

Glossary

This glossary contains meanings and pronunciations for some of the words in this book. The Full Pronunciation Key shows how to pronounce each consonant and vowel in a special spelling. At the bottom of the glossary pages is a shortened form of the full key.

Full Pronunciation Key

Consonant Sounds

b	bib , cabbage	kw	choir , quick	t	tight , stopped
ch	church , stitch	l	lid , needle , tall	th	bath , thin
d	deed , mailed , puddle	m	am , man , dumb	th	bathe , this
f	fast , fife , off , phrase , rough	n	no , sudden	v	cave , valve , vine
g	gag , get , finger	ng	thing , ink	w	with , wolf
h	hat , who	p	pop , happy	y	yes , yolk , onion
hw	which , where	r	roar , rhyme	z	rose , size , xylophone , zebra
j	judge , gem	s	miss , sauce , scene , see	zh	garage , pleasure , vision
k	cat , kick , school	sh	dish , ship , sugar , tissue		

Vowel Sounds

ă	pat , laugh	ö	horrible , pot	Û	cut , flood , rough , some
ā	ape , aid , pay	ō	go , row , toe , though	û	circle , fur , heard , term , turn , urge , word
â	air , care , wear	ô	all , caught , for , paw	yōō	cure
ä	father , koala , yard	oi	boy , noise , oil	yōō	abuse , use
ě	pet , pleasure , any	ou	cow , out	ə	ago , silent , pencil , lemon , circus
ē	be , bee , easy , piano	ōō	full , book , wolf		
ī	if , pit , busy	ōō	boot , rude , fruit , flew		
ī	ride , by , pie , high				
î	dear , deer , fierce , mere				

Stress Marks

Primary Stress ˈ: bi·ol·o·gy [bī ɔ̃l' ə jē]

Secondary Stress ˈ: bi·o·log·i·cal [bī' ə lɔ̃j' ɪ kəl]

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amendment

The base word of *amendment* is the verb *amend*. It comes from the Latin word *emendare*, which means “to correct.” The word *mend*, which means “to fix or repair,” comes from the same Latin word root. When you *make amends*, you try to correct or mend a wrong you did to someone.

A

ac•cess (ăk'sēs') *n.* Permission or ability to enter or use: *We have access to the playground.*

ac•com•pa•ny (ə kŭm' pə nē) *v.* To go along with: *I was told to accompany them to the concert.*

ac•quire (ə kwīr') *v.* To get; gain: *Mona worked hard to acquire her horseriding skills.*

ad•vanced (əd vānst') *adj.* Highly developed or complex; beyond in progress: *The advanced high school student was able to take college courses.*

ad•ver•tise (ăd' vər tīz') *v.* To announce to the public: *Posters sometimes advertise movies.*

af•fect (ə fēkt') *v.* To cause a change in something or someone: *Problems in the rain forest affect the animals living in it.*

af•fec•tion (ə fēk' shən) *n.* A feeling of fondness or love for a person, an animal, or a thing: *My affection for my dog grew after he brought me the morning paper.*

a•larm (ə lārm') *v.* To fill with sudden fear; frighten: *The family was alarmed when they smelled smoke coming from the kitchen.*

a•lert (ə lŭrt') *adj.* Watching out for danger; attentive: *A good driver must always be alert.*

a•mend•ment (ə mēnd' mənt) *n.* A change made to improve, correct, or add something: *An amendment to the United States Constitution limits the President to two full terms in office.*

an•cient (ān' shənt) *adj.* Having existed for a long time; very old: *The explorers discovered an ancient temple.*

an•gle (ăng' gəl) *n.* A way of looking at something: *There are many different angles from which we could film this movie.*

a•pol•o•gize (ə pŏl' ə jīz') *v.* To make an apology; say one is sorry: *Did you apologize to your mother for burning the pancakes?*

ap•pre•ci•ate (ə prē' shē āt') *v.* To be thankful for: *Will the child appreciate my help?*

ap•prove (ə prŏv') *v.* To consent to officially: *The Senate is expected to approve the treaty.*

as•sist (ə sīst') *v.* To give help; aid: *Did you assist him in moving the box?*

as•so•ci•a•tion (ə sŏ' sē ā' shən) *n.* A group of people organized for a common purpose: *The students formed an association to help stop global warming.*

av•er•age (ăv' ər ij) *adj.* Typical or ordinary: *The average kid loves to play.*

av•id (ăv' ĭd) *adj.* Very eager: *Terry is an avid mountain climber.*

awe (ô) *n.* A feeling of wonder, fear, and respect: *The astronauts gazed in awe back at Earth.*

