

# Chapter 11 Word List

## Word List

- ajar** (*adjective*) partially open
- bombard** (*verb*) to continually attack with great force
- bough** (*noun*) a branch of a tree
- collaborate** (*verb*) to work cooperatively with others
- criticism** (*noun*) negative statements or opinions
- diameter** (*noun*) 1. a straight line that runs through the center of a circle or sphere; 2. the width or thickness of something that is circular
- duplicate** (*noun*) a copy, clone, or double; (*adjective*) exactly the same as something else; (*verb*) 1. to copy something exactly; 2. to reproduce
- epidemic** (*noun*) the quick spreading of a disease that affects many people at once
- geologist** (*noun*) an expert in the science of the earth's structure and history
- hustle** (*verb*) to hurry or move quickly; (*noun*) hurried action or motion
- invalid** (*adjective*) 1. not true; 2. not sound
- irrational** (*adjective*) not sensible or reasonable
- maul** (*noun*) a heavy hammer or mallet; (*verb*) to beat or handle roughly
- ointment** (*noun*) a greasy substance used to heal the skin or to make it soft
- prevail** (*verb*) to succeed or win
- reliance** (*noun*) trust; faith; confidence

**signify** (*verb*) to indicate by signs, words, or actions

**stupefy** (*verb*) 1. to stun or dull the senses of; 2. to amaze

**variation** (*noun*) 1. a change; 2. a different form

**wondrous** (*adjective*) wonderful

## Additional Words

### Challenge Words

**diminish** (*verb*) 1. to decrease or make less; 2. to dwindle

**goad** (*noun*) something that urges someone into action; (*verb*) to urge into action

**heed** (*verb*) to pay attention to

**insistent** (*adjective*) 1. holds attention; 2. persistent

**oppress** (*verb*) 1. to crush or burden by abusing power; 2. to burden physically or spiritually by abusing power

### Word Study: Suffixes

The suffix *-ous* means "full of" or "having much."

**courageous** (*adjective*) brave

**dangerous** (*adjective*) not safe

**humorous** (*adjective*) funny

**joyous** (*adjective*) joyful, glad

**ridiculous** (*adjective*) laughable

**suspicious** (*adjective*) questionable