

Chapter 9 Word List

Word List

affinity (*noun*) a natural liking for or an attraction to someone or something

blanch (*verb*) 1. to take the color from;
2. to whiten; 3. to boil briefly

component (*noun*) a part; element; ingredient

descend (*verb*) to move from a higher place to a lower place

diplomat (*noun*) 1. one who represents a government in dealing with other governments; 2. someone skilled in talking effectively with people

diverse (*adjective*) 1. different; 2. having variety

endorse (*verb*) 1. to write one's name on a document to show approval; 2. to approve

fantasy (*noun*) 1. imagination; a product of the mind; 2. a foolish notion

frequency (*noun*) 1. how often something happens; 2. number of repetitions of an electrical current

hedge (*noun*) a row of bushes;
(*verb*) 1. to confine; 2. to avoid

incise (*verb*) to cut into

knoll (*noun*) a rounded hill or mound

monarchy (*noun*) a government under one leader, such as a king, a queen, or an emperor, usually determined by birth

opaque (*adjective*) unable to be penetrated by light

plunder (*verb*) to rob by open force, as in war;
(*noun*) 1. robbery by open force;
2. anything taken by robbery

recess (*noun*) 1. a pause in an activity;
2. a small hollow

secrete (*verb*) 1. to give off fluids or other cells from a living body; 2. to hide something away in secret

stammer (*verb*) to make involuntary interruptions in speech

tranquil (*adjective*) 1. free from problems;
2. calm; 3. still

voluble (*adjective*) speaking with a steady flow of words; talkative

Additional Words

Challenge Words

fabricate (*verb*) 1. to make up; 2. to invent

innovate (*verb*) to develop a new way of doing something

retrospect (*noun*) the act of thinking about the past or looking back

supplant (*verb*) to take the place of, especially through force or trickery

tenacious (*adjective*) 1. holding firmly or tightly; 2. persistent or stubborn

Word Study: Suffixes

The suffix *-less* means "without, not able to," or "not able to be."

countless (*adjective*) unable to be counted

helpless (*adjective*) without help; not able to help oneself

hopeless (*adjective*) without hope

sleepless (*adjective*) without sleep; unable to sleep

stainless (*adjective*) without stains; unable to be stained

worthless (*adjective*) without worth or value