B

ban (băn) *v.* To forbid by making illegal: *Fishing can be banned in certain areas to protect fish.*

beam (bēm) *v.* To smile broadly: *The artist beamed when he finished his painting.*

be-tray (bī trā´) *v.* To be unfaithful to: *When he heard the lie, Tom knew his friend had betrayed him.*

blar-ing (blār´ing) *adj.* Loud, harsh: *The concert began with a fanfare of blaring trumpets.*

boast (bōst) *v.* To praise oneself, one's belongings, or one's actions: *She boasted about her good grades.*

bond (bönd) *n.* A force that unites; a tie: *I feel a close bond with my sister.*

bor-der (bôr´dər) *n.* The line where an area, such as a country, ends and another area begins: *The Americans had to cross the Mexican border on their way to South America.*

bor-row (bör´ō) *v.* To get from someone else with the understanding that what is gotten will be returned or replaced: *I want to borrow that toy.*

bril-liant (brīl´yənt) *adj.* Very vivid in color: *The sky was a brilliant blue.*

bur-gla-ry (būr´glə rē) *n.* The crime of breaking into a building with the intention of stealing: *The unlocked door led to many burglaries.*

C

cal-cu-late (kāl´kyə lāt´) *v.* To find by using addition, subtraction, multiplication, or division: *I calculated the amount of fabric I would need to make the bedspread.*

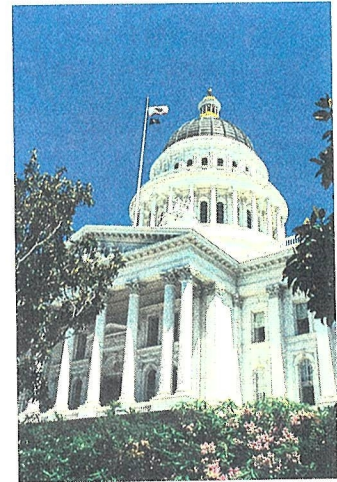
can-di-date (kăn´dī dāt´) *n.* A person who seeks or is put forward by others for an office or honor: *The candidates walked in the morning parade, shaking people's hands and asking for their votes.*

cap-i-tol (kăp´itol) *n.* The building in which a state legislature meets: *The governor went to the capitol to sign a bill that the legislature created.*

cap-ture (kăp´chər) *v.* **1.** To seize and hold, as by force or skill: *The play captured my imagination.* **2.** To get hold of, as by force or craft: *The enemy captured the general.*

cease (sēs) *v.* To come or bring to an end; stop: *The baby ceased crying when she saw the toy.*

capitol



cen-tu-ry (sĕn' chə-rē) *n.* A period of 100 years: *The United States Constitution was written more than two centuries ago.*

cer-e-mo-ny (sĕr' ə-mō' nē) *n.* A formal act or series of acts performed in honor of an event or special occasion: *Our school had a graduation ceremony today.*

cham-ber (chām' bər) *n.* An enclosed space in a machine or in an animal's living space; compartment: *The yellow jackets' nest was in a chamber in the soil next to the house.*

charge (chä-rj) *v.* To rush or rush at with force; attack: *The soldiers charged the fort.*

chief (chĕf) *adj.* Most important: *The chief problem is to decide what to do first.*

churn-ing (chŭrn' ing) *adj.* Moving forcefully: *The churning winds picked up dirt.*

civ-i-lized (siv' ə-līzd') *adj.* Having an advanced culture and society: *The civilized city had strict rules.*

clum-sy (klŭm' zē) *adj.* Done or made without skill: *The clumsy shelter fell apart.*

co-erce (kō' ūrs') *v.* To make someone do something, sometimes by force and against his or her will: *It is not nice to coerce someone to do something he or she doesn't want to do.*

com-bi-na-tion (kŏm' bə-nā' shən) *n.* The condition of being combined; union: *Salt and pepper make a good combination.*

com-fort (kŭm' fərt) *v.* To soothe when sad or frightened: *She tried to comfort the lost child.*

com-pan-ion (kəm pän' yən) *n.* A friend or associate: *My dog Sam was my favorite companion.*

con-cerned (kən sŭrnd') *adj.* Worried or anxious: *The concerned citizens went to the town meeting.*

con-clude (kən klōod') *v.* To think about something and then reach a decision or form an opinion: *I have concluded that the best way to make a friend is to be one.*

con-dense (kən dəns') *v.* To change from a gas to a liquid form: *Water in the atmosphere will condense to form clouds.*

con-di-tion (kən dīsh' ən) *n.* General health and fitness: *Athletes train before a competition so they are in good condition.*

con-fer (kən fŭr') *v.* To meet in order to discuss something together: *The doctor is conferring with another doctor.*

conclude

One meaning of *conclude* is “to bring to an end; close; finish.” *Conclude* comes from the Latin: the prefix *com-* plus *claudere*, “to close.” When you decide something or form an opinion, you *conclude* or reach a *conclusion*, bringing your thoughts to a close. The word *include* comes from the same Latin root. When you include people, you “enclose” them.

