

# Chapter 5 Word List

## Group A

- acre** (*noun*) a unit of land equal to 43,560 square feet
- classify** (*verb*) to organize or arrange in groups or categories
- contemplate** (*verb*) to think about or consider for a long time
- explore** (*verb*) 1. to discover; 2. to investigate, study, or analyze
- ideal** (*noun*) 1. a standard of perfection; 2. a model to be imitated; 3. what one would want to be;  
(*adjective*) 1. existing as a mental image of perfection; 2. perfect
- insane** (*adjective*) 1. crazy; mentally ill; 2. extremely foolish
- numb** (*adjective*) not having the power to feel or move normally;  
(*verb*) to dull the feelings of
- protein** (*noun*) a substance containing nitrogen that is a necessary part of animal and plant cells
- sentimental** (*adjective*) 1. having or showing feeling; 2. acting from feelings rather than reason
- unexpected** (*adjective*) 1. unforeseen; 2. surprising; 3. startling

## Group B

- awkward** (*adjective*) 1. clumsy; 2. lacking ease or grace when moving
- clot** (*noun*) a thick lump;  
(*verb*) to form into a lump
- contraction** (*noun*) 1. a drawing together; 2. a shortening or shrinking
- export** (*verb*) to send or carry goods out of one country for the use and sale in another;  
(*noun*) the act of carrying or removing something from a country
- illustrate** (*verb*) to make clear or explain by using stories or examples

- intention** (*noun*) 1. a plan of action; 2. a purpose
- orient** (*verb*) 1. to place something so it faces a particular direction; 2. to adjust to a new situation or environment
- pulse** (*noun*) any regular or measured beat or throb
- seep** (*verb*) to flow or pass slowly
- vaccine** (*noun*) a preparation of dead or weakened germs of a particular disease that is given to a person to prevent or lessen effects of that disease

## Additional Words

### Challenge Words

- antagonize** (*verb*) to create opposition or hostility
- baffle** (*verb*) 1. to bewilder; 2. to be too difficult for one to understand; 3. to confuse
- confederate** (*noun*) 1. an ally; 2. an accomplice
- corrode** (*verb*) to eat away slowly
- vain** (*adjective*) 1. having too much pride in one's looks or ability; 2. conceited

### Word Study: Prefixes

The prefix *mid-* means "in the middle of."

- midair** not touching any surface
- midnight** 12 o'clock at night
- midsize** the size between large and small
- midterm** halfway through a period of schooling
- midwinter** halfway through the coldest season
- midyear** halfway through a 12-month period