 2. to admire or think highly of;
(*noun*) 1. a look or gaze; 2. respect or esteem; 3. careful thought or attention

relieve (*verb*) 1. to lessen; 2. to free from pain

rheumatism (*noun*) an illness of the muscles, bones, or joints causing swelling and pain

scrawny (*adjective*) thin and bony

tempo (*noun*) 1. the speed at which music is played or sung; 2. the pace of something

threshold (*noun*) 1. a piece of wood, stone, or metal placed at the floor of a door;
2. a doorway; 2. a beginning

trance (*noun*) 1. a hypnotic state; 2. a dazed state, as in a daydream

trough (*noun*) 1. a long, narrow container for animal food or water; 2. the gutter at the edge of a roof used to collect rainwater

unruly (*adjective*) difficult or impossible to control

Additional Words

Challenge Words

connotation (*noun*) suggested or implied meaning of a word or an object

finesse (*noun*) delicate or skillful handling of an object or a situation

jurisdiction (*noun*) 1. the right to interpret and apply the law; 2. power, authority, or control

prodigy (*noun*) a person with extraordinary or amazing abilities

vigilante (*noun*) self-appointed law enforcer

Word Study: Suffixes

The suffixes *-ence* and *-ance* mean “the act of” or “the state of.”

clearance (*noun*) the act of clearing

confidence (*noun*) the state of being confident; self-assurance

entrance (*noun*) the act of entering

maintenance (*noun*) the act of maintaining or keeping in good operation or condition

negligence (*noun*) the act of neglecting or ignoring

turbulence (*noun*) the state of being turbulent; chaos or disorder