

Chapter 5 Word List

Word List

- acquit** (*verb*) to find not guilty or free from a charge
- belligerent** (*adjective*) 1. ready to fight; angry; 2. at war
- censor** (*noun*) a person who examines materials to remove parts that do not meet a set of standards;
(*verb*) to examine for the purpose of removing material that does not meet a set of standards
- defiance** (*noun*) a resistance to authority or an opposing force
- diligence** (*noun*) 1. careful attention to one's job; 2. persistence
- dispatch** (*verb*) to send off;
(*noun*) 1. act of sending off; 2. speed; 3. a quickly sent message
- embankment** (*noun*) a mound of earth used to prevent flooding or to support a roadway
- facet** (*noun*) 1. the small, flat surface on a tooth, stone, or gem; 2. a part or phase
- flourish** (*verb*) to grow well or thrive
- grudge** (*verb*) to hesitate to give or admit something;
(*noun*) a strong feeling of ill will or resentment
- ilk** (*noun*) type or kind
- itemize** (*verb*) to list one by one
- mediocre** (*adjective*) 1. not good or bad; 2. commonplace
- notable** (*adjective*) 1. worthy of notice or remarkable; 2. prominent;
(*noun*) a person who is worthy of notice
- pivot** (*noun*) a rod or shaft around which some other part rotates or swings;
(*verb*) to rotate or swing
- rascal** (*noun*) a mischievous person or animal

sage (*adjective*) wise or showing keen judgment;
(*noun*) 1. a wise person; 2. an herb used for cooking

sprightly (*adjective*) lively, active, or animated

taut (*adjective*) 1. pulled or drawn tight; 2. emotionally or mentally strained or tense

vacuum (*noun*) 1. a completely empty space; 2. an absence or emptiness; 3. a machine for cleaning by use of suction;
(*adjective*) containing air or other gas at reduced pressure

Additional Words

Challenge Words

chide (*verb*) to voice disapproval in a mild way

contentious (*adjective*) quick to argue or quarrel

filibuster (*verb*) to attempt to keep a bill from passing in a legislature by the use of excessive speeches

hypothetical (*adjective*) based on an unproved idea

invincible (*adjective*) incapable of being overcome or beaten

Word Study: Suffixes

The suffix *-ous* and *-ious* mean "characterized by."

ambitious (*adjective*) characterized by ambition; eager to succeed

glorious (*adjective*) characterized by glory or splendor

malicious (*adjective*) characterized by malice or ill will

nauseous (*adjective*) characterized by nausea or sickness

nervous (*adjective*) characterized by nerves or anxiety

voracious (*adjective*) characterized by a great appetite