

Chapter 14 Word List

Word List

- antic** (*noun*) a foolish act or prank
- buoy** (*noun*) a floating device used in water as a marker or warning
- credible** (*adjective*) 1. believable; trustworthy; 2. reliable
- devise** (*verb*) 1. to plan; 2. to invent
- discriminate** (*verb*) 1. to distinguish between; 2. to observe a difference; 3. to show prejudice
- ecology** (*noun*) the study of the relationship between living things and their environment
- esteem** (*verb*) 1. to think of with respect; 2. to consider valuable;
(*noun*) respect or admiration
- fiasco** (*noun*) a complete failure
- gale** (*noun*) a very strong, powerful wind
- humble** (*adjective*) modest; not overly proud of one's own accomplishments;
(*verb*) to humiliate or destroy the pride of
- integral** (*adjective*) necessary to make a whole
- liable** (*adjective*) responsible for, according to law
- mythical** (*adjective*) 1. having to do with traditional stories about spirits, ancestors, or heroes; 2. imaginary
- paragon** (*noun*) a model of excellence
- preliminary** (*adjective*) coming before the main part; introductory;
(*noun*) a statement or action that comes before others
- reliability** (*noun*) dependability; the ability to be counted on
- silhouette** (*noun*) the outline of something;
(*verb*) to show in outline

succumb (*verb*) 1. to give in to a stronger force; 2. to die

tycoon (*noun*) a wealthy or powerful businessperson

yarn (*noun*) 1. a heavy thread used for knitting and weaving; 2. a story of adventure

Additional Words

Challenge Words

accolade (*noun*) something given as a sign of approval, praise, or respect

desultory (*adjective*) 1. lacking planning, order, or purpose; 2. random

exorbitant (*adjective*) 1. exceeding in intensity or quality; 2. too much

novice (*noun*) a beginner; someone new at something

pinnacle (*noun*) 1. a high peak; 2. a pointed top, as of a mountain

Word Study: Prefixes

The prefix *extra-* means "outside of" or "beyond."

extract (*verb*) to pull or draw out, often with special effort

extracurricular (*adjective*) outside of normal classwork

extradite (*verb*) to give up an alleged criminal to another state or authority

extraneous (*adjective*) not relevant

extraordinary (*adjective*) out of the ordinary

extravagant (*adjective*) more than is necessary