con-fess (kən fĕs´) *v.* **1.** To admit that one has done something bad, wrong, or illegal: *This woman confesses to eating the apple.*

2. To own or admit as true: *This girl confesses, or admits, that daily care of a dog is hard work.*

con-fi-dence (kɒn´ fɪ dəns) *n.* Trust or faith in someone else or in something: *The coach had a brief moment of confidence in his team before they started losing again.*

con-flict (kɒn´ flɪkt´) *n.* A clash or struggle, as of ideas, feelings, or interests: *The differences between the rich and the poor cause many conflicts about taxes.*

con-sist (kən sɪst´) *v.* To be made up: *The biology class today consisted of a pop quiz and a lecture on always doing your homework.*

con-struct (kən strʉkt´) *v.* To make by fitting parts together; build: *We constructed a bookcase.*

con-ti-nent (kɒn´ tə nənt) *n.* One of the main land masses of the earth: *North America is one continent.*

con-vey (kən vā´) *v.* To communicate: *The writer wants to convey his feelings about his trip to Brazil.*

corps (kôr) *n.* A group of people acting or working together: *We belong to a drum and bugle corps.*

crit-ic (krĭt´ ĭk) *n.* A person whose work is judging the value of books, plays, or other artistic efforts: *There were many critics at the premiere of the movie.*

crush (krʉsh) *v.* To press, squeeze, or bear down on with enough force to break or injure: *The tree fell, crushing the car.*

cus-tom (kʉs´ təm) *n.* Something that the members of a group usually do: *Shaking hands when meeting someone is one of many customs our society has.*

D

dar-ing (dâr´ ĭng) *adj.* Boldly courageous; fearless: *The bicyclist made a daring ride down the mountain.*

de-bris (də brĕ´) *n.* The scattered remains of something broken or destroyed: *The man used a bulldozer to clear away the debris after the storm.*

de-but (dā´ byōō´) *n.* A first public appearance, as of a performer: *The juggler had his debut on television that night.*

de-clare (dĭ klâr´) *v.* To say with emphasis or certainty: *He declared that it was bedtime.*

continent



debris



dedi•cate (dĕd'ĭkāt') *v.* To set apart for a special purpose; devote: *The scientists will dedicate themselves to research after graduating from college.*

de•fend (dĭfĕnd') *v.* **1.** To protect from attack, harm, danger, or challenge: *They defended themselves from the wolves with spears.* **2.** To support or maintain, as by argument; justify: *The child defended taking the cookie, saying he was hungry.*

dense (dĕns) *adj.* Having the parts packed together closely: *I could not move in the dense crowd.*

de•ny (dĭnĭ') *v.* To refuse to give; withhold: *He denied the rabbit the carrot.*

de•serve (dĭzŭrv') *v.* To be worthy of or have a right to; merit: *You deserve the reward.*

de•vise (dĭvĭz') *v.* To think of; plan or invent: *The kids devised a plan to hold a bake sale.*

de•vour (dĭvour') *v.* To eat up in a greedy way: *My dogs always devour their meals.*

di•rect•ly (dĭrĕkt'lē) *adv.* In a direct line or way; straight: *My teacher is directly responsible for my interest in science.*

dis•cour•aged (dĭskŭr'ĭjd) *adj.* Less hopeful or enthusiastic: *After getting a nail in the foot, the discouraged child stopped running barefoot.*

dis•o•bey (dĭs'əbā') *v.* To refuse or fail to obey: *Why did you disobey a direct order to eat your spinach?*

dis•or•der•ly (dĭs'ôr'dər'lē) *adj.* Not behaving according to rules or customs; unruly: *The classroom became disorderly after the substitute teacher did not tell the students the rules.*

dis•play (dĭsplā') *n.* A public showing; exhibition: *A display of moon rocks is in the museum.*

dis•pute (dĭspyŭt') *v.* To argue about; debate: *In the debate, did the students dispute the question of a dress code?*

dream (drēm) *n.* Something hoped for; aspiration: *I have a dream of world peace.*

drought (drout) *n.* A period of little or no rain: *The farmers' crops could not grow because of the drought.*

du•ty (dŭtē) *n.* The obligation to do what is right: *The president had a duty to serve his country.*

E

ef•fort (ĕf'ərt) *n.* The use of physical or mental energy to do something: *Doing it this way will save time and effort.*

en•clo•sure (ĕnklŏ'zhər) *n.* An enclosed area: *I kept my pets in an enclosure made of wood.*

dis-

The prefix *dis-* has several senses, but its basic meaning is “not, not any.” Thus *discomfort* means “a lack of comfort.” *Dis-* comes ultimately from the Latin adverb *dis*, meaning “apart, asunder.” *Dis-* is an important prefix that occurs very often in English in words such as *discredit*, *disrepair*, *disrespect*, and *disobey*.

