

# Chapter 6 Word List

## Word List

**admissible** (*adjective*) 1. acceptable; 2. worthy of being permitted

**beneficial** (*adjective*) 1. making better or having benefit; 2. helpful

**colleague** (*noun*) a fellow worker

**deflate** (*verb*) 1. to release air or gas from; 2. to reduce confidence or value

**dilute** (*verb*) to thin or weaken by adding liquid;  
(*adjective*) weakened

**dispense** (*verb*) 1. to give out or distribute; 2. to release from a duty

**emotional** (*adjective*) with strong feeling

**fallow** (*adjective*) 1. plowed or tilled but not seeded for one growing season; 2. uncultivated;  
(*noun*) earth that is plowed but not seeded

**fluted** (*adjective*) decorated with grooves

**haphazard** (*adjective*) by chance or without planning

**illustrious** (*adjective*) well-known, famous

**jaunt** (*noun*) a short trip

**merit** (*noun*) a valuable quality or trait;  
(*verb*) to earn or deserve

**notorious** (*adjective*) well-known, usually for unfavorable reasons

**platform** (*noun*) 1. a raised surface; 2. the deck of a train station; 3. the ideas of a political candidate or party

**ratify** (*verb*) to approve for use or action

**saline** (*adjective*) of, relating to, or containing salt

**squander** (*verb*) to spend wastefully

**tenacity** (*noun*) firmness, persistence, or determination

**venture** (*noun*) 1. a task that is risky or dangerous; 2. an undertaking involving chance;

(*verb*) 1. to expose to danger; 2. to risk or to brave; 3. to offer at risk of rejection

## Additional Words

### Challenge Words

**angst** (*noun*) anxiety or apprehension

**egocentric** (*adjective*) 1. being concerned with the individual rather than society; 2. self-centered; selfish

**fluctuate** (*verb*) 1. to continually change between two choices; 2. to vary

**obtrusive** (*adjective*) calling attention to manner or conduct in an undesirable way

**vindicate** (*verb*) 1. to free from blame; 2. to justify; 3. to uphold

### Word Study: Homophones

Homophones are words that sound alike but have different spellings and meanings. Study the pairs of homophones below.

**altar** (*noun*) a platform or raised area, as in a church

**alter** (*verb*) to change

**raise** (*verb*) 1. to lift something; 2. to grow or breed something

**raze** (*verb*) to demolish

**reek** (*noun*) a terrible smell;  
(*verb*) to smell terrible

**wreak** (*verb*) to cause