



## Word List

Study the definitions of the words. Then do the exercises that follow.

**apparel**

ə per' əl

*n.* The things that are worn by a person; clothing.Party goers dressed in their finest **apparel** for New Year's Eve.**appreciate**

ə prē' shē ət

*v.* 1. To see the worth or quality of.I **appreciate** handmade lace edgings on pillowcases.

2. To increase in value.

The house we bought for \$300,000 has **appreciated** to \$380,000.**continuous**

kən tin' yō əs

*adj.* Going on without stopping.The **continuous** flow of traffic makes it impossible to cross the street here.**dissolve**

di zälv'

*v.* 1. To make or become liquid.Sugar **dissolves** easily in warm water.

2. To bring or to come to an end.

The members agreed to **dissolve** the chess club.**domesticate**

dō mes' ti kāt

*v.* To tame; to bring plants or animals under human control.Some people claim that they can **domesticate** skunks, and that they make good pets.**domesticated** *adj.* Brought under human control; tamed or cultivated.The carrot is a **domesticated** form of a plant called Queen Anne's lace.**emerge**

ē mɛrj'

*v.* 1. To come into view; to appear.A large brown bear **emerged** from the cave.

2. To become known.

The truth did not **emerge** until the trial was under way.**fiber**

fī' bər

*n.* 1. A thin, threadlike part of animal hair or plant tissue; also, an artificial thread that resembles this.Cotton, wool, and rayon **fibers** can all be spun into yarn to make cloth.

2. An arrangement of body cells that forms muscles and nerves.

Red meat is made up of muscle **fiber**.

3. A food substance that provides bulk but is not digested.

Bran is a good source of **fiber** in one's diet.**transfer**

trans' fər

*v.* To move, carry, send, or change from one person or place to another.**Transfer** your notes to a fresh notebook.*n.* 1. The act of transferring.It is easy to do a **transfer** of money from a savings to a checking account.

2. A ticket used for transferring from one bus or train to another.

A **transfer** from the subway allows riders to continue by bus without paying an additional charge.

**function**  
funk' shən

*v.* To serve a purpose.

This couch also **functions** as a bed.

*n.* 1. The special purpose something is used for.

One **function** of a dictionary is to define words.

2. An important ceremony or gathering.

Following tonight's **function** to honor the retiring teachers, there will be a buffet.

**hatch**  
hach

*v.* 1. To come or to bring forth from an egg.

A little yellow chick **hatched** last night.

2. To think up.

The children **hatched** a plot to scare their parents.

*n.* A small opening with a door or cover.

The **hatch** on the main deck flew open when the ship hit a reef.

**inhibit**  
in hib' it

*v.* To prevent from doing something or to prevent from happening.

Oil **inhibits** the formation of rust on metal.

**inhibited** *adj.* Held back because of shyness.

**Inhibited** people don't make friends easily.

**minute**  
mī nōōt'

*adj.* Very small; tiny.

A **minute** speck of dust in one's eye can be very annoying.

**motion**  
mō' shən

*n.* 1. Movement.

The **motion** of the train almost put me to sleep.

2. A suggestion on which members at a meeting must vote.

The **motion** to end further discussion was defeated by a show of hands.

*v.* To signal.

The shop owner **motioned** for the tourists to come in.

**motionless** *adj.* Not moving; stationary.

We eluded capture by remaining **motionless** when we heard the guards approaching.

**sheathe**  
shēth

*v.* To cover with something that protects.

Metal workers will **sheathe** the ship's bottom with copper plates.

**shed**  
shed

*v.* 1. To lose; to give up.

Cats **shed** hair in the summer.

2. To cause to flow.

The parents **shed** tears of joy when they heard their lost child had been found.

3. To throw off water without letting it soak through.

A raincoat should **shed** water.

4. To send out or give off.

The full moon **shed** a bright light.