en-coun-ter (ĕn koun' tər) *n.*

1. An often unexpected meeting with a person or thing: *I had many encounters with animals as a kid.* 2. A hostile confrontation: *The two armies had several encounters on the battlefield.*

en-ter-tain-ing (ĕn' tər tain' ing) *adj.* Holding the attention in an agreeable way: *The movie was entertaining.*

es-cort (ĕs' kōrt') *v.* To go with as an escort: *Police escorted the senator during the parade.*

e-vap-o-rate (ī vāp' ə rāt') *v.* To change into a vapor or gas: *The water will evaporate quickly under the hot sun.*

ex-am-ple (ig zām' pəl) *n.* Someone or something that should be copied; model: *Their courage was an example to all of us.*

ex-cess (ĕk' sĕs') *adj.* More than is needed or usual: *I brushed the excess salt off my pretzel.*

ex-change (iks chānj') *n.* A giving of one thing for another: *I did not feel that the several exchanges I had with that man were fair.*

ex-haust-ed (ig zōst' əd) *adj.* Worn out completely; tired: *I was exhausted from the long swim.*

ex-pe-ri-ence (ik spīr' ē əns) *v.* To have something happen to oneself: *Some states experience more earthquakes than others.*

ex-tra-or-di-nar-y (ik strōr' dn ěr' ē) *adj.* Very unusual; remarkable: *Landing on the moon was an extraordinary event.*

ex-treme (ik strēm') *n.* Either of two ends of a scale or range: *In this region we experience extremes in hot and cold weather.*

F

fade (fād) *v.* To become faint or dim: *The music started to fade.*

faint (fānt) *v.* To lose consciousness for a short time: *She fainted after he took off his mask.*

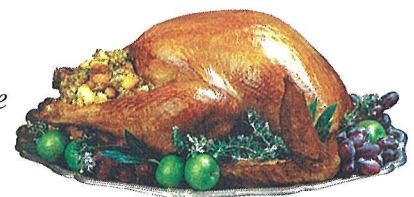
fault (fōlt) *n.* Responsibility for a mistake or an offense: *Failing the test was my own fault because I did not study.*

fav-or (fā' vər) *n.* A kind or helpful act: *She granted him a favor.*

feast (fĕst) *n.* A fancy meal; banquet: *We prepared a feast for the wedding.*

feat (fĕt) *n.* An act or accomplishment that shows skill, strength, or bravery: *The gymnasts performed remarkable feats.*

feast



graduate



graduate

Graduate comes from the Latin word root *gradus*, meaning “step.” The word *grade*, meaning “a slope that changes a little at a time,” also comes from the same word root. *Gradual*, which means “occurring in small steps over time,” is another related word.

foam·ing (fō' mĭng) *adj.* Full of bubbles that form in a liquid such as soap; frothing: *Foaming bubbles from the puppy shampoo spilled outside the tub.*

fo·cus (fō' kəs) *v.* To concentrate or center; fix: *I could not focus on the test.*

fos·ter (fō' stər) *adj.* Receiving, sharing, or giving care like that of a parent, although not related by blood or adoption: *There are three foster puppies in our home.*

frac·tured (frāk' chərd) *adj.* Broken: *The fractured television had to be thrown away.*

G

gen·er·ate (jĕn' ə rāt') *v.* To bring about or produce: *Water and steam generated electricity.*

gen·u·ine (jĕn' yōō ĭn) *adj.* Sincere; honest: *They showed genuine interest in my work.*

glare (glâr) *v.* To stare at in an angry way: *She glared at her brother.*

glo·ri·ous (glôr' ē əs) *adj.* Having great beauty; magnificent: *We saw a glorious sunset.*

grace·ful (grās' fəl) *adj.* Showing grace, as in movement: *The deer is a graceful animal.*

grad·u·ate (grāj' ōō āt') *v.* To finish a course of study and receive a diploma: *My cousin will graduate from high school next Saturday.*

H

hab·i·tat (hăb' ĭ tăt') *n.* The place where a plant or an animal naturally lives: *When ecosystems change, animals often have to leave their habitats.*

haul (hôl) *v.* To move from one place to another, as with a truck: *I was hauling the bed from my house to hers when I heard the news.*

ho·ri·zon (hə rī' zən) *n.* The line along which the earth and the sky appear to meet: *The sun dropped beneath the horizon, and the day grew into the night.*

hor·ri·fy (hôr' rə fī') *v.* To surprise unpleasantly: *The farmer was horrified to find his cows in the neighbor's field.*

hud·dle (hüd' l) *v.* To crowd close or put close together: *We huddled around the campfire to keep warm.*

I

im·pass·a·ble (ĭm păs' ə bəl) *adj.* Impossible to travel on or over: *The heavy rain made the road impassable.*

in-de-pen-dent (in' dī pĕn' dənt) *adj.* Not dependent: *My brother is not independent of Mom and Dad. He receives a monthly check to help pay his rent.*

in-de-scrib-a-ble (in dī skrib' ə bəl) *adj.* Something that is too extraordinary to talk about in words: *The light in the sky was indescribable.*

in-formed (in fōrmd') *adj.* Having or prepared with information or knowledge: *The informed driver knew the correct directions to the city.*

in-jus-tice (in jŭs' tīs) *n.* Unfair treatment of a person or thing: *They protested the injustice of not having a snow day.*

in-no-cent (in' ə sənt) *adj.* Not guilty of a crime or fault: *The jury found them innocent.*

in-sep-a-ra-ble (in sĕp' ə r ə bəl) *adj.* Impossible to separate or part: *The two best friends were inseparable.*

in-sert (in' sŭrt') *v.* To put, set, or fit into: *Insert the key in the lock.*

in-sist (in sĭst') *v.* To demand: *I insisted on going to the beach.*

in-spec-tor (in spĕk' tŏr) *n.* A person who makes inspections: *The inspector found mold in the walls.*

in-tel-li-gent (in tĕl' ə jənt) *adj.* Having or showing the ability to learn, think, understand, and know: *The intelligent man read the whole book in five minutes.*

in-tend (in tĕnd') *v.* To have in mind as an aim or goal; plan: *He intends to bake his friend a cake for her birthday.*

in-ter-pret-er (in tŭr' prĭ tər) *n.* A person who translates orally from one language to another: *An interpreter was needed to find out what the foreign president was saying.*

in-tro-duce (in' trə dŏos') *v.* To bring or put in something new or different: *Will you introduce the cat to the dog?*

in-trud-er (in' trŏod' ə r) *n.* A person who comes in without being invited or wanted: *I called the police after the intruder refused to leave my house.*

i-so-late (i' sə lāt') *v.* To set or keep apart from others: *The sick dog was isolated from the others.*

J

jolt (jŏlt) *n.* A feeling or something that causes a feeling of sudden shock or surprise: *The audience felt a jolt every time the car turned a corner in the movie.*

moisture



L

land·mark (lānd' märk') *n.* A familiar or easily seen object or building that marks or identifies a place: *The Golden Gate Bridge is a landmark of San Francisco.*

leg·is·la·ture (lēj' is lā' chər) *n.* A body of people with the power to make and change laws: *The legislature made a law that forced people to throw away their trash.*

lo·cal (lō' kəl) *adj.* Of a certain limited area or place: *The town has its own local government.*

lu·mi·nous (lōō' mā nə s) *adj.* Giving off light; shining: *The crystal was luminous.*

M

me·chan·i·cal (mə kăn' i kəl) *adj.* Of or relating to machines or tools: *It takes mechanical skill to repair a clock.*

mem·o·ra·ble (mēm' ə r ə bəl) *adj.* Worthy of being remembered: *Our class trip to the circus was a memorable event.*

men·tion (mən' shən) *v.* To speak of or write about briefly: *I mentioned my idea during class.*

mis·judge (mīs jūj') *v.* To judge wrongly: *I misjudged the distance to the boat and fell into the ocean.*

mod·el (mōd' l) *adj.* Serving as a model: *Since we have to move, we looked at a number of model homes.*

mois·ture (mois' chər) *n.* Liquid, as water, that is present in the air or in the ground or that forms tiny drops on a surface: *I wiped away the moisture on the window so I could see outside.*

mood (mōōd) *n.* A person's state of mind: *Playing with my friends puts me in a happy mood.*

mourn·ful (mōrn' fəl) *adj.* Feeling, showing, or causing grief; sad: *The mournful owner buried his dog in the back of the yard.*

N

noc·tur·nal (nōk tūr' nəl) *adj.* Active at night: *Owls are nocturnal birds.*

nour·ish·ing (nūr' ish ing) *adj.* Helping to promote life, growth, or strength: *The vitamins were parts of a nourishing diet.*

nu·mer·ous (nōō' mər ə s) *adj.* Including or made up of a large number: *They have numerous problems.*

O

ob-sta-cle (öb' stə kəl) *n.*
Something that blocks or
stands in the way: *Fallen rocks
and other obstacles made it
impossible to use the road.*

ob-tain (əb tain') *v.* To gain or
get by planning or effort: *We
obtain good grades when we
work hard for them.*

op-por-tu-ni-ty (öp' ər tōō' nī tē)
or (öp' ər tyōō' nī tē) *n.* A good
chance, as to advance oneself:
*That summer job offers many
opportunities.*

or-gan-ism (ör' gə nīz' əm) *n.*
An individual form of life, such
as a plant or an animal: *On
the field trip, we looked at sea
organisms under the microscope.*

out-cast (out' kăst') *n.* A person
blocked from participation in a
group or society: *Stormy felt like
an outcast because he had
outgrown Cape Cod.*

o-ver-come (ō' vər kŭm') *v.* To
get the better of; conquer: *I had
to overcome my fear of heights to
climb the mountain.*

P

pa-tient-ly (pā' shənt lē) *adv.*
Putting up with trouble, hardship,
annoyance, or delay without
complaining: *He waited
patiently for his food to arrive.*

pe-cu-liar (pi kyōōl' yər) *adj.*
Not usual; strange or odd: *I smell
a peculiar odor.*

per-form (pər fōrm') *v.* To carry
out; do: *She performs very well
onstage after a lot of practice.*

per-mis-sion (pər mish' ən) *n.*
Consent granted by someone in
authority: *Our parents gave us
permission to go to the movies.*

pol-i-tics (pōl' ī tīks') *n.* The
science, art, or work of
government: *My father felt
politics got in the way of people
doing their regular jobs.*

poll (pōl) *n.* Often **polls**. The
place where votes are cast: *I
went to the polls to vote for the
President of the United States.*

pos-i-tive (pöz' ī tīv) *adj.* Having
no doubts; sure: *I'm positive that
we've met before.*

pos-ses-sion (pə zēsh' ən)
n. Something that is owned;
a belonging: *They fled the
burning building, leaving their
possessions behind.*

pre-dict (prī dīkt') *v.* To tell
about in advance: *Weather
reports predict the weather.*

pre-fer (prī fūr') *v.* To like better:
I preferred dancing to jogging.

pre-serve (prī zûrv') *v.* To
protect, as from injury or
destruction: *It is the police's job
to preserve the peace.*

pri-or (prī'ər) *adj.* Coming before in time or order; earlier: *Tell me about your **prior** grades.*

prog-ress (prŏg' rĕs') *n.* Steady improvement: *After I passed the test, I realized I was making very good **progress**.*

pro-mote (prə mŏt') *v.* To try to sell or make popular, as by advertising; publicize: *Television ads **promote** many products.*

prompt-ly (prŏmpt' lē) *adv.* Done or given without delay: *I **promptly** sent my message.*

proof (prŏf) *n.* Evidence of truth or accuracy: *We have no **proof** that the money was stolen.*

prop-er-ly (prŏp' ər lē) *adv.* In a proper manner: *Jim did not hold his fork **properly**.*

pro-pose (prə pŏz') *v.* To put forward for consideration; suggest: *I **proposed** a trip to Florida. We went to Ohio instead.*

pub-lic-i-ty (pŭ blis' ĭ tē) *n.* Information that is given out to let the public know about something or to get its approval: *There was no **publicity** for the new movie, so few people watched it.*

R

rack-et (răk' ĭt) *n.* A loud, unpleasant noise: *The several parrots outside my window made a **racket** this morning.*

ra-di-a-tion (rā' dē ā' shən) *n.* Energy that travels through space as rays or waves: *Sunscreen helps protect people from the sun's **radiation**.*

rage (rāj) *v.* To move with great violence: *Large storms can quickly **rage** through a city.*

rap-id-ly (răp' ĭd lē) *adv.* Done in quick or speedy fashion: *She **rapidly** ate her dinner.*

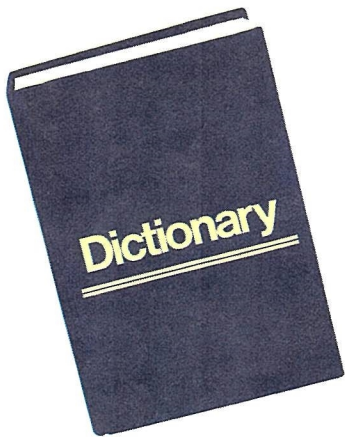
re-act (rē äkt') *v.* To act in response to something: *The audience **reacted** to the performance with applause.*

re-call (rĭ kŏl') *v.* To bring back to mind; remember: *I can't **recall** their phone number.*

ref-er-ence (rĕf' ər əns) *adj.* A type of resource, such as an encyclopedia or dictionary, that gives special information arranged according to a plan or system: *This book has a **reference** glossary.*

reg-is-ter (rĕj' ĭ stər) *v.* To show some kind of information, as on a scale or other device: *The scale **registered** the weight of the apples.*

reference



re-gret-ful-ly (rĭ grĕt' fə lē) *adv.*
Full of regret: *Looking down regretfully, she cancelled the party.*

re-in-force (rĕ' ĭn fōrs') *v.*
To make stronger with more material, help, or support: *The construction crew will reinforce this building with a single beam.*

re-ly (rĭ lĭ') *v.* To be dependent for support, help, or supply: *I relied on my brother to give me money for dinner.*

re-mote (rĭ mōt') *adj.* Far away; not near: *The ship sailed near a remote island.*

rep-u-ta-tion (rĕp' yə tā' shən) *n.*
The general worth or quality of someone or something as judged by others or by the general public: *The senator has a very good reputation.*

re-source (rĕ' sōrs') *or* (rĭ sōrs') *n.*
Something that is a source of wealth to a country: *Our forests and trees are great natural resources.*

re-source-ful (rĕ' sōrs' fəl) *adj.*
Having access to support or help: *The hiker was very resourceful.*

re-ward (rĭ wōrd') *v.* To give a reward for or to: *The son rewarded his mother with breakfast in bed.*

ro-tate (rō' tāt') *v.* To turn on an axis; revolve: *The Earth is constantly rotating.*

route (rōōt) *n.* A road or lane of travel between two places: *The hikers climbed the mountain, using a well-known route.*

rub-ble (rüb' əl) *n.* Broken or crumbled material, such as brick, that is left when a building falls down: *The building exploded and left rubble everywhere.*

ru-in (rōō' ĭn) *v.* To damage beyond repair; wreck: *She ruined the clay castle by stepping on it.*

S

sat-is-fy (săt' ĭs fĭ') *v.* To fulfill or gratify: *The steak satisfied my hunger.*

scarce (skârs) *adj.* Not enough to meet a demand: *Food is scarce in many countries.*

sched-ule (skĕj' ōōl) *n.* A program of events, appointments, or classes: *We have a full schedule of activities after school.*

scheme (skēm) *n.* A plan or plot for doing something: *He created a scheme to break out of prison.*

sea-far-ing (sĕ' fâr' ĭng) *adj.*
Earning one's living at sea: *The seafaring life of a fisherman is dangerous.*

seg-re-ga-tion (sĕg' rĭ gā' shən)
n. The act of segregating or the condition of being segregated: *Laws on segregation once kept African Americans and white Americans separate.*

shal-low (shāl' ō) *adj.*
 Measuring little from bottom to top or from back to front; not deep: *The fish swam in the shallow end of the river.*

short-age (shōr' tĭj) *n.* An amount of something that is not enough: *We donate items to a food pantry when there is a food shortage.*

sit-u-a-tion (sĭch' ōō ā' shən) *n.*
 A set of circumstances: *The child knew he was in a bad situation when his mother caught him with his hand in the cookie jar.*

slab (slāb) *n.* A broad, flat, thick piece, as of bread, stone, or meat: *My mother threw a slab of steak on the grill to cook.*

slim-y (slĭ' mē) *adj.* Like slime in appearance or texture: *The slimy mud made him slip.*

smear (smĭr) *v.* To become spread or blurred: *The ink smeared easily.*

so-cial (sō' shəl) *adj.* Living together in communities or groups: *Bees and ants are social insects.*

source (sōrs) *n.* The point where something comes from: *The source of the stream is melting water from the mountain.*

spe-cies (spĕ' shēz') *n.* A group of animals or plants that are similar and are able to mate and have offspring: *Scientists discover new species of sea life in the deepest ocean.*

spec-u-late (spĕk' yə lāt') *v.* To think deeply; ponder; reflect: *I speculated on whether to have fries or mashed potatoes.*

stan-dard (stän' dærd) *n.*
 Something that is accepted as a basis for measuring or as a rule or model: *Americans have different standards of living than the Japanese.*

stor-age (stōr' ĭj) *n.* A space or place for storing things: *I kept my belongings in storage when I went away.*

strand (stränd) *v.* To leave in a difficult or helpless position: *They were stranded on the mountain when their car broke down.*

streak (strĕk) *v.* To mark or become marked with streaks: *The light seemed to streak across the sky.*

storage



stub•born (stüb' ərn) *adj.*

1. Continuing to exist; lasting: *I have the **stubborn** idea that I want to be a teacher when I grow up.* **2.** Unyielding; difficult to deal with: *A **stubborn** stain ruined the tablecloth.*

stu•di•o (stōō' dē ō') *n.* The place where an artist works: *The artist was working on his painting in his **studio**.*

suf•fer (sūf' ər) *v.* To feel or endure pain or distress: *The drought victims **suffered** from malnutrition.*

sug•gest (sæg jĕst') *v.* To offer for consideration or action: *I **suggest** going to a movie tonight.*

su•pe•ri•or (sōō pīr' ē ər) *adj.* Considering oneself better than others; conceited: *Don't take a **superior** attitude toward the younger students.*

sup•plies (sə plīz') *n.* Necessary materials used or given out when needed: *After a month of bad weather, the explorers' **supplies** ran out.*

sus•pect (səs' pĕkt') *n.* A person suspected, as of a crime: *When I was a child, I was always the **suspect** when anything broke.*

swell (swĕl) *v.* **1.** To increase in size or volume as a result of internal pressure; expand: *The injured ankle **swelled**.* **2.** To increase in force, size, number, or degree: *The army **swelled** from 100 soldiers to 150 soldiers.*

sym•bol (sīm' bəl) *n.*

1. Something that stands for or represents something else: *The dove is a **symbol** of peace.* **2.** A printed or written sign used to represent an operation, action, quantity, and the like: *A red traffic light is a **symbol** to stop.*

T

tal•ent (tāl' ənt) *n.* A natural ability to do something well: *If you stop taking music lessons, you'll waste your **talent**.*

tar•get (tār' gĭt) *adj.* Established goal: *The **target** date for finishing our report was May 6.*

ten•e•ment (tĕn' ə mənt) *n.* An old apartment house that is badly maintained: *My grandfather grew up in a **tenement** that had holes in the roof.*

ter•ri•to•ry (tĕr' ĭ tōr' ē) *n.* An area of land; region: *I have never been to any **territory** south of the equator.*

thrill•ing (thrĭl' ĭng) *adj.* Exciting: *The movie was **thrilling**.*

tid•al (tĭd' l) *adj.* Relating to or affected by tides: *An earthquake can cause a **tidal** wave.*

tim•ber (tĭm' bər) *n.* A long, heavy piece of wood for building; beam: *The carpenter laid down several **timbers** that he was going to use to build the house.*

trans-

The prefix *trans-* comes from the Latin preposition *trans*, meaning “across, beyond, through.” Many common English words begin with *trans-* and have base words from Latin: *transfer*, *transfuse*, *translate*, *transmit*, *transpire*, and *transport*. Another large group of words has *trans-* in combination with English adjectives, as in *transatlantic*, *transcontinental*, and *transoceanic*, meaning “across” or “through” a particular geographic element.

tour (tōōr) *v.* To go on a tour: *We toured through Spain.*

tow•er (tou´ər) *v.* To rise very high: *The basketball hoop towered over the child.*

trace (trās) *n.* A very small amount: *After Julian ate the candy bar, there were traces of chocolate on his fingers.*

trans•fer (trāns fûr´) *v.* To cause to move from one place to another: *Who transfers the money from the house to the bank?*

trans•port (trāns pôrt´) *v.* To carry from one place to another: *Can you transport this box to China?*

trem•ble (trēm´bəl) *v.* To shake: *He trembles in the winter when he doesn't wear a hat.*

tri•umph (trī´əmf) *n.* The fact of being victorious: *Becoming a star is a triumph most performance artists long for.*

U

un•for•tu•nate (ŭn fôr´chə nīt) *adj.* Not having good fortune; unlucky: *She felt unfortunate when she dropped her sandwich.*

V

va•ri•e•ty (və rī´ ĭ tē) *n.* A number of different things within the same group or category: *The market sells a variety of bread.*

vast (vāst) *adj.* Very great in area; huge: *The Amazon River flows through a vast rain forest.*

vi•o•lence (vī ə ləns) *n.* The use of physical force to cause damage or injury: *The violence of war caused many to die.*

vir•tu•al (vûr´chō əl) *adj.* A resource available on the Internet or on software: *He looked up the word in a virtual dictionary.*

vi•sion (vīzh´ən) *n.* A mental picture produced by the imagination: *I had a vision of a pink elephant bouncing on a trampoline.*

W

waste (wāst) *n.* The act of wasting or the condition of being wasted: *If you aren't going to read the newspaper, you should recycle it. It would be such a waste if you do not.*

wea•ri•ness (wīr´ē nēs) *n.* Temporary loss of strength and energy resulting from hard physical or mental work: *Chasing the dog for hours caused great weariness.*

whirling (wûrl) *adj.* To spin quickly: *The whirling winds messed up her hair.*

wor•thy (wûr´thē) *adj.* Having merit or value: *We contribute to worthy causes.*

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wreck•age (rĕk'ij) *n.* The remains of something that has been wrecked: *The wreckage of the car was hauled away.*

Y

yank (yăngk) *v.* To pull with a sudden, sharp movement: *We yanked the heavy door open.*

yearn•ing (yûr'nîng) *n.* A deep longing or strong desire: *Grandfather felt a yearning to visit his childhood home in the mountains.*

wreckage

