

# Chapter 4 Word List

## Word List

- accuracy** (*noun*) 1. the quality of being correct; 2. exactness
- bauble** (*noun*) a small decoration or trinket
- caustic** (*adjective*) 1. capable of burning, dissolving, or causing other damage; 2. harshly critical or sarcastic
- decry** (*verb*) 1. to criticize publicly; 2. to devalue
- dilemma** (*noun*) a situation that requires a difficult choice
- disown** (*verb*) to refuse to accept as one's own
- elimination** (*noun*) removal
- external** (*adjective*) on the outside or outer part
- flippant** (*adjective*) lacking respect or seriousness
- grieve** (*verb*) 1. to feel great sadness; 2. to cause great sadness
- idolize** (*verb*) 1. to view with admiration or devotion; 2. to worship
- isolate** (*verb*) to separate from a group or whole
- maneuver** (*noun*) a planned and skillful move;  
(*verb*) to make a skillful move
- nonchalant** (*adjective*) not concerned; indifferent
- pillar** (*noun*) 1. a building column that supports something above, such as a roof; 2. a person in an important position
- random** (*adjective*) 1. happening or done without a plan; 2. without order
- rung** (*noun*) 1. a step of a ladder; 2. the piece of wood that spans two chair legs for support

**speculate** (*verb*) 1. to think carefully about or suppose; 2. to buy or sell something in hopes of making a profit

**tangible** (*adjective*) able to be seen or touched

**upright** (*adjective*) 1. in a standing, straight-up position; 2. morally good

## Additional Words

### Challenge Words

**absolution** (*noun*) 1. forgiveness; 2. freeing from punishment

**erratic** (*adjective*) 1. irregular in action; 2. odd

**jocund** (*adjective*) merry, cheerful, or jolly

**magnanimous** (*adjective*) showing a generous or noble spirit

**tout** (*verb*) to recommend or praise something highly

### Word Study: Prefixes

The prefix *trans-* means "across, over, through," or "beyond."

**transatlantic** (*adjective*) crossing or reaching across the Atlantic

**transcend** (*verb*) to rise above

**transform** (*verb*) to change in form

**translate** (*verb*) to change from one language into another

**translucent** (*adjective*) allowing light to pass through partially

**transmit** (*verb*) to send, pass along, or